**NFALC – 18 JANUARY 2018**

**SAFER NEW FOREST PARTNERSHIP**

**ANNUAL PARTNERSHIP PLAN**

**1. BACKGROUND**

1.1 Members of the Association will be aware that the Safer New Forest Partnership, a multi-agency partnership, is required by law to produce a strategy each year for

* reducing crime and disorder;
* combatting the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substance abuse; and
* the reduction of re-offending

in its area.

Since 2016, the Safer New Forest Partnership has engaged with NFALC in formulating its annual strategy (known as the Partnership Plan) and in the strategic assessment of actions taken to meet the priorities set out in the plan. The priorities for 2017/18 are at paragraph 2.4.

1.2 The statutory members of the Partnership are:

New Forest District Council

Hampshire County Council

Hampshire Constabulary

Hampshire Fire & Rescue

Probation Service

Clinical Commissioning Group

In addition, the following groups/organisations are members of the Partnership:

New Forest National Park Authority

Forestry Commission

Youth Offending Team

Other agencies, including Town & Parish Councils, Housing Associations, the Environment Agency, Action for Children, Natural England and the Health Sector are invited if items of particular relevance to them are on the agenda.

**2. ENGAGEMENT WITH NFALC**

2.1 The Partnership invites representatives from Parish and Town Councils and other community representatives to attend its September meeting each year to present any concerns they have regarding community safety in their areas. This helps to assess performance against the current plan, and in setting priorities for the following year.

2.2 (a) Cllr Beck, in his role of Chairman of the Association, attended the September 2017 meeting of the Safer New Forest Strategy & Delivery Group**,** to present Parish and Town Councils’ concerns with regard to community safety issues in their areas: Matters raised by him on behalf of Parish and Town Councils were:

Concerns regarding Police call-handling (when to call 999 or 101); parking in Minstead Village Centre; use of sites by traveller communities; anti-social behaviour and North Milton Estate play area; reduction in visible policing in New Milton and Lymington; ASB issues in New Milton.

(b) Cllrs Dunning and Allen on behalf of Lymington & Pennington Town Council and spoke about ASB in the Woodside and St Thomas Park areas.

(c) Steve Postlethwaite (Clerk) reported a perceived rise in ASB, as well as alleged setting of fires, in Fawley.

(d) Mrs Hill of the National Farmers’ Union raised possible additional notices in the Forest advising the public how to report animal accidents or animals otherwise in distress; travellers; and phone scams.

2.3 These suggestions will be taken into account by the Strategy Group on 8 January, when priorities for the 2018/19 Action Plan are considered. An oral update will be given.

2.4 The Association is reminded that the main actions agreed for the Partnership for 2017/18 are:

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| **No.** | **Priority Area** | **Lead Partner** |
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| 1 | Tackle the cause and effects of anti-social behaviour | NFDC with Hampshire Constabulary |
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| 2 | Tackle the causal effects of offending behaviour and reoffending with a focus on violent crime | Hampshire Constabulary with Interchange/Community Rehabilitation Company |
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| 3 | Continue to support the Partnership and community in preventing arson-related incidents | Hampshire Fire & Rescue |
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| 4 | Support victims of domestic abuse | NFDC (in consultation with Domestic Abuse Forum as necessary) |
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| 5. | Promote road safety with an emphasis on Killed & Serious Injury (KSI) | Hampshire Fire & Rescue with Hampshire Constabulary |
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| 6. | Reducing rural crime | Hampshire Constabulary |

**3. SAFER NEW FOREST WEBSITE**

3.1 Information regarding the Safer New Forest Partnership is available at [www.safer.newforest.gov.uk](http://www.safer.newforest.gov.uk)

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