NEIGHBOURHOODS, INCLUSION, COMMUNITIES & EQUALITIES COMMITTEE

Agenda Item 11

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: Community Safety and Crime Reduction Strategy

Date of Meeting: 3 July 2017

Report of: Executive Director, Neighbourhoods, Communities

& Housing

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Ward(s) affected: All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND POLICY CONTEXT

- 1.1 The committee is asked to consider the attached Draft Community Safety Strategy for 2017-20.
- 1.2 The committee is asked to note that feedback from NICE has been integrated into the Community Safety Strategy and the consultation findings have been analysed.

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 2.1 That the committee endorses the strategy and the suggested priority areas for reducing crime and disorder in Brighton and Hove.
- 2.2 That the committee recommends to full Council that the Community Safety and Crime Reduction Strategy be approved.

3. CONTEXT/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The Community Safety and Crime Reduction Strategy 2017-20 sets out the Brighton and Hove Community Safety Partnership's plans to address crime and disorder in the city. This is a statutory requirement under the 1998 Crime and Disorder Act. The full strategy is appended to this report.
- 3.2 The draft strategy came to the March 2017 meeting of NICE and some suggestions were made for amendments. These have now been incorporated into the strategy.
- 3.3 The strategy is informed by a strategic assessment of all crime and disorder in the city with analysis and recommendations.
- 3.4 Priorities have been selected where the partnership can make the most impact. This is a partnership strategy and so priorities are focussed on areas where

- working in collaboration is fundamental to achieving progress. It prioritises work where added value is achieved by working in partnership.
- 3.5 The strategy includes an overview of the demography of the city and the nature and impact of crime and disorder.
- 3.6 The strategy also describes how priorities were identified and will be progressed.
- 3.7 The priorities are:
 - Anti-social behaviour and hate incidents
 - Safety in the night time economy
 - Domestic violence and abuse, sexual violence and other forms violence against women and girls
 - Reducing offending
 - Community collaboration and resilience
 - Preventing terrorism and extremism

4. ANALYSIS & CONSIDERATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

4.1 The appended Strategic Assessment document outlines the issues for Brighton and Hove in relation to crime and disorder and makes appropriate recommendations.

5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION

- 5.1 A consultation event was held with partners including statutory, community and voluntary sector organisations in November 2016, this event considered the findings of the Strategic Assessment and broadly agreed priority areas to address
- 5.2 The draft strategy has been shared directly with Local Action teams, communities of interest and other interested bodies.
- 5.3 The draft strategy is being shared with this committee to seek views and approval.
- 5.4 Finally the draft strategy has been subject to public consultation through the consultation portal on the council website. There was broad approval for the priorities for the strategy. An analysis of the consultation from the portal is appended.

6. CONCLUSION

6.1 Action plans are being drawn up for each priority area and progress will be monitored through the Safe in the City Partnership Board and with regular reports on performance to this committee.

7. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

<u>Financial Implications:</u>

7.1 The costs associated with the publishing of the Community Safety Strategy are met from within the Community Safety Budget for 2016/17. The costs of implementing the strategy through the various action plans will need to be met from current budget resources within Council Community Safety budgets and other partners,

Finance Officer Consulted: Monica Brooks Date: 1.06.17

Legal Implications:

7.2 The publishing of a Community Safety Strategy is a requirement of the 1998 Crime and Disorder Act. The appended draft strategy meets the required legal duty. The strategy is one of the plans and strategies required by the Council's constitution to be approved by full Council.

Lawyer Consulted: Simon Court Date: 13th June

2017

Equalities Implications:

7.3 An Equality Impact assessment will be undertaken, equality implications are referenced throughout the strategy.

Sustainability Implications:

7.4 There are no sustainability implications relating to this report.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

Appendix 1

Strategic Assessment

Appendix 2

Community Safety and Crime Reduction Strategy

Appendix 3

Consultation analysis