



## **SaferMK Partnership Discussion and Decision Report**

### **Subject: SaferMK Information Sharing Protocol**

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#### **1. Purpose of report**

- 1.1 It is the responsibility of the SaferMK Partnership to ensure the Partnership's Information Sharing Protocol is fit for purpose, in order that data and other information can be shared and discussed at partnership meetings.
- 1.2 The revised document was created and agreed at the Partnership meeting in March 2014. The information protocol should be reviewed annually to ensure it is up to date with legislative and organisational changes.
- 1.3 Amendments have been made which are highlighted within the document.

#### **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 That the SaferMK partnership agrees to the Information Sharing protocol.
- 2.2 Partners to ensure agencies they are working with under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 are signed up to the protocol.

#### **3. Comments/Recommendations from Community Safety, Crime and Policing Select Committee**

- 3.1 None

#### **4. Background**

- 4.1 The purpose of this protocol is to facilitate the lawful exchange of information in order to support the work of SaferMK, the Milton Keynes Community Safety Partnership.
- 4.2 The information protocol covers the following areas:
  - The purpose and legal framework of information sharing
  - The classification of data and information to be shared

- The process for sharing information
- Arrangements for commencement and review of the protocol
- A summary of duties and responsibilities

## **5. Implications to SaferMK Partnership**

- 5.1 Agencies working in partnership to tackle crime and disorder have a power under section 115 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to disclose information to one another for the purposes of preventing and detecting crime and for obtaining certain Orders.
- 5.2 Under Section 17(A) of the Act agencies have an additional duty to disclose information to one another if it is relevant to their community safety functions.

## **6. Other considerations / Key Partnership Involvement**

- 6.1 All organisations must be signed up to the protocol before sharing partnership information. It is up to the individual of an organisation to ensure that when sharing information the recipient has completed the agreement.
- 6.2 An updated list can be requested from the SaferMK support team at Milton Keynes Council.
- 6.3 The Senior Community Safety Research and Analyst will ensure Partners are signed up, and will operate as the point of contact for any requests from agencies as to who has signed the protocol.
- 6.4 It is the responsibility of Chairs of Partnership meetings to ensure all present parties are aware of the Protocol and signed up to it before sharing information.

## **7. Attachments/Background Papers**

- 7.1 Report to follow: Information Sharing Protocol – Revised June 2015.