

SAFER STRONGER COMMUNITIES SELECT COMMITTEE

Report Title	A Safe Lewisham Plan 2018-19		
Ward	All	Item:	5
Contributors	Geeta Subramaniam-Mooney		
Class	Part 1	Date:	5 November 2018

1. Summary

This reports presents the Safe Lewisham Plan 2018-19 to the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee.

2. Recommendations

The Select Committee is recommended to:

Note the contents of the plan and request updates and additional information as required.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 The Safe Lewisham Plan currently monitors spend in relation to the MOPAC funding grant allocation to tackling emerging issues. All other resources are delivered by individual agencies and monitored as appropriate.

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 The Council is under a number of statutory obligations to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour. The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 requires the Council to formulate and implement a strategy for the reduction of crime and disorder; the Anti Social Behaviour 2003 requires the Council as a local housing authority to have policies and procedures for dealing with anti-social behaviour and the Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000 places the Council under a duty to have, when carrying out its functions, due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between persons of different racial groups.
- 4.2 The Local Government Act 1999 places a duty on the local authorities to secure continuous improvement in the way its functions are exercised having regard to the combination of economy, efficiency and effectiveness.
- 4.3 Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000 empowers the local authority to do anything which it considers likely to achieve the promotion or improvement of the economic, social or environmental well-being of all or any persons within the local authority's area.

4.4 These statutory duties amongst others feed into the Council's Safer Lewisham Strategy.

5. Equalities Implications

5.1 Developing safe and secure communities is central to the work of the Council as a whole and in particular to the Community Services Directorate. Reducing and preventing crime, reducing fear of crime and supporting vulnerable communities is critical to the well-being of all our citizens.

6. Crime and Disorder Implications

8.1 Section 17 places a duty on partners to do all they can to reasonably prevent crime and disorder in their area. The level of crime and its impact is influenced by the decisions and activities taken in the day-to-day of local bodies and organisations. The responsible authorities are required to provide a range of services in their community from policing, fire protection, planning, consumer and environmental protection, transport and highways. They each have a key statutory role in providing these services and, in carrying out their core activities, can significantly contribute to reducing crime and improving the quality of life in their area.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

A Safe Lewisham Plan 2018/19 attached at Appendix A.

If you have any queries on this report, please contact Geeta Subramaniam-Mooney, Head of Public Protection and Safety, Directorate for Community Services on 020 8 314 9569