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## COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT 2021

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### Purpose of Report

The Partnership is asked to discuss and agree the recommendations of the Community Safety Strategic Assessment and note the next steps in the development of the Community Safety Strategy.

**FOR INFORMATION**

## 1. Background

- 1.1 It is a statutory requirement for Community Safety Partnerships to agree and publish a strategy for reducing crime and disorder. After refreshing our existing strategy for 2021/22, a full review of the strategy is now underway. Development of the strategy is being overseen by Risk Board on behalf of the Partnership.

## 2. Annual Strategic Assessment

- 2.1 Development of the new strategy will be informed by the annual strategic assessment, which is also a statutory requirement. Risk Board have also overseen the production of the strategic assessment, which is attached as an **Annex** to the report. This year's assessment focuses on the following:

- existing priority areas identified in the current strategy;
- identification and analysis of any emerging priorities; and
- key lines of enquiry to include violence against women, modern day slavery and the impact of the pandemic on crime and disorder.

## 3. Development of the Strategy

- 3.1 The development of the strategy will be further informed by stakeholder consultation and engagement around the proposed priorities. Consultation on the strategy will act as the Partnership's annual engagement on crime and community safety issues. In addition to an online survey which will be widely publicised, a number of face to

face and virtual sessions will take place utilising existing where possible. Key forums include:

- the Independent Advisory Group (IAG) and other community representatives;
- Parish and Town Councils;
- Members of the Council;
- young people through engagement with schools, youth participation team and youth offending team;
- voluntary and community sector forums (to be confirmed);
- Domestic Abuse Strategic Partnership; and
- members of the MK Together Partnership including members of Safer MK.

3.2 The consultation will launch later this month following the discussion at the meeting of the Community Safety Partnership and will conclude in January. All Partnership members will be asked to assist in publicising the consultation in order to maximise the response received.

3.3 The strategy will be presented to the Community Safety Partnership for agreement and adoption in March 2022.

## 4. Recommendations

4.1 It is recommended that the Partnership:

- Discuss the strategic assessment and agree the recommended priorities for the Community Safety Strategy.
- Note the plans for stakeholder consultation and engagement.