

WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

COMMUNITY OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 11 SEPTEMBER 2018

Title: SCRUTINY OF THE SAFER WAVERLEY PARTNERSHIP

**[Portfolio Holder: Cllr Deanus]
[Wards Affected: All]**

Summary and purpose:

A function of the Community Overview and Scrutiny (O & S) Committee is to scrutinise the work of the Safer Waverley Partnership (SWP). The purpose of this report is for the Committee to note the key priorities and actions arising from the Safer Waverley Partnership Plan and associated Action Plan and have the opportunity to ask the SWP representatives any questions relating to this or the accompanying presentation.

How this report relates to the Council's Corporate Priorities:

The Safer Waverley Partnership Plan and associated Action Plan link to all of the priorities contained within the Corporate Plan.

Equality and Diversity Implications:

There are no equality and diversity implications.

Financial Implications:

There are no direct financial implications.

Legal Implications:

There are no direct legal implications.

1. Background

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 gave local authorities and police services duties to work together to develop crime and disorder audits and implement reduction strategies in partnership with other agencies – Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) to tackle the identified problems.

The Police and Justice Act 2006 placed a duty on responsible authorities to share evidence-based data to support CSPs. This now also included the Fire Service, Probation Service, Health Service, local Police Authority and a representative of Registered Social Landlords (Housing Associations).

The legislation also place a new duty on CSPs to joint together in a formal strategic group to undertake frequent assessments of levels and patterns of crime and drug misuse in their area and to produce annual rolling three year Community Safety Partnership Plans.

The provisions contained within the Police and Justice Act 2006 extended the remit of local authorities to scrutinise the functioning of the local CSPs. It put in place arrangements to ensure that every local authority has in place a committee with the power to review and scrutinise, and make reports or recommendations, about the functioning of the CSP.

The CSP in Waverley is known as the Safer Waverley Partnership (SWP). Waverley Borough Council is one of the statutory members of the SWP alongside Surrey Police, Surrey County Council, Surrey Fire & Rescue Service, Surrey & Sussex Probation Trust, and Guildford & Waverley and North East Hampshire & Farnham Clinical Commissioning Groups.

The Community Safety Partnership has produced the Safer Waverley Partnership Plan 2018-21 (Annex 1). This identifies the Community Safety priorities for the next three years, and will be refreshed on an annual basis to check that these priorities are still current. The CSP has also agreed an annual action plan for 2018/19 (Annex 1) linked to these priorities. An action plan, showing achievements for 2017/18 is also included (Annex 2).

Terms of reference for the Safer Waverley Partnership and its associated groups are included as Annex 3.

Recommendation

That the Community O&S Committee provides any comments and observations on the SWP Partnership Plan and progress against to feedback to the SWP Executive at its meeting on 14th September 2018.

Background Papers

There are no background papers (as defined by Section 100D(5) of the Local Government Act 1972) relating to this report.

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