
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&RCSP) priorities and actions.

2 INTRODUCTION

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

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The priorities for the CP&RCSP are set out in an annual strategic assessment prepared by Essex Police analysts. The document incorporates data sets from partner agencies and identifies key priorities for action. The strategic assessment for the year 2019/20 can be found on the Rochford District Council website https://www.rochford.gov.uk/sites/default/files/rochford_castle_point_csp_strategic_assessment_2018_19.pdf together with the related action plan <https://www.rochford.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2019%202020%20Action%20Plan.pdf>

The priority areas for action were identified as:

- Burglary dwelling;
 - Protecting vulnerable people;
 - Anti-Social Behaviour; and
 - Violence against the person.
- 3.2 The principal features of the partnership's action plan are around prevention. Some examples of outcomes are detailed below:
- Walk online e safety training for Year 6 and Year 7 pupils across the District. This programme was designed to educate young people on how to remain safe online and was hosted at secondary schools across the district.
 - All Year 7 pupils attended alongside 490 primary school children from 9 primary schools. Feedback from the children indicated that 88% of Year 6 children rated the input as "good" or "very good", with 66% of

children describing their knowledge of online safety issues as good prior to the event, with this figure rising to 78% post event. A similar event for parents was hosted, with over 50 attending.

- The 2019 Crucial Crew programme was revised following feedback from participants in previous years. Revisions included a reduction in the number of topics covered, but more time to focus on subject material and interaction with inputs on healthy relationships, personal safety and hidden harms (the latter including key messages on gangs, drugs and knife crime). This event attracted 792 children from 17 primary schools.
 - A Senior Safety Day was run in September 2019 at the Hockley Community Centre. This event was well supported by partner agencies but attendance from the public was disappointingly low. Feedback has been sought and similar events in other authority areas examined, to identify how to ensure these events remain worthwhile for attendees and partners. Further engagement will be undertaken with both RRAVS and the RHALC to ensure that all existing support networks for senior citizens are effectively mapped and engaged.
 - Domestic abuse training continued to be rolled out across the District. Delivered at Hockley Parish Council offices in December 2019, this event was attended by staff from both the District Council and a number of Parishes. In addition, the CP& RCSP continues to support high risk victims of domestic abuse, based upon security recommendations made by Crime Reduction Tactical Advisors employed by Essex Police.
 - Working in conjunction with the Essex Youth Service, the CP&RCSP has provided funding (supported by additional monies from Sanctuary Housing Association and Rochford Parish Council) to allow for the provision of additional Youth Service outreach work in both Rayleigh and Rochford aimed at addressing issues of anti-social behaviour. The funding will provide additional outreach in both locations for 25 weeks, and delivery commenced in early January 2020.
- 3.3 Work is nearing completion on the strategic assessment for the year 2020/21 and the associated action plan. Both documents will be presented to the CP&RCSP and Local Strategic Partnership Board for approval prior to submission to the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex. Priority areas for action have provisionally been identified as:
- Protecting vulnerable people;
 - Anti-Social Behaviour; and
 - Violence (including knife crime).

- 3.4 The most recently available crime figures (rolling year to December 2019) indicate that although recorded crime levels have increased across the District, the percentage increase is lower than the increase across Essex. Recorded levels of ASB continue to drop across the District, broadly in line with reductions witnessed across Essex.
- 3.5 Inspector Cathy Calder, Castle Point and Rochford Community Policing Team, will attend the meeting to provide a further up to date overview of local policing issues.

Link to Business Plan Priorities

- 3.6 The work of the CP&RCSP 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&RCSP 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&RCSP delivering its statutory requirement; however, delivery continues to be dependent on the ongoing availability of an annual grant from the Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex (OPFCC)
- 4.2 An "intelligence led" approach continues to be taken in reviewing the partnership priorities – this in no small part is driven by Police analytical capability. Ongoing engagement of partners, with their own limited resources combined with competing demand and priorities elsewhere, continues to be a risk.

5 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Partnership work will ensure that it is delivering on its commitments to Section 17 Crime and Disorder Act 1998 as detailed in both CP&RCSP action plan and strategic assessment.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 All crime and disorder related Government funds are managed by the OPFCC. CP&RCSP interventions continue to be financed by an annual grant obtained from the OPFCC. The 2019/20 allocation to Rochford District Council was £12,337, which is the same allocation as the previous two years.

7 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 Sec 6, Crime and Disorder Act 1988 places a statutory duty on responsible authorities (including local authorities, County Councils, The Police, National Probation Service, Fire & Rescue Service and Clinical Commissioning

Groups) to formulate and implement strategies for the reduction of crime and disorder. The CP&RCSP is a Community Safety Partnership set up in accordance with this requirement.

- 7.2 Sec 19, 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&RCSP and was vice chair in 2019/20.

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 2019/20 Rochford District Community Safety Partnership action plan.



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Background Papers:-

None.

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