

## SAFER NEW FOREST PARTNERSHIP PLAN – 2016/2017

### 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 requires that certain prescribed agencies in each district must form a statutory community safety partnership - 'the partnership'. This Council is one of these agencies. The remit of the partnership is to provide strategic direction on the statutory responsibilities of the relevant partner agencies in the area of Community Safety.

1.2 The prescribed agencies are:

- The District Council
- The County Council
- The Police
- The Probation Service (represented locally by the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Rehabilitation Company)
- The Fire and Rescue Service
- The Clinical Commissioning Group

Meetings of the New Forest Community Safety Partnership area also attended by representatives of Children's Services, Community First, the Forestry Commission, the New Forest National Park Authority and the Youth Offending Team.

1.3 Primarily the partnership is required to prepare an annual Strategic Assessment of prescribed information (relating to crime and disorder) and to prepare an annual Partnership Plan based on the evidence obtained from the strategic assessment to support the reduction of reoffending, crime and disorder and combating substance misuse in the area.

### 2. ACTION PLAN

2.1 The Safer New Forest Partnership Plan 2016/2017 (**Appendix 1**) contains the eight priorities that the partnership has identified for the forthcoming year. These are as follows:

1. Reducing anti-social behaviour;
2. Reducing violent crime;
3. Reducing arson;
4. Reducing domestic abuse;
5. Reducing alcohol and drug misuse;
6. Reducing reoffending;
7. Reducing rural crime;
8. Promoting road safety.

2.2 The Partnership Plan sets out a detailed action plan to support the identified priorities, as well as demonstrating how the partnership will meet its obligations to engage with the community.

2.3 The Council is the lead partner, with support from the police and the domestic abuse forum, for the actions related to the priorities of reducing anti-social behaviour and reducing domestic abuse.

### **3. THE SAFER NEW FOREST STRATEGY AND DELIVERY GROUP**

3.1 Previously, the partnership was supported by the Joint Action Group ('JAG') which was set up as an operational group to deliver and monitor the actions agreed in the Partnership Plan. However, following a review of the membership and activities of the JAG it was considered that an alternative arrangement may be more effective. Therefore, in order to avoid duplication and achieve better efficiency, in March 2016 the partnership agreed to disband the JAG.

3.2 It was further agreed that the partnership would be known as the Safer New Forest Strategy and Delivery Group to reflect that both the strategic and action elements of its statutory duties would be delivered by one group.

### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 For the financial year 2016/2017 the Council has contributed the sum of £11,240 to support the actions of the partnership and delivery of the Partnership Plan.

### **5. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 The delivery of the Partnership Plan will hopefully result in the reduction of reoffending, crime and disorder and substance misuse in the District.

### **6. PORTFOLIO HOLDER'S COMMENTS**

6.1 As the recently appointed Chair of the Safer New Forest Strategy and Delivery Group I am pleased with the new approach for the delivery of the Partnership Plan.

6.2 I am supportive of this year's Partnership Plan and hope the delivery of the action plan will improve the lives of those affected by crime and disorder in the District.

### **7. RECOMMENDATIONS**

7.1 That Cabinet endorses the contents of the Safer New Forest Partnership Plan 2016/2017.

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#### **Background Papers:**

Safer New Forest Strategic Assessment  
2015