

CRIME AND DISORDER (OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY) COMMITTEE
24th July 2019

**DARTFORD TOWN AGAINST CRIME (D-TAC) PROGRESS REPORT-
JULY 2018- JULY 2019)**

Summary

1. To consider the Dartford Town against Crime's scheme's progress during the past 12 months (1st July 2018 to 1st July 2019).

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the achievements of the Dartford Town Against Crime (D-TAC) scheme in the period under review, be noted.

3. Background and Discussion

3.1 Dartford Town Against Crime (D-TAC) promotes the concept of a safe and secure Town Centre, and enables partners to adopt a proactive approach by allowing them to identify, target and focus on the most serious, prolific and professional criminals as well as those offenders who are engaging in petty crime and anti-social behaviour that nonetheless affects the local environment.

3.2 D-TAC is a sub-group of both the Dartford Town Centre Partnership and the Dartford & Gravesham Community Safety Partnership. However, the initiative has robust, independent governance with a formal constitution, terms of reference, a Board of Management and an active Steering Group. The Intelligence Manager co-ordinates the dissemination of information and promotes activity that will result in action being taken against persistent offenders.

This network of partners also facilitates:

- preventing and detecting crime and public disorder;
- targeting persistent offenders who are responsible for the majority of crime;
- reducing the opportunity to commit crime;
- assisting the apprehension and prosecution of offenders;
- reducing retail crime losses for members;
- creating a "safe and secure" environment for customers and staff;
- reducing the fear of crime amongst the general public;
- encouraging growth and investment in the town centre;

3.3 The objectives outlined in the 2016 – 18 Business Plan have been made and include:

- Installing the infrastructure required for Borough wide coverage which in turn facilitates membership growth and reinforces the Council's emergency plans;

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- Increases in the number of people reporting crime through DISC (the Secure Information Sharing System used by the partnership);
- Radio Training, Counter Terrorism Training and Conflict Management Training

3.4 The previous Intelligence Manager resigned from the post in December 2018. Members are asked to note his outstanding contribution to the scheme during his three year tenure. His departure unfortunately led to a period of 5 months without a co-ordinator which has inevitably interrupted progress

3.5 His replacement commenced in the role in May 2019 and has established 6 priorities which she is currently working to;

- Re -establishing a robust radio network across the Borough;
- Personalising current NABCP (National Association Business; Crime Partnership) national forms for distribution to members to include the Data Protection Act 2018 requirements;
- Striving to achieve NABCP accreditation;
- Refreshing the Business Plan;
- Increasing membership; and
- Improving effective partnership working within the Town Centre

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 implications and risk assessments*

Financial Implications	None arising from this report
Legal Implications	None arising from this report
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. Details of Exempt Information Category

Not applicable

7. Appendices – None

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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>
	July 2019	Tony Henley (01322) 343502	EARS	N/A