

## ROCHFORD DISTRICT COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

### 1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report provides Members with details of the function of the joint Castle Point and Rochford District Community Safety Partnership (CP & RDCSP) and an overview of the status of the Partnership since the last report into Review Committee on 4 February 2014.

### 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 (2014-2016), 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. The second Strategic Assessment is in the process of being produced. The Partnership Plan will be reviewed in 2016.

### 3 STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND FUNDING

- 3.1 The CP and RD CSP priorities for 2015/2016 (financial year April to March) are:-

- Reduce incidents of Dwelling burglary
- Reduce incidence of Anti social behaviour
- Reduce incidents of Violent crime including domestic abuse
- Reducing reoffending

#### Funding

- 3.2 Police and Crime Commissioners have control of all Central Government funding which goes to Community Safety Partnerships. For 2015/2016 the PCC has agreed to allocate separate grants of £14,019 to Rochford District CSP and £17,000 to Castle Point CSP. The funding allocations have been calculated based on the level of crime per head of population in each CSP area.
- 3.3 This funding will be awarded on submission of action plans evidencing key milestones, outputs and measurable outcomes. The plans need to demonstrate how they will address local priorities and assist the Police and Crime Commissioner in achieving his wider community safety priorities. The Rochford Action Plan was submitted and agreed by the PCC in May 2015.
- 3.4 Projects/initiatives outlined in the Action Plan include Outreach work for victims of Domestic Violence (delivering an outreach service for residents, and supporting the Sanctuary Scheme to enable victims of Domestic Violence

to stay in their own homes), provision of a specialist mediation service to address neighbour disputes for residents in Rochford District, Youth Engagement Project (including sharing and debating the concerns of young people with reference to child Sexual Exploitation, NPS (legal highs) binge drinking, and healthy relationships, and to link with the Youth Strategy and explore ways of working with young people involved in anti social behaviour) , and supporting a safer night time economy and preventing issues arising from displacement from neighbouring Districts.

3.5 Performance against 2014/2015 priorities indicate:-

Rochford has an all crime offence increase of 6.9% (32 offences) April - May 2015 when compared to the same period last year.

**4.6% reduction (13 incidents) in Anti-Social Behaviour**

281 incidents of anti-social behaviour were recorded in May 2014 compared with 268 incidents for the same period in 2015.

**25% decrease (13 crimes) in Burglary Dwelling**

For the period May 2014 there were 52 offences of burglary dwelling recorded compared with 39 for the same period in 2015.

**4.5% increase (1 crime) in Burglary (Other)**

22 crimes of Burglary (Other) were recorded for the period May 2014 which increased to 23 crimes of Burglary (other) in May 2015.

**68.6% increase (24 crimes) in Shoplifting**

In May 2014 there were 35 offences of shoplifting recorded. This increased in May 2015 to 59 offences.

Increased communication and increased confidence in reporting with local retailers is a contributory factor to an increase in reporting.

**2.9% decrease (1 crime) Theft From Motor Vehicle (TFMV)**

Rochford District has seen a slight decrease in vehicle crime of 2.9% for the period May 2015 compared with the same period in 2014.

**COPE events (Community Older Persons Events)**

- 3.6 The event is designed for older residents who live in the District and includes a number of different stalls and presentations from a variety of organisations and agencies offering help and advice on staying safe.
- 3.7 In October 2014 a COPE event was hosted in Rayleigh in partnership with Rayleigh Town Council seeing attendance from 44 residents.
- 3.8 In April 2015 a COPE event was hosted in Hockley, part funded by Hockley Parish who also promoted the event. Attendance was 26 on the day with foot fall very low.

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- 3.9 In June 2015 a COPE event was hosted in Great Wakering with 55 booked places and a waiting list of 7 people.
- 3.10 Crucial Crew was hosted in Rayleigh in partnership with Rayleigh Town Council in June and was well attended with approximately 150 students being part of the 2 day event. Members visited from both Rayleigh Town Council and Rochford District Council. The team are looking to extend this event District Wide for next year.
- 3.11 The team currently consists of 3 officers; a Community Safety Officer (Anti Social Behaviour) (0.81 FTE), a Community Safety Officer (Domestic Abuse) (1 FTE) and a Community Safety Assistant (0.62 FTE).
- 3.12 The Community Safety Assistant post has been vacant since December 2013 and was not recruited to pending the results of the Council Redesign. The Community Safety Officer (Domestic Abuse) has indicated she will be leaving the post to take up a position with the Metropolitan Police, leaving two vacant posts within the team. A service review is in progress covering the departments within Community and Housing and discussions have started with Essex Police as to the best way forward with regard to these roles.

#### 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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