

# FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

## AGENDA SCRUTINY BOARD

**Date:** Thursday, 25 June 2015

**Time:** 6.00 pm

**Venue:** Collingwood Room - Civic Offices, Fareham

**Members:**

Councillor D C S Swanbrow (Chairman)

Councillor Mrs S M Bayford (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors B Bayford  
Mrs M E Ellerton  
Mrs C L A Hockley  
L Keeble  
A Mandry  
Mrs S Pankhurst  
P W Whittle, JP

**Deputies:** J V Bryant  
R H Price, JP  
D L Steadman  
N J Walker



**1. Apologies for Absence**

**2. Minutes (Pages 1 - 6)**

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the Scrutiny Board meeting held on 19 March 2015.

**3. Chairman's Announcements**

**4. Declarations of Interest and Disclosures of Advice or Directions**

To receive any declarations of interest from members in accordance with Standing Orders and the Council's Code of Conduct and disclosures of advice or directions received from Group Leaders or Political Groups, in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

**5. Deputations**

To receive any deputations of which notice has been lodged.

**6. Review of the Board's Work Programme (Pages 7 - 14)**

To consider a report by the Director of Finance and Resources which invites members to review the Board's work programme for 2015/16.

**7. Annual Report on the Performance of the Fareham Community Safety Partnership (Pages 15 - 24)**

To consider a report by the Director of Community on the performance of the Community Safety Partnership.

**8. Proposed Question and Answer Session with Solent Local Enterprise Partnership**

To give consideration to the nature of questions to be asked at the proposed question and answer session with the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership scheduled on the work programme for 17 September 2015.

**9. Executive Business**

If requested by a member, to consider any item of business dealt with by the Executive, since the last meeting of the Board. The relevant Executive meetings are 20 April 2015 and 18 May 2015. (This will also include any decisions taken by individual Executive members during the same time period.)

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BOROUGH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Scrutiny Board

**(to be confirmed at the next meeting)**

**Date:** Thursday, 19 March 2015

**Venue:** Collingwood Room - Civic Offices, Fareham

**PRESENT:**

Councillor D C S Swanbrow (Chairman)

**Councillors:** Miss S M Bell, Mrs M E Ellerton, M J Ford, JP, Miss T G Harper (deputising for Mrs S M Bayford), T J Howard (deputising for A Mandry) and R H Price, JP (deputising for P W Whittle, JP)



**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from the Vice-Chairman, Councillor Mrs K Mandry and from Councillors Mrs S M Bayford, A Mandry, Mrs S Pankhurst and P W Whittle, JP.

**2. MINUTES**

It was AGREED that the minutes of the meeting of the Scrutiny Board held on 22 January 2015 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no Chairman's announcements.

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURES OF ADVICE OR DIRECTIONS**

There were no declarations of interest or disclosures of advice or directions made at this meeting.

**5. DEPUTATIONS**

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

**6. PRESENTATION BY, AND QUESTIONING OF, THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR POLICY AND RESOURCES**

The Board received a presentation by the Executive Member for Policy and Resources on the performance of services within the Policy and Resources portfolio over approximately the last two years and on future plans. The presentation included details of services relating to Housing Benefits, Democratic Representation, Commercial Estates, Neighbourhood Working, Public Relations and Consultation, Corporate Management, Economic Development, Local Land Charges and Local Tax Collection.

The Executive Member for Policy and Resources answered members' questions concerning the presentation.

It was AGREED that the Executive Member for Policy and Resources be thanked for his presentation.

**7. FINAL REVIEW OF THE BOARD'S WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2014/15 AND DRAFT FOR 2015/16**

The Board considered a report by the Director of Finance and Resources which reviewed the Board's work programme for 2014/15 and suggested a draft work programme for 2015/16.

It was AGREED that:-

- (a) the outcome of the work programme for 2015/16, as shown in Appendix A to the report, be noted;
- (b) the Council be informed that the Board considers that the call-in procedure is operating satisfactorily and that there are no reasons to suggest that the arrangements should be amended for 2015/16;
- (c) the officers be requested to contact the Department of Work and Pensions to enquire about the circumstances relating to the imminent closure of the training centre for the unemployed in Fareham and what arrangements were being put in place for those currently attending the centre to continue their training elsewhere;
- (d) if appropriate, the officers be requested to invite the Department of Work and Pensions to send representatives to the Board meeting on 25 June 2015 for a question and answer session on the matter and, possibly, the partnership concerning the universal credit system that the Council would be required to sign later in 2015;
- (e) if the invitation referred to in (c) above was accepted, an item be added to the work programme for 21 May 2015 for the Board to consider a scoping report on the question and answer session with the Department of Work and Pensions;
- (f) any concerns about patient transport services should be referred to the Executive Member for Health and Housing for onward transmission to the Clinical Commissioning Group;
- (g) information about how the police dealt with drug cases related to homelessness be addressed to the Community Safety Partnership;
- (h) any further suggestions for items to be added to the work programme for 2015/16 be e-mailed to the Chairman, with a copy to the Director of Finance and Resources;
- (i) subject to (c), (d) and (e) above, the draft work programme for 2015/16, as shown in Appendix B to the report, be approved; and
- (j) the draft work programme for 2015/16, as shown in Appendix A to these minutes, be submitted to the Council for endorsement.

## **8. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS**

The Chairman invited members to indicate if they wished to consider any other item of business dealt with by the Executive since the last meeting of the Board. There were no other items of Executive business considered.

(The meeting started at 6.00pm  
and ended at 7.01pm).

**APPENDIX A****SCRUTINY BOARD – DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME 2015/16**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>SCRUTINY BOARD ITEM</b>
21 May 2015	Review of the work programme 2015/16  Scoping Report on question and answer session with Solent Local Enterprise Partnership (proposed)  Scoping Report on question and answer session with Department of Work and Pensions
25 June 2015	Review of the work programme 2015/16  Presentation by, and questioning of, an Executive member  Annual Report on the Performance of the Fareham Community Safety Partnership  Question and answer session with Department of Work and Pensions
17 September 2015	Review of draft Medium Term Finance Strategy  Review of the work programme 2015/16  Question and answer session with Solent Local Enterprise Partnership
19 November 2015	Presentation by, and questioning of, an Executive member  Review of the work programme 2015/16  Review of the implementation of the universal credit system and its impact on the residents of Fareham
14 January 2016	Preliminary overall review of work programme 2015/16 and draft 2016/17  Finance Strategy, Capital Programme, Revenue Budget and Council Tax 2016/17  Housing Revenue Account Budget and Capital Plans 2016/17
17 March 2016	Presentation by, and questioning of, an Executive member  Final review of work programme for 2015/16 and draft for 2016/17.

Items to be assigned:

- Review of the implementation of the universal credit system and its impact on the residents of Fareham
- Minutes of meetings of the Portchester Crematorium Joint Committee (as appropriate)





# FAREHAM

## BOROUGH COUNCIL

### Report to Scrutiny Board

**Date**                    **25 June 2015**

**Report of:**            **Director of Finance and Resources**

**Subject:**              **SCRUTINY BOARD WORK PROGRAMME 2015/16**

#### **SUMMARY**

Items for the draft work programme of the Board for the year were agreed by the Board at its meeting on 19 March 2015 and endorsed by the Council at its meeting on 23 April 2015.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Board is now invited to further review the work programme for 2015/16.

## **INTRODUCTION**

1. At the meeting of the Board on 19 March 2015, members agreed items for the draft work programme of the Board for the current year, 2015/16. The work programme was subsequently confirmed by the Council at its meeting on 23 April 2015. The Board's work programme is set out in Appendix A to this report.

## **RISK ASSESSMENT**

2. There are no significant risk considerations in relation to this report.

## **CONCLUSION**

3. The Board is now invited to further review its work programme for 2015/16.

### **Background Papers:**

None.

### **Reference Papers:**

None.

### **Enquiries:**

For further information on this report please contact Andrew Wannell (Ext 4620).

<b><u>SCRUTINY BOARD WORK PROGRAMME - PROGRESS SINCE LAST MEETING</u></b>				<b>APPENDIX A</b>	
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Type of Item</b>	<b>Action by Board</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Link Officer</b>
19 March 2015	Presentation by, and Questioning of, the Executive Member for Policy and Resources		<p>The Board received a presentation by the Executive Member for Policy and Resources on the performance of services within the Policy and Resources portfolio over approximately the last two years and on future plans. The presentation included details of services relating to Housing Benefits, Democratic Representation, Commercial Estates, Neighbourhood Working, Public Relations and Consultation, Corporate Management, Economic Development, Local Land Charges and Local Tax Collection.</p> <p>The Executive Member for Policy and Resources answered members' questions concerning the presentation.</p> <p>It was AGREED that the Executive Member for Policy and Resources be thanked for his presentation.</p>		Andrew Wannell

	Final Review of Work Programme for 2014/15 and Draft for 2015/16	programming	<p>The Board considered a report by the Director of Finance and Resources which reviewed the Board's work programme for 2014/15 and suggested a draft work programme for 2015/16.</p> <p>It was AGREED that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) the outcome of the work programme for 2015/16, as shown in Appendix A to the report, be noted;</li><li>(b) the Council be informed that the Board considers that the call-in procedure is operating satisfactorily and that there are no reasons to suggest that the arrangements should be amended for 2015/16;</li><li>(c) the officers be requested to contact the Department of Work and Pensions to enquire about the circumstances relating to the imminent closure of the training centre for the unemployed if Fareham and what arrangements were being put in place for those currently attending the centre to continue their training elsewhere;</li><li>(d) if appropriate, the officers be</li></ul>		Andrew Wannell
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**SCRUTINY BOARD – DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME 2015/16**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>SCRUTINY BOARD ITEM</b>
21 May 2015	Meeting cancelled
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## BOROUGH COUNCIL

### Report to Scrutiny Board

**Date**                    **25 June 2015**

**Report of:**            **Director of Community**

**Subject:**              **ANNUAL REPORT ON THE PERFORMANCE OF THE FAREHAM  
COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP**

#### **SUMMARY**

The Council's Scrutiny Board has been designated as the Council's Committee with power to review or scrutinise decisions made or actions taken by the Fareham Community Safety Partnership. This report provides members of the Scrutiny Board with an overview of the work undertaken by Fareham's Community Safety Partnership and the partnership's performance to date.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Board is requested to note the performance and progress made by Fareham's Community Safety Partnership and the risks and challenges it faces in the future.

## **INTRODUCTION**

1. The powers to scrutinise are given to the scrutiny function of all local authorities by sections 19 and 20 of the Police and Justice Act 2006, as amended by section 126 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007. Regulations have been passed under section 20 of the 2006 Act, and these provide local authorities with a framework for the development of an on-going relationship between Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships (CSPs) and scrutiny bodies.
2. The Board should be undertaking reviews of the performance of the Partnership.

## **FAREHAM'S COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP**

3. Fareham's Community Safety Partnership is a long-established and a very successful Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership. It was set up under section 5 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to reduce crime and disorder in the Borough of Fareham. The Partnership is made up of "responsible authorities" together with invited members. The responsible authorities have statutory duties on the Partnership and are:-

Fareham Borough Council;  
Hampshire County Council;  
Hampshire Constabulary;  
Hampshire Fire Authority;  
Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service;  
The Probation Trust and (Community Rehabilitation Company); and  
Fareham and Gosport Clinical Commissioning Group.

Invited organisations include;-

The Youth Council  
The Youth Offending Team  
Neighbourhood Watch  
Fareham Magistrates Court

4. The reorganisation of Probation Services saw the 35 Probation Trusts dissolved in April 2014 and replaced with a National Probation Service (NPS) and 21 Community Rehabilitation Companies (CRCs). Purple Futures, bid and were successful in delivering services in Hampshire under contract to the National Offender Management Service. They manage the majority of offenders in the community, those sentenced to community orders or suspended sentence orders, and those subject to post-custody licence conditions or supervision requirements. Any short term custody prisoner serving a sentence beyond one day will be released on license.
5. The National Probation Service (NPS) will be a delivery arm of the National Offender Management Service comprising of local delivery units which will directly manage offenders who pose a high risk of serious harm to the public, including those whose risk level has escalated and those released from custody who have committed serious offences. The National probation Service will also play a role in the management of all offenders, including conducting risk assessments, advising the courts on sentencing, responding to escalations in risk, and taking enforcement action.

6. The Community Safety Team has built a good relationship with both the NPS and Purple Futures including a seamless transition of the Integrated Offender Management contract and setting up local support groups.

### **AIM AND PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP**

7. The aim of the Partnership is to develop and build upon partnership working between all agencies in order to create a safer Fareham by reducing crime and disorder, including the fear of crime and contribute to making Fareham a safe place to live, work and visit. A Partnership Agreement is in place, that all partners are signed up to and this clearly sets out the vision, aims and objectives of the partnership and the general governance arrangements relating to the operation of the partnership.
8. The importance of the Partnership is reflected in the Council's corporate priority, a safe and healthy place to live and work and this is delivered through the corporate improvement action 7, to work with the Community Safety Partnership to continue to reduce anti-social behaviour and crime in Fareham.

### **PERFORMANCE**

9. Fareham Community Safety Partnership is the second best performing partnership in Hampshire and the second best performing partnership nationally in our most similar family group. Crime figures in 2013/14 were reported as 4249. There is a slight increase in crime figures for year 2014/15 which are 4384.

### **POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER**

10. On the 15 November 2012 police authorities in England and Wales were abolished and the police and crime commissioners were introduced via the election process. Simon Hayes was elected as Hampshire's first Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC).
11. Simon Hayes visited Fareham Community Safety Partnership in April 2013 and 2014 and said "I've been very impressed with Fareham's Community Safety Partnership; the different agencies are working together with one purpose. The work that's done is innovative and successful to protect the residents from harm. there are social problems that need to be addressed in the community in Fareham and the CSP supports people, addresses those problems and tries to reduce reoffending".

### **POLICE AND CRIME PLAN**

12. The PCC's Police and Crime Plan focuses on four key priority areas that are designed to cut crime, protect the public and make communities safer. The PCC's four priorities are:-
  - Improving frontline policing to deter criminals and keep communities safe;
  - Place victims and witnesses at the heart of policing and wider criminal justice system;
  - Work together to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour;
  - Reduce re-offending.

13. Fareham's Community Safety Strategy incorporates the above priorities and ensures that the Partnership delivers outcomes based on them.

#### **POLICE AND CRIME PANEL**

14. Alongside the relationship that councils have with PCCs through the Community Safety Partnership, they have a direct role in holding commissioners to account. A Police and Crime Panel (PCP) has been established in Hampshire to scrutinise the PCC and support him in the effective exercise of his functions.
15. Councillor Trevor Cartwright is the Council's representative on the Police and Crime Panel and Councillor Mrs Marion Ellerton was appointed the deputy. This arrangement provides the Community Safety Partnership and the Council with a direct link.

The Police and Crime Panel's main responsibilities are to:-

- Require the commissioner or a member of their staff to attend the panel to answer questions;
- Appoint an acting commissioner if the commissioner were to resign or be dismissed;
- If considered appropriate and necessary veto the PCC's proposed precept;
- If considered appropriate and necessary veto the PCC's proposed appointment of a Chief Constable

#### **HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT COMMUNITY SAFETY ALLIANCE**

16. The Police and Crime Commissioner has set up a Community Safety Alliance at the beginning of 2015 so that he can engage with Community Safety Partnership Chairmen and Community Safety Managers to raise emerging issues and risks faced by the Partnerships and work together to resolve them. The group meets quarterly and is represented by the Community Safety Manager and Councillor Trevor Cartwright.

#### **PARTNERSHIP ACTION GROUP**

17. The Community Tasking and Co-ordinating Group (CTCG) and the Anti-social Behaviour Panel were both multi-agency groups which discussed individuals and locations separately. After consultation with Partners both groups were merged so that victims, offenders and problematic locations were discussed together on a monthly basis. This group also keeps track of our nominal and risk trackers so officers always know the most vulnerable residents and can ensure adequate support is in place. Membership of the group is not exclusive and agencies are brought in if they are required and actions set accordingly. The Group is jointly chaired by the District Commander and the Community Safety Manager.

#### **CRIME REDUCTION STRATEGY 2014-2017**

18. Fareham Community Safety Partnership's latest Strategic Assessment identified 5 main areas of concern. Priorities that were identified and subsequently included in the current Strategy are:-

- reducing and preventing anti-social behaviour
  - violent crime (including domestic abuse)
  - reducing crimes related to alcohol and drugs
  - preventing and reducing reoffending
  - public reassurance and community engagement.
19. A work programme and an action plan are produced annually to ensure that actions identified under each priority area, that help reduce and prevent crime, are delivered within a timely period and allocated appropriate funding.

### **REVIEW**

20. A review of the Partnership's effectiveness, priorities, membership and purpose will be discussed with Partners throughout the coming year.

### **FAREHAM & GOSPORT DOMESTIC ABUSE FORUM**

21. Fareham & Gosport Domestic Abuse Forum is delivered jointly with Gosport Community Safety Partnership and delivers the actions that are identified under the violent crime priority. A clear action plan has been set and monitored through the performance group. Working with the Clinical Commissioning Groups and reforming the MARAC (Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences) process are some of the actions included within this work plan.
22. MARACs are multi agency meetings that bring together practitioners that deal with Domestic Violence. The Community Safety Team attends these meetings to discuss high level domestic abuse perpetrators and victims. Southern Domestic Abuse Service has been successful in winning the commissioned service for Fareham, Gosport and the Isle of Wight.

### **FAREHAM SUPPORTING FAMILIES**

23. Hampshire Supporting Troubled Families Programme is a 5 year programme that commenced on 1 April 2012. The challenge is to target 1,600 families in Hampshire with multiple, complex issues, delivering new solutions to persistent problems and delivering positive change for families and communities. This programme offers a new, joined up way of improving and transforming the lives of communities across Hampshire.
24. The Senior Responsible Officer for Fareham's Supporting Families is the Council's Community Safety Manager, who sits on the Fareham Local Children's Partnership (LCP) Strategic Board, to which the Senior Responsible Officer, reports. This also provides a key link into the Community Safety Partnership to ensure a joined up and co-ordinated approach. Fareham has joined the Supporting Families Co-ordination Group and the newly formed Early Help Hub which meets each week.

25. The Programme targets families with problems relating to crime, education and unemployment. Since January 2015 three further criteria were added to include domestic violence, children that require help and health issues. Families have plans which set out what the key worker or lead agency will do and what the family will do. The programme looks to ensure that children attend school regularly, parents are provided with training so they can get back to work, there are lower levels of crime and anti-social behaviour and that families work better as a unit, able to look after and support each other.
26. To date Fareham has dealt with 142 families and had positive outcomes for 41 families. Fareham has received over £98,000 in funding and employed a family support officer to deal with the families that need lower level support.

### **DOMESTIC HOMICIDE REVIEWS**

27. Since April 2011, community safety partnerships have been responsible for undertaking domestic homicide reviews. A clear process has been drafted and contacts made with organisation leads. The Partnership is clear about the procedure and steps to take if a domestic homicide review occurred in Fareham and the Community Safety Manager is currently working with colleagues in Hampshire to ensure that a countywide approach is taken and template and processes aligned throughout Hampshire.

### **PREVENT**

28. The Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 contains a new duty on specified authorities to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism. The government has produced guidance for specified authorities, which they must have regard to when complying with the duty. The duty will apply to bodies which have significant interaction with people who could be vulnerable to radicalisation. This ensures that the duty is proportionate. These include schools, local authorities, police forces, some NHS bodies, further and higher education providers, prisons and young offender institutions and providers of probation services.
29. As a District Council, we have an important role to fulfil to ensure that none of our buildings (including our community centres and or our housing stock) are used by extremist groups to promote terrorism. The Leisure and Community section have already contacted all of the Council owned community centres to raise awareness of the new legislation. The Community Safety Team has worked with Special Branch and the Council's Tenant Involvement Officer to deliver a training event for tenants, police officers and Council staff.
30. The partnership will co-ordinate prevent and assess risk factors through the Partnership Action Group and refer any high risk cases to a newly formed Channel Panel. Fareham remains a safe place to live, work and visit and the partnership will ensure residents, staff and partner agencies are made aware of how to appropriately report anything of concern

### **COMMUNITY SAFETY INITIATIVES**

31. Fareham's Community Safety Partnership's website <http://www.saferfareham.co.uk/> has been an excellent asset to the partnership enabling public and partners to

gain and share information on initiatives and performance. The website will be reviewed this year.

32. The Taxi Marshal Scheme is delivered within Fareham's town centre to support the night-time economy in Fareham primarily on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays and is tasked to work with Police and Licensing. The role is undertaken by a security firm and it provides detailed daily reports which are reported at the monthly Partnership Action Group.
33. SNAP discos are held at Ferneham Hall and attract a large number of young people on Friday nights throughout the year. The Leisure and Community section, Fire Service, Police, Youth Services, councillors and volunteers ensure that this event happens in a safe environment. Community Safety Partner Agencies provide educational awareness on subjects such as firearms and knife crime, drugs and alcohol, sexual health, skin protection, cycling safety and fire safety.
34. The Community Safety Team delivered a successful summer diversionary programme "Access All Areas" in 2014 and Fareham is working collaboratively with Winchester CSP to deliver the same programme again this year, thanks to funding by the Police and Crime Commissioner. Access All Areas 2015 will run from Monday 27 July to Wednesday 12 August 2015 at venues throughout Fareham and Winchester. First Bus and Stagecoach have agreed to provide free transport during the events, Asda, Tesco and Sainsbury's are providing the free cakes, water and refreshments. Community Clubs such as Fareham Heathens, Music Fusion, No Limits, Motiv8, Y Services, Seafarers Sailing Club, Fareham Rotary Club, Phoenix Driver Training and Crofton Bowling are also involved.
35. This year we are combining Access All Areas with Mini Play Festivals. These two activities ensure that all age groups can enjoy fun activities throughout the summer holidays.

## **RESIDENTS' SURVEY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

36. The aim of the partnership is to develop and build upon partnership working between all agencies in order to create a safer Fareham by reducing crime and disorder, including the fear of crime and contribute to making Fareham a safe place to live, work and visit. This complements Fareham Borough Council's Corporate Priority of ensuring Fareham remains a **safe and healthy place to live and work** and this is achieved through one of the corporate priority actions of working with the Community Safety Partnership to continue to reduce anti-social behaviour and crime in Fareham.
37. In order to gauge the views of residents the Council undertakes regular residents' surveys. Fareham Borough Council conducted a residents' survey in 2013, where respondents ranked "Working with the Police to reduce crime" as a high priority Council service, second only to collecting household waste and recycling.
38. The Community Safety Team and Police are working with Fareham Neighbourhood Watch to improve information sharing and make best use of the partnership website to promote reporting and the use of the Police 101 system, Crime Reports, Crimestoppers and Safetynet.

## **BUDGET, FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS, CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES**

39. The Community Safety fund is now held by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire and Community Safety Partnerships, along with community groups and voluntary sector organisations, can bid for this money. The Police and Crime Commissioner has set in place a strategy which stipulates that any successful bid will have an effective project plan in place, along with an evaluation and a link to one of the PCC's priorities identified within the Police and Crime Plan.
40. Fareham's Community Safety Partnership was successful in obtaining funding to the sum of £21,000 to deliver Access All Areas in 2015 jointly with Winchester Community Safety Partnership and initiatives to reduce anti-social behaviour and to reduce violence associated with the night-time economy.
41. Fareham's Community Safety Partnership has also been granted funding in relation to Taxi Marshals (£19,000), Mediation (£1,750), victims of Anti-social behaviour for 2014 (£9,000).
42. It is important to sustain funding and ensure that it is being used effectively by monitoring the annual action plan's progress and being able to evaluate the successes of the initiatives being implemented.
43. Fareham Community Safety Partnership also hold £10,000 to discharge its statutory function imposed by the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act (2004) to establish a Domestic Homicide Review should one need to be undertaken in Fareham.
44. The opportunity to work collaboratively with neighbouring CSPs has been progressed and Fareham works with Gosport with the Domestic Abuse Forum, the Princes Trust and Young Fire Fighters Association. It is also delivering the Access All Areas 2015 with Winchester CSP. These collaborative areas of work confirm that efficiencies can be made in both time and resource.
45. There are considerable challenges and demands being put on CSPs which include funding and will ultimately impact upon the level of service delivered. Ensuring that evidence based bids are submitted to the PCC and other funding providers is essential to the success of the Partnership.

## **RISK ASSESSMENT**

46. The most significant risk is the availability of resources and funding to deliver the priorities in the plan. The commitment of all the partners is clear and the fact that the work of the partners is well co-ordinated to ensure the best use of resources enables the performance of the Partnership to be maintained.
47. The re-organisation of Hampshire Constabulary and the privatisation of the Probation Service are risks that the Partnership and Scrutiny Board have to be aware of and influence. Hampshire Constabulary have re-organised their Neighbourhood Policing Teams leading to a reduction of police officers. There will be an impact on delivery of community safety within the Borough and an opportunity to question leading members of these organisations will be essential.



## **CONCLUSION**

48. The PCC has set out his funding streams and supports local delivery of initiatives to prevent and combat crime. It is therefore important that effective evaluation of successful initiatives is undertaken so that the PCC can see the benefit of local initiatives and the necessity for these to continue as this will be key to securing future funding streams.
49. Fareham's Community Safety Partnership is working collaboratively with Gosport Borough Council and Winchester City Council to ensure that efficiencies are made by delivering initiatives jointly whilst maintaining a reduction of crime in Fareham. Co-location of services is working well in Fareham and needs to be further developed inviting more agencies into the building. Innovative ways of working, including sponsorship and monitoring risks and performance, will ensure that the Partnership continues to progress. Fareham currently has the Youth Offending Team, Integrated Offender Management and the Transform Service co-located in the Civic Offices. It is hoped that the Police will shortly relocate in the Civic offices making partnership working easier and more efficient.
50. Ensuring that the residents of Fareham feel part of the CSP and contribute to reduction in Crime is essential. Community engagement and empowering residents is a combined priority area for both Fareham CSP and the PCC. Letting residents know how to report crime, access local crime statistics and take part in community safety initiatives and consultations. Sharing of information between partner agencies, mainstreaming community safety within Fareham Borough Council will also ensure that all Officers and Councillors know what the Partnership priorities are and how together they can impact positively upon them.
51. Fareham remains a safe place to work, live and visit; however, the Partnership cannot be complacent and must ensure that all initiatives are evaluated and it can prove that its intervention does make a difference.

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