

**CRIME AND DISORDER (OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY)
COMMITTEE
26 July 2017**

COMMUNITY SAFETY PERFORMANCE REPORT

1. SUMMARY

To note the Quarterly Performance Report produced by the Dartford & Gravesham Community Safety Partnership.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee notes the Dartford & Gravesham Community Safety Partnership's Quarterly Performance Report (June 2017), detailing performance in relation to levels of crime, anti-social behaviour and other indicators as set out in Appendix A to this report [enclosed as item A in the EXEMPT agenda papers].

3. Background and Discussion

- 3.1 The Dartford & Gravesham Community Safety Partnership's (CSP) Performance Report - June 2017 [Item A in the EXEMPT agenda papers] details performance in relation to levels of crime and disorder and anti-social behaviour recorded in the boroughs of Dartford and Gravesham. The Performance Report was discussed by the CSP on 22 June 2017.
- 3.2 The format differs from previous performance reports by utilising a revised set of performance indicators, as set-out in the 2016-19 Dartford and Gravesham Community Safety Strategy and updated in the CSP's 2017 Refresh document. The new indicators are more reliant on data from partner agencies than in previous years, and difficulties have arisen from different reporting periods being used by agencies, and variations in the frequency with which data is collated and made available. Some of this data is taken directly from front-line recording systems rather than the audited figures which are released to the public.
- 3.3 CSPs across Kent have moved away from the traditional Police-led statistics of previous years and have now adopted a range of alternative measures which demonstrate progress in tackling risk and harm, and improving quality of life. There is however no standard dataset and Community Safety Unit (CSU) officers have to make individual enquiries with partner agencies to obtain the information each CSP requires. This has been identified as an area in which efficiency could be improved if a collaborative request was submitted by KCC or CSUs jointly, and this will be explored at county Community Safety Managers' meetings.

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3.4 Work continues within the Dartford and Gravesham CSP at a County Level to both improve access to data sets and, more importantly, having insight into what risks they are identifying. This issue is all the more important given the recent concerns raised in the HMIC report ***Kent Police: Crime Data Integrity Inspection 2017***. Police have yet to provide partners with a detailed explanation as to the reasons for the concerns, and their likely impact on recorded crime for Dartford and Gravesham. The HMIC report is currently embargoed.

3.5 Members are invited to note the Quarterly Performance Report enclosed as item A in the EXEMPT agenda papers. Representatives of the CSU and Kent Police will be available to respond to Members' questions.

4. Relationship to the Corporate Plan

Safer Communities – To create a safer Borough in which to live, work and socialise. SC2 – Reduce anti-social behaviour.

5. Financial, legal, staffing and other administrative implications and risk assessments

Financial Implications	None arising from this report
Legal Implications	None specifically
Staffing Implications	None arising from this report
Administrative Implications	None arising from this report
Risk Assessment	Any reduction or withdrawal of service would have a negative impact on crime and disorder within the Borough.

6. Obligation of Confidence

An obligation of confidence arises as the data contained in this report, while not restricted, is considered to be sensitive and the Council is required to treat the information as confidential.

7. Appendices

Dartford & Gravesham Community Safety Partnership's Quarterly Performance Report (June 2017) – agenda item A (EXEMPT).

BACKGROUND PAPERS

<u>Documents consulted</u>	<u>Date / File Ref</u>	<u>Report Author</u>	<u>Section and Directorate</u>	<u>Exempt Information Category</u>
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