MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

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REPORT OF THE COMMUNITIES, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ACTING AS THE CRIME AND DISORDER COMMITTEE HELD ON 29 JUNE 2021

2021/2022 STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT AND REVISED COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN

Issue for Decision

The Safer Maidstone Partnership's Community Safety Plan for 2019-22 has been refreshed following the annual undertaking of a strategic assessment. The Strategic Assessment provides members with an update on the progress made during year two of the plan and the latest figures relating to the priority areas and other areas of concern. The revised CSP Plan replaces the previous version with minor changes that provide greater focus on growing trends or changes in service delivery. It sets out the strategic direction for the Partnership for the remaining year of this Plan.

Recommendation Made

That the revised "June 21 Update" of the Community Safety Plan 2019-22 be adopted.

Reasons for Recommendation

On 19 March 2019 the Communities, Housing and Environment Committee acting as the Crime and Disorder Committee recommended the adoption of our then new Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Plan to Council in April 2019. The plan was duly adopted and the Safer Maidstone Partnership (SMP) set about delivering the plan. The plan was refreshed and brought to the Committee on 30 June 2020.

The Strategic Assessment has been refreshed for 2021 and the assessment demonstrates the positive steps taken by the Partnership, despite the obvious impact of the pandemic, in the last 12 months against the priorities set by the CSP Plan. It also provides updated statistics from across the Partnership to help us identify trends and any growing concerns.

The Strategic Assessment also outlines Key Conclusions and Recommended Changes to the Community Safety Partnership Plan which have been adopted into the CSP Plan.

Alternatives Considered and Why Not Recommended

Do not approve the revision of the Community Safety Plan. This is not recommended as the Community Safety Plan sits behind the work of

the SMP and should reflect current trends and working practices.

Background Documents

The 2021/2022 Strategic Assessment and revised Community Safety Plan – Report to the Communities, Housing and Environment Committee Acting as the Crime and Disorder Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 29 June 2021

Safer Maidstone Partnership Strategic Assessment 2021-22

Appendix

Maidstone Community Safety Partnership Plan 2019-2022: June 2021 Update