

Report to:	Policy and Performance Advisory Committee
Date:	25 January 2021
Title	Eastbourne & Lewes Community Safety Partnership – Annual Report (Lewes)
Exemption:	None
Report of:	Ian Fitzpatrick, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Regeneration and Planning
Ward(s):	All
Purpose of Cabinet report:	To enable Cabinet to consider the 2020/21 performance of the Eastbourne & Lewes Community Safety Partnership (E&LCSP).
Officer recommendation(s):	<p>Members of the Policy and Performance Advisory Committee are asked to consider the recommendations in the main report attached at Appendix 1 and to make one of the following recommendations:</p> <p>(1) To support the recommendations in the report in full; OR</p> <p>(2) To support the recommendation in the report subject to the consideration of amendments agreed during discussion OR;</p> <p>(3) To not support the recommendations in the report, and provide reasons for this.</p>
Reasons for recommendations:	To provide a critical friend challenge to the Cabinet decision and policy making process.
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1 Introduction

- 1.1 In its role as a provider of public scrutiny and as critical friend, the Policy and Performance Advisory Committee has a duty to provide a challenge to the executive decision and policy makers.
- 1.2 The Policy and Performance Advisory Committee is able to provide this challenge through the inclusion of the Council's Forward Plan of Decisions as a

standing item on each of the Committee's agendas, allowing the Committee to request the inclusion of reports due for consideration by the Cabinet on its agenda and by asking that the relevant officers, heads of service or directors, attend the Committee meetings and discuss the content of the reports.

1.3 Following consideration of each item, where the Members will be able to ask questions of the relevant officers, heads of service, directors and other stakeholders, the Policy and Performance Advisory Committee will provide one of the following three recommendations to the Cabinet:

- 1) To support the recommendations in the report in full; or
- 2) To support the recommendation in the report subject to the consideration by the Cabinet of any amendments agreed by Committee; or
- 3) To not support the recommendations in the report and give reasons.

1.4 The Cabinet will be provided with the recommendations from the Policy and Performance Advisory Committee when it considers the main report.

2 Specific scrutiny role of Policy & Performance Advisory Committee in relation to Community Safety Partnerships

2.1 Provisions in sections 19 and 20 of the Police and Justice Act 2006 – as amended by section 126 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 - enable Scrutiny Committees to bring their unique perspective to bear on how Community Safety Partnerships are tackling crime and disorder.

2.2 Guidance produced by the Home Office on the scrutiny of CSPs makes it clear that it is the role of scrutiny committees to “enhance existing partnership arrangements by developing a clear structure for overseeing and reviewing the delivery of joint responses on community safety and by creating a clearer link between partner agencies and the public on community safety.”.

2.3 The guidance goes on to say that “the role of scrutiny should be focused on the partnership as a whole, if issues arise which relate specifically to a particular partner organisation, it may be appropriate to refer such issues to the governing bodies of that organisation for action.” For example, if concerns relate purely to Police activity, these should be referred to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

3 Financial / Legal / Risk Management / Equality Analysis/ Environmental Sustainability Implications/ Background Papers

3.1 All implications are addressed in the Cabinet report attached at Appendix 1.

4 Appendices

Appendix A – Cabinet Report – **Eastbourne & Lewes Community Safety Partnership – Annual Report (Lewes)**