

## **Briefing Note for Policy Development and Review Committee**

### **Community Safety Plan Refresh 2015/16**

#### **Introduction**

Swale Community Safety Partnership annually refreshes its Partnership Plan following a Strategic Assessment process and agreement of priorities by Partners. The process has begun to refresh the plan for 2015/16 and this briefing note discusses progress to date and next steps.

#### **Background**

The Swale Community Safety Plan is refreshed annually following the completion of a community safety strategic assessment. This assessment aims to provide partners with a performance update against its current priorities and also uses intelligence analysis and community concerns to identify any emerging priorities for consideration.

The proposed priorities are discussed by the Partnership Executive at its annual Strategic Planning Session in January and once agreed, are used to form the basis of the Community Safety Plan and action plan for that year. The final Community Safety Plan is agreed by the end of March each year by the Partnership.

The community are involved throughout the process and feed in their views on local community safety concerns by completion of a questionnaire. Their views are gathered and fed into the strategic assessment. Additionally they are consulted on the final priorities for the Partnership ahead of adoption of the plan.

Given reduction in partnership analytical resources, it has been agreed by the Partnership that the views of front line practitioners should be sought on local and emerging issues to also complement the strategic assessment document.

#### **2015/16 Refresh Progress**

- The 2014 Strategic Assessment is currently being drafted and will be shared with the CSP Executive at their annual Strategic Planning Session on the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2015;
- An event for front line practitioners is being organised for the 12<sup>th</sup> January and their views will be discussed at the Strategic Planning Session;
- A Community Safety Issue questionnaire is currently being shared with the community and the results will also be fed into the strategic assessment and priority agreement process by the CSP Executive;
- The Partnership priorities, once agreed will be put out for consultation with the community between February and March 2015;
- The Community Safety Plan will be written between February and March and agreed by the Partnership by the end of March 2015.

## **Points for Consideration**

The Strategic Assessment is still being drafted and can be shared with this Committee following its completion. However the Community Safety Plan for 2014/15 is included as Appendix I and provides an overview of the current priorities for the partnership and actions to address them. These are not expected to change significantly for 2015/16 as they are broad ranging.

Also included with this note in Appendix II is the community safety issue questionnaire that has been shared with the public. The results of which will be fed into the priority selection process.

## **Appendices:**

Appendix I: Swale Community Safety Plan 2014/15

Appendix II: Community Safety Questionnaire 2014