



FOLKESTONE & HYTHE DISTRICT  
**COMMUNITY SAFETY  
PARTNERSHIP**

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## Introduction

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# Scrutiny function of the OSC

## Legislation

- The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 - statutory responsibility for local authorities, police, and key partners to reduce crime and disorder in their communities.
- Under this legislation the responsible authorities were required to form Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) and implement crime reduction strategies following an analysis of crime trends in their areas.
- The Police and Justice Act 2006 introduced scrutiny arrangements in the form of the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee, as well as introducing a number of amendments to the 1998 Act.

## Scrutiny function

- Additional requirements on the scrutiny function were set out in The Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009 which stated options for meeting frequency (at least 12 monthly, co-opting members etc.)
- Aim is to hold to account those who are responsible for tackling crime and disorder in a local area and scrutinise the work of the CSP.

The 2009 regulations more explicitly stated the joint delivery of statutory duties by partners and recommended that the powers of local authority Overview and Scrutiny Committees encompass the work of CSPs.

This is the effect of sections 19 and 20 of the 2006 Act. The 2009 Regulations supplement the provisions in section 19 as to the exercise of a committee's functions.

Overview and scrutiny will receive:

- An introduction to the new 3 yr CSP plan
- An overview of key priorities
- Hear from the leads of each CSP subgroup and the work they do

# Folkestone & Hythe Community Safety Partnership and Unit (CSU) works together to drive multi-agency practices to achieve the best outcomes for the community.

Our Community Safety Partnership consists of 6 statutory partners as well as over 40 other key agencies who form the CSU.



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- Plan is now 3 yearly
- Sub groups are key delivery arms for the priorities
- CSU is a key operational arm and the plan also gives examples of the work of the CSU.

Whilst the CSU is non – statutory but enables the statutory functions to be delivered as well as ensuring the Council’s s11 responsibilities are met – this is to ensure all council departments have regard to community safety (cross section of officers)

# CSP Priorities 2021-24

- A Strategic Assessment is compiled annually to show progress for the Partnership against priorities, along with identification of emerging issues and recommended priorities for the next 12 months.
- The priorities for 21-24 for the CSP were identified taking into account the findings from a Strategic Assessment document that is produced each year (restricted).
- A series of cross cutting themes have also been identified which are key initiatives that will support the delivery of all of the priorities

# 2021-2024 Priorities -To be reviewed annually

## Community Safety Partnership priorities – 2021-24

### Safeguarding & Domestic Abuse Subgroup

- Domestic abuse
- Mental health
- Drugs and alcohol
- Safeguarding children and adults
- District Contextual Safeguarding Meeting (DCSM) – Children
- Missing children

### Cross Cutting Themes

- Violence reduction
- COVID Recovery
- Reducing offending

### Crime & Community Resilience

- Modern slavery and human trafficking
- Cuckooing, gangs, county lines and criminal exploitation
- Fraud
- Financial and acquisitive crime
- Drug dealing
- Integrated Offender Management
- Hate/mate crime
- Prevent strategy
- Violence reduction
- Serious and organised crime (SOC) and Organised crime groups (OCGs)
- District Vulnerabilities Panel (DVP) – adults

### Community Safety Unit

- Anti-social behaviour
- Public Spaces Protection Order
- Environmental crime/environmental health
- Town centres
- Licensing
- Events
- Hotspot locations
- Substance misuse
- Diversionary activities
- Housing
- Homeless
- High risk adults and young people
- Community triggers
- Prison releases
- Community protection warnings and community penalty notices
- Unauthorised encampments

Delivery of some of the activities that the CSP is responsible for occurs through a range of multi-agency meetings and task and finish groups.



# Sub Group Chairs

- Safeguarding and DA sub group – KCC
- Crime and Community Resilience – Kent Police
- CSU – F&HDC

# Committee Feedback

As part of the Committee's considerations it would be helpful to have feedback on:

- Current Priorities
- Format of future presentations
- To note the plan will be going to Cabinet and to Full Council for noting.