

**Health and Wellbeing Board Paper**

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**1. Executive summary**

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This paper provides an update the Board regarding the development of a new Surrey Community Safety Agreement following the merger of the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Community Safety Board in March 2020.

In March, the aim had been to develop a plan for 2020 to 2024 by September with annual refreshes. However, the Covid-19 pandemic has seen several challenges impact this timeline. Therefore, an interim plan will be developed to meet statutory requirements and the full CSA will be developed from September to be signed off in 2021 in line with the PCC elections of that year.

**2. Recommendations**

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This paper recommends that the Health and Wellbeing Board:

- Approves the suggested plans for an interim Community Safety Agreement.

**3. Reason for Recommendations**

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This paper recommends an interim Community Safety Agreement for 2020/21 for the following reasons:

- It will ensure the Health and Wellbeing Board fulfils its statutory duties under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998;
- It will offer opportunities to develop relationships between the Health and Wellbeing Board, Police and Crime Commissioner, and Community Safety Partnerships;
- It will allow us to start developing and testing the performance reporting structures and governance framework for the final Community Safety Agreement.

## 4. Detail

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A Community Safety Agreement (CSA) is a statutory document that is a requirement for two tier authorities such as Surrey under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (as amended by the Police and Justice Act 2006).

When the Community Safety Board and the Health and Wellbeing Board merged in March, the Health and Wellbeing Board's Terms of Reference were amended to reference the CSA and the requirement to review and amend the agreement annually (addition 3.2.6 and amendments 2.2, 6.1).

The CSA aims to set out how the responsible authorities<sup>1</sup> will work together to identify and address shared priorities in relation to reducing crime and disorder. In two-tier local authority areas, there is a requirement to have a County Strategy Group in order to bring together all district, borough and relevant partners responsible for community safety activity. Following the merger, the HWBB now performs this function.

The CSA is intended to be a flexible document, which can be adapted based on new and emerging priorities, and the priorities of key strategic boards and cross-cutting partnerships. The Surrey CSA will:

- Set out the shared priorities that bind the HWBB, PCC and the Community Safety Partnerships;
- Ensure there is coordination at the strategic and local delivery level;
- Formalise performance reporting structures so both successes and needs are captured and shared; and
- Provide a clear governance framework and accountability for both Surrey residents and partners.

In March, the aim had been to develop a plan for 2020 to 2024 with annual refreshes. However, the Covid-19 pandemic has seen several challenges impact this timeline. For the HWBB to meet its statutory requirement, it is recommended that an interim plan is developed that reflects the current priorities of the HWBB, the PCC and the seven Community Safety Partnerships. To fulfil this, colleagues will develop a holding page on the Healthy Surrey website<sup>2</sup> with links to each partners' documents. This will ensure the CSA remains up to date and reflects interim governance and performance structures. However, the long-term aim will be to develop a plan for the HWBB, PCC and CSPs to sign off in 2021 in line with the PCC elections of that year.

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<sup>1</sup> The Act details the requirement for Responsible and Cooperating bodies including local authorities (both the District & Borough Councils and the County Council), the Police, Fire and Rescue, Clinical Commissioning Groups, the Police & Crime Commissioner and Probation services to develop policy and operational approaches to prevent crime and disorder, combat substance misuse and reduce reoffending.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.healthysurrey.org.uk/professionals>

## 5. Next steps

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Following approval of this process the webpage will be developed and live by the end of June 2020. We will resume planning for the Community Safety Agreement in September 2020 as part of the review of the Health and Wellbeing Board governance.

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