

<b>Report to:</b>	Cabinet – Monday, 13 June 2022
<b>Lead Cabinet Member:</b>	Councillor Bill Handley, Lead Cabinet Member for Communities
<b>Lead Officer:</b>	Peter Campbell, Head of Housing and Lead Officer for South Cambs Community Safety Partnership

## South Cambridgeshire Community Safety Partnership (CSP) – Action Plan 2022/23

### 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 2022/23, 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 Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC), 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 section 17 of Crime and Disorder Act (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 Act. The aim of the CSP is to reduce crime, disorder, substance misuse and re-offending in a strategic and informed way. Some of the statutory responsibilities of the CSP are discharged through other countywide partnerships.

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 2022/23. As always, the work of the CSP and its subgroups are kept under constant review in order to maximise the added value that comes from partnership working. Two councillors from SCDC sit on the CSP Board.
9. The Action Plan for 2022/23 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 2022/23, the CSP aims to continue to:
  - i. improve resilience in communities - via community engagement, awareness raising campaigns and support for individuals (e.g. Problem-Solving Groups).
  - ii. support evidence-based priority areas – bringing together key stakeholders around issues identified in the data and by professionals.
11. Priority areas are identified through an annual Strategic Assessment (See Appendix B) and quarterly data reviews, which highlights where parishes might be flagging on multiple crime and activity types. They are grouped as follows for 2022/23:
  - i. **Emerging** - areas where multiple issues are presenting and/or where escalating issues have been identified (Orchard park- Histon & Impington, and Melbourn)
  - ii. **Preventing** – growth areas and/or existing communities where vulnerabilities are predicted to be an issue for the future
  - iii. **Sustaining** – areas where work has been / is being done to tackle known issues are supported to improve future resilience (Cambourne)
  - iv. **Discharged**- areas where there have previously been multiple issues, but now have less flags for concern so are being removed from the priority area list. (Milton & Waterbeach, Northstowe and Fen Ditton & Fulbourn)
12. 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. £8,000 per annum

- ii. Contributing to the countywide Domestic Homicide Review (DHR)<sup>1</sup> commissioning model – c. £4,000 per annum. Each responsible authority is required to pay the same.
- iii. Projects to support the delivery of the Action Plan – c. £3,000

13. SCDC has now signed a three-year agreement with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC). which provides £45,000 per annum for a CSP Project Officer. This resource will be publicised to partners and to elected members in due course. The postholder will listen to and work with the public to act on their concerns and support them to assist themselves, thereby developing community resilience. They will support partners on the CSP to deal with the local issues of crime and disorder which matter most to people who live and work in the area.

14. There will also be a 'Putting Communities First' fund of £190,000 over the same three-year period available to all CSPs in Cambridgeshire. This can be accessed for funds to support projects in these priority areas.

15 The CSP Action Plan for 2022/23 takes account of this agreement and includes an action to oversee the work of the new Project Officer.

Options

16. Cabinet could:

- i. Agree the CSP Action Plan for 2022/23, considering the lead role the Council takes in its delivery and the resources committed to it.
- ii. Not agree the CSP Action plan for 2022/23, detailing any changes required for approval at a later stage.
- iii. Defer a decision until a later date, pending further information.

## Implications

17. 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: -

## Financial

18. The sum contributed to the pooled fund for commissioning DHRs on a countywide basis has remained the same for the coming year but this figure could change in

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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.

future years depending on the number of DHRs required and the average cost of each.

## **Staffing**

19. The CSP Project Officer will be line managed and supported by the existing Community Safety Partnership Development Officer, within the Communications and Communities Team.
20. The funding from the OPCC has an associated monitoring and reporting requirement which will be undertaken by the Community Safety Partnership Development Officer.
21. The CSP Action Plan references the Prevent duty for Local Authorities. Progress against the SCDC Prevent Plan will be reported on to the CSP as well as to the countywide Prevent Board on a regular basis.

## **Alignment with Council Priority Areas**

22. 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 2022-2023  
Appendix B: Strategic Assessment 2021-2022 which recommends priorities for the 2022-2023 financial year

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