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| <b>Report to:</b>           | Cabinet   | 6 September 2021 |
| <b>Lead Cabinet Member:</b> | Councillor Bill Handley, Lead Cabinet Member for Community Resilience, Health and Wellbeing |                  |
| <b>Lead Officer:</b>        | Peter Campbell, Head of Housing   |                  |

## **South Cambridgeshire Community Safety Partnership (CSP) – Action Plan 2021/22**

### **Key Decision**

1. No – this is not a key decision

### **Recommendations**

2. It is recommended that Cabinet agrees the content of the Action Plan for 2021/22, considering the lead role the Council takes in its delivery and the resources committed to it.

### **Reasons for Recommendations**

3. The CSP is made up of representatives from Police, Health, Probation, South Cambs District Council, Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Authority, Cambridgeshire County Council and the Voluntary and Community Sector. The Police and Crime Commissioner must have regard to the CSP priorities within their police and crime plan.
4. The responsible authorities listed are also required, under s.17 of The Act, to consider the implication on crime and disorder of all their day to day activities. These are wide reaching across the work of the Council and include designing out crime in new developments, tackling frontline priorities through the Neighbourhood Services team (Housing), issuing a wide range Protection Orders through environmental health and licensing teams.

### **Details**

5. The CSP is a statutory partnership, established by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (The Act). The aim of the CSP is to reduce crime, disorder and substance misuse in a strategic and informed way.

6. The Council is one of the named 'responsible authorities' and is the accountable body for the CSP, taking a lead role in administering the work of the Partnership.
7. The CSP produces an annual Action Plan to deliver the statutory requirements and identifying projects / themes of work to add value to the work of individual agencies. As the accountable body and in committing resources to it, SCDC must have oversight of and be in agreement with the Plan.
8. This report presents the CSP Action Plan and associated Communications Forward Plan for 2021/22. One key action will be to keep the work of the Partnership and its subgroups under review and to take steps to enhance the added value that comes from partnership working. Currently Cllr Claire Daunton and Cllr Sally Ann Hart are on the CSP Board.
9. The Action Plan for 2021/22 and associated Communications Forward Plan at Appendix A summarises the current activities of the CSP and this is made up of
  - i. statutory responsibilities; and
  - ii. other projects identified by partners or driven by data to support the partnership's overarching aims.
10. For 2021/22, the CSP aims to continue to:
  - i. improve resilience in communities - improved via long-term and wholesale communications and community engagement, as well as via support for individuals (e.g. Problem Solving Groups).
  - ii. support evidence-based priority areas.
11. Priority areas are identified through an annual Strategic Assessment (and quarterly data reviews), which highlights where parishes might be flagging on multiple crime and activity types. They are grouped as follows for 2021/22:
  - i. **Emerging** - areas where multiple issues are presenting and/or where escalating issues have been identified (Orchard park- Histon & Impington, Milton and Waterbeach, Fen Ditton and Fulbourn, Melbourn)
  - ii. **Preventing** – growth areas and/or existing communities where vulnerabilities are predicted to be an issue for the future (Northstowe)
  - iii. **Sustaining** – areas where work has been / is being done to tackle known issues are supported to improve future resilience (Cambourne)
12. Two years ago, the CSP undertook to keep under review its functions, its structure, communication between the CSP and its subgroups, the data used to set priorities and, of course, the priorities themselves.

13. The existing and allocated £15,000 per annum budget will continue to be available for Community Safety. This amount remains unchanged and this is apportioned as follows:

- i. Commissioning the Strategic Assessment – c. £7,500 per annum
- ii. Contributing to the countywide Domestic Homicide Review (DHR)<sup>1</sup> commissioning model – c. £4000 per annum. Each responsible authority is required to pay the same.
- iii. Projects to support the delivery of the Action Plan – c. £3,500

14. In past years there has been funding from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) to support the work of the CSP. This year that has not been the case and so the Action Plan reflects this. The new PCC is currently consulting on his strategy and as we understand it, this will include proposals for use of the funding that previously came to CSPs.

## Options

15. Cabinet could:

- i. Agree the CSP Action Plan for 2021/22, considering the lead role the Council takes in its delivery and the resources committed to it.
- ii. Not agree the CSP Action plan for 2021/22, detailing any changes required for approval at a later stage.
- iii. Defer a decision until a later date, pending further information.

## Implications

16. In the writing of this report, taking into account financial, legal, staffing, risk, equality and diversity, climate change, and any other key issues, the following implications have been considered: -

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<sup>1</sup> **A Domestic Homicide Review (DHR)** is a multi-agency review of the circumstances in which the death of a person aged 16 or over has, or appears to have, resulted from violence, abuse or neglect by a person to whom they were related or with whom they were, or had been, in an intimate personal relationship, or a member of the same household as themselves. Since 13 April 2011 there has been a statutory requirement for local areas to conduct a DHR following a domestic homicide that meets the criteria.

## **Financial**

17. The Cambridgeshire County Council Assistant Director for Community Safety has established a new, centrally held pooled fund for commissioning DHRs on a countywide basis on behalf of CSPs, to which the district council will be expected to contribute annually. This figure could change in future years depending on the number of DHRs required and the average cost of each.
18. The CSP Action Plan references the Prevent duty for Local Authorities. A separate Prevent Plan is being drafted. There may be some associated costs but these are mainly policy-related and it is anticipated that these can be absorbed within Service budgets.

## **Alignment with Council Priority Areas**

19. Modern and Caring Council: the CSP is a statutory partnership whose work aligns to that of the Council in tackling crime and disorder.

## **Background Papers**

None

## **Appendices**

Appendix A: CSP Action Plan and Comms Forward Plan 2021/22

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