
COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report updates the Committee on the delivery of the joint Castle Point and Rochford District Community Safety Partnership (CP & RDCSP) priorities and actions.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 In line with the statutory duty under S6 Crime and Disorder Act 1998, the CP & RDCSP produces and implements a partnership plan for reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.
- 2.2 Each year the joint CP & RDCSP provides an update report to the Committee on its work.

3 SALIENT INFORMATION

- 3.1 The 2018/19 CP & RDCSP delivery plan can be found on the Rochford Council website <https://www.rochford.gov.uk/community-and-people/community-safety>.
- 3.2 The principal features of the partnership's action plan work are around prevention; some examples of what has been progressed so far this year by Rochford's Community Safety Officer and partners, are detailed below.
- 296 taxi licence holders received Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) awareness training, now mandatory for all licence holders. A new e-learning module is in test and being endorsed by a CSE specialist professional and local policing team.
 - The annual Crucial Crew event was supported by 17 schools, with 780 pupils attending. 98% of the teachers felt the event was beneficial to the pupils.
 - The Senior Safety days continue to be supported, with over 20 partners at each event, and focus has been 'online fraud' and 'scams'. 97% of residents surveyed have rated the speakers good or excellent and 100% said they would pass the information gained onto family or friends.
 - The 'senior safety day model' is increasingly being recognised by external partners as one that works, and this is enabling the community safety service to increase its reach to more residents, for example, the community safety officer's links with local health groups led to a new Rochford Well Being day being held in June 2018, where over 60 residents 'dropped in' to gain information and advice on keeping safe and well at home.

- Hate Crime week included training delivered to 11 Rochford Council staff, enabling both Council site in Rochford and Rayleigh to become Hate Incident Reporting Centres.
 - Domestic Abuse awareness remains a key priority and six J9 training courses were completed, all at maximum capacity. At public events, for example, Christmas lights events and market days, over 700 bags with J9 information and other community information have been distributed, supported by volunteers and Volunteer Police Cadets.
 - Mental Health awareness training has been delivered by Mind to front-line staff from both Districts to promote the relationship between mental health and ASB / Crime / social inclusion.
- 3.5 The Castle Point & Rochford Community Policing Team now work from a new office space within Castle Point Borough Council offices. This is the first stage of building up a new Joint Community Safety Hub location, with the local inspector and community safety officers now meeting to plan joint work, which aligns with the partnership plan. Currently the Police analyst is working with officers to review the strategic assessment process and priorities.
- 3.6 Local crime figures continue to reflect the need to focus on the current community safety priorities. Policing statistics for December 2018 mirror the national trend and show a small rise in violent crime against the person (without injury) and an increase in sexual offences. Joint operations continue to be agreed through the joint planning and tasking meetings and remain focused on where these crimes and nuisances are repeatedly reported and where there is intelligence to support action.
- 3.7 Inspector Cathy Calder, Castle Point & Rochford Community Policing Team will attend the meeting to provide a further up to date overview of the local crime trends.

Link to Business Plan Priorities

- 3.8 The work of the CP & RDCSP continues to be aligned to the Council's Business Plan in relation to 'Early Intervention', specifically with regards to promoting safeguarding and working with partners on prevention and increasing community confidence. Links to the CP & RDCSP partnership plan continue to be included in the Council's joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy Action Plan and the Sanctuary Housing Community Investment Plan.

4 RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There is little risk to the joint CP & RDCSP delivering its statutory requirement; however, the District's Community Safety Partnership work continues to be dependent on the ongoing availability of an annual grant from the Office of the Essex Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (OPFCC), to deliver and complete agreed actions.

- 4.2 An 'Intelligence led' approach continues to be taken in reviewing the partnership priorities and the Police analyst support continues to strengthen this approach. Ongoing engagement of partners with their own limited resources, continues to be a risk and this may comprise intelligence in some circumstances.

5 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Partnership work will ensure that it is delivering on its commitments to Section 17 as detailed in both CP & RDCSP Action Plan and Strategic Assessment.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 All crime and disorder related Government funds are managed by OPFCC. Community safety partnership interventions for both Rochford and Castle Point Councils continue to be financed by an annual grant obtained by the OPFCC. The 2018/19 allocation for Rochford District Council is £12,336.72.
- 6.2 All future of OPFCC funding will continue to be in line with the adopted Policing Plan.

7 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 S6 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 places a statutory duty on responsible Authorities (including local authorities, the Police, Probation, Trusts, and Fire and Rescue Authorities) to formulate and implement strategies for the reduction of crime and disorder. The CP & RDCSP is a Community Safety Partnership set up in accordance with this requirement.
- 7.2 The Police and Justice Act 2006 (as amended) includes an obligation for every local authority to have a 'Crime and Disorder Committee' which carries out a scrutiny role for community safety partnerships. The Review Committee is the committee responsible for discharging responsibilities relating to scrutiny of crime and disorder matters.
- 7.3 The Member responsible for community safety sits on the joint CP & RDCSP steering group and is the Chair in 2018/19.

8 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 As this is a report of note, no EIA has been completed; however, as activities develop through the partnership action plan, specific needs will be taken into consideration.

9 RECOMMENDATION

- 9.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES** to note the progress made against the 2018/19 Rochford District Community Safety Partnership action plan.



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Background Papers:-

None.

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