COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report updates the Committee on the annual review and refresh 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 (ASB). Further to the report presented at the 6 September 2016 Review Committee, which updated on the CP & RDCSP Action Plan, this report provides a further review of actions, statistics and public opinion to enable the partnership to consider how it may re-focus its priorities in response to:
 - Emerging or changing trends in local crime statistics;
 - Learning gained through the delivery of the existing priorities;
 - The annual Community Safety public consultation, as well as any other engagement exercises relevant to crime, ASB and community safety; and
 - Local intelligence from community policing teams, partners and joint days of action.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The existing 2016/17 CP & RDCSP Priorities are:
 - Safeguarding vulnerable residents from harm;
 - ASB; and
 - Acquisitive crime.
- 3.2 In order to work towards these priorities, the CP & RDCSP committed in its 2016/17 Partnership Action Plan to a number of actions and outcomes. Appendix A to this report sets out the progress made by the Council in achieving these outcomes.

Local crime trends

3.3 Inspector Fergus Caulfield will be in attendance at the meeting to provide a detailed overview of the local crime trends. In summary, overall trends over the last 12 months have shown no significant change in crime rates, with one exception. 'Violent Crime Without Injury', which includes public order offences, aggressive behaviour and threats. This is a Force wide trend, and it

- is believed changes in reporting and recording practices have contributed significantly to this.
- 3.4 The crime performance picture details show that the overall 'Solved Rate' is above the Force average of 20%. Burglary and other acquisitive crimes are below last year's levels, with the exception of vehicle offences; ASB calls are down 5.5% on last year. It is to be recognised, however, that residents have a different perception of inquisitive crime and ASB and there are also dependencies on the way crime is now reported, with a shift in encouraging on line reporting. Emergency response times remain a challenge, in part due to the Police operating bases being located in the west of the District, which makes travelling times longer. As part of the plan to remedy this, a new Drop-In facility at Rochford Council Offices has been set up; this will help towards improving response and visibility across the East of the District.

Resident perceptions

- 3.5 Improving the perception of Rochford as a safe place to live is an ongoing objective, as set out in the action plan. The recent community safety survey, which was completed online as well as at partnership engagement events, has now closed; the themes and rankings from the initial read through of the outcomes are detailed in Appendix B. A more detailed breakdown is currently being drafted for publication.
- 3.6 Rankings which have emerged from this survey were:
 - Vehicle speeding;
 - Home burglary;
 - Vehicle theft;
 - Fly Tipping; and
 - ASB.

Proposed 2018/19 CP & RDCSP Priorities

- 3.7 When considering the outcomes of the survey, the delivery of the action plan and the crime trends, it is being recommended that the priorities remain unchanged for 2017/18 these are:
 - Safeguarding vulnerable residents from harm;
 - ASB; and
 - Acquisitive crime.
- 3.8 A more detailed discussion is now in progress with partners, to consider the need for a shift in focus for some of the partnership actions, to support these priorities. For example, while overall ASB reports have fallen, there are ongoing concerns about e.g. youth nuisance and the Council are already

- looking to work with the Youth Service to address concerns about youths gathering in Rochford Town Square and to join up more closely on 'days of action'.
- 3.9 A shift in focus will also require partners to consider emerging concerns and trends, with particular reference to drug offences and the link with reoffending and urban street gangs. Closer work with the Police and with the Youth Service to carry out outreach work and raise awareness will be a priority action.
- 3.10 The ongoing success of the joint 'days of action' have already evidenced the need to ensure we retain the 'safeguarding vulnerable residents' priority, which includes all hidden harm crimes. The number of arrests and immigration outcomes resulting from the work in Rayleigh has proven that these hidden harm crimes are happening locally and we were not aware. Joint operations focussing on child sexual exploitation, modern day slavery and human trafficking will continue to feature in the Partnership Action Plan.
- 3.11 Despite falling crime rates over the last year for ASB and other inquisitive crimes, place based crimes continue to be one of the top priorities for residents and, therefore, the partnership priorities need to reflect this, with an action to continue external communications, aiming to address residents' concerns.

Link to business plan priorities

3.12 The work of the CP & RDCSP is 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 have also been 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, but, as highlighted in resource implications (section 4), the impact of the District's Community Safety Partnership (CSP) work will be dependent on the availability of resources to deliver and complete agreed actions.
- 4.2 An 'Intelligence led' approach continues to be taken in reviewing the Partnership Priorities, but the availability of a wider selection of intelligence, enabling a more in depth strategic review, has not been possible for this year's assessment because of the lack of Police Analyst support. This is anticipated to be a short-term risk and it is understood that the Police Analyst resource will be available later in 2017/18 to support the strategic assessment for 2018/19.
- 4.3 The selection of intelligence is also dependent on partner data, which is currently being compromised by partner's own limited resources.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 All crime and disorder related Government funds are managed by the Office of the Essex Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC). CSP interventions for both Districts continue to be financed by an annual grant obtained by the OPCC. The 2016/17 allocation for Rochford District Council totals £14,019 and is 100% committed and spent against those projects identified in the Action Plan.
- 5.2 All future OPPC funding will continue to be in line with the adopted Policing Plan and the 2017/18 Rochford allocation has been confirmed as £12,337.
- 5.3 All Essex District allocations for 2017/18 have been reduced by 12%, assuming a positive outcome to the current Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) consultation, where a central fund is being considered to enable a more centralised response to reviews. Rochford CSP supports this approach and it will enable the local DHR reserve budget to be released and recycled back into the CSP wider budget, for ongoing action plan work.
- 5.4 There will be no impact on the funding for RDC's Community Safety Officer post, as this is resourced directly by the Council and not through the OPCC.

6 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 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.
- 6.2 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 the scrutiny of crime and disorder matters.
- 6.3 The Member responsible for community safety sits on the joint CP & RDCSP steering group and is currently the Chair.

7 RECOMMENDATION

- 7.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**
 - To note the Council's actions to support and deliver on the community safety agenda and the statutory requirements set out in the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.
 - To note that updates on the CP & RDCSP and its ongoing priorities will be agreed at the Local Strategic Partnership Executive on 9 June 2017.



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Background Papers:

None.

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Appendix A

Castle Point and Rochford Community Safety Partnership Partnership Plan 2016/17

PrioritySafeguarding Vulnerable People

Strategic Objective	Actions	Outcomes / Measures	Update
To safeguard victims of Domestic Abuse from repeat incidents, by Identifying high risk victims and assessing their need for added security devices	Crime Prevention Tactical Advisor (CPTA) will visit all suitable high risk DA victims and carry out a full home safety inspection providing recommendations for improving security. To continue to provide a sanctuary scheme for all residents.	An increased number of victims to be safeguarded from incidents of DA. Victims of Domestic violence are able to remain in their own home.	8 recommendations presented, two dealt with by Housing Associations, 6 supported by Safer Partnerships.
To raise awareness of Domestic abuse and encourage reporting	Actively promote Essex wide campaigns in Rochford & Castle Point Re - introduce the J9 scheme in both districts	Two DA campaigns promoted within the year Partners agencies trained and signed up to J9 principles. Residents able to readily access DA information at key J9 locations.	Support given to ECC Domestic awareness Week linked to UN campaign to End violence against Women and Girls.25 th November joined campaign to Orange the Community. Social media used to cover event with media coverage.
	Family event in Castle Point targeting Thorney Bay residents and Children Centre users	DA information to targeted audience.	 J9 Training to 49 professionals working across Castle Point and Rochford.
Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) (statutory obligation)	Complete existing DHR within appropriate timescales to agreed Home Office standard	Shared learning on outcomes of DHR cascaded to front line officers and partners	Castle Point action. Learning shared with Rochford and findings signed off by partners.

To protect the most vulnerable	To enhance and continue delivery of the		Rochford
and elderly residents from becoming victims of crime including scams, internet, fire safety and more	following Projects that provide community safety reassurances to local residents:		Senior Safety Road Show delivered in Hullbridge 62 attended with 94% of responses indicating the information received was excellent and the
safety and more	Senior Safety Road Shows – To organize two awareness days in Rochford.	80% of attendees indicate they are more safety aware	 remaining 6% judged it good. Keep Safe - working with RRAVS to assist in the re-launch and review of premises. Being promoted at
	Re-launch the Keep Safe Scheme in Rochford.	Local trade and businesses signed up to scheme.	community events and online, County wide webpage going live in June 2017.
	Introduce the Keep Safe Scheme in Castle Point. Electric Blanket and Fire Safety event in Castle Point To pilot a Well Homes Scheme in Rochford	At least 100 vulnerable residents provided with info & blankets tested. All dangerous blankets confiscated 80% of residents feel healthier and safer at home	 Well homes – working with RRAVS. Specification and Volunteer job description/advert in place. x2 volunteers signed up. Training in progress. Dependencies on BRE data – received Q3, slowed progress of project. Idea presented at TGSE housing conference, as good practice. Anticipated start Q1-2 2017/18.
To protect vulnerable people from Harm including domestic abuse, radicalisation, grooming, sexual exploitation, bullying, hate crime, drugs and alcohol abuse	Training event for licensed premises in Rochford & Castle Point—including info on CSE, legal highs Strengthening conditions for Taxi drivers in Rochford & Castle Point	Increased understanding and knowledge of license trade in identifying and understanding the issues recognising those at risk and referral routes. Increased understanding and knowledge of licensed driver in identifying and understanding the issues & referral routes.	 Training event held at The Rayleigh Club supported by the BOBB members. The event was well received and the CSE and Drugs Awareness sessions were particularly applauded. All taxi divers in Rochford have been issued with 'Safety on the Streets', A Guide for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers.
	Intelligence from partners re underage sales supplied to Trading Standards Test purchasing.	Targeted premises visited & follow up enforcement action when necessary	 Ongoing referral process with County TStandards.

	Dedicated police staff school officers based at HQ reactive to appropriate issues raised locally	Police HQ staff targeted at highest risk & problem areas	 6th March Ideology Training session organised and offered to CSP delivered by 'ME and You' trainers – Baptist Church, Chelmsford.
	Increased PREVENT awareness across partner agencies	Completion of 2 events for front line staff to be trained to Home Office standard	 On Line basic training for RDC drafted and being tested for roll out Q1 to all staff.
To protect vulnerable people	Continued development of Thorney	Regular meetings of agencies who	Rochford
from Harm including domestic abuse, radicalisation, grooming, sexual exploitation,	Bay Steering Group – C Point.	can assist with safeguarding at the site. Improved information sharing	 A joint commissioning of Chelsea's choice has been undertaken by Youth Strategy Group, CSP and PCC. This is
bullying, hate crime, drugs and alcohol abuse	Young People engagement Project (similar to Chelsea's Choice) delivered to at least 80% of senior schools	To reduce associated risks with children who are missing and CSE. To better identify threats and build resilience in young people to exploitation.	now going to be part of a County wide commissioned project which will be delivered in the late Summer/Autumn 2017.
	Gang awareness training to front line	To understand the threat and recognise and develop an effective response. Free training sessions for partner	 Two Courses are organised for 6th and 9th March delivered by Kevin McKenna, of Reach every Generation including updates from Essex Police Raptor team.
	staff to understand how they operate	agencies	Later Constant and State Constant
	and better safeguard the community	Improved awareness of issues and	 Joint funded project with Essex Youth Service to commission 'Reach Every
	and better bareguard the community	ability to respond	Generation' to undertake work in the
			Four Senior Schools to supplement the
	Promote the Risk Avert program and encourage all Secondary schools to	Information on risk avert promoted to all local schools not currently	Risk Avert programmes in operation.
	use it.	signed up	 Community policing officers have a dedicated CSE SPOC who identify children who go missing and are at increased risk of CSE. This is done with
	Identification and intervention with	Reduce associated risks for children	the missing person liaison officer.
	those children identified at risk of CSE,	missing or vulnerable to CSE	Referrals completed to social care and

	in particular who are reported missing, as part of the Force tasking process.		 SPOC attends MACE meetings and working with partner agencies, to ensure appropriate support is in place and individuals are regularly reviewed.
To Raise Awareness of Hidden Harm with Partners and Frontline Practitioners	Ensure information is provided through existing media sources including newsletters website, events Support appropriate county wide events	Partner websites updated with information Campaign information is disseminated locally	 Facebook and RDC Website has been used through the year to raise awareness of; Modern Day Slavery, CSE, Fraud, Scams, Domestic Abuse, Violence against women and Children. In conjunction with EST Children Safeguarding Board "I didn't know campaign" agencies are receiving a pack of resources supplied by the CSP in order to support the Campaign in their organisation. To supplement online videos and other resources on the EST CSB website. Engaging staff in campaigns like 'Orange the Community' to raise awareness both internally and to Community.

Priority

Anti-Social Behaviour

Strategic Objective	Actions	Outcomes / Measures	Update
To continue to work with partners to ensure that the Night Time Economy (NTE) remains safe and vibrant for all residents and visitors	Continue to support taxi Marshalls in Rayleigh Town Centre and explore with licensed trade, alternative funding options for continuation of scheme. Op Benison – targeted licensed premises visits to reduce incidents, prevent reoffending & ensuring licensing conditions are adhered to.	Public confidence raised Incidents reduced number of visits completed as per OP Benison requirements All member premises in Pub watch respond in a coordinated way to repeat offenders	The Taxi Marshalls scheme was extended to June 2016 and following consultation although valued, none of the key stakeholders were prepared to continue the scheme. Reports have not continued with regard issues at the rank and so the scheme finished. Pubwatch continues to run. Defibrillator
	To support and maintain effective "Behaved or Be Banned (BOBB) scheme for licensed premises in Rochford District	Basic first aid treatment –place of shelter and safety for those intoxicated/vulnerable –reduction in offending, demand on police and ambulance, increase confidence in the community	 funded and kept in Rayleigh high street. Licensed premises with an increased risk of disorder are visited every month. Safety advisory group meetings review applications for temporary event notices.
	Introduction of Street Pastor scheme in Rayleigh. Community policing team/special constabulary deployments on key dates – including bank holiday weekends – Christmas -Halloween	Reduce offending, improve and develop partner relationships with licensed premises, public reassurance	 This has prompted additional work around end of School prom parties to provide guidance and advice to Schools and parents reducing the number of inappropriate parties. Street Pastor scheme has been delayed due to recruitment issues. To be carried forward as an action.
			"Red flag" dates for maintaining optimum police resources were put in

			place – including two weeks of Halloween/firework night –"Builder's day", weekend before Christmas, Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. • 10 dedicated special constabulary in place to support community policing.
Joint working to proactively tackle ASB in the Borough / District	Managing hotspot areas through robust partnership working. Regular partner proactive days of action to educate – enforce and reassure Identification and partnership resolution on wider ASB issues affecting communities will be actioned through future local Hub tasking process. Attendance and support at local Community/resident/council meetings re local ASB for action Promotion and appropriate use of most recent ASB legislation eg criminal behaviour orders, community warning notices. 'Crucial Crew' life skills event for year 6 pupils in Rochford District	The most vulnerable / repeat victims and areas are prioritised Reduction in ASB cases, improved satisfaction, enhanced development of partnership working. Community concerns are appropriately risk assessed and actioned Appropriate enforcement of offenders -from advice and warnings through to potential prosecution. Reassure the public through high visibility and focus on community identified issues. Year six pupils are more able to make informed decisions	 Rochford Implementation of regular joint tasking meeting has enabled a robust sharing of information and deployment of staff to deal with emerging issues and draw down additional resources for Operations. Regular monthly targeted joint Operations completed. Op Walnut – CSE Op Diesel – Modern Day Slavery Op Turncoat – Acquisitive crime Op Sport – Retail Crime / warrants (including drug seizures) Op Broken Arrow – night time economy Op Benison – Licensing checks Operation Turncoat has led to two Criminal Behaviour Orders and 3 Community Protection Warnings being imposed. Crucial Crew events held in both Rayleigh + Rochford. > 500 year 6 pupils attended. 85% of teachers reported it was beneficial for pupils covering issue from Stranger danger to internet and mobile devise safety.

Encourage Residents to be proactive in dealing with neighbour disputes & ASB	Promotion of Restorative Justice service to residents and agency referrals	Increased numbers of referrals to RJ hub Partner websites updated. Use of social medial message	Regular referrals are made to RJ Hub by Police and RDC staff.
To target those responsible for Environmental Crime	To develop the Community Safety Accreditation scheme to address issues of fly tipping and nuisance behaviour in open spaces and other public places in the Rochford District Estate/area walkabouts with partners and residents to identify environmental issues that require resolution	Front line staff community safety accredited Civil enforcement structure in place Reduction in incidents reported Increased pride and maintenance in a geographical area	 Rochford RDC Street scenes and Parking Enforcement officers accredited for enforcement action, pending review of service provision. Street Scene services pursuing enforcement action in conjunction with Environment Agency to address fly tipping. Legal intervention being pursued in both commercial tipping and smaller scale tipping. Partnership with Southend BC currently being developed. Planning Enforcement investigating and enforce untidy sites through new Empty homes project work.
To support communities and young people in providing alternative diversionary activities	Support and enable partner community groups and partner organisations to use Youth Service premises, Youth Buses and Youth Service resources to provide young people with diversionary activities. Mapping Exercise to explore where young people feel safe and unsafe in the area	An increase in diversionary activities Increased understanding of young people's needs. Diversionary activities & support targeted appropriately	 Rochford Commissioning of 'Reach Every Generation' with Youth Strategy Group to deliver; An Out Reach Youth Work project in Rochford Town area. Undertake a Community Consultation regarding YP views. Support existing provision/explore/enhancing the delivery of Centre based Youth work.

Priority

Acquisitive Crime

Strategic Objective	Actions	Outcomes / Measures	Outcomes
To continue to promote and support Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) and other members of the voluntary sector	To promote the Police Community Messaging System To increase use of cost effective communication by NHW to distribute targeted crime prevention advice i.e. email and social media To explore the development of Good Neighbour Scheme with NHW (Rochford) enabling communities to support those vulnerable residents. Continue to recruit Active Citizen Volunteers for high visibility deployment in the community. To support intelligence gathering, increase public satisfaction and confidence and reduce the opportunity for crime to be committed	Increased sign up to ECM Increased use of electronic media by NHW Good Neighbourhood officers signed up and working in their areas.	 6Th Sept –ECM -Subscribers are now at 452 for CP and 878 for Rochford – continued growth at about 20 -30 subscribers per month. 145 messages have been sent from April Sept 16 - We now have 6 deployable citizens -recruiting is ongoing. Two more have passed vetting and will be deployed shortly. Over 100 hours deployed in the community.
Enabling residents and communities to keep and feel	Provide crime prevention advice and produce relevant awareness literature for		Rochford • Community Events supported by NHW,
safe.	distribution:		Active Citizens and Community Safety, with displays and crime prevention
	 Crime prevention messages in partner publications / websites / 	Key messages distributed in line in with local crime stats.	leaflets regularly arranged. Including Parish events, clubs, Senior Safety Road

	social media i.e. church		Show and Library's.
	 magazines, partner publications Information / attendance at community events Information and resources to 	Websites are updated and clear	 Castle Point and Rochford have published key documents on their respective Websites.
	identified groups vulnerable to becoming victims of crime	Consultation outcome is included in Strategic Assessment	 Rochford has posted a Revised Community Safety questionnaire returning in excess of 220 returns.
	To improve the profile of the CSP through an enhanced web profile. To refresh the Rochford Community Safety resident questionnaire	Increase in number of Crimestoppers Ambassadors - Front line staff signed up in at least 2 new partner organizations	 Crime Stoppers Ambassador circulated to Parish Councils and publicised at Community Events.
	To introduce Crime Stoppers Ambassador programmes in partner organizations Promotion of Crimestoppers as an anonymous reporting tool – distribution of campaign information by all partners	Increase in reports made by CP&R residents to Crimestoppers	 Hullbridge and Hawkwell Parishes have distributed materials to residents and promoted the scheme.
Targeting prolific Offenders	Integrated Offender Management (IOM) - To ensure that the offenders whose crimes cause most damage and harm locally are managed in a coordinated way.	Reduction in reoffending for IOM cohort	End of year joint partner update pending from IOM services.
	A joint initiative between Essex Police and Essex CRC	Multi agency response	
	Spotlight nominals – focusing on those who are believed to be most prevalent committing acquisitive crime	Reduction in acquisitive crimes less victims of crime	
Reduce dwelling burglaries	Support for Operation Insight - Identifying vulnerable areas through intelligence led policing. Strategic deployment of all	Cocooning of target areas leads to reduction in domestic burglaries	Pochford Distribution of 'smart water' kit to at risk areas. Joint targeted operations Op

available resources, including community safety partners and the wider community	Turncoat.
including Active Citizens	Dwelling burglaries are currently 12% lower than last year in Rochford
	 Active citizens regularly deployed in burglary hotspot areas –assist in cocooning and high visibility.
	 Automatic number plate recognition van (ANPR) deployed by community officers monthly.
	NHW completed over 400 leaflet drops in August about joining NHW

Initial reading of Community Safety Questionnaire

Themes and perception ranking

Vehicle speeding/racing

(Ranked #1)

Home burglary

(Ranked #2)

Stealing from vehicles

(Ranked #3)

Environmental – fly tipping

(Ranked #4)

ASB

(Ranked #5)

• Drug/drink abuse

- King Georges Playing Fields, Rayleigh
- Broad Parade, Hockley
- Hockley Woods
- Great Wakering

• Youth Nuisance

- Rochford Square/Town Centre area
- Rochford Railway Station
- Freight House car park

Other (non ranked):

Vehicle nuisance / damage

Fear of location after dark

- Rochford Town centre (particularly the Square)
- Spa Road, Hockley
- Rayleigh Town Centre

<u>Homeless</u>

• Begging

Night time economy

- Rayleigh town centre Friday/Saturday nights
- Rochford Town Centre

Part night street lighting

Summary of suggestions from residents:

- Visible Police presence
 - o Local Police station
 - Patrols
- Street Lights
- CCTV