

ROCHFORD DISTRICT COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report provides Members with details of the function of the local Community Safety Partnership and an update of the achievements of the Partnership (CSP) since the last Review Committee on 14 June 2011.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 Each CSP under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 has a statutory requirement to produce a Strategic Assessment and three year Partnership Plan (2012-2014), reviewed annually. The purpose of the partnership in conducting a Strategic Assessment, which includes the analysis of crime and disorder, is to improve understanding of local problems and their potential causes and to respond more effectively to the communities we serve by setting clear and robust priorities.
- 2.2 The Strategic Assessment for 2012/2013 will be completed by April 2012 and the Partnership Plan (2012-2014) will be reviewed and amended to reflect changing priorities identified through the Strategic Assessment. An action plan is used to provide a general overview of performance against the agreed milestones/outcomes, with regular performance updates provided to the CSP.

3 STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND FUNDING

- 3.1 Performance against priorities from 1 April 2011 to 31 December 2011 indicates:-
- **30% (521 incidents) reduction in anti-social behaviour**
 - **8% (19 incidents) increase in the number of repeat incidents of domestic abuse**
 - **No change in the number of sexual offences**
 - **38% (3 incidents) increase in the number of reported hate related incidents**
 - **100% (2 incidents) reduction in the number of repeat hate crime incidents**

The CSP Action Plan (attached as Appendix 1) details performance against priorities.

- 3.2 The CSP previously received Basic Command Unit funding from Essex Police, Integrated Offender Management (IOM) funding from Essex Probation and part of an Area Based Grant received from the Home Office via Essex

County Council. The Basic Command Unit funding which supports posts and activities for the CSP ceases altogether on 31 March 2012. CSPs will not receive funding from Essex Probation to support Integrated Offender Management for 2012/2013. The Area Based Grant allocation for 2012/2013 will be reduced by a further 50%, although detailed confirmation from Government is yet to emerge, and from April 2013/2014 Police and Crime Commissioners will have control of all central government funding which goes to Community Safety Partnerships.

- 3.3 The CSP Researcher post which is funded by the Basic Command Unit and is shared with Castle Point CSP will come to an end when the funding ceases on 31 March 2012.
- 3.4 Following a meeting in July 2012 between Rochford District and Castle Point CSP Steering Groups, it was agreed that the two merge to form a joint CSP and in order to formalise the merger, Ministerial approval is required. The Home Office issued guidance and a procedure on merging Community Safety Partnership areas which included a requirement by all responsible authorities across the areas to submit a joint application and signed proforma. The joint application is currently with the Home Office and if Ministerial approval is received, the Home Office Community Safety Unit will inform the partnerships involved and liaise with Home Office Legal Advisers for an order to be raised. A copy of the order, showing the date on which the partnerships will be legally merged will then be sent to the partnership.
- 3.5 If Ministerial approval is granted, the merged CSP will produce a joint statutory Strategic Assessment for 2012/2013 and annual Partnership plan, which will reflect the strategic priorities identified across the two areas.
- 3.6 Each of the CSPs has a separate Reference Group whose members include representatives from each of the seven statutory partners together with non-statutory agencies and the voluntary sector. The two Reference Groups will not merge and will continue to meet in each area enabling them to focus on local key issues and priorities.
- 3.7 In November 2012, a Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) will be elected in place of Police Authorities which will be abolished. The Area Based Grant which is currently granted from the Home Office to CSPs will be allocated to the PCC from 2013/2014 along with other targeted funds. The PCC will have the power to commission community safety work from a range of local partners including, but not limited to CSPs.
- 3.8 A Community Safety Network Executive (CSNE) workshop event will be held on 17 April 2012, to explore the possibilities in relation to potential structures for CSPs in the future and in particular to enable effective delivery when services are commissioned by the Police and Crime Commissioner.
- 3.9 Police and Crime Panels (PCPs) will need to be established and will have a role in holding elected Commissioners to account. The panels will be made up

of an elected Councillor from each council in the force area and co-opted members up to a maximum size of 20 members. The PCP will be similar to Overview and Scrutiny panels. Provisional arrangements are to be in place by July 2012 to ensure the PCPs are set up in readiness for the PCC taking office in November. A report outlining the implications for the Council of the introduction of Police and Crime Commissioners and Police and Crime Panels was considered by the Executive on 8 February 2012.

- 3.10 The part-time Domestic Abuse Reduction Officer post in the Community Safety Team is a two year contract and will come to an end on 17 May 2012. The post was initially funded from the Local Strategic Partnership Performance Reward Grant (PRG) funding until June 2010 and then from the Community Safety Team Crime and Disorder Reserve. An application for funding was made to Essex County Council's Early Intervention Fund to cover the cost of extending the contract for a further three years on a full time basis, but unfortunately this was unsuccessful. The application was to deliver services to assist in preventing, children, young people and families becoming vulnerable to domestic abuse through Early Intervention Programmes and would be delivered 3 days per week in Rochford District and 2 days in Castle Point. However, the partnership will continue to explore other funding opportunities available to maintain the post as domestic abuse continues to be a strategic priority for the CSP and across Essex.
- 3.11 The CSP has secured funding from the ECC Community Safety Pledge: Community Action Project to address low level and environmental crime in our parks and open spaces. A successful joint application with Castle Point CSP to ECC Children's Commissioning and Delivery Board secured funding to address substance awareness through early intervention and funding to deliver hate crime awareness workshops in secondary schools across the District.
- 3.12 The six month Dispersal Order introduced on 11 July 2011 for Hockley to tackle ongoing crime and disorder issues in an area including Marylands Nature reserve, woods and the surrounding area has been particularly successful. For the period 11 July 2011-10 January 2012 there was a 39% reduction in recorded anti-social behaviour incidents in the area, with the biggest reductions seen during the school summer holidays. Crime has fallen during the six month period with a 35% reduction in criminal damage and a 27% reduction in violent crime, when compared with the same period the previous year. Incidents of anti-social behaviour and recorded crime will continue to be monitored over the coming months. If numbers start to increase, a further application may be submitted to reintroduce a six month dispersal order in the area to cover the summer period.
- 3.13 The Dispersal Order introduced on 1 December 2010, initially for six months, for Rochford town centre and surrounding area to tackle ongoing crime and disorder was granted approval to continue for a further six months until 30 November 2011. From 1 June 2011 to 30 November 2011 there was a reduction of 43% in anti-social behaviour, a 67% reduction in drunkenness

and a 100% reduction in both nuisance vehicles and hoax calls. Roche Close, North Street and East Street recorded the biggest reductions in reports of crime and disorder. The CSP, working with Rochford police, are continuing to monitor reports of crime and anti-social behaviour complaints in the area and are developing responses should the figures start to rise again.

4 RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES** to note the contents of the report.

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Background Papers:-

None

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Appendix 1

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 1: REDUCE ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR BY 2% BY 2012

Performance Indicators	2% reduction in ASB incidents by March 2012							
Baseline	ASB incidents (Police STORM Database) 2010/2011 (2090)							
	RDC ASB Databases 2010/2011							
Target:	2% reduction by March 2012 (2048)							
		Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4

CSP Lead:	Kevin Hornsey - ASB Officer RDC Melanie Yolland – Community Safety Coordinator RDC	CSP Resources:	5K CSP Allocation 10K CSP Problem Solving
Key Milestones		Outcomes & Outputs	
Recruit RDC anti-social behaviour officer	G	Officer recruited, in place and work plan agreed by October 2011.	G
Partner agencies to identify young people at risk of offending Engage with County Youth Offending Service, Family Mosaic and Extended Schools.	G	Attendance and participation by partner agencies at meetings including Rochford Referral Group. Number of young people identified and engaging with service providers. Support and encourage targeted intervention work with both the young person and parent(s). Reduction in number of ASB incidents and Criminal Damage offences.	G
Produce ASB response plan to peak times/hotspots for anti-social behaviour for district – Summer Holidays – Halloween - Nov 5 th - Christmas.	G	Ensure there are appropriate diversionary/campaign activities available at identified times. Reduction in number of Rowdy/Nuisance Behaviour incidents reported to Police and Community Safety Team by March 2012.	G
Increased joint working with Police on Operations and initiatives to tackle ASB hotspots and seasonal trends (parks/mini motos).	G	Targeted multi-agency approach to tackling the issues, relaying positive messages via the local media. Reduction in ASB incidents and Criminal Damage offences by March 2012.	G
Monitor and evaluate effectiveness of Dispersal Orders across Rochford District	G	Reduction in reports of ASB and crime from local residents and businesses. Reduction in anti-social behaviour incidents in the dispersal zone and reduction in crime in the dispersal zone, relaying positive messages via the local media. Use of future Dispersal Orders in other areas of the District.	G

Recommend retailers across Rochford District adopt Challenge 25 scheme.	G	ECC Trading Standards contact retailers selling age restricted goods across the District by December 2011. Number of retailers signed up to scheme by March 2012. Fines/fixed penalty notice and risk of license review for retailers. Reduction in the sale of age restricted products to underage people. Reduction in number of ASB incidents and criminal offences. Key individuals identified for PPO scheme or Integrated Offender Management cohort.	G
Provide Anti-social awareness training in schools across the District	A	Schools approached by October 2011. Training dates and method of delivery agreed by November 2011. Training commences December 2011.	A
Refer and record individual(s) and/or families engaging in anti-social behaviour to the Rochford Referral Group (RRG).	G	Targeted multi agency approach to tackling the issues. Reduction in number of ASB complaints to the area. Key individuals identified for PPO scheme or Integrated Offender Management cohort.	G
Progress/Comments:			
Key Risks to Achieving:	Unable/delay in recruiting RDC ASB officer Delay in engaging and/or being unsuccessful at engaging with the agencies to identify young people at risk Partner agencies not engaging on RRG Schools not engaging/resistance to ASB training		
Key Actions to Mitigate Risk:			

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 2: REDUCE REPEAT INCIDENTS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE BY 5% BY 2012

Performance Indicators	5% reduction in number of repeat incidents by March 2012							
Baseline	Repeat incidents of Domestic Violence (Police Crime Data) 2010/2011 (285) Number of families supported by Basildon Women's Aid 2010/2011 (38)							
Target:	5% reduction in the number of repeat incidents reported by March 2012 (170)	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4
	Increase in number supported by Basildon Women's Aid							
	Number supported by Safer Places (Southend)							

CSP Lead:	Tracey Schneider RDC Domestic Abuse Reduction Officer and Chair of DAP. Melanie Yolland RDC Community Safety Coordinator	CSP Resources:	5K CSP allocation 5K Sanctuary Scheme 5K for BWA and Safer Places 2K for Basildon Careline Service 3k for Domestic Homicide Review (DHR)
Key Milestones		Outcomes & Outputs	
Administer the Freedom Programme across the District. (Provides victims with support and enables them to gain self esteem).	G	Officer trained to be a facilitator by April 2011. Referral sources identified and contacted by May 2011. Referral process in place by May 2011. Leaflet produced and disseminated across the District to signpost training by May 2011. First session delivered by June 2011. Training rolled out across the District throughout the year.	G
J9 initiative (To mobilise communities to take responsibility and challenge Violence Against Women and Girls) by awareness raising, information points and signposting).	G	Literature produced and disseminated at first phase of group training sessions targeted at schools, children's centres, housing teams and libraries by June 2011. Second phase of group training sessions as above and to include local businesses by July 2011.	G
Provide Domestic Abuse awareness training to RDC staff, Registered Social Landlords (RSL's) and key agencies.	G	Member training by April 2011. E-learning package identified and installed by August 2011. Training rolled out across the Authority in line with Home Office Violence Against Women and Girls strategy and ECC training guidance by March 2012. Greater awareness and understanding of Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHR) and participation in the DHR at the request of the Review Panel.	G

Establish Domestic Abuse campaigns within the District to raise awareness.	G	In line with work of the Domestic Abuse Panel and other panels across Essex by March 2012. Run targeted campaign for National Domestic Violence Week by November 2011.	G
Provide Domestic Abuse awareness training in schools across the District.	G	Schools approached by July 2011 for new school year starting Sept 2011. Training dates and method of delivery agreed with each school by Oct 2011. Awareness raising, early intervention and prevention in line with Home Office Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy Action Plan items 2 and 3.	G
Continue to support the work of Basildon Women's Aid and Safer Places.	G	Protocols and guidance produced by July 2011 Process for payment, monitoring and evaluation by July 2011. Referrals from BWA and Safer Places to attend Freedom Programme. Organisations support for Freedom Programme and J9 initiative. Increase in number of individuals/families receiving outreach by March 2012. Outreach support funding allocation spent by March 2012.	G
Establish use of Careline Service across the District	G	Record number of Careline units still in use across the District by May 2011 Arrange collection/write off of unused Careline units by May 2011. Produce protocol and guidance regarding use of Careline units with new provider by May 2011. Secure future funding for Careline by March 2012.	G
Identify and refer known perpetrators of Domestic Abuse or Violence to perpetrator programmes and support services.	A	Provision of a perpetrator version of the programme to be developed and rolled out by December 2011. Key individuals identified for PPO scheme or Integrated Offender Management cohort.	A
Provide clear and readily available personal safety advice for women.	G	Produce a pocket guide covering personal safety, alcohol awareness and travelling home after a night out by September 2011.	G

Continue to support the Rochford District Sanctuary Scheme		G	Secure and monitor new contract with Safe Partnership by April 2011. Produce and disseminate new Sanctuary Scheme procedure and referral information by July 2011. Secure future funding for Sanctuary Schemes by March 2012.	G
Progress/Comments:	Domestic Abuse Reduction Officer post is a fixed term contract until May 2012. Prepare report by December 2011 to Executive around value and continuation of post.			
Key Risks to Achieving:	Schools not engaging/resistance to awareness training Identifying future funding schemes for Sanctuary and Careline. Allocated funding for outreach work exceeds 5K.			
Key Actions to Mitigate Risk:	Domestic Abuse Reduction Officer can manage some of the issues.			

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 3: REDUCE THE NUMBER OF SEXUAL OFFENCES BY 2% BY MARCH 2012

Performance Indicators	2% reduction in sexual offences by March 2012						
Baseline	Number of sexual offences (Police crime data/iQuanta data) 2010/2011 (38)						
	ECC Test purchasing for alcohol sales for Rochford 2010/2011 (5)						
Target:	2% reduction in sexual offences by March 2012						
	Increase baseline data on ECC test purchasing for alcohol sales across the Rochford District						
		Q1		Q2		Q3	Q4

CSP Lead:	Chief Inspector Glen Westley, Essex Police Danny Barnes, Essex Police Licensing Officer /Steve Joynes Acting Sergeant Essex Police. Peter Stratton/Lynsey Yarnell ECC Trading Standards	CSP Resources:	5K CSP Allocation 3K for Challenge 25 for 2011/2012
Key Milestones		Outcomes & Outputs	
Recommend licensed premises in Rayleigh (Night Time Economy) to adopt Challenge 25 scheme.	G	Identify Night Time Economy footprint by May 2011. Identify licensed premises in High Street and surrounding area by May 2011. Approach licensees by June 2011. Arrange meeting with licensed premises in High Street and surrounding area by July 2011. Number of licensees signed up to scheme by March 2012. Reduction in the sale of age restricted products to underage people. Fines/fixed penalty notice and risk of license review for retailers. Key individuals identified for PPO scheme or Integrated Offender Management cohort.	G
Adopt Pub Watch Scheme	A	Rayleigh Licensed premises sign up to pub watch scheme (NTE) by September 2011. Number of licensed premises across the District signed up to Pub Watch by March 2012. Reduction in number of crimes and anti-social behaviour incidents.	A
Use of knife arches at public houses and clubs.	A	Detect and deter the number of people carrying weapons. Reduction in the number of violent offences.	A

<p>Improve intelligence from all agencies to ECC Trading Standards on underage sales.</p> <p>Improve intelligence from all agencies and the public to Police around drugs and drug paraphernalia.</p> <p>Establish baseline target on drugs and alcohol across the District.</p>		G	<p>Increase in number of test purchases across the District to premises suspected of selling to underage by March 2012.</p> <p>Increase in number of license reviews.</p> <p>Contact RDC Street Scene regarding recording types of and location of drug paraphernalia throughout the District.</p> <p>Refer information to Essex Drug and Alcohol Action Team (EDAAT) for future strategies.</p>	G
<p>Provide clear and readily available personal safety advice for women.</p> <p>Aim to identify Help Points in appropriate premises in Rayleigh.</p>		G	<p>Produce a pocket guide covering personal safety, alcohol awareness and travelling home after a night out by September 2011.</p> <p>Distribute pocket guide to premises across the District by August 2011.</p> <p>Reduction in the number of sexual offences by March 2012.</p>	G
<p>Promote Healthy Relationships and Personal Safety in schools across the District.</p> <p>Promote Healthy Relationships in Leisure Centres across the District,</p>		G	<p>Contact 4 schools in District by September 2011.</p> <p>Training rolled out throughout year.</p> <p>Reduction in number of young people becoming a victim or repeat victim of crime.</p> <p>Contact Leisure Centres in District by September 2011</p> <p>Training rolled out throughout year.</p>	G
<p>Fund Outreach Workers to engage with young people in Rayleigh High Street (NTE) area.</p>		A	<p>Awareness and understanding of personal safety.</p> <p>Reduction in number of young people becoming a victim or repeat victim of crime.</p>	A
Progress/Comments:				
Key Risks to Achieving:	<p>Licensees not engaging with schemes</p> <p>Schools not engaging.</p> <p>Young people not engaging.</p>			
Key Actions to Mitigate Risk:				

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 4: INCREASE THE REPORTING OF HATE RELATED INCIDENTS BY 10% AND REDUCE THE NUMBER OF REPEATS BY 10% BY 2012

Performance Indicators	10% Increase in reported hate related incidents by March 2012 10% reduction in number of repeats by March 2012							
Baseline	Number of Hate related incidents (Police Crime data/iQuanta data) 2010/2011 (8)							
Target:	10% Increase in reported hate crime incidents by March 2012	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4
	10% reduction in number of repeats by March 2012							

CSP Lead:	Paul Beckers - Thames Corridor Focus Group - Disability Chief Inspector Glen Westley - Essex Police Paula Chapman - RDC Asst Community Safety Officer	CSP Resources:	5K CSP Allocation
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Key Milestones		Outcomes & Outputs	
Establish a Rochford Hate Crime panel.	G	Group established, terms of reference, Chair and Vice-Chair elected, meeting held by May 2011.	G
Produce a reporting form to enable residents to report hate related incidents.	G	Content agreed by June 2011. Form produced and distributed to agencies/organisations (hard copy) across the District by June 2011. Hate crime page and online reporting form added to CSP web pages by June 2011. Increase in number of reported incidents by March 2012. Reduction in number of repeats by March 2012. Number of hits on Hate crime webpage by March 2012. Number of completed online reporting forms by March 2012. District hate related incidents baseline data available for future strategic assessments.	G
Provide clear and readily available advice and information for those suffering hate related incidents across the district in conjunction with the Hate Crime Panel.	G	Awareness and greater understanding of what constitutes a hate related incident. Literature produced to signpost to support services and disseminated to agencies/organisations by June 2011. Increase in the number of hate related incidents reported to Police by March 2012. Identify number of hate related incidents reported to other agencies other than Police by March 2012.	G
Work with Hate Crime Panel with coordinating and producing campaigns.	G	2 local media campaigns to take place by March 2012.	G

Provide hate related incident awareness training to frontline staff in RDC, RSL's and key agencies	A	Identify key frontline staff by May 2011. Cost scheme for those identified by May 2011. Funding scheme agreed by May 2011. Training rollout throughout year. Greater awareness and understanding within agencies and ability to signpost to appropriate services i.e. victim support. Direct advice to prevent them becoming a repeat victim. Reduction in the number of repeat victims of hate related incidents.	A
Provide Hate Crime awareness training in schools across the District.	G	Schools approached by July 2011. Cost scheme for Victim Support to deliver training by August 2011. Funding scheme agreed by August 2011. Training rollout throughout the year. Reduction in hate related graffiti/criminal damage. Reduction in number of repeats by March 2012,	G
Progress/Comments:			
Key Risks to Achieving:	Schools not agreeing to Hate Crime awareness training. Capacity of Victim Support to deliver training. Partner agencies not delivering agreed actions within agreed timescales.		
Key Actions to Mitigate Risk:			