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COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP**

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SUBMITTED TO: ACCOUNTABILITY AND PERFORMANCE PANEL

SUBJECT: To report on Suffolk Coastal Community Safety Partnership progress against Action Plan priorities funded through the Police & Crime Commissioner.

SUMMARY:

The Suffolk Coastal Community Safety Partnership has agreed an Action Plan for 2013-14 that takes into account the needs and priorities identified within the Annual Strategic Assessment and the Police & Crime Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan. The Police and Crime Commissioner has allocated £20,656.29 to the Suffolk Coastal Community Safety Partnership for 2013-14 to commission projects and pieces of work to directly and indirectly address the priorities identified within those documents. To ensure we take into account the local environment and perspective, Suffolk Coastal Community Safety Partnership working closely with the Waveney Community Safety Partnership, have designed and are delivering a Joint Action Plan for East Suffolk (see Appendix A).

Suffolk Coastal is a low crime area and for the Partnership, prevention is a major feature of our work. Through partnership working the Police have highlighted that they cannot address crime and ASB alone in hotspot areas, and the Partnership recognises the benefits and value in promoting and delivering preventative work to young people through the schools and non-mainstream channels to complement the work of the Police. It is acknowledged through troubled family work that there are a number of dysfunctional families residing across our districts, particularly in deprived areas. Through our proactive work we can help address the risk taking behaviour undertaken by young people. We help to support and inform them to make the right choices to address root causes and underlying issues which affect their lives and the communities in which they live, which can also prevent them from reaching their full academic or vocational potential.

The Partnership recognises the good practice and successful delivery of projects aimed at supporting young people e.g. Crucial Crew and Y-B-Yz, which have been delivered in other areas e.g. Waveney who enjoy circa 1,200 school children from Year 6 (9/10 year olds) attending each event on an annual basis. The projects have delivered positive outcomes for young people including improved personal safety, good citizenship, and provide a positive role model experience for many children lacking a positive family influence.

Suffolk Coastal are working to mirror these and other successful projects and initiatives across Suffolk Coastal schools this financial year.

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This work will not be carried out in isolation but links with other positive schemes and projects delivered and funded outside the Community Safety Partnership, aimed at providing young people with positive out of schools activities including various summer activities, Operation Camouflage, and Bushcraft events (family activity days in the countryside). Another example is the joint work with Suffolk Sport in the sports apprenticeships course which targeted NEETs (not in education or training). Not only did this scheme help young people get back into work, it was also recognised nationally in that one of the young people won the National Participation 2013 Award.

This report outlines progress on the work of the Partnership to achieve this. Appendix B lists the grants awarded to date and progress made.

At the date of this report, some of these projects have not yet started. However, the design and planning of these events/projects is well underway.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Accountability and Performance Panel note the information in this report and endorse the progress made to date.

DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION

1. KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION:

Suffolk Coastal Community Safety Partnership have a good track record on commissioning and delivering projects to contribute to reducing crime and making Suffolk a safe place to live, work and visit.

The 2013-14 CSP Action Plan for the East of Suffolk was developed by Partners during their Annual Partnership Planning Workshop held in January this year. The Action Plan takes into account the Annual Strategic Assessment key priorities and Police and Crime Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan to ensure the Partnership contributes and addresses county-wide issues whilst at the same time addressing local issues in a local context, for example we will be supporting the Suffolk Wide Alcohol Awareness Programme.

The Partnership also considered previous projects, their performance and outcomes with a view to improving, updating and intends to repeat some of this good work and practice this financial year.

Due to the close working relationship between both Waveney and Suffolk Coastal District Councils steps have been taken to amalgamate where possible closer working between both Community Safety Partnerships and to mirror and reflect successful projects and initiatives across each of the districts. Many partners attend meetings for both areas so whilst they remain two separate partnerships they share the Action Plan and hold joint Responsible Authority Group and Officer Working Group meetings promoting efficiency and effectiveness through Partnership working.

Due to the current economic climate and ever decreasing budgets the Partnership are minded to ensure smart targets, measurable quantitative and qualitative data and positive outcomes are a pre-requisite to the endorsement of each project. The Partnership monitors the progression of each of the commissioned projects at each of the joint Responsible Authority Group meetings and provides challenge and support as necessary to ensure the best possible outcomes, value for money and improved quality of life for its citizens and communities.

2. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Appendix B details projects commissioned and funding allocated. A Monitoring Agreement will be agreed and signed prior to any project receiving its funding.

3. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS:

To mitigate risk of the project failing, monitoring will be required on a regular basis and reported to each quarterly CSP meeting. If concerns are identified the Partnership will work with the project leads and partners to identify, agree and implement corrective action or if necessary close down the project and take steps to recover the project funding.