

Community and Leisure Committee Meeting	
Meeting Date	4 th September 2024
Report Title	Member appointments to Swale Community Safety Partnership (CSP)
EMT Lead	Emma Wiggins, Director of Regeneration and Neighbours
Head of Service	Charlotte Hudson, Head of Housing and Communities
Lead Officer	Stephanie Curtis, Community Services Manager
Classification	Open
Recommendations	<p>The committee is recommended to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agree whether to appoint Members to the Community Safety Partnership for a year, or their term of office. 2. Nominate which two members should be appointed to the Swale Community Safety Partnership 3. Appoint the member(s) to the Swale Community Safety Partnership

1 Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report asks the Communities committee to agree the council's member representation for the municipal year 2024/25 on Swale Community Safety Partnership (CSP)

2 Background

- 2.1 Swale CSP is a statutory body bringing together a number of public sector agencies to tackle crime, disorder, anti-social behaviour, substance misuse and reduce re-offending. These agencies include Swale Borough Council, Kent County Council, Kent Police, Kent Fire and Rescue Service, Probation services, and Health services, working closely with the local housing associations such as Southern Housing, voluntary and community sector organisations and HM Prison Service.
- 2.2 As the Council is a statutory partner of the CSP, Members and Officers have sat on the CSP Executive Board. The CSP is a strategic group and the Member appointed will be able to relay concerns of this nature affecting Swale residents. It is not a forum where operational ward-based concerns can be discussed.
- 2.3 In 2009, councils were given powers to scrutinise CSPs through provision made in the Police and Justice Act 2006. Within the Cabinet system this function sat with the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. This function now sits with the

Community and Leisure Committee. Therefore, when appointing the member, it should be noted that this will form part of the representatives being scrutinised rather than being part of the committee for this function.

- 2.4 For 2023/24, the two Members appointed to the committee were Cllr Hannah Perkin and Cllr Tom Nundy. Cllr Nundy has also become the Chair of the Community Safety Partnership.
- 2.5 Historically, Members have been appointed to the Community Safety Partnership on an annual basis from the Community and Leisure Committee. This was due to the transition from Cabinet to Committee system in 2022, then following the Borough Election in 2023. However, as the Community Safety Partnership is a statutory partnership body and this Committee has the Scrutiny function, the Committee may feel that making the Member appointments for a longer term would be beneficial for consistency and increased understanding of the role and work of the Partnership.

3 Proposals

- 3.1 Agree whether to appoint Members to the Community Safety Partnership for a year, or for their term of office.
- 3.2 Nominate which two members should be appointed to the Swale Community Safety Partnership
- 3.3 Appoint the member(s) to the Swale Community Safety Partnership

4 Alternative Options

- 4.1 To not appoint any members to the CSP and for the Committee to just be involved in the Overview and Scrutiny function. Officers sit on the CSP as well and therefore the statutory duties would be covered

5 Consultation Undertaken or Proposed

- 5.1 These are routine appointments to existing arrangements, so no consultation has been undertaken or is proposed beyond asking committee for their nominations and what length term the appointments should be for.

6 Implications

Issue	Implications
Corporate Plan	This supports the community objective - To work as part of the Community Safety Partnership to delivery priorities to address domestic abuse, crime, and disorder, ASB and support vulnerable people.

Financial, Resource and Property	No implications identified at this stage
Legal, Statutory and Procurement	No implications identified at this stage
Crime and Disorder	The CSP is a strategic body which sets priorities for tackling crime and disorder within the borough.
Environment and Climate/Ecological Emergency	No implications identified at this stage
Health and Wellbeing	The CSP links with health and wellbeing activities
Safeguarding of Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults	The CSP focuses and delivers services and projects that support vulnerable individuals.
Risk Management and Health and Safety	No implications identified at this stage
Equality and Diversity	No implications identified at this stage
Privacy and Data Protection	No implications identified at this stage

7 Appendices

None.

8 Background Papers

Swale Community Safety Plan 2023/24 can be found at <https://swale.gov.uk/news-and-your-council/strategies-and-policies/community-safety-plan>