

SAFER NEW FOREST PARTNERSHIP PLAN – 2017/18

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

The New Forest Community Safety Partnership is known as 'Safer New Forest'. In addition to the above agencies, meetings are 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 2017/18 (**Appendix 1**) contains the six priorities that the partnership has identified for the forthcoming year. These are as follows:

1. Tackle the cause and effects of anti-social behaviour
2. Tackle the casual effects of offending behaviour, with a focus on violent crime
3. Continue to support the partnership and community in preventing arson related incidents
4. Support victims of domestic abuse
5. Promote road safety with an emphasis on killed and seriously injured (KSI)
6. Reduce rural crime

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. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 For the financial year 2017/18 provision has been made for the Council to contribute the sum of £11,240 to support the actions of the partnership and delivery of the Partnership Plan.

4. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

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

5. PORTFOLIO HOLDER'S COMMENTS

- 5.1 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.

6. RECOMMENDATION

- 6.1 That it be a recommendation to the Council that the Safer New Forest Partnership Plan 2017/2018 be approved.

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Background Papers:

Safer New Forest Strategic Assessment
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