

COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE AND ANNUAL PLAN

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1. Purpose

- 1.1. To enable Cabinet to consider a summary of activity on the delivery of the Aylesbury Vale Community Safety Partnership Plan 2018/19 and to receive an update on some of the recent and future changes taking place in connection with community safety.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That Members thank the Environment and Living Scrutiny Committee for its input and note the content of the report (attached as an Appendix to this report).

3. Supporting Information

- 3.1 Attached is a copy of a report considered by the Environment and Living Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 27 March, 2019. This gives details of recorded crime levels during the past year and provides information about activities completed to date from the AVCSP Action Plan, including on drugs exploitation, thefts from vans and prevention of burglary to homes. The report also provides an update on the use of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) legislation to deter offending that impacts upon communities.

- 3.2 Overall, the Scrutiny Committee was supportive of the Plan and the proposed content. The Committee commented generally as follows:-

- A coordinated approach to tackling aggressive begging in Aylesbury Town Centre was considered a useful allocation of resources as it could identify those that genuinely needed help and could be assisted through the Rough Sleeper Initiative.
- It was appreciated that modern slavery would be covered in the Policy Statement referred to elsewhere on the Cabinet agenda.
- It was noted that the current terror threat was severe nationally and had been consistently for the last 3 to 4 years, with some fluctuation up to critical, and that there was a protocol in place for Council premises. The Committee was advised that further assessments of risk were on-going.

4. Options Considered/Reasons for Recommendations

- 4.1 To keep Cabinet up to date with community safety activity.

4. Resource Implications

These are set out in the Scrutiny Committee report.

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Background documents: These are listed in the attached report.