

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Community Safety Strategy Consultation</b>		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>13 March 2017</b>		
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Executive Director for Neighbourhoods, Communities &amp; Housing</b>		
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<b>Ward(s) affected:</b>	<b>All</b>		

**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 give feedback on the strategy and priority areas.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 2.1 That, the committee approves the strategy and its suggested priority areas for reducing crime and disorder in Brighton and Hove.

**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.
- 3.2 The strategy is informed by a strategic assessment of all crime and disorder in the city with analysis and recommendations.
- 3.3 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.
- 3.4 The strategy includes an overview of the demography of the city and the nature and impact of crime and disorder.
- 3.5 The strategy also describes how priorities were identified and will be progressed.
- 3.6 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 made publically available on the Brighton & Hove Council website though the consultation portal:

[http://consult.brighton-hove.gov.uk/portal/bhcc/community\\_safety/draft\\_community\\_safety\\_strategy\\_2017-20\\_1](http://consult.brighton-hove.gov.uk/portal/bhcc/community_safety/draft_community_safety_strategy_2017-20_1)

#### **6. CONCLUSION**

- 6.1 Subject to the consideration of the responses to the consultation the strategy will be published on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2017. Action plans will be 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 the Neighbourhoods, Communities and Equalities Committee.

#### **7. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:**

##### Financial Implications:

- 7.1 The costs associated with the publishing of the Community Safety Strategy are met from within the Community Safety Budget for 2016/17. .

*Finance Officer Consulted:*

*Monica Brooks*

*Date: 22/2/17*

### Legal Implications:

- 7.2 The publishing of a Community Safety Strategy is a requirement of the 1998 Crime and Disorder Act. It is noted that the consultation period has not yet concluded at the time of writing this implications section. Careful note should be taken if anything from the consultation raises a new issue and one that would require amendment to the protocol. This might require the matter to be deferred.
- 7.3 The statutory provision is designed to allow the local authority to draw up the strategy in line with locally identified need, so the consultation should reflect those needs. It is then a matter for the Council to conclude what matters will be a priority in light of that consultation.

*Lawyer Consulted:*

*Simon Court*

*Date: 22/2/17*

### Equalities Implications:

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

### Sustainability Implications:

- 7.5 There are no sustainability implications relating to this report.

## **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

### **Appendices:**

#### **Appendix 1**

#### **Strategic Assessment**

#### **Appendix 2**

#### **Community Safety Strategy**