

## **ROCHFORD DISTRICT COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP**

### **1 SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report provides Members with details of the function of Rochford District Community Safety Partnership and an update of the achievements of Rochford District Community Safety Partnership (CSP) since they last attended the Committee on 7 December 2010.

### **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 (2008-2011), 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 2011/2012 was completed in April 2011 and a three year Partnership Plan (2011-2013) has been 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 The Community Safety Partnership (CSP) has a small body of statutory members who are required under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to work in partnership to combat local crime and disorder. These key statutory partners are: Rochford District Council (RDC), Essex County Council, South East Essex Primary Care Trust, Essex Police, Essex Police Authority, Essex Fire and Rescue Service and Essex Probation Service. These seven key statutory partners have a legal obligation to comply with the requirements which include the placing of the duty on the Steering Group to prepare the annual Strategic Assessment and Partnership Plan. The current Acting Chairman of the CSP is District Commander Glen Westley.
- 3.2 The CSP is made up of a Steering Group and a Reference Group and three sub groups which support the delivery of the identified priorities in the Strategic Assessment 2011/2012. Task and Finish groups will be set up to address emerging priorities. The Steering Group is the body that provides the strategic leadership and overall management of the partnership. It has responsibility for ensuring that all day to day operational and performance functions of the CSP are effectively commissioned, delivered, evaluated and reviewed, formulating the Strategic Assessment and annual Partnership Plan, managing the finances of the partnership and commissioning projects. The

Reference Group comprises representatives from each of the statutory partners together with members of the non-statutory agencies and voluntary sector.

- 3.3 The CSP receives funding from Essex Probation Service, Basic Command Unit funding from Essex Police and part of an Area Based Grant received from the Home Office via Essex County Council as Rochford is a two-tier authority. Each CSP received nominal funding from Essex County Council but this ceased on 31 March 2011 and the Basic Command Unit funding which supports posts and activities for the CSP will cease altogether on 31 March 2012. The Area Based Grant allocation for 2011/2012 has been reduced by 59%. From May 2012 Police and Crime Commissioners will have control of all central government funding which goes to Community Safety Partnerships
- 3.4 Following the agreed merger of the Rochford LSP and the Castle Point LSP to form a joint LSP across the two authorities, it is proposed that Rochford and Castle Point's CSP Steering Groups will also merge to form a joint CSP. A meeting is scheduled for June to establish a small working group to implement the amalgamation.
- 3.5 The Strategic Assessment for 2010/2011 identified the following priorities for the CSP for 2010/2011:-
- **Reduce Theft From Motor Vehicle (TFMV) by 10% and Robbery by 5% during 2010/2011**
  - **Reduce anti-social behaviour by 10% during 2010/2011**
  - **Improve public engagement and increase public reassurance during 2010/2011**
  - **Reduce repeat incidents of Domestic Violence by 10%, reduce repeat victims of Domestic Violence cases reviewed at the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) and increase reporting rates by 10% during 2010/2011**
  - **Reduce alcohol related disorder by 10% during 2010/2011**
- 3.6 An action plan was produced to performance monitor the projects.

#### **Priority achievements from 2010/2011**

- **39% reduction in Theft From Motor Vehicle (TFMV), almost 4 times the target of 10%. As at 31 March 2011 Rochford CSP was ranked 1<sup>st</sup>, having the lowest number of recorded offences per 1,000 population when compared with the other 11 Essex CSPs. The reduction was achieved through campaigns and media releases reminding motorists to lock their vehicles and not leave valuable items such as sat navs on display.**

- **65%** reduction in robbery against a target of 5%. This is a significant achievement with Rochford CSP having the **3<sup>rd</sup> lowest** number of recorded offences per 1,000 population in Essex.
- **35.8%** reduction in the number of repeat incidents of Domestic Violence, almost 4 times the CSP target. Rochford District had 100 less repeat incidents in 2010/2011 compared to 2009/2010 and is ranked **2<sup>nd</sup>** with 2.15 incidents per 1,000 population compared to the CSP ranked 12<sup>th</sup> having 7.07 incidents per 1,000 population.
- Reduce the repeat victims of Domestic Violence reviewed at the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference. Rochford data is grouped with Castle Point and Southend. Separate District data is not available.
- Citizens Panel held in April 2011. Residents were consulted on their perception of crime and disorder and ASB across the district.
- Joint Essex Police Authority and CSP annual public meeting held 17 November 2010.
- Supported the Community Involvement Group information days in Rochford, Great Wakering and Hullbridge.

#### Priority targets not met from 2010/2011

- Reduce the number of anti-social behaviour incidents by 10%. The number of incidents reported to Police reduced by **1%**. Although this is below our target, when compared with the other 11 CSP's in Essex, Rochford CSP is ranked as having the **2<sup>nd</sup> lowest** number of reported Police incidents per 1,000 population.
- Reduce alcohol related disorder by 10%. There was an increase in 5 offences, which equates to **2.8%**. The CSP has recognised that alcohol related disorder still needs to be addressed and is working in partnership with Police Licensing Officers and ECC Trading Standards to implement Challenge 25. This work will link in with the CSP priority to reduce the number of sexual offences by 2% during 2011/2012.
- Increase the reporting rates of Domestic Abuse by 10%. The number reported was down by **38%**. Although Rochford CSP encourages victims to report Domestic Abuse, CSPs across Essex saw an overall reduction in incidents of Domestic Violence during 2010/2011. Rochford CSP had the biggest reduction in repeat incidents for 2010/2011, ranking it 1<sup>st</sup> out of the 12 Essex CSPs which is an encouraging achievement. This may be attributable to the work of the RDC Domestic Abuse Reduction Officer who was employed in May 2010 from the Performance Reward Grant and Area Based Grant funding to support and develop a coordinated approach to Domestic Abuse service provision by facilitating the multi-agency, cross sector work within the Rochford District.

- The CSP Performance Report April 10-March 11 (attached as Appendix 1) details the priority outcomes.

The Strategic Assessment 2011/2012 process has provided Rochford CSP with the knowledge and understanding of the crime, disorder and community safety issues that have been identified in our District as our priorities for consideration. The CSP will concentrate on the following 4 priorities for 2011/2012 (financial year April-March):-

- **Reduce anti-social behaviour by 2% during 2011/2012**
- **Reduce the number of repeat incidents of domestic abuse by 5% during 2011/2012**
- **Reduce the number of sexual offences by 2% during 2011/2012**
- **Reduce the number of hate crimes by 1% during 2011/2012**

An action plan (attached as Appendix 2) has been developed that will robustly performance monitor projects and activity that relate to these 4 priorities.

- 3.7 On 13 April 2011 the Home Office implemented Section 9 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 placing a duty on Community Safety Partnerships to undertake multi-agency reviews of domestic homicides (DHR) in their area.
- 3.8 The six month Dispersal Order introduced on 01 December 2010 for Rochford town centre and surrounding area to tackle the ongoing Crime and Disorder issues in the area has been particularly successful. For the period 01 December to 30 April 2011 there were 111 individuals dispersed and reported anti-social behaviour has been reduced by 49% with a reduction of 61% in reported youth nuisance calls. Crime has fallen by 59% for the same period with the biggest reduction of 75% in criminal damage to buildings other than dwellings. Approval has been granted to allow the order to continue from 01 June 2011 for a further six months to cover the Summer period.

#### **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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## Performance Report

April 2010-March 2011

## Executive Summary

2010/2011 Priority	Year to Date (April 09- March 10)	Year to Date (April 10- March 11)	% 2009/2010 to 2010/2011	Performance Indicator
Reduce Theft From Motor Vehicle by 10% during 2010/2011	325	198	39.0% (127 offences)	Green
Reduce Robbery by 5% during 2010/2011	23	8	65.0% (15 offences)	Green
Reduce anti-social behaviour incidents by 5% during 2010/2011	2120	2090	1.0% (30 incidents)	Amber
Increase the reporting rates of domestic abuse by 10% during 2010/2011	626	388	38.0% (238 incidents)	Red
Reduce the repeat victims of Domestic Violence cases reviewed at MARAC	Rochford District is grouped with Southend and Castle Point. Separate District data not available			
Reduce the number of repeat incidents by 10% during 2010/2011	279	179	35.8% (100 incidents)	Green
Reduce alcohol related disorder by 5% during 2010/2011 (Assault with less serious injury NI 20)	181	186	2.8% (5 offences)	Red
All Crime	2650	2401	9.4% (249 offences)	Green
Improve public engagement and increase public reassurance	<p>Joint Essex Police Authority and Rochford CSP Public Meeting 17 November 2010 in Hockley.</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Citizens Panel held April 2011.</p> <p>Supported the Community Involvement Group (CIG) Information Days in Rochford, Great Wakering and Hullbridge.</p> <p>Regular positive features in Rochford District Matters (RDM).</p> <p>Regular press releases on the work of the CSP, community safety advice and alerts to residents of new scams and activities of fraudsters.</p>			Green

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

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

<b>CSP Lead:</b>	Vacant - ASB Coordinator RDC Melanie Yolland – CSP Coordinator RDC		<b>CSP Resources:</b>	<b>5K CSP Allocation</b> <b>10K CSP Problem Solving</b>							
<b>Key Milestones</b>			<b>Outcomes &amp; Outputs</b>								
Recruit RDC anti-social behaviour officer		A	Officer recruited, in place and work plan agreed by July 2011.								A
Partner agencies to identify young people at risk of offending Engage with County Youth Offending Service, Family Mosaic and Extended Schools.		A	Support and encourage targeted intervention work with both the young person and parent(s). Reduction in number of ASB incidents and Criminal Damage offences.								A
Produce ASB response plan to peak times/hotspots for anti-social behaviour for district – Summer Holidays – Halloween - Nov 5 <sup>th</sup> - Christmas.		A	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.								A
Increased joint working with Police on Operations and initiatives to tackle ASB hotspots and seasonal trends (parks/mini motos).		A	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.								A
Monitor and evaluate effectiveness of Dispersal Order for Rochford Square		A	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.								A
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).		A	Targeted multi agency approach to tackling the issues. Identify key individuals for PPO scheme or Integrated Offender Management cohort. Reduction in number of ASB complaints to the area.								A
<b>Progress/Comments:</b>											



<b>Key Risks to Achieving:</b>	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
<b>Key Actions to Mitigate Risk:</b>	

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

<b>Performance Indicators</b>	5% reduction in number of repeat incidents by March 2012							
<b>Baseline</b>	Repeat incidents of Domestic Violence (Police Crime Data) 2010/2011 (179) Number of families supported by Basildon Women's Aid 2010/2011 (38)							
<b>Target:</b>	5% reduction in the number of repeat incidents reported by March 2012 (170)	<b>Q1</b>		<b>Q2</b>		<b>Q3</b>		<b>Q4</b>
	Increase in number supported by Basildon Women's Aid							
	Number supported by Safer Places (Southend)							

<b>CSP Lead:</b>	Tracey Schneider RDC Domestic Abuse Reduction Officer and Chair of DAP. Melanie Yolland RDC Community Safety Coordinator	<b>CSP Resources:</b>	5K CSP allocation 5K Sanctuary Scheme 5K for BWA and Safer Places 2K for Basildon Careline Service
<b>Key Milestones</b>		<b>Outcomes &amp; Outputs</b>	
Administer the Freedom Programme across the District. (Provides victims with support and enables them to gain self esteem).	<b>A</b>	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. Provision of a perpetrator version of the programme to be developed and rolled out by December 2011.	<b>A</b>
J9 initiative (To mobilise communities to take responsibility and challenge Violence Against Women and Girls) by awareness raising, information points and signposting).	<b>A</b>	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.	<b>A</b>
Provide Domestic Abuse awareness training to RDC staff and key agencies.	<b>A</b>	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.	<b>A</b>
Establish Domestic Abuse campaigns within the District to raise awareness.	<b>A</b>	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.	<b>A</b>

Provide Domestic Abuse awareness training in schools across the District.	A	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.	A
Continue to support the work of Basildon Women's Aid and Safer Places.	A	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.	A
Establish use of Careline Service across the District	A	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.	A
Continue to support the Rochford District Sanctuary Scheme	A	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.	A
<b>Progress/Comments:</b>			
<b>Key Risks to Achieving:</b>	Schools not engaging/resistance to awareness training Identifying future funding schemes for Sanctuary and Careline. Allocated funding for outreach work exceeds 5K.		
<b>Key Actions to Mitigate Risk:</b>	Domestic Abuse Reduction Officer can deal with some of the issues.		

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

<b>Performance Indicators</b>	2% reduction in sexual offences by March 2012								
<b>Baseline</b>	Number of sexual offences (Police crime data/iQuanta data) 2010/2011 (38)								
	ECC Test purchasing for alcohol sales for Rochford 2010/2011 (5)								
<b>Target:</b>	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	

<b>CSP Lead:</b>	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	<b>CSP Resources:</b>	5K CSP Allocation 3K for Challenge 25 for 2011/2012
<b>Key Milestones</b>		<b>Outcomes &amp; Outputs</b>	
Recommend licensed premises in Rayleigh (Night Time Economy) to adopt Challenge 25 scheme.	A	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.	A
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
Improve intelligence from all agencies to ECC Trading Standards on underage sales.	A	Increase in number of test purchases across the District to premises suspected of selling to underage by March 2012. Increase in number of license reviews.	A
Provide clear and readily available personal safety advice for women.  Aim to identify Help Points in appropriate premises in Rayleigh.	A	Produce a pocket guide covering personal safety, alcohol awareness and travelling home after a night out by July 2011. Distribute pocket guide to premises across the District by August 2011. Reduction in the number of sexual offences by March 2012.	A

Promote Healthy Relationships and Personal Safety in schools across the District.	A	Contact 4 schools in District by September 2011. Training rolled out throughout year. Reduction in number of young people becoming a victim or repeat victim of crime.	A
Fund Outreach Workers to engage with young people in Rayleigh High Street (NTE) area.	A	Awareness and understanding of personal safety. Reduction in number of young people becoming a victim or repeat victim of crime.	A
<b>Progress/Comments:</b>			
<b>Key Risks to Achieving:</b>	Licensees not engaging with schemes Schools not engaging. Young people not engaging.		
<b>Key Actions to Mitigate Risk:</b>			

## STRATEGIC PRIORITY 4: REDUCE THE NUMBER OF HATE CRIMES BY 1% BY 2012

<b>Performance Indicators</b>	1% reduction in number of hate crimes by March 2012										
<b>Baseline</b>	Number of Racial Incidents (Police Crime data/iQuanta data) 2010/2011 (14)										
<b>Target:</b>	1% reduction in number of Hate Crimes by March 2012				<b>Q1</b>		<b>Q2</b>		<b>Q3</b>		<b>Q4</b>
<b>CSP Lead:</b>	Paul Beckers - Thames Corridor Focus Group - Disability Chief Inspector Glen Westley - Essex Police Paula Chapman - RDC Asst Community Safety Officer				<b>CSP Resources:</b>		<b>5K CSP Allocation</b>				
<b>Key Milestones</b>					<b>Outcomes &amp; Outputs</b>						
Establish a Rochford Hate Crime panel.				<b>A</b>	Group established, terms of reference, Chair and Vice-Chair elected, meeting held by May 2011.						<b>A</b>
Produce a reporting form to enable residents to report Hate Crime.				<b>A</b>	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. Reduction in offences and number of victims by March 2012. Number of hits on Hate Crime webpage by March 2012. Number of completed online reporting forms by March 2012. District Hate Crime baseline data available for future strategic assessments.						<b>A</b>
Provide clear and readily available advice and information for those suffering Hate Crime across the district in conjunction with the Hate Crime Panel.				<b>A</b>	Awareness and greater understanding of what constitutes Hate Crime. Literature produced to signpost to support services and disseminated to agencies/organisations by June 2011. Increase in the number of Hate Crimes reported to Police by March 2012. Identify number of Hate Crimes reported to other agencies other than Police by March 2012.						<b>A</b>
Work with Hate Crime Panel with coordinating and producing campaigns.				<b>A</b>	2 local media campaigns to take place by March 2012.						<b>A</b>
Provide Hate Crime awareness training to frontline staff in RDC and key agencies				<b>A</b>	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. Signposting 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 Crime.						<b>A</b>
Provide Hate Crime awareness training in schools across the District.				<b>A</b>	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 crime graffiti/criminal damage.						<b>A</b>

<b>Progress/Comments:</b>	
<b>Key Risks to Achieving:</b>	Schools not agreeing to Hate Crime awareness training. Capacity of Victim Support to deliver training. Partner agencies not delivering agreed actions within agreed timescales.
<b>Key Actions to Mitigate Risk:</b>	