

Scrutiny Committee recommendations for consideration by Cabinet at the Meeting of the Cabinet on Monday, 5 February 2018

Scrutiny Committee – 9 November 2017

41 Annual Lewes District Community Safety Partnership Report

42 The Committee considered Report No 160/17, which:

- Enabled the Committee to scrutinise the current performance of the Lewes District Community Safety Partnership (LDCSP)
- Outlined future issues that may impact crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB) performance
- Enabled the Committee to scrutinise the proposed Community Safety Plan for 2018/19
- Enabled the Committee to endorse the formal merger of the Eastbourne and Lewes District Community Safety Partnership, subject to consultation with partners and approval from the Police and Crime Commissioner

43 Members' discussion included:

- Whether the reduction in visible Police Community Support Officers had an impact on Lewes' crime statistics.
- A request for clarification regarding the £21,900 per annum funding which Lewes District Community Safety Partnership had received from the Police and Crime Commissioner over the last five years, as Members recalled a 'reserve' of money which was available to various schemes throughout the year.
- A request for whom to contact with regard to reporting various issues in the community, such as; finding needles, rough sleepers and the reporting of general anti-social behaviour.

44 Officers responded that:

- Officers indicated that it would not be possible to say what effect the changes in neighbourhood policing would make on crime levels. Officers noted that the new Neighbourhood First teams to be set up in Lewes in the New Year would provide a visible presence that may assist with community reassurance, in addition to the role played by the police.
- Aside from the £21,900 per annum, Lewes District Council had a small reserve of funds which could be used for additional funding.
- Details of whom to contact with regard to the community safety issues would be

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circulated to all Councillors as requested after the meeting.

Resolved:

- 44.1** That the achievements and activities of the Lewes District Community Safety Partnership during 2016/2017, as well as the future risks/opportunities to performance, be noted.
- 44.2** That subject to the inclusion of reference to stakeholders, the Committee endorses, and recommends to Cabinet, the Community Safety Action Plan for 2018/2019.
- 44.3** That the completion of the Eastbourne and Lewes District Community Safety Partnership 'Soft Merger' and endorsed the full merger of the two Partnerships, be noted.

Reason:

- 45** For the Scrutiny Committee to fulfil its duties to review decisions and actions by responsible authorities in connection with the Council's crime and disorder function, as required under the Police and Justice Act 2006.