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ENVIRONMENT AND LIVING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Environment and Living Scrutiny Committee will be held at **6.30 pm** on **Wednesday 28 March 2018** in **The Olympic Room, Aylesbury Vale District Council, The Gateway, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury, HP19 8FF**, when your attendance is requested.

Membership: Councillor M Winn (Chairman); Councillors S Jenkins (Vice-Chairman), M Bateman, S Chapple, A Cole, S Cole, P Cooper, B Everitt, B Foster, T Hunter-Watts, R King and B Russel

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AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

2. TEMPORARY CHANGES TO MEMBERSHIP

Any changes will be reported at the meeting.

3. MINUTES (Pages 3 - 8)

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 13 February 2018.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members to declare any interests.

5. COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN 2018/19 (Pages 9 - 52)

To consider the attached report.

Contact officer: Will Rysdale 01296 585561 / Chris Oliver 01296 585005

6. MRF CONTRACT FOR MIXED RECYCLING (Pages 53 - 54)

To consider the attached report.

Contact officer: Isabel Edgar Briancon 01296 585862

7. WORK PROGRAMME

To consider the future work programme. Meetings are scheduled as follows:-

- 22 May 2018:** Development Management (following up from meeting on 13 February 2018)
Street & Horticultural Contract
Private Sector Housing Regeneration Policy
- 25 September 2018:** Housing & Homelessness Strategy
- 19 December 2018:** No items as yet

8. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

The following matter is for consideration by Members "In Committee". It will therefore be necessary to

RESOLVE –

That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the Paragraph indicated in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

Item No. 9 – MRF Contract for Mixed Recycling

The public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information because the report contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of organisations (including the Authority holding that information) and disclosure of commercially sensitive information would prejudice negotiations for contracts and land disposals or transactions.

Restricted reports

9. MRF CONTRACT FOR MIXED RECYCLING (Pages 55 - 58)

To consider the attached confidential report.

Contact officer: Isabel Edgar Briancon 01296 585862

Environment and Living Scrutiny Committee

13 FEBRUARY 2018

PRESENT: Councillors S Jenkins (Vice-Chair, in the Chair), M Bateman, A Cole, S Cole, P Cooper, B Foster, N Glover (In place of B Everitt), T Hunter-Watts, R King and R Newcombe (In place of M Winn)

APOLOGIES: Councillors S Chapple, B Everitt and M Winn

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 19 December 2017 be approved as a correct record.

2. DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT SERVICE AND ENFORCEMENT UPDATE

The Committee received a report which outlined the progress of the Council's Development Management and Planning Enforcement services. In addition to the report, two presentations were given to the Committee.

Development Management

AVDC had seen a significant increase in workload for the service over recent years due to the Vale's development with major applications having doubled since 2013 (a major application being 10 or more dwellings). The category of applications AVDC received was often for large numbers of housing or high investment retail developments. This was in addition to national projects included HS2 (with AVDC being the most affected authority outside London), East West Rail and the National Infrastructure Corridor all of which would have associated planning applications. Additional challenges to the service included a national shortage of skilled planners which had made recruitment competitive amongst Local Authorities. The service had undertaken a communications campaign to reach potential candidates through LinkedIn, offering 'golden hellos' and working with Reading University to approach graduates nearing the end of their studies. Recruitment to Senior roles had been slower than anticipated which had led to the utilisation of planning consultants and agency workers.

Major applications were often complex with representations made by developers and objectors. As a highly visible service, the perception was that Development Management was in favour of applications which created a challenging working environment due to the service's actions being scrutinised by both sides. It was acknowledged that communication with the public, Parishes and Members was important in the delivery of the service. The recent introduction of the Parish Liaison Officer role had aided in this regard and had been well received by the Aylesbury Vale Association of Local Councils. The introduction of Account Managers had also assisted the service as these posts were able to respond to planning enquiries from developers directly.

Between July – September 2017 82% of applications were processed on time which was second locally only to Chiltern (83%). The special measures threshold was being increased by Central Government however AVDC would be unaffected by this based on current performance which was well above the minimum performance requirement.

Members sought more information and were advised that:-

- i. At present there were four vacant posts in the service. 17 planners were in the service, two of which were part-time, and one experienced planner had failed the behaviour assessment as part of the corporate restructure. In addition, two planners had retired and one planner went on maternity leave and then did not return. Members were assured that the service did not want to lose their staff.
- ii. The service was reaching its government target through the use of improved information management such as a workflow software system that flagged applications in danger of being late and monitored staff workload. Process mapping was also being undertaken to identify further streamlining opportunities. Authority had also been delegated to experienced officers rather than awaiting senior approval. Contractors had also assisted with targets being met.
- iii. The remaining percentage of applications that failed to meet the deadline was more complex due to the need for additional consultation such as Buckinghamshire County Council on traffic flow and management.
- iv. Applications that were rejected were often subject to developer appeal whereas objectors had no process to appeal against approved application. Therefore it was felt that the planning process distorted the public's perception on the service.
- v. HS2 had the potential to result in around 600 applications (numbers were still to be confirmed) to the planning service over a period of several years. The cost for work carried out on behalf of HS2 would be fully recoverable via a service level agreement. It was expected that HS2 would require the Council to employ 3-5 fulltime planning staff over an eight year period but this was still to be confirmed.
- vi. Neighbourhood Plans deterred speculative development.
- vii. One agency worker was working full-time to recruit additional staff to the service whilst four managers and an HR Businesses Partner also assisted in the recruitment. This approach had seen nine external planners recruited in addition to staff in other parts of commercial services. It was also noted that this resource did not detract from the planning service itself as the staff involved were not planners.
- viii. As well as recruitment, the service was focussing on staff retention through the building of a work culture to progress staff. An example of this was by delegating low-risk applications to the less experienced staff to develop their skills which had the additional benefit of freeing the resource of more experienced planners. The service had had success in retention, for instance the planner that had worked on Arla was still at AVDC. Nonetheless, recruitment itself would be ongoing due to officers deciding to move on with their careers which was expected to a degree with the infrastructure projects that would take place in Aylesbury Vale.

Whilst Members commended the planning service, concern was expressed over the expected number of applications that would be received in future and the impact these would have on residents. Members agreed that they wanted more information, such as projected application numbers and staffing requirements, to come back to Committee. This would be picked up on the Work Programme item.

Planning Enforcement

The corporate restructure had brought together a range of enforcement and regulatory functions in to one group which was called Regulatory Services. The remit covered a range of disciplines which included Environmental Health, Housing and Housing Enforcement, Licensing, Ecology and Heritage. The officers for the services worked within multi-disciplinary teams which had the benefit of knowledge sharing as well as the creation of synergies between services and a reduction in work duplication. It had been found that using this method had reduced the necessity to despatch two officers to investigate two separate issues on the same site. For instance, environmental and

planning issues raised on a construction site may not require a Planning Enforcement Officer and an Environmental Health Officer as one officer would be able to remedy the situation sufficiently using suitable planning enforcement or environmental health powers. This had the potential to free up the resources of the highly experienced and qualified planning enforcement officers and allow them to focus their attention on complex and controversial cases.

The intention of the enforcement service was to underpin the existing regulations and uphold confidence in the planning system. Key to this was to investigate situations where either development had deviated from consent or had been carried out without consent. The purpose of the service was to seek to remedy rather than to punish and, as it was not an offence to carry out works without planning permission, would not seek enforcement action to regularise development which would otherwise have been accepted. The key test for enforcement was that had an application been submitted then would it have likely been refused or granted subject to controlling conditions; if it was the latter then no action should be taken. The service was predominantly reactive and Audit Committee (November 2017) heard that proactive enforcement in line with the current Planning Enforcement Plan 2016 was not being undertaken in the main as proactive enforcement was currently hard to achieve given the level of demand. Enforcement operated within a statutory framework and had to consider level of harm caused with an impetus on negotiating a solution wherever possible. If negotiation was not possible then enforcement options were available however reaching a final outcome may take some time.

Members heard more on the demand of the planning enforcement service, namely that there had been a 27% increase in caseload over the last three years and that there were currently 430 open cases. Geographically this corresponded broadly with the current development areas in Aylesbury Vale and it was expected that these numbers would increase as major development continued. Progress with open cases was often not visible to those that had complained which led to an increase in public perception that no progress was taking place. For 2017, the statistics were as follows:

- 586 complaints received
- 496 cases closed
- 209 breaches identified
- 80 breaches ceased
- 64 permissions granted
- 65 no expedient to pursue
- 10 notices served
- 1 injunction

Moving forward, the intention was to review current staffing resource and review the service's historical trends and demand patterns to recognise ways of working more efficiently. So far, it had been identified that enforcement would utilise the skills and resources of other officers and services (such as council tax inspectors) to reduce the need for travel time which was significant given the large geographical size of the District. The service had also encouraged customers to provide as much information as possible during the initial report contact stage so that officers would not have to ask for further information. A new back office database system was in the process of being implemented which would provide greater case visibility to officers and allow managers to monitor workflow and case management more efficiently. Collaboration was also aimed for by working with Development Management to produce an achievable and workable proactive response where risk was deemed greatest such as the discharge of conditions on major development sites. By focusing on communicating 'once and well', the enforcement service would be able to focus their resources on cases where harm was at its highest risk.

Members sought more information and were advised that:-

- i. HS2 was expected to be one of the most monitored major infrastructure projects ever undertaken and that enforcement for the HS2 project would cover not just planning but also environmental conditions (e.g. noise, dust and vibration). HS2 had established a complaints process to manage and deal with complaints from those affected by construction in the first instance. It was felt that escalations from the HS2 complaints process would likely involve AVDC officers and Members and, despite HS2 not committing to covering the costs of these investigations, recompense would be sought from the additional work. AVDC had also offered HS2 the possibility of having their staff work at The Gateway to aid communication which was under HS2's consideration.
- ii. It was hoped that an additional full-time post would be approved and recruited in order to replace a long term agency worker who had assisted in meeting increased demand. Further recruitment would take place if deemed necessary by the enforcement service after the implementation of a new back office database system which was software that intended to assist in the enforcement process.
- iii. Whilst it was appreciated that enforcement issues had potential impacts on residents, there was an issue of complainants' expectations of outcome vs reality of outcome. The need was to focus on managing expectations, resolving complaints as quickly as possible and clearly explaining the rationale behind enforcement decisions.
- iv. Parish communication was important with meetings had on issues as necessary. An upcoming Parish Conference was scheduled on 20 February with enforcement on the agenda whilst an enforcement update was normally discussed at the quarterly AVALC meetings.
- v. The way that planning enforcement complaints were prioritised was set out in the Planning Enforcement plan as Low, Medium and High. These ratings were thresholds based on case law, experience and government guidance. Any decision for no-action was based on whether action was appropriate or legal in the particular case circumstances. This needed to be made clearer to those involved in the complaint.
- vi. Developers were generally compliant and stayed within the planning conditions.

Members also received a brief update regarding action to deal with suspected ACM cladding on the exterior of Friars House, Aylesbury. Since the last update at Committee 19 December 2017, LGA had distributed legal guidance and advice on actions by other local authorities. Members were advised that a more detailed update would come to Committee when available.

RESOLVED –

That the planning and enforcement update be noted. Members saw the potential benefit of additional staffing within the enforcement service due to development and infrastructure growth within the Vale. It was agreed that an enforcement update would come back to Committee once the new back office database had been implemented and the impact on the service was fully understood.

3. WORK PROGRAMME

Following the Development Management update, Members considered the additional information on the service that they wanted to come to Committee and agreed on the following:

- Staffing number projections and application number projections
- Budget/Costs

- Time and resourcing for recruitment as well as more detail on recruitment activity

The Committee then discussed their upcoming work programme and noted the policy frameworks that would be coming to Committee over the next three meetings. Members also expressed an interest in an item regarding culture in Aylesbury Town Centre coming to Committee in future.

RESOLVED –

That the work programme and Committee discussion be noted.

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COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE & ANNUAL PLAN 2018-19

1 Purpose

- 1.1 This report provides Members with information about current crime levels, a summary of activity on the delivery of the Aylesbury Vale Community Safety Partnership (AVCSP¹) Plan in 2017/18, and an update on some of the recent and future changes taking place in connection with community safety.

2 Recommendations/for decision

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| 2.1 That Members note the content of the report |
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3 Executive summary

- 3.1 Total recorded crime for the year to date, is currently showing an increase of *16.1%. This equates to an increase of 1324 crimes, as compared with the same period 2016/17. An increase was anticipated due to the fact that crime rates had been generally falling year on year to relatively low levels.
- 3.2 The report provides information about activities completed to date from the AVCSP 2017/18 action plan such as the Purple Flag² application, work around drugs dealing/exploitation and prevention of Burglary to homes.
- 3.3 The AVCSP Strategy for 2017-20 was put in place at the beginning of this year, and the Annual Plan for 2017/18 compiled. A Strategic Assessment identifies priorities for the partnership based on the crime and disorder risks, as well as the Thames Valley Police Strategic Assessment; and a public consultation has also helped inform us of residents' priorities.
- 3.4 This report provides an update on use of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) legislation to deter offending that impacts on communities.

4 Supporting information

- 4.1 Crime has generally been falling in the Vale for the last few years and the Community Safety Partnership did not set numerical targets in the 2016/17 plan as it was felt unlikely that crime would continue to fall. An upward trend in crime can now be seen in Violent Crime, Thefts of pedal cycles and theft from motor vehicles, in particular tool thefts from unattended work vans. From 1st April 2017 to the end of February 2018 overall crime has increased by *16.1% compared to the same period last year. A breakdown showing the changes in different types of crime is provided below. Due to the changes in recording practice a new norm is being established in certain crime types, such as Violent Crime. In order to provide some context, the table below also shows the percentage change for the same categories, over the same time period, for the Thames Valley area.
- 4.2 Notwithstanding the earlier changes in Home Office recording rules, Violent Crime has seen an increase. The Strategic Assessment and further snapshot

¹ The Partnership Plan is drawn up by the AVCSP, which is made up of Aylesbury Vale District Council, Buckinghamshire County Council, Thames Valley Police, Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Authority, Thames Valley Probation, Aylesbury Vale Clinical Commissioning Group, VAHT and HMYOI, Aylesbury. * Figures to be updated at end of year.

² For information about Purple Flag visit

https://www.atcm.org/programmes/purple_flag/WelcometoPurpleFlag

analysis has shown an increase in reporting of violent crime involving young people in schools. Other institutions also account for higher percentages of crime compared with the wider community. The Young Offenders Institute (HMYOI) has its own particular challenges and the governor now sits on the CSP to provide the prison's perspective.

- 4.3 Partnership working with the police and AVDC continues to focus on Burglary to homes and other acquisitive crimes. AVDC Community Safety officers support community engagement and Crime Reduction events in both urban and rural areas. This has seen Burglary rates remain lower than seen in neighbouring areas and forces.
- 4.4 Hate Crime saw a spike this year following the London and Manchester attacks, such crimes have since been reducing month on month and returning to levels seen prior to these events. However, it is recognised that Hate Crime continues to be under-reported and an exciting initiative has been undertaken with a new Interfaith Network being formed, following the Police Crime Commissioners support for Hate Crime Champions being withdrawn. Hate Crime will be a major consideration of this group, going forward.

Crime Type	Crime figures ³ (ytd 1st Apr 2017 – 28 th Feb 2018) Aylesbury Vale	% change compared with 2016/17 Aylesbury Vale	% change in crime figures across Thames Valley
TO BE UPDATED AT END OF YEAR			
All Crime (excluding fraud)	9569 (up 1324)	16.1% Increase	9.4% increase
Violent Crime	Up 386	18.7% Increase	11.4% increase
Robbery	Up 26	57.8% Increase	34.6% increase
Burglary (homes)	Down 27	3.3% Reduction	9.1% increase
Racist Incidents	Up 56	81% Increase	25.8% increase
Homophobic crime	Up 1	6% Increase	17.2% increase
Theft From Vehicle	Up 214	35.4% Increase	12.9% increase
Anti-Social Behaviour	Down 2	-2% Reduction	No comparisons

³ Year to date figures above supplied by Thames Valley Police, sourced 23rd March 2017.

5 Update On The Community Safety Plan 2017/18

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998, requires the Aylesbury Vale Community Safety Partnership (AVCSP) to produce a three year partnership strategy and annual action plans to achieve the priorities set in the strategy. The strategy (2017-2020) has two key priorities:

- **Supporting communities and town centres to become safer, more resilient and cohesive places to live and work.**
- **Work closer in partnership to cut crimes that are of most concern to the public and to protect the most vulnerable members of our community.**

- 5.1 The Annual Plan for 2018/19 is in draft form, and is submitted pending comment from the next meeting of the Community Safety Partnership Strategy Group on Thursday 15 March 2018. It will be published at:

<http://www.aylesburyvalecd.gov.uk/section/communitysafety-partnership-news-and-events>

Aylesbury town centre has held Purple Flag status since 2010. This award recognises the partnership working together to make town centres safer places for visitors and residents. The Community Safety Team have assisted in the submission of a new full application in January 2018. An assessment evening has been arranged for 6th April where Aylesbury partners will be able to showcase the town centre evening and night-time Economy as a safe and vibrant environment, commensurate with a town of its size. The “Night Moves” group has been re-invigorated and this is now focused on activity to support the Purple Flag assessment.

The AVDC Community Safety Team continue to take key roles at a strategic level in relation to Child Sexual Exploitation, Modern Slavery/exploitation, Cyber Crime and the county-wide substance misuse action groups; along with other partners within the CSP. This interaction informs CSP actions in the annual plan.

Crime reduction and engagement events had been carried out throughout the Vale, especially in the rural areas, offering home safety and tool marking advice. A public meeting called by police in response to community concerns in Buckingham demonstrated a joint approach to a spike in tool thefts from contractors vans. Bucks Fire and Rescue Service continue to provide crime reduction advice as part of their events and Home Safety checks.

The CSP undertook a Locality Review in November 2017, which was carried out by the Violence and Vulnerable Exploitation Unit, a team aligned with the Home Office. This was focussed on “County Lines” drugs exploitation and involved the wider partnership from Social Care, Drug and Alcohol services, as well as youth services and voluntary groups. The full report provided recommendations that will inform this year’s CSP plan. The joint agency Vulnerable Tenancy Group, which takes cognisance of those individuals exploited in their homes, was held up as good practice within the review’s report.

National campaigns in relation to security and personal safety have been supported and social media employed to focus messages on key demographics, for example the “White Ribbon” campaign aimed at the reduction of male violence against women and girls, as well as Thames Valley Police’s Hidden Harm campaign around Modern Slavery.

Housing officers from AVDC supported a police operation to safeguard suspected victims of Modern Slavery in a neighbouring CSP area. Housing Advisors were on standby but not eventually required.

6 Examples of upcoming projects/initiatives for 2018/19 include:

The Aylesbury Vale CSP Strategy and Annual Plan builds on the closer partnership working from the previous year's plan. A problem-solving approach involving as wider partnership as possible will continue to form the basis of tackling crime and disorder, whilst empowering communities to be more resilient. Emergency Planning and Resilience, having been aligned with the Community Safety sector in AVDC has seen a temporary increase in resource to ensure the responsibility under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 is carried out.

The Community Safety discipline will continue to focus activity on acquisitive crimes, such as burglary to homes, and support a multi-agency approach to raise awareness of home and personal security. Joint events are likely increase due to the overall increase in crime across Aylesbury Vale.

At the same time, partners will continue working to tackle some of the highest priority crimes, such as organised drug dealing gangs who exploit the vulnerable. Initiatives such as the Complex Needs and Vulnerable Tenancy Group will continue to support those at risk of losing their homes or those who have already lost their homes through being exploited by criminal gangs.

Anti-Social Behaviour, along with crime is often the symptom of complex issues within families and communities and one that can lead to homelessness should it not be resolved. As homelessness duties for AVDC change in line with the Homeless Reduction Act 2017, (which sees a shift change to prevention through early support and intervention), emphasis will be placed via the ASB Tactical Advisory Group (TAG) on encouraging partner agencies to offer earlier intervention, assistance and signposting of perpetrators to relevant support agencies in order to further reduce the risk of homelessness. Support and advice on anti-social behaviour for private landlords has also been identified as an emerging area of need and one that will be a point of focus.

Youth Concern, TVP and AVDC have received funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner to run a youth project in partnership aimed at vulnerable young people who are in danger of being trapped into county lines and other criminal activity in the district. The project will deliver sessions on grooming and exploitation, addressing social cohesion between young people from BME and those from white communities. Participants will also discuss practises of Stop and Search operations.

7 Annual plan 2018/19

7.1 The new Community Safety Annual Plan for 2018/19 has been drafted. The strategic assessment⁴ has been updated and shows the two priorities of the current strategy are still valid. A summary of key points around these areas are:

(i) Violent crime accounts for 25.4% of all reported crime in Aylesbury Vale. This is similar to the previous year which showed 25.12%** . There has been a rise in offences linked to the early hours of the morning during the night time economy. A proportion of this also relates to younger victims outside of school hours. Further analytical work will take place to provide the partnership with more information around violent crime, such as high risk locations, times or dates.

iii) Within the 2017/18 CSP Consultation, Burglary and Cyber Crime were the crimes where members of the community felt the most concerned of them or their family becoming a victim. Only 11% reported not feeling worried about Burglary and 18% reported not feeling worried about Cyber Crime with the remaining feeling a little worried to extremely worried. Although Aylesbury Vale Burglary levels are down for 2017/18 compared with 2016/17 it remains important to increasingly reassure members of the community, providing information as to how they can prevent themselves from becoming victims. Within the CSP Consultation over 45% of responders felt that the CSP should prioritise Burglary within the Annual Plan 2018/19.

iiii) The National Crime Agency (NCA) estimates that the cost of cyber-crime to the UK economy is billions of pounds per annum and growing. Under reporting by organisations and individuals means that the full scale of the cyber-crime threat in the UK is unknown. In line with the Thames Valley Cyber Crime Strategy 2017-20, the CSP will work to prevent and deter people who could be, or are, drawn into cyber criminality as well as providing public awareness messages through training and campaigns to those who are vulnerable of becoming a victim.

(iiiiii) Other areas of crime include CSE, "County Lines" model of drug dealing and other forms of exploitation such as Modern Day Slavery, Forced Marriage and Female Genital Mutilation. Work is continuing to help the partnership understand the scale of these crimes in the Vale, and across Buckinghamshire. Whilst the number of victims of these types of offences is low, they have a high impact on the victims and the local community and these crimes achieved the lowest results in the 2017 CSP consultation in relation to how informed individuals felt about the risks of these crime types.

7.2 Each year the AVCSP consults with residents about the priorities for the new action plan. We also ask people to tell us how safe they feel in their neighbourhood, town centre or place of work, how informed they feel about the emerging areas of crime and where they would seek information. The results of this year's survey will help to shape the activities and awareness raising campaigns during 2018/19.

⁴ CSP's have a duty to conduct annual reviews of crime, known as strategic assessments, to help identify priorities for action. ** As at March 2018 (TVP)

8 Update on the Antisocial Behaviour (ASB), Crime and Policing Act 2014.

- 8.1 Reducing ASB incidents is one of the AVCSP's objectives. During 2017/18 there has been an decrease of -2% in incidents of Anti-Social behaviour.
- 8.2 A partnership approach continues to be taken towards tackling ASB. A co-located team working from AVDC offices or Aylesbury police station is staffed by the AVDC ASB Officer and a police constable. They work with partners, giving tactical advice to neighbourhood police teams, local housing providers and other partners to deal with incidents of ASB. Through the multi-agency Tactical Advisory Group, priority cases are discussed and recommendations made around utilising ASB powers as well as lower level sanctions to disrupt ASB activity. In 2017/18 there have been no requests for a review of ASB cases where the applicant considered that no action was being taken (otherwise known as the Community Trigger); compared with three cases in 2016/17.

9 Other information

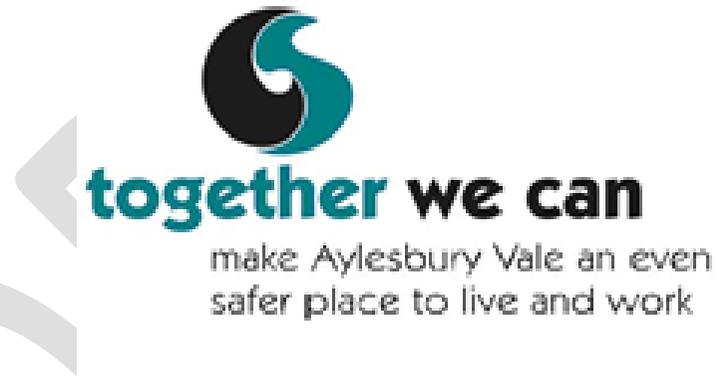
- 9.1 Section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 places a duty on certain bodies, including local authorities, in the exercise of their functions, to have "due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism". One of the key enablers in carrying out this duty is effective partnership working and co-operation, and this takes place locally through the AVCSP and the countywide Safer and Stronger Partnership Board. All members of the CSP are represented at the Bucks Prevent Network meetings where actions from the county Prevent Action Plan are discussed and implemented. The Workshop to Raise Awareness about PREVENT (WRAP) has been rolled out to AVDC staff and elected members, and complies with the new county-wide Prevent Training Strategy. Training figures including frontline staff and managers will be available from April 2018. The training programme continues with two AVDC officers now accredited by the Home Office to provide WRAP sessions.

This report is amended following the Community Safety Partnership Meeting on the 15th March and is subject to comments from the Environment & Living Scrutiny Committee to be held on Wednesday 28th March 2018.

The Aylesbury Vale Community Safety Partnership Annual Plan 2018-19 has been amended to include:

- i) Expansion of action around joint Night-time Economy activity with police and AVDC enforcement.**
- ii) Exploration of Civil Injunctions in partnership with VAHT.**
- iii) Removal of Cyber Segmentation activity, pending further form the Home Office.**
- iv) Addition of supporting Community Warden schemes.**
- v) Amendment to wording around Modern Slavery Statements.**
- vi) Addition of action around communication of reporting methods in regards Anti-Social behaviour.**

Aylesbury Vale Community Safety Partnership.



Community Safety Strategy 2017 to 2020

and

Annual Plan 2018 to 2019

Vision statement

To make everyone who lives, works and visits Aylesbury Vale feel safer.

Background

Aylesbury Vale is one of the safest places to live and work in the Thames Valley area. We strive to keep it that way, working with local partners to tackle crime and disorder and its root causes. The total number of crimes per 1,000 population in Aylesbury Vale in 2016/17 was 60.03, as compared with 74.94 crimes per 1,000 in the Thames Valley area.¹

Community Safety is the term used to describe the work we undertake with communities and partners to tackle crime, disorder, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime. The Aylesbury Vale Community Safety Partnership (AVCSP) was established in 1998 following the implementation of the Crime and Disorder Act, which made this way of working a statutory function. Section 17 of the Act imposes a duty on responsible authorities to:

“Without prejudice to any other obligation imposed upon it -

- to have due regard to the likely impact of all of their daily functions and services on crime and disorder, and;
- to take reasonable and proportionate action with regard to crime and disorder reduction in all areas of their work.”

Later amended by further legislation to include:

“anti-social behaviour and other behaviour adversely effecting the local environment, the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances and re-offending...”

The Aylesbury Vale Community Safety Partnership is made up of the following organisations:

- Aylesbury Vale District Council
- Buckinghamshire County Council (this includes the Youth offending Service)
- Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service
- Aylesbury Vale Clinical Commissioning Group (AVCCG)
- Thames Valley Police (Aylesbury)
- National Probation Service (NPS)
- Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC)

¹ TVP to provide population crime figures for 2017/18 at the end of the working year.

- Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust (VAHT)
- HMP Young offenders (HMYOI)

Setting the strategy

The Police and Justice Act 2006 requires all Community Safety Partnerships to undertake a strategic assessment once a year. In addition to this, the partnership engages with communities to gain a better understanding of the issues that are of most concern to them. For the last eight years AVCSP have consulted with communities about the priorities for its annual action plans. This has been done each year by sending a crime survey using various means of the media.

Crime has followed similar temporal trends to previous years with Burglary Dwelling peaking in the winter months and Sexual Offences peaking in the summer/autumn months. Shoplifting continues to occur primarily during the early afternoon hours and Domestic Violence occurs primarily in the after work hours of the early evening. Violent Crime has seen a rise in offences linked to the early hours of the morning during the night time economy in Aylesbury Vale between the later end of 2017/early 2018 compared with the same period in 2016/17. Reducing numbers of younger victims in communities is a priority for the partnership.²

Burglary to homes continues to cause concern despite lower numbers than the Thames Valley Police force-average. This is especially true in rural areas where communities feel vulnerable due to their more isolated position. The partnership is linked in to the police tasking process and live crime trends, such as rural burglaries, are managed accordingly.

Tool Theft from vans across Aylesbury Vale has seen a 27% increase over 2017/18 compared with 2016/17- with a 36% rise in Buckingham, many of these incidents were down to the same group of individuals who have now been identified through the police tasking process and the majority took place in the rural areas.

Crime subject areas new to this strategy, such as Modern Day Slavery and Serious Organised Crime are not crimes in themselves but describe clusters of crime types which fall within their definition, e.g. drug dealing could be spontaneous and isolated in nature or could be part of more serious organised criminal activity.

There is intelligence emerging around a small number of Organised Crime Groups active within the Aylesbury Vale. Some action within the partnership has already taken place to disrupt the activity of these groups and further work is needed to understand the underlying issues and to address the conditions under which these groups find it possible to operate.

² TVP to provide updated crime figures for 2017/18 at the end of the working year.

Hate Crime³, however, continues to be under reported⁴, highlighting the need to support greater cohesion within our communities⁵ along with increased partnership working.

Anti-Social behaviour has increased by 8% across Aylesbury Vale over the last three years. There are localised issues in neighbourhoods where we will continue to use partnership intervention, involving the communities themselves. There are national examples of neighbourhood based resolution models that have proven successful in supporting communities to deal with specific and localised issues. This will be a focus for our new strategy.

This information supports two strategic priorities for the period of the strategy, these being:

- **Supporting communities and town centres to become safer, more resilient and cohesive places to live and work.**
- **To reduce crimes that are of highest concern to the public and to protect the most vulnerable members of our community through a coordinated partnership approach.**

Based on our consultation survey 2017/18, Burglary and Cyber enabled crime were of most concern for residents, with over 80% of respondents reporting feeling a little worried to extremely worried about becoming a victim of this type of crime. These will continue to be priorities within AVCSA Annual Plan.

Problem-Solving and dealing with underlying causes are key elements of our new strategy. We will work hard with partners and communities to identify areas of vulnerability and high demand to achieve solutions that are sustainable and that make a lasting impact. There will be a greater emphasis on helping communities to identify ways to improve their safety and resilience through restorative approaches⁶, Neighbourhood Watch and warden schemes.

Whilst the Partnership Strategy is for the period 2017 to 2020, the Plan will be revised annually to reflect any emerging or changing trends.

³ Hate crime is defined as any criminal offence which is perceived, by the victim or any other person, to be motivated by a hostility or prejudice based on a personal characteristic.

⁴ 'Challenge it, Report it, Stop it – The Government's Plan to Tackle Hate Crime'

⁵ TVP to provide Hate crime figures for 2017/18 at the end of the working year.

Links with other plans

AVCSP has a reciprocal duty to have regard to the Police and Crime Commissioners Plan and its priorities. There are other plans which are taken into consideration when developing this strategy, which consider countywide areas of common interest, which ensures that together we are more effective and efficient. These include:

- Thames Valley Police Strategic Assessment of Crime
- The Safer Bucks Plan
- Countywide Domestic Abuse strategy

In two-tier local authority areas (such as ours) there is a strategic requirement for the 'County Strategy Group' (the Safer and Stronger Bucks Partnership Board) to prepare an annual 'Community Safety Agreement'. This Agreement should identify:

“(a) the ways in which the responsible authorities and partners in the county area might more effectively implement the priorities set out in the strategic assessment through coordinated or joint working; and

(b) how the responsible authorities and partners in the county area might otherwise reduce crime and disorder or combat substance misuse through coordinated or joint working.”⁷

In Buckinghamshire this is called the Safer Bucks Plan. For some issues it is appropriate to work at a local level and for others it may be more appropriate to work at countywide level for example, on domestic abuse services and treatment services for drug and alcohol misuse. We are committed to working in partnership to deliver the most sensible approach to respond to local need.

Future Challenges 2017-2020

The community safety agenda continues to see significant changes in funding, resources, partners, monitoring arrangements and policy framework. Some of this work is ongoing and we have highlighted the key challenges that we know we need to be addressed over the next three year period. These are:

⁷ New duty for county councils in the Police and Justice Act.

- Further reductions in funding.
- Pressure on partners' budgets; for example for CCTV services, which has initiated a review of the service requirements for Aylesbury, this is on-going. AVDC have conducted a root and branch review to equip itself for the total withdrawal of central government funding in 2020.
- Housing development leading to an increase in population, and further growth expected. This means that partners will need to work ever closer to find ways of reducing demand on their services whilst maintaining a safe environment in which communities and businesses can thrive. Since the last Community Safety strategy was agreed, Thames Valley Police have reviewed their processes and have implemented a new operating model.

Future Opportunities –

More than ever, the AVCSP recognises the important role it has to play in providing communities with information and resources to help them build strong and resilient neighbourhoods, examples include:

- Neighbourhood Watch and similar schemes, such as Street Associations and Community Wardens.
- Aylesbury Street Angels scheme, organised by local churches provide additional support to users of the town centre economy in the evenings.
- Ask For Angela initiative, sexual violence campaign aiming to help individuals feel safe when they are on a night out.
- Safe Places scheme, providing safe havens for vulnerable individuals if they need help/reassurance when they are out in the community.
- Thames Valley Alert, websites and social media; such as Twitter and Facebook provide opportunities to allow individuals within communities to hear about crime and disorder issues that are pertinent to the area they live or work, and obtain advice on taking appropriate action to prevent themselves and their families becoming victims of crime.
- Country Watch, working in partnership with rural businesses and communities to help prevent them becoming victims of crime.
- Liaising with Parish Council's about local issues/concerns and keeping them updated on current crime campaigns.

The key principles to underpin the Partnership strategy are:

- The development of relationships between the AVCSP and local groups.
- Open and clear communication with the public.
- Making community safety engagement 'worthwhile' for local groups.
- Understanding the diverse groups and respective needs within the Vale.

This Plan will be shared with communities in order to inform them of the priorities. We keep them and partners informed of progress via the following ways;

- Local Area Forums
- Local press/radio
- Quarterly newsletters
- Crime reduction initiatives i.e. posters, bill boards, community awareness roadshow
- Thames Valley Police Have Your Say Events
- Twitter, Facebook, and Thames Valley Alert.
- AVDC website www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/section/emergencies-safety-and-crime
- Annual Community Safety Survey
- Thames Valley Police website, your neighbourhood.
- Parish Council's meetings
- Community communications channels such as Parish newsletters.

AVCSP continues to support and work with groups like these to identify issues of greatest concern as well as ways of tackling crime.

Annual Plan 2018/19.

The main priorities that the Community Safety Plan 2018/19 are working towards, are also reflected in the Thames Valley Police plan and include;

- Reducing crime compared to 2017/18 and preventing harm.

Following the Purple Flag accreditation process we formed a working group of interested parties to help deliver the priorities for action in Aylesbury town centre and to ensure our success in the reassessment in 2018.

The Buckinghamshire Substance Misuse Strategy was introduced in 2016 to cover the next 5 years.

The Thames Valley Cyber Crime Strategy and Buckinghamshire Exploitation Strategy were introduced in 2017 to cover the next 3 years- the AVCSP will work with partners to deliver on these plans.

As outlined in the strategy there are also a number of projects which the AVCSP will continue to support because of the valuable role they play in creating a safer town centre and these include:

- The CCTV Partnership
- Aylesbury Business Against Crime group (ABACG)⁸
- Pubwatch

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To retain the purple flag in 2018/19	Implement the purple flag action plan 2018/19 for Aylesbury town Centre.	NTE group, Partnership resources	April 2018/2019	
	Work towards reassessment of the Purple Flag award in April 2018 and light touch reassessment in April 2019- raising awareness of the status encouraging a greater NTE.	AVDC lead, Partnership resources	April 2018/2019	

⁸ This group was rebranded in 2012 to include organisations outside the retail sector.

Target	Activity	Lead Agency or resource	Timescale	Updates
<p>Reduce violent crime, related to the night time economy in Aylesbury Vale's town centres. (compared with 2017/18)</p>	<p>Working with AVDC licensing and the NTE Group in Aylesbury - to conduct a publicity campaign in licensed premises warning of the dangers of excessive alcohol consumption and reminding people of how to stay safe when travelling home.</p>	<p>Night time Economy group</p>	<p>January 2019</p>	
	<p>Continue to Roll out 'Ask For Angela' initiative across Aylesbury Vale increasing the number of supporting businesses and sexual violence awareness amongst the Community.</p>	<p>AVDC</p>	<p>March 2019</p>	

Priority 2: To reduce crimes that are of highest concern to the public and to protect the most vulnerable members of our community through a coordinated partnership approach.

Target	Activity	Lead agency or resource	Timescale	Updates
<p>Reduce Burglary compared with 2017/18 in both the towns and rurals.</p>	<p>Use the police tasking process to identify areas of the Vale which are experiencing higher levels of burglary and provide crime prevention advice/campaigns.</p>	<p>AVDC Community Safety team</p>	<p>March 2019</p>	
	<p>Include as part of the wintertime and summertime burglary campaigns, specific information in regards to outbuildings, sheds and garages- attending further events than 2017/18 due to the increase in overall crime rate.</p>	<p>AVDC/TVP</p>	<p>March 2019</p>	
	<p>Visit farms and provide crime prevention advice to reduce theft; encourage sign up to Country Watch and the Thames Valley Alert system. Encouraging the Farmers association to attend the Independent Advisory Group in order to increase information sharing in relation to rural crime.</p>	<p>AVDC/TVP</p>	<p>March 2019</p>	

Target	Activity	Lead agency or resource	Timescale	Updates
Reduce tool thefts from vans compared with 2017/18	Raise awareness of tool thefts, providing information on how to keep vehicles secure, arranging tool marking events in areas which have previously been affected or are likely to be hit.	AVDC/TVP	March 2019	
Reduce the level of Violent Crime.	Reduce the levels of repeat victimisation in domestic abuse by raising awareness of support services and supporting campaigns.	TVP/AVDC	March 2019	
	Reducing the negative impact of crime and reoffending through the reinvigoration of Integrated Offender Management.	AVDC/TVP	March 2019	
	Promote and develop Domestic Violence champions within partnership organisations.	AVDC/BCC	March 2019	
	Use the police tasking process to identify areas of the Vale which are experiencing higher levels of violent crime, especially involving younger victims.	TVP/AVDC	March 2019	
	Explore avenues for providing analytical products where focussed information can be provided to the partnership and targeted work to reduce the levels of Violent Crime can take	AVDC/TVP	March 2019	

Target	Activity	Lead agency or resource	Timescale	Updates
	place.			
Reduce the level of ASB.	Continue to impact on persistent and resistant ASB through closer partnership problem-solving, E.g. Tactical Advisory Group	AVDC/TVP	March 2019	
	Encourage early intervention and victim support amongst partner agencies to complement AVDC's revised Housing duties under the Homeless Reduction Act 2017.	AVDC	March 2019	
	Provide support and advice to private landlords on ASB in relation to their tenants.	AVDC/TVP	March 2019	
	Continue to use powers and tools, such as the Community Trigger and Closure Orders to tackle ASB.	AVDC/TVP	March 2019	
	Coordinate regular problem solving partnership meetings in order to discuss reoccurring ASB issues within Aylesbury Vale.	AVDC/TVP	March 2019	
	Build community resilience by using restorative approaches – Community Resolution Project	AVDC	March 2018	

Target	Activity	Lead agency or resource	Timescale	Updates
Contribute to an increased sense of community awareness and social responsibility in Year 6 school children.	Encourage young people to get involved with their local communities by organising a Community Safety Schools event based on the Community Cards initiative. ⁹	AVDC	July 2018 (planning since September 2017)	
Reduce levels of crime associated with drug dealing and substance/alcohol misuse and raise awareness amongst the community regarding the related risks.	Run drug awareness initiatives in areas of high concern-signposting to supporting agencies.	BCC/AVDC	March 2019	
	Explore key recommendations from the 2017 Institute of Community Safety local assessment of gangs and organised crime groups. Work with partners around governance, identifying good practice.	AVDC/TVP	March 2019	
	Work in partnership to tackle Organised Crime Gangs, taking an "Achilles Heel" approach and supporting Operation Stronghold principles.	TVP/AVDC	March 2019	

⁹ Community Cards is a fun competition for year 6 school children which encourages engagement with diverse faith groups, emergency services and other community based services to broaden awareness and encourage citizenship.

Target	Activity	Lead agency or resource	Timescale	Updates
	Work in partnership to improve relations between BME Youth Groups and Aylesbury Vale Police Force around stop and search operations through the Police and Crime Commissioner funded Youth Social Cohesion Project.	AVDC/TVP	May 2018	
Raise awareness of cyber crime and online safety in line with the Thames Valley Cyber Crime Strategy 2017-2020.	Raise awareness of scams that target older people linking with trading standards	BCC/TVP	March 2019	
	Raise awareness amongst young people on how to use the internet safely- supporting schools and young carers.	BCC/AVDC/TVP	March 2019	
	Continue to support the Home Office "Cyber Segmentation" Initiative. Identifying effective engagement and education with at risk groups including businesses.	TVP	March 2019	

Target	Activity	Lead agency or resource	Timescale	Updates
<p>Improve the protection of vulnerable people by working with our partners to ensure that the most at risk are identified and the risk is reduced.</p>	<p>Continue running the joint Vulnerable Tenancy Group/ Complex Needs Group. Identify those at risk of exploitation by gangs and organised criminals. Improve information sharing between police and partners supporting vulnerable migrants and rough sleepers.</p>	<p>AVDC</p>	<p>March 2019</p>	
	<p>Promote and support Scams awareness programmes aimed at younger people, especially in relation to identity fraud.</p>	<p>Trading Standards/ AVDC</p>	<p>March 2019</p>	
	<p>Continue to identify those at risk of child sexual exploitation and radicalisation, and those who seek to exploit them.</p>	<p>Safeguarding Boards</p>	<p>March 2019</p>	
	<p>Continue to promote "Hotel Watch" to local hotels/guest houses in the Vale area. Measuring effectiveness through 'mystery-shopping' activity.</p>	<p>AVDC/TVP</p>	<p>March 2019</p>	
	<p>Raise awareness and encourage reporting of Hate Crime through further development of Hate Crime Champions. Continue running the Hate Crime Network with the</p>	<p>AVDC</p>	<p>September 2018</p>	

Target	Activity	Lead agency or resource	Timescale	Updates
	view that the Interfaith Network could potentially take on.			
	Align Prevent & Tackling Radicalisation training packages with the Buckinghamshire wide Prevent Training Strategy- working with partners to coordinate community awareness campaigns in relation to tackling terrorism and serious organised crime.	AVDC/TVP/BCC	March 2019	
	Provide space for Victim Support to engage with clients on a six monthly trial basis.	AVDC	March 2019	
	Improve awareness of more hidden forms of abuse such as coercive control, stalking, harassment, honour based abuse, Female Genital Mutilation and forced marriage.	TVP/AVDC/HEALTH/OXFORD AGAINST CUTTING	March 2019	
Raise community awareness around the risks of Modern Slavery as identified by the 2017 annual consultation.	Support the PCC Funded 'Rahab Project' -arranging training sessions for all front line staff members in relation to spotting the signs and the reporting process.	AVDC/BCC	March 2019	

Target	Activity	Lead agency or resource	Timescale	Updates
	Working with local businesses-educating them on the signs of Modern Slavery ensuring that their Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement is updated/reviewed annually. Identifying good practice through the Thames Valley and Buckinghamshire Anti-Slavery Network.	TVP	March 2019	
	Support the TVP 'Hidden Harm Campaign' – raising awareness of abuse and encourage reporting across Buckinghamshire.	TVP	March 2019	
Prevent and Identify risks or incidents that are likely to cause Community Tension.	Sharing information with partners in order to put together Community Tension reports - prevention work to be put in place in order to prevent future incidents/tensions.	AVDC/TVP	Quarterly	
	Work with Gypsy Roma Traveller sites in order to reduce levels of ASB and community tension.	AVDC/TVP/BCC	March 2019	
Improve safety on our roads through partnership initiatives aimed at reducing casualties and	Establish a multi-agency Task & Finish group to develop work in areas, such as "Community Speedwatch", cyclists, pedestrians and younger driver	BCC/AVDC/TVP	March 2019	

Target	Activity	Lead agency or resource	Timescale	Updates
promoting good driver behaviour.	behaviour.			
Raise the profile of AVCSP Communications	Explore options to host a webpage and Twitter page- sending out regular communications based around the work of the CSP.	AVDC	March 2019	

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To retain the purple flag in 2018.	Implement the purple flag action plan 2017/18 for Aylesbury town Centre.	NTE group, Partnership resources	January 2018	Town centre multi-agency “Night Moves” group has been re-invigorated. Action plan agreed around assessment evening, following submission of full application. Night time economy policing strategy is now in place, with police representation on “Night Moves” group.	GREEN
	Apply for reassessment of the award in January 2018.	AVDC lead, Partnership resources	March 2018	Full assessment process deadline for submission has been met. Public survey results and feedback from Street Angels has supported the application. Assessment evening scheduled for 6 th April 2018.	GREEN

Target	Activity	Lead Agency or resource	Timescale	Updates	RAG
Reduce violent crime, related to the night time economy in Aylesbury Vale's town centres. (compared with 2016/17).	Working with AVDC licensing and the NTE Group in Aylesbury (including Pubwatch) - to conduct publicity campaign in licensed premises warning of the dangers of excessive alcohol consumption and reminding people of how to stay safe when travelling home.	Night time Economy group	March 2018	<p>During January 2018 Aylesbury Vale experienced 16 offences. This is an increase on the same period last year with an addition of 9 offences (+128%). These offences which occurred in 2018 were located mostly in late night venues. Whilst there were more offences occurring last month than the previous year, recent months have seen similar or increased levels of violence related to NTE. In November 2017 there were 19 offences and in December 2017 there were 12 offences. Whilst there were more offences occurring in Nov 2017 than Nov 2016 (7), there were less offences occurring in Dec 2017 than Dec 2016 (25). NTE annual figs to be provided at the end of year (TVP)</p> <p>“Ask for Angela” campaign rolled out in pubs/clubs across Aylesbury and Buckingham, to support potential victims of violent sexual crime. Eleven locations have been signed up in Aylesbury and three in Buckingham. Bus ticket campaign conducted in support of this initiative.</p> <p>Responses to Twitter and Facebook communication of the campaign prompted interest and debate around safety in the Night-time economy. The AVDC ‘Ask For Angela’ Facebook post was one of the most popular ever- it reached 60,312 people, had 607 shares and 135 comments. On Twitter it had 3,272 impressions, 17 retweets and 12 likes.</p>	AMBER

Target	Activity	Lead Agency or resource	Timescale	Updates	RAG
	Identifying good practice from the Purple Flag work and roll out initiatives to other town centres.	AVDC	January 2018	<p>Full assessment process reviewed work carried out to achieve previous Purple Flag Awards. This has informed good practice for this year's application. "Ask for Angela" was rolled out to Buckingham after a successful launch in Aylesbury Town.</p> <p>The Safe Places Scheme has been rolled out to three NTE venues in Buckingham, NTE Safe Places are being planned for Aylesbury.</p>	GREEN
Reduce the level of ASB associated with Street drinking in Aylesbury Town Centre.	Identify perpetrators and develop supporting action plans to reduce their persistent alcohol and drug misuse and associated ASB.	AVDC, TVP	March 2018	<p>Complex Needs Group meeting now amalgamated with Vulnerable Tenancy Group to spread resources and identify perpetrators who sit in both areas of work. Action plans are agreed with partners from probation, Aylesbury Homeless Action Group, One Recovery Bucks, Etc.</p> <p>2 x Criminal Behaviour Orders obtained on key individuals who frequented the town centre and who's criminality manifested itself in Anti-Social Behaviour. Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) utilised to evidence CBOs which have reduced offending .</p> <p>Op Accrue targeting youth ASB in early evening. Various process used to disrupt group, such as bail conditions, ABCs and consideration of CBOs; resulted in a reduction of ASB/Crime incidents. Gang injunction considered but no evidence found to support this.</p>	GREEN

Priority 2: Work closer in partnership to cut crimes that are of most concern to the public and to protect the most

vulnerable members of our community.

Target	Activity	Lead agency or resource	Timescale	Updates	RAG
Reduce Burglary compared with 2016/17.	Use the police tasking process to identify areas of the Vale which are experiencing higher levels of burglary and provide crime prevention advice/campaigns.	AVDC Community Safety team	Ongoing	<p>Regular AVDC Community Safety Team and Bucks Fire & Rescue Service attendance at Police TT&CG meetings ensure wider partnership approach to tackling priorities, including Burglary to dwellings.</p> <p>AVDC Community Safety Team continue to link in with police to provide joint crime reduction events in both urban and rural settings.</p> <p>Current YTD figures show an increase of just 2 offences.</p> <p>Current burglary dwelling levels for TVP show an overall increase of 0.3%. Figures to be provided by TVP at the end of the working year.</p>	GREEN
	Include as part of the wintertime and summertime burglary campaigns, specific information in regards to outbuildings, sheds and garages.	AVDC/TVP	March 2018	<p>Joint Crime Reduction engagement events carried by TVP and AVDC Community Safety team, at various venues.</p> <p>AVDC Community Safety have attended eighteen Crime Prevention/Have Your Say meetings in partnership with TVP between April 2017-March 2018. Ten of these took place in Aylesbury Town.</p> <p>Bucks Fire & rescue engaged in spreading appropriate messages during Home Safety Checks and events.</p>	

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Reduce the level of Violent Crime.	Reduce the levels of repeat victimisation in domestic abuse by raising awareness of support services.	TVP AVDC/BCC	March 2018	<p>AVDC, Bucks CC Social Care and third sector partner attendance at Safe Hub initiative lead by TVP, and held within the town centre. This has supported engagement with vulnerable individuals and signposting to Domestic Violence support services, such as Women's Aid.</p> <p>Police Problem-Solving Team tasked with reducing repeat Domestic Violence. AVDC support given to Anti-Social behaviour order in relation to repeat perpetrator of Domestic Violence as part of wider package. Recorded crime of Domestic Abuse incidents has seen an increase, year to date of 11% (06/03/18) TVP- Demand reduction meetings began February 2018. No comparative repeat victimisation figures can be provided at this time.</p> <p>White Ribbon campaign supported via social media, in conjunction with Aylesbury Women's Aid and Bucks CC Community Safety Team.</p> <p>Aylesbury Women's Aid figures for 2017/18 (although the year hasn't ended) are 469 cases compared with the same figure in 2016/17.</p>	GREEN
	Promote and develop Domestic Violence champions.	TVP AVDC/BCC	March 2018	<p>DVA Champions scheme developed through active recruitment within businesses in the Safer Places Scheme. Joint activity with Bucks CC and AVDC.</p> <p>Promotional events at Bucks CC and AVDC offices have been held and champions recruited.</p> <p>Bucks CC have set the training dates for 2018</p>	

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				so new champions can be trained. Bucks CC Community Safety will organise and deliver the training alongside members of the training pool. Bucks CC have set the quarterly champion networking meeting dates for 2018 in order to bolster the knowledge of current champions through renowned guest speakers and peer discussion. AVDC officers attending.	
	Use the police tasking process to identify areas of the Vale which are experiencing higher levels of violent crime, especially involving younger victims.	TVP/AVDC	March 2018	Regular AVDC Community Safety Team attendance at Police TT&CG mtgs. Data from Strategic Assessment and Year-to-date figures from Police analysts used to inform the TVP Violent Crime Plan. More recently, TVP resources in the town centre have been prioritised due to incidents of violence. There has been a noticeable rise in violent offences linked to NTE in Aylesbury Vale between November 2017-January 2018 compared with the same period in 2016-17 associated mainly during Aylesbury Town NTE.	GREEN
Reduce the levels of rural burglary, both to homes and outbuildings.	Visit farms and churches and provide crime prevention advice to reduce theft; and encourage sign up to Country Watch and the Thames Valley Alert system.	TVP/AVDC	March 2018	Joint Crime Reduction engagement events diarised and being carried out between TVP and AVDC, at various venues within rural communities promoted via social media channels, online and through TVP quarterly newsletters. Rural Crime prevention events carried out including tool marking- AVDC Community Safety attended eighteen Crime Prevention/Have Your Say meetings in	GREEN

Target	Activity	Lead agency or resource	Timescale	Updates	RAG
				<p>partnership with TVP between April 2017-March 2018. Eight of these took place in the rural areas and Buckingham.</p> <p>TVP partnership disruption operations have taken place on Eastern Boarders.</p> <p>In a rolling 12 month period, there has been a reduction of 51% of reported burglary dwellings in the Wing District (34 compared to 70 in the same comparative period) and an overall reduction of burglary dwelling offences across the LPA of 3%.</p> <p>All adjacent LPA's have seen considerable rises in burglary dwellings over the same comparable rolling 12 months (Chiltern increase of 51%, Milton Keynes increase of 26% and High Wycombe increase of 19%). (Figures as of 06/03/18)</p> <p>Lead thefts from churches now reduced to minimal levels.</p>	
Reduce the level of ASB.	Address persistent and resistant ASB through closer partnership problem-solving, E.g. Tactical Advisory Group	AVDC/TVP	March 2018	<p>TAG meets monthly, BAU</p> <p>A positive example being a tenant of a housing association who had Complex Needs. A number of complaints were received by the RSL regarding ASB perpetrated by the tenant and her son and after effective management involving Thames Valley Housing, NHPT, BCC Adult Safeguarding, SMART and Bucks Floating</p>	GREEN

Target	Activity	Lead agency or resource	Timescale	Updates	RAG
				Support the ASB was resolved and the case removed from TAG in September 2017 due to no further complaints being received. The tenant continues to receive support from the relevant agencies. Further information to be provided from the RSL in relation to the reduction in complaints.	
	Continue to use powers and tools, such as the Community Trigger and Closure Orders to tackle ASB.	AVDC/TVP	March 2018	<p>Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABCs) and other ASB tactics were used to successfully resolve an upsurge in ASB on the Bedgrove estate.</p> <p>Closure notices employed by TVP in at least three cases to reduce ASB and protect tenants vulnerable to drugs exploitation. 4 x CBOs obtained, leading to demonstrable reductions in ASB and Crime.</p> <p>Community Trigger considered for Wren Path, Fairford Leys. Alternative approach re. CPN warning under consideration but not yet acted on due to no further significant reports to date. Community Trigger process reviewed and updated.</p>	GREEN
	Build community resilience by using restorative approaches – Community Resolution Project	AVDC	March 2018	<p>Working with OPCC to Pilot Community Resolution of ASB, in Aylesbury Vale. Set backs have been experienced with partners, but pilot still commenced on 1st October.</p> <p>A lack of referrals is an issue at this time. VAHT has been engaged in order to encourage referrals from housing providers.</p>	AMBER

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				Meeting with OPCC scheduled for March to discuss position of this project. This action is likely to roll over to the new annual plan.	
Contribute to an increased sense of community awareness and social responsibility in Year 6 school children.	Encourage young people to get involved with their local communities by implementing the Community Cards initiative. ¹	AVDC	March 2018	<p>Community Card Scheme Fact-finding visit made to Chiltern & S. Bucks. Conclusion drawn that the scheme will not transfer in its current guise to Aylesbury Vale and that an alternative model with the same objectives would fit better. Framework for AVDC being worked up with partners, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. McAfee re on-line security. 2. Street Association re intergeneration interactions 3. Women's Aid re healthy relationships 4. Swan Credit Union re money and loan sharks <p>Partnership framework to provide a fun, learning event rather than a traditional Community Cards Scheme, which is more lengthy and resource intensive. Advice from education partners is that organising a one-off event would provide better value.</p> <p>Some 160 pupils from 4 schools will be engaged in the pilot event which is to be held on Friday 6th July 2018 at AVDC offices. This action will, therefore, roll over to next year's annual plan.</p>	AMBER
Reduce the community concern about drug dealing and substance and alcohol misuse as identified by the	Run drug awareness initiatives in areas of high concern	BCC	March 2018	AVCSP partners are working with Public Health to identify initiatives as part of Substance Misuse Strategy through attendance at "Tackling Supply" and "Vulnerable Persons" sub-groups TVP's "Safe-hub" was initiative supported by full	GREEN

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Community Safety Survey 2016.				<p>range of partners to raise awareness of services.</p> <p>Awareness-raising events and social media campaigns supported, along with Bucks CC and One Recovery Bucks. Community Safety</p> <p>Following successful bids for funding from Police Crime Commissioner, AVDC and TVP will commence work with churches and mosques to deliver a youth project for vulnerable individuals in Aylesbury and Buckingham, encompassing drugs and alcohol issues.</p> <p>Have Your Say events attended with TVP in areas where Community Tension is high. Example: Alfred Rose Park residents have been complaining about ASB and substance misuse within the area. A Have Your Say meeting was held in order to get ideas from the Community as to how this problem could be reduced.</p> <p>In the 2017/18 Community Safety Survey the three crimes individuals felt the CSP should prioritise within their 2018/19 Action Plan were: ASB (including substance misuse), Burglary and Violent Crime. Ongoing work in relation to Substance Misuse to be included in the 2018/19 plan.</p>	
	Re-invigorate Vulnerable Tenancy Group (VTG) to identify those at risk of exploitation by gangs.	AVDC		<p>VTG now meeting after TAG (ASB action group), monthly.</p> <p>Further development work was carried out to broaden scope and now includes rough sleepers and Complex Needs subjects.</p>	GREEN

Target	Activity	Lead agency or resource	Timescale	Updates	RAG
				VTG was held up as good practice by Locality Review carried out by Violence, Vulnerability and Exploitation Unit, aligned to the Home Office.	
	Work with the Institute Of Community Safety to conduct a Local Assessment of Gangs and organised crime groups.	AVDC/TVP		Locality Review carried out on 14 th November. 25 different partner agencies from Aylesbury and Bucks took part in a series of focus groups, hosted at the Gateway. A full report has been completed and reviewed by AVCSP. Further activity compiled from recommendations to form part of next year's plan. Key recommendations around governance to be explored with partners in Bucks, good practice identified, e.g. VTG meeting.	GREEN
	Work in partnership to tackle Organised Crime Gangs, taking an "Achilles Heel" approach and supporting Operation Stronghold principles.	TVP/AVDC		<p>AVDC Community Safety Team now attending OCG/PCG meetings by invitation, alongside TVP. "Op. Stronghold" meetings also attended by Community Safety officers, making links to services such as Homelessness and benefits. A recent example of a TVP-led Modern Slavery operation demonstrated this link to provide support to potential victims transported to a reception centre in the Aylesbury Vale area.</p> <p>Gangs and Youth Violence processes were reviewed at County level, via Safer & Stronger Bucks Partnership Board. T/F group included partners from Aylesbury Vale CSP. Conclusions drawn that issues are localised to each CSP. Local processes to continue.</p>	GREEN

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Raise awareness of cyber crime and online safety.	Raise awareness of scams that target older people.	BCC/TVP	March 2018	<p>Joint working with Bucks CC and TVP-wide Community Safety Partnerships compiled the Thames valley-wide Cyber Crime Strategy.</p> <p>AVDC/TVP Local Crime Prevention events held e.g. Birch Court older persons residence.</p> <p>Cyber Crime and Scams information provided at various events across the Vale.</p> <p>Street Associations events in Quarrendon area supported by AVDC Community Safety Team presenting crime reduction advice, including Cyber-crime. Trading Standards social media messaging supported on a regular, ongoing basis.</p>	GREEN
Improve the protection of vulnerable people by working with our partners to ensure that the most at risk are identified and the risk is reduced.	Promote and support Scams awareness programmes aimed at younger people, especially in relation to identity fraud.	Trading Standards/ AVDC	March 2018	<p>Trading Standards social media messaging supported- including Scams Awareness Month.</p> <p>AVDC and Bucks CC Community Safety attended CEOP ThinkUKnow Internet Safety Training Course run by TVP.</p> <p>Joint AVDC/TVP Awareness raising events attended within businesses/local shops- information in relation to scams aimed at younger people provided to parents and young people.</p> <p>Social media posts were shared in relation to local incidents concerning scams. Crime Prevention advice was also circulated through these channels including how to stay safe from</p>	GREEN

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				<p>scams online.</p> <p>Scams Champion Training attended by members of the Community Safety Team- AVDC.</p>	
	<p>Support Home Office “Cyber Segmentation” Initiative. Identifying effective engagement and education with at risk groups.</p>	<p>TVP</p>	<p>March 2018</p>	<p>PCSOs engaged in Face-to-face contact with people at risk of Cyber Crime. AVDC Community Safety Officer supporting awareness raising events.</p> <p>Youth Offending Services Officer conducted around 40 events over 2017/18 and has involved 2000 parents, professionals and vulnerable people raising awareness of online security and safety.</p> <p>Serious Organised Crime (SOC) Segmentation aimed at identifying groups of the UK population by their susceptibility to becoming a victim of serious and organised crime. Cyber segmentation results for Aylesbury Vale- 976 members took part through the Neighbourhood and Home Watch Network- over a third were designated as “relatively savvy” with 35- being “unsuspecting and unprotected” This is likely to be followed up later in 2018 via the Home Office. (SOC Specification can be provided).</p> <p>The Home Office haven’t been able to progress the Segmentation pilot work due to capacity issues. They are awaiting the new Action Fraud reporting tool refresh, due later this year which will enable a wider roll out of the segmentation project. Full results will follow wider testing in 2018.</p>	

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	Continue to identify those at risk of child sexual exploitation and radicalisation, and those who seek to exploit them.	Safeguarding Boards	March 2018	<p>Police Tasking meeting attended regularly by AVDC and Bucks F&RS. CSE risks identified through this forum.</p> <p>AVDC licensing, TVP and Community Safety engaging in Hotel Watch activity to ensure training and awareness raising. Improvement in responses has been seen in repeated “mystery shopping” operations.</p> <p>Bucks Prevent Network is attended by AVDC and TVP partners. AVDC now chairing Training Sub-Group to introduce a county-wide training strategy which falls in line with Safeguarding protocols.</p> <p>2 x AVDC Community Safety officers have been trained to present WRAP to increase the capability of training AVDC staff and elected members, as well as supporting the raising awareness in communities of the need to tackle radicalisation; and safeguarding individuals and families.</p> <p>RAHAB charity were invited to speak about exploitation issues at the Inter Faith Meeting.. As a result there is now dialogue between Rahab and Aylesbury Mosque and a number of churches to arrange delivery of modern slavery</p>	GREEN

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				awareness sessions in these communities.	
	Roll out Chelsea's Choice to all secondary schools in the Vale area, to raise awareness to CSE.	Safeguarding working group	March 2018	<p>Funding has been allocated through S&SBCG to roll out Chelsea's Choice drama again this year. The show was delivered to 11 schools across Aylesbury Vale and approx. 3,783 students which is included in the number of visits across Bucks (31 schools, 8,922 students). A pupil survey was carried out to measure pupils knowledge of the signs of CSE/confidence in reporting both before and after seeing the performance. The results are currently being collated, this is taking longer than expected due to survey software errors.</p> <p>R U Safe attended the Chelsea's Choice performances in order to raise awareness of the support services available for young people in Buckinghamshire and also so that children could speak to someone for support there and then if they had any concerns. Following the performances- between 70-80 young people approached R U Safe, some needed clarification on some aspects of CSE, whilst others were upset and a few made disclosures. All of the schools were offered further awareness raising follow up sessions.</p>	GREEN
	Continue to promote "Hotel Watch" to local hotels/guest houses in the Vale area. Measuring effectiveness through 'mystery-shopping' activity.	AVDC/TVP	March 2018	Joint visits to premises carried out, also linking in with the Buckinghamshire Anti-Slavery Network Modern Slavery agenda. Significant intelligence gained re. suspect activity. Follow up operations carried out, some successful interventions reported.	GREEN

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				<p>In 2017 Test Purchasing took place amongst five hotels across the LPA - one phoned the police, two refused a room due to no ID, one allowed to book a room and the other mentioned to come back the following day when they were no longer fully booked. Full de-briefs were provided and further training to new starters will take place as two of these hotels are now under new management.</p> <p>Compared to 2016- these Hotels had an improved response due to the suspicions raised, in particularly The Best Western- Buckingham 2016 when test purchased the Cadet and Officer were able to book a room, in 2017 the Police were called and the staff member continued to monitor until police arrival.</p> <p>TVP are unable to give exact figures in relation to whether there has been an increase in reporting following the Hotel Watch visits (don't have a list of all related phone calls)- however there are a number of reports that they are aware of which would suggest there has been an increase.</p> <p>Further Test Purchasing to be arranged for 2018/19- the encouragement of reporting to the police upon suspicions will be highlighted- in the 2018/19 plan we will aim to monitor reports associated with Hotel Watch.</p> <p>TVP email address has been set up- Hotels are able to contact this address if there are any Community Safety related issues within or around the Hotels- this information can then be circulated. Hotels were also encouraged to sign</p>	

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				up to Thames Valley Alert.	
	Raise awareness and encourage reporting of Hate Crime through further development of Hate Crime Champions and establishing a Hate Crime Network.	AVDC/TVP	March 2018	<p>A local limited Hate Crime Network is established but on hold following withdrawal of the Police Crime Commissioner support for the force-wide scheme.</p> <p>A local Inter-faith conference was held during Hate Crime Week in October '17. 16th October at the Gateway's Oculus. The group has identified actions where members feel they can collectively provide support to individuals and communities, e.g. around homelessness, drugs and exploitation. The Inter Faith Network has Hate Crime as one of its major considerations. Activity to develop this piece of work will be included in next years plan.</p>	AMBER
Maintain engagement with businesses and develop accessibility of the Safe Places scheme to those in need.	Continue to support the scheme for providing safe "havens" within town centres for the vulnerable or at risk.	AVDC/BCC	March 2018	<p>Premises have been re-visited to ensure staff awareness is up to date and to offer further training, as necessary. Further Safe Places have also been recruited taking the number up to 19 In Aylesbury and 30 in Buckingham, following roll out.</p> <p>Late night opening Safe Places have also been signed up in Buckingham (outside business hours).</p> <p>Bucks CC met with Bucks New University in order to develop a Safe Place Scheme App for use of shops and businesses to help them run their schemes and create an evidence base of effectiveness. AVDC and other districts assisted Bucks CC Community Safety in reviewing the</p>	GREEN

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				prototypes. App to go live in the coming months.	
Improve safety on our roads through partnership initiatives aimed at reducing casualties and promoting good driver behaviour.	Establish a multi-agency Task & Finish group to develop work in areas, such as “Community Speedwatch” and younger driver behaviour.	BCC/AVDC/ TVP	March 2018	<p>The below is a summary of the road safety work carried out in the Vale. Aylesbury Vale CSP will continue to work with partners around this objective and this will be included in next year’s plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance at Safe Drive 2017 – 12 Aylesbury Vale schools attended, taking a total of 1,214 pupils and teachers. • Road safety presentation delivered in Vale schools in 2017, on behalf of the Fire Service and Bucks CC Casualty Reduction Team. 2,117 pupils received this presentation between 1 April and 31st Dec 2017. [10/1/18 • Road Safety Activity carried out by Transport for Bucks this year to date. • Publicity campaigns throughout 2018: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Older Drivers • Younger drivers • Speed reduction • Mobile phones • Drink/drug drive (summer & christmas) • Winter driving • Tyre safety • Seatbelts • Driving assessments for at risk groups of road users • Older Driver Assessments - 90 booked to date this year • Business Drivers and ecodriving – 54 assessments delivered • Motorcycle assessments – 12 delivered during 2017 as a pilot 	GREEN

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young driver assessments – Get in Gear workshop 29 attended and to date 9 practical drives. • Safe Drive Stay Alive – November. Attendance at Safe Drive 2017 – 12 Aylesbury Vale schools attended, taking a total of 1,214 pupils and teachers. • Winter Driving workshops held at Buckingham and Aylesbury • Driving for work presentations delivered to Aylesbury companies • Working in partnership with Aylesbury Vale Driving Instructor Association, Thames Valley Police, Bucks Fire & Rescue 	

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MATERIALS RECYCLING FACILITY PROCUREMENT

Tracey Aldworth

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To update members of the new procurement undertaken in relation to the materials recycling contract for Waste Services.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 To consider the contents of this report and make recommendation to Cabinet Members to approve the contractual arrangements for the Councils materials recycling facility.

3 Supporting information

- 3.1 In 2012 AVDC adopted a mixed recycling collection regime that allowed residents to place paper, glass, plastics bottles, tubs, and trays, cans and tetrapak mixed together into a single recycling bin.
- 3.2 In September 2012 the council began a new contract with a recyclable materials processing facility, known as a MRF. The contract was for a 3+3 year period. This contract is due to expire on 3rd September 2018 and AVDC have no further option to extend the contract.
- 3.3 The original 2012 contract was procured at a time when the materials recycling Market was buoyant and recyclable materials such as paper and card, steel and aluminium cans and some plastic bottles attracted an income for the council of around half a million pounds per year. This income was made up of a fixed payment per tonne
- 3.4 During the first 3 year period of the contract the value of the recycling materials market began to decline and in 2015 AVDC were required to renegotiate the fixed price per tonne. This resulted in a loss of around £250k income per annum to the council.
- 3.5 Since 2015 the materials market has been fluctuating in response to Chinese materials markets requiring less imported recycling. Currently the global materials market is exposed to particular market pressures around plastics and paper and therefore materials are struggling to hold there value.
- 3.6 These market pressures have been passed down the supply chain and councils that are currently procuring new MRF contracts have found that rather than generating income from the recyclable material they collect, they are now being charged a gate fee to process the material.
- 3.7 AVDC undertook a joint procurement with Cherwell DC and South Northants in 2017. The tenders have now been returned and evaluated and a company based in Leicestershire called Casepack has won the contract. The contract is being let on a 3 + 3 year term as before.
- 3.8 Additional supporting information is available in the confidential papers in the report.

4 Options considered

- 4.1 If AVDC do not wish to enter this income share agreement another procurement exercise could be carried out, however there would be no guarantee that an improved gate fee would be secured.

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Background Documents None

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