

COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE & ANNUAL PLAN 2017-18
Councillor Mrs Macpherson
Cabinet Member for Leisure, Communities and Civic Amenities

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To consider the Community Safety Annual Plan and to make recommendations to Council.

2 Recommendations

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| 2.1 That Council be recommended to approve the Aylesbury Vale Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Strategy 2017-20 and the Annual Plan for 2017-18. |
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3 Supporting Information

- 3.1 At its meeting on 22 March, 2017 the Environment and Living Scrutiny Committee considered the attached report. The Strategy is a Policy Framework issue and as such requires the approval of full Council. The Committee report summarises the matters taken into account in preparing the Annual Plan for 2017-18.
- 3.2 The Scrutiny Committee sought further information on a number of issues and were informed as follows:-
- That there were no plans to reduce the number of PCSOs, although part funding provided by the County Council for some posts had been reduced.
 - That the outcome of the on-going Thames Valley Police review of CCTV was still awaited.
 - That Ward level information on individual crimes was accessible on-line by entering a post code.
 - That the CSP had some funding that could be used for “diversionary” activities for young people, i.e. to support local football, cricket and other sporting activities.
 - That although 42% of people had stated that they felt safe in the Aylesbury Town Centre during the evening, this survey had only covered a small sample and the Town Centre was a safe place to visit in the evening.
 - That the neighbourhood policing teams were continuing to work in communities, which included educating people on the difference between calling “101” to report crime and other concerns that did not require an emergency response and “999” to report emergencies when a crime was happening or someone was in danger.
 - That new students to Buckingham University were provided with a welcome pack to help them assimilate into the local community.

Members were also given an update on the Restorative Justice Service and advised about the types of actions and responses the police were able to take regarding off road motor cycles in some parts of Aylesbury. Members of the Committee commented that they would like to see the police more practically involved with large town centre events, with particular reference having been

made to the Christmas Parade in Buckingham.. They also commented that it would be helpful for local Councillors to be provided with a guide to anti-social behaviour and the Prevent initiative, which explained who they should contact and how to feed back information to the Community Safety Partnership.

Overall, however the Committee was supportive of the Strategy and Annual Plan and commended it for adoption.

4 Resource implications

4.1 These are set out in the attached report.

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Background Documents

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AVCSP Annual Plan 2016/17; AVCSP Strategy 2017-20 & Annual
Plan