

# COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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## REPORT OF THE HEAD OF PEOPLE, PERFORMANCE AND PROJECTS

### A.2 SPEAKER(S) WITH A FOCUS ON COMMUNITY SAFETY

(Report prepared by Charlotte Cooper and Leanne Thornton)

#### PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To enable the Committee to undertake scrutiny of our Community Safety and determine whether it has any comments or recommendations it wishes to put forward to the relevant Portfolio Holder or Cabinet.

#### INVITEES

Tending Community Policing Team Inspector Darren Deex of Essex Police, will be in attendance to outline challenges and priorities over the coming period.

#### BACKGROUND

Following the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 28 May 2019, (minute 21 refers) it was agreed that, subject to the ratification of the respective Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the Work Programme for the Community Leadership Overview and Scrutiny Committee be agreed, as set out in Appendix A5B in the report included in the Councils Agenda, thereby agreeing for the topic of 'Speaker(s) with a focus on Community Safety' to be presented at a meeting of the Community Leadership Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

#### DETAILED INFORMATION

The Safer Communities Team are embedded in the People, Performance and Projects Team, who are in turn within Corporate Services at Tendring Council.

The team consists of a Manager and three Officers each with a specific remit.

**Safer Communities Manager** – Leanne Thornton – Main purpose of the role :

To manage the Safer Communities team on a day to day basis, ensuring that all agreed targets are met including budgetary targets and that the statutory regulations and Council policies and procedures are followed. Key areas of responsibility include:

- Crime and Disorder
- Anti Social Behaviour
- Hidden Harms (Gangs and County Lines, Human Trafficking and Modern Day Slavery, Exploitation, Hate crime, Preventing Violent Extremism, Drug and Alcohol Misuse and Protecting Vulnerable People)

To be the Council's lead officer for Community Safety both within the organisation and on

the Tendring Community Safety Partnership.

To manage the Community Safety Hubs (Clacton Police Station and Council Offices, Pier Avenue).

To be the lead officer on all matters of Safeguarding, Adults and Children across the Local Authority (LADO – Local Authority Designated Officer).

**Safer Communities Officer** – Richard Eastwood – Main purpose of role:

To be responsible for the co-ordination of community based services to support vulnerable people living in the Tendring District.

**Anti Social Behaviour Patrol Officer** – Daniel Kingham – Job Purpose:

To improve the quality of life in the Tendring District Council area by providing a visible presence in Clacton Town Centre, dealing with incidents of anti social behaviour and establishing links with local residents, businesses and other partner agencies.

**Safer Communities Assistant** – Charlotte Root – Job Purpose:

To manage the administration for the Safer Communities Team and the Community Safety Partnership, to gather information and monitor partnership activity. To deliver both Crucial Crew's for young and Older people.

Tendring Community Policing Team Inspector Darren Deex of Essex Police, will be in attendance to provide a verbal update to the Committee which will include; outlining the challenges and priorities over the coming period, a briefing on Operation Spider; a tactic put in place to tackle anti-social behaviour and associated offences in Clacton Town Centre and Pier Ward by increase the number of Police Officers patrolling the streets over the summer period. Inspector Deex will also give a verbal update on actions taken in relation to Cuckooing/County Lines and Gangs.

The topic of anti-social behaviour will also be discussed including data on issues such as hot spots in the district, changes over time, the outcome of partnership funding for additional police patrols (Op Spider above) and how it compared with Op Spider activity that took place in summer 2018. Also exploring what the impact would be should the Operation not be repeated in 2020. Feedback in relation to the new Anti-Social Patrol Officer (including justification for the post, when the post live and how the post holder is delivering against the rationale for the post being established).

Also there will be feedback on the work involved in Street Action Days, including measures of their success.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Committee determines whether it has any comments or recommendations it wishes to put forward the relevant Portfolio Holder or Cabinet.**