

**Report to: Cabinet**

**Date of Meeting: 5 September 2016**

**Report Title: Management response: Overview and Scrutiny Review of  
Community Safety**

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### **Purpose of Report**

To provide a management response to recommendations made by the Overview and Scrutiny Review team.

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### **Recommendation(s)**

- 1. That Cabinet thank the scrutiny review team for their report**
- 2. That Cabinet approve the recommendations of the Scrutiny Review Team**

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### **Reasons for Recommendations**

To acknowledge and respond to the recommendations arising from the work undertaken by the Scrutiny Review Team.

## Introduction

1. As part of the 2015/16 overview and scrutiny annual work programme a review on Community Safety was undertaken.
2. The purpose of the review was to examine the council's role in terms of existing and future community safety provision in the context of a challenging financial climate.
3. The review considered: performance over recent years as a means of assessing the current community safety landscape; proactive interventions made by the council and partners through the Safer Hastings Partnership; the Sussex Local Policing Model and associated implications for Hastings including the Resolution Centre and St Leonards Police Hub; changes to Adult Social Care and implications for Seaview, before reflecting on the subsequent outlook for the town.

## Recommendations

4. The review concluded with the following recommendations:

### Recommendation 1

A copy of the final report of the review be circulated to key partners including; the Leader of East Sussex County Council, Police and Crime Commissioner, Member of Parliament and the Chair of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

### Recommendation 2

To write to the Police and Crime Commissioner in support of the Police Hub in Central St Leonards

### Recommendation 3

To support the work of the Safer Hastings Partnership (a list of council interventions is appended to the Scrutiny report)

### Recommendation 4

To support the merger of Hastings and Rother crime reduction partnerships to reflect the structure of the policing district. During the pilot the crime reduction partnership will need to ensure that resources are focused on the areas of greatest need. However, the review team were not in favour of a combined crime reduction partnership covering the whole of East Sussex.

### Recommendation 5

To highlight the important work carried out by Seaview in supporting vulnerable people in the town. The joint Hastings and Rother crime reduction partnership will monitor the impact on community safety of any changes to service provision by Seaview, as a result of reductions to their budget.

### Recommendation 6

That Hastings Borough Council continues to allocate funding towards community safety interventions.

## Management Response

5. Recommendations 1-5 are unequivocally supported in this management response.
6. Recommendation 6 is also supported, however it will be important that the decision to allocate funding towards community safety should not take place in isolation from a raft of council services that if reviewed by Scrutiny may also warrant such a recommendation. The scale and extent of such funding is subject to a challenging budget setting and corporate planning process underway for 2017/18. Of course the Council also continues to fund a range of community safety activities e.g. domestic violence work via the Community Partnerships Funding process.

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## Wards Affected

None

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## Policy Implications

Please identify if this report contains any implications for the following:

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| Equalities and Community Cohesiveness | No |
| Crime and Fear of Crime (Section 17)  | No |
| Risk Management                       | No |
| Environmental Issues                  | No |
| Economic/Financial Implications       | No |
| Human Rights Act                      | No |
| Organisational Consequences           | No |
| Local People's Views                  | No |
| Anti-Poverty                          | No |

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## Additional Information

<https://hastingsintranet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s13064/Final%20Report%20Overview%20and%20Scrutiny%20Review%20of%20Community%20Safety.pdf>

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