ROCHFORD DISTRICT COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report updates the Committee on the current priorities and joint work through the joint Castle Point and Rochford District Community Safety Partnership (CP & RDCSP).

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 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 carries out this function.
- 2.2 Each year the joint CP & RDCSP provides an update report to the Committee on its work.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The joint CP & RDCSP is a multi-agency partnership that works to identify common themes and practical solutions towards the reduction of crime and disorder, whilst maintaining the ability for the individual Districts to develop bespoke responses to address their community needs. The Partnership meets quarterly to share information and comprises the following organisations:
 - Community Policing Team
 - Essex Fire & Rescue Service
 - Public Health
 - Probation
 - Voluntary & Community Services
 - Essex Safeguarding Board representative
 - Neighbourhood Watch
 - Youth Strategy Service
 - Trading Standards
 - Drug & Alcohol teams

- 3.2 The responsible authorities within the Partnership are required to formulate and implement a strategy for the reduction of crime and disorder in their area. This strategy takes the form of a Partnership Plan (Appendix A). It is a statutory three year plan that gets refreshed on an annual basis.
- 3.3 This year's refreshed document has focussed on 3 cross cutting strategic priorities. These priorities have been determined by analysis of data from both the Police and partners, through a process known as the Strategic Assessment. The shared priorities agreed for 2016/17 are:
 - 1. Safeguarding vulnerable people from harm
 - Domestic abuse
 - Hidden harm
 - 2. Anti social behaviour
 - 3. Acquisitive crime
 - Crime prevention
 - o Reducing reoffending
 - Burglary/vehicle crime
- 3.4 Each priority has an action section as detailed in the Partnership Plan, delivered through local multi-agency working groups. The outcomes are reported to the Partnerships steering group, the Local Strategic Partnership Executive and to County Safer Essex Groups, to ensure effective strategic join up.
- 3.5 Community Safety is an outcome rather than a service, measured by residents' sense of personal security at home, leisure and work. The principal features of the Partnership Plan work that underpin the priorities are around prevention, enabling residents to feel safer in their neighbourhood. Examples of what has been progressed so far this year by Rochford's Community Safety Officer and partners, are detailed below and can be found in the Partnership Plan.
 - Sanctuary Scheme and Domestic abuse outreach work (on-going)
 - Preventative domestic abuse schemes to keep residents safe at home and provide support. The CSP continues to support this work, and has reported over 200 people per month accessing community based outreach, including counselling.

- Taxi marshalling scheme (extended with PCC funding until June 2016)
 - The aim of this scheme was to facilitate the effective dispersal of club and pub visitors and to reduce the number of incidents of assault, damage and anti-social behaviour, subsequently encouraging taxi drivers back in to Rayleigh Town centre to provide a service. A successful bid to the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) office meant that the funding for the scheme was extended until June 2016, to enable a full consultation with all key licensed businesses, as to the future of the scheme, which included a survey and a new web page being introduced. The scheme has since closed, but partners, that is, police and licensing teams, continue to have an ongoing dialogue with businesses and monitor where other Home Office funding may be available for a potential new scheme to cover those 'hotspot' times in the year, for example, Christmas.

Crucial Crew

- The Council's Community Safety Officer and partners have reestablished a District wide crucial crew event, which will now be run annually. Earlier this year joint working with Rochford Extended Schools programme and Rayleigh Town Council enabled over 400 Year 6 pupils to be given important community safety messages, in a variety of interactive sessions. Learning points from this year's event may mean we consider changing the scenarios and increasing the length of them, to give a greater depth of information and aligning them more fully with the CSP key priorities e.g. hidden harm/on-line safety/healthy relationships.
- Tasking and briefing communications (new)
 - The sharing of local intelligence with the community policing team continues to improve as the Council 's Community Safety Officer is now part of daily and 2-weekly police briefings, ensuring work remains focused on those highest community priorities.
- Joint 'days of action' (new)
 - A new multi agency group of officers/partners agreeing themes and actions based on intelligence e.g. Operation Turncoat. The Council 's community safety officer's role in this operation was to support with intelligence on location of vulnerable residents, giving advice on burglary prevention, keeping safe at home and offering residents 'smart water' devices to safeguard their belongings.

Link to business plan priorities

3.5 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.

Consultation

3.6 The CSP undertakes a Strategic Assessment each year which considers all crime and disorder for the Districts. This information helps identify any longer term emerging concerns and trends, which are then used to agree the Strategic Priorities for the forthcoming year. All members of the partnership are involved and consulted during this process.

4 RISK IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There is little risk to the joint CP & RDCSP delivering its statutory requirement, but, as highlighted in financial implications (section 5) below, the impact of the District's CSP work will be dependent on the availability of resources to deliver and complete agreed actions.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 All crime and disorder related Government funds are managed by the Office of the Essex PCC office. CSP interventions for both Districts are financed by an annual grant obtained by the PCC office. The 2016/17 allocation for Rochford District Council totals £14,019. There is an annual risk to this funding stream, although the joint CP &RDCSP currently has a positive relationship with the PCC.
- 5.2 Other CSP activity is funded as part of individual agency responsibilities; however, bids for specific initiatives from public or voluntary agencies can also be submitted directly to the PCC office and are subject to approval. The joint CP & RDCSP will continue to submit collective bids to enhance delivery of its priorities.
- 5.3 The District resources for the joint CP & RDCSP remain unchanged i.e. a part time Officer. However, under the current restructure of the Community & Housing Directorate, the job title of this officer will now be known as a Community Safety Officer and the officer's responsibilities have been reviewed to deliver against the CSP priorities, where outcomes benefit the wider community. The operational case time for Private ASB/Nuisance cases will be significantly reduced to a predominately advisory/signposting service, maximising the use of partner resources both internally and externally, for example, Mediation/CAB/Restorative Justice.

6 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Councils are statutory partners of the joint CP & RDCSP as outlined in the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and have a protocol in place to overview and scrutinise the work of the Partnership.
- 5.2 The Delegated 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 work of the joint CP &RCSP as outlined in the report.

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Background Papers:-

None.

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Castle Point and Rochford Community Safety Partnership

Partnership Plan 2016/17

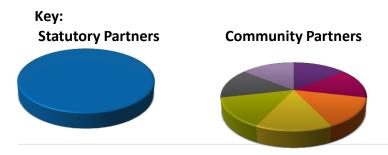
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Introduction

The purpose of the Community Safety Partnership is to provide a strategic and cooperative approach to addressing local crime & disorder between agencies and the communities within the area. The partnership is made up of both Statutory and Community organisations, including:





Area Profile

Partnership Area

Castle Point and Rochford CSP covers an area forming part of the South Local Policing area (LPA) stretching from Foulness Island to the east to Canvey Island at the far south and includes the towns of Rayleigh, Rochford, Benfleet and Hadleigh. The Districts surround the unitary authority of Southend on Sea and also shares a border with Basildon District. The Community Policing Team for Rochford and Castle Point is based in Rayleigh Police Station.

Castle Point

Castle Point borough has a population of 88,011 (2011 census) with 37,604 households and is the second most densely populated district in Essex at 1,957people per km2. Population is projected to increase to nearly 103,000 people by 2035. The number of residents living in the borough who are aged 65 and over is expected to increase from 19,100 people to over 32,000. The Borough is made up of Canvey Island and the mainland areas of Hadleigh, Benfleet and Thundersley. 43% of residents live on Canvey Island. There is not a significant night time economy in the Borough.

Rochford

Rochford District adjoins the urban areas of Southend on Sea and Castle Point and much of the District's 65 square miles is designated as green belt. The largest town, Rayleigh and the other two main settlements of Rochford and Hockley have good rail connections to London and access to the A127 London-Southend Arterial Road and then to the A13 and M25. London Southend Airport is primarily situated within the District and the airport and surrounding area are part of the Thames Gateway regeneration area. The town of Rayleigh is the only significant night time economy in the area.

Partnership Priorities for 2016-17:

The following priorities were identified through a strategic assessment and agreed at a partnership meeting on 14th March 2016.

Safeguarding Vulnerable People from Harm

- Domestic Abuse
- Hidden Harm
- Vulnerable groups

Anti-Social Behaviour

Acquisitive Crime

- Burglary
- Vehicle Crime
- Crime Prevention
- Reducing reoffending

Partnership Working

- To improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) working arrangements, to enable more focused delivery of the CSP Strategic Assessment and Delivery plan.
- To work together where we have a shared commitment to achieve the CSP objectives.
- To work together (by prior agreement) in a multi agency community safety hub -virtually and physically depending on need.
- To deliver closer governance for a more holistic approach to the commissioning and delivery of projects and initiatives as appropriate to meet local needs.

Priority

Safeguarding Vulnerable People

Strategic Objective	Actions	Outcomes / Measures	Lead Agency/ Officer	Timescales / Updates
To safeguard victims of Domestic Abuse from repeat incidents, by	Crime Prevention Tactical Advisor (CPTA) will visit all suitable high risk DA victims and carry out a full home	An increased number of victims to be safeguarded from incidents of DA.	Essex Police – Emma Clark- EC)	Q1-4 Q1 Rochford
Identifying high risk victims and assessing their need for added security devices	safety inspection providing recommendations for improving security. To continue to provide a sanctuary scheme for all residents.	Victims of Domestic violence are able to remain in their own home.	Community Safety Officers CPBC & RDC (Helen Collins HC- Graham Browne- GB)	 3 home inspections and referrals for sanctuary intervention. On-going support via housing options.
To raise awareness of Domestic abuse and encourage reporting	Actively promote Essex wide campaigns in Rochford & Castle Point	Two DA campaigns promoted within the year	All partners	Q1 –-4 Q1 Rochford
	Re - introduce the J9 scheme in both districts	Partners agencies trained and signed up to J9 principles. Residents able to readily access DA information at key J9 locations.	ECC DA provider i.e. Safer Places/ HC + GB	 'Together we Can' campaign promoted via social media. DA training to all front line housing staff
	Family event in Castle Point targeting Thorney Bay residents and Children Centre users	DA information to targeted audience.	ECC -Liz Martlew / HC	J9 Training sessions booked for October
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	Melanie Harris – CPBC + CSP executive	Q2 -Sept 16
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To protect the most vulnerable and elderly residents from becoming victims of crime including scams, internet, fire	To enhance and continue delivery of the following Projects that provide community safety reassurances to local residents:			
safety and more	Senior Safety Road Shows – To organize two awareness days in Rochford.	80% of attendees indicate they are more safety aware	GB	Rochford • Roadshow planned for October
	Re-launch the Keep Safe Scheme in Rochford. Introduce the Keep Safe Scheme in Castle Point.	Local trade and businesses signed up to scheme.	Partnership Keep Safe Planning Group	Rochford • Re- launch planned for Q4
	Electric Blanket and Fire Safety event in Castle Point	At least 100 vulnerable residents provided with info & blankets tested. All dangerous blankets confiscated	HC Lin Kettley - ECFRS	Q3 – Oct 16
	To pilot a Well Homes Scheme in Rochford	80% of residents feel healthier and safer at home	RDC – private housing service + RRAVS	 New Well homes specification, Job Description and Volunteers recruited – complete. Training of volunteers – Q3 Private housing data from new BRE stock profile and health impact assessment to be assessed - Q3 Launch planned – Q4

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To protect vulnerable people from Harm including domestic abuse, radicalisation, grooming, sexual exploitation,	Training event for licensed premises in Rochford & Castle Point– including info on CSE, legal highs	Increased understanding and knowledge of license trade in identifying and understanding the issues recognising those at risk and referral routes.	RDC / CPBC Licensing Teams + Police	 Venue booked for 13/9
bullying, hate crime, drugs and alcohol abuse	Strengthening conditions for Taxi drivers in Rochford & Castle Point	Increased understanding and knowledge of licensed driver in identifying and understanding the issues & referral routes.	RDC / CPBC Licensing Teams	 New conditions to be included within review of license conditions Disability awareness training completed for
	Intelligence from partners re underage sales supplied to Trading Standards Test purchasing.	Targeted premises visited & follow up enforcement action when necessary	ECC Trading Standards RDC / CPBC Licensing	drivers -Q2 Dependencies on T Standards whose preventative work has reduced. Risk.
	Dedicated police staff school officers based at HQ reactive to appropriate issues raised locally	Police HQ staff targeted at highest risk & problem areas	Essex Police School Officers	Q1-4 ongoing
	Increased PREVENT awareness across partner agencies	Completion of 2 events for front line staff to be trained to Home Office standard	All partners	 New safeguarding policy to include PREVENT as a referral process. Key decision Sept. New web pages for Rochford to go live Sept. Q4 – training for all partners

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To protect vulnerable people from Harm including domestic abuse, radicalisation, grooming, sexual exploitation, bullying, hate crime, drugs and alcohol abuse	Continued development of Thorney Bay Steering Group Young People engagement Project (similar to Chelsea's Choice) delivered to at least 80% of senior schools	Regular meetings of agencies who can assist with safeguarding at the site. Improved information sharing To reduce associated risks with children who are missing and CSE. To better identify threats and build resilience in young people to exploitation. To understand the threat and recognise and develop an effective response.	Liz Martlew ECC / Mark Mcquade Essex Police Youth Service Glen Crickmore / Sue Leadbetter	Q1-4 Ongoing Q2 'Call for register of interest for providers' released by Youth Strategy Group . Rochford are represented on the strategy group.
	Gang awareness training to front line staff to understand how they operate and better safeguard the community Promote the Risk Avert program and encourage all Secondary schools to use it. Identification and intervention with those children identified at risk of CSE, in particular who are reported missing, as part of the Force tasking process.	Free training sessions for partner agencies Improved awareness of issues and ability to respond Information on risk avert promoted to all local schools not currently signed up Reduce associated risks for children missing or vulnerable to CSE	HC/GB ECC Ben Hughes and Lucy Belcher – Provide + education All partners	Planned for Q4 Q3-4. Rochford To work with ECC to encourage more local schools to participate and offer support. Dependencies on education. Rochford On-going representation at Essex MACE meetings, sharing information on missing young people.

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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	ALL HC/GB	Q1-4 Rochford Best practice sites explored. Web page review in progress. Completion Q2. Q1- Safeguarding Board CSE campaign materials distributed, via social media and with partners. On-going links to new campaigns.

Priority

Anti-Social Behaviour

Strategic Objective	Actions	Outcomes / Measures	Lead Agency/ Officer	Timescales / Updates
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. To support and maintain effective "Behaved or Be Banned (BOBB) scheme	Public confidence raised Incidents reduced Taxi drivers more confident to service locality Survey of options completed number of visits completed as per OP Benison requirements All member premises in Pub watch respond in a coordinated way to repeat offenders	GB Essex Police Licensing - RDC Essex Police / RDC Licensing Pub watch Essex Police/Street	Rochford Taxi driver's confidence to return to ranks increased. Min. difference in ASB reporting Q 1 extension of pilot completed to allow for consultation with users. New web page and consultation survey completed. Letters sent to all licensed businesses
	for licensed premises in Rochford District Introduction of Street Pastor scheme in Rayleigh. Community policing team/special constabulary deployments on key dates—including bank holiday weekends—Christmas -Halloween	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 Reduce offending, improve and develop partner relationships with licensed premises, public reassurance.	Pastors scheme Essex police + Rayleigh Churches Essex Police	including taxis. June – scheme closed Q2-4 ongoing consultation with licensees and review of further Home office funding, where available. Q1-4 ongoing

Strategic Objective	Actions	Outcomes/Measures	Lead Agency/ Officer	Timescales / Updates
Joint working to proactively tackle ASB in the Borough	Managing hotspot areas through robust partnership working. Regular partner proactive days of action to educate – enforce and reassure 'Crucial Crew' life skills event for year 6 pupils in Rochford District 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 behavior orders, community warning notices.	The most vulnerable / repeat victims and areas are prioritised Year six pupils are more able to make informed decisions 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.		 New briefing and tasking attendance – increased sharing of intelligence. X2 joint operations. Publicity for both – reassuring residents. Q2 – new 'days of action' planning meeting for further joint working in Q3-4. Crucial Crew events held in both Rayleigh + Rochford. > 500 year 6 pupils attended 85% of teachers reported it was beneficial for pupils Street scenes officers accredited for enforcement action, pending review of service provision. Delegation for new ASB powers – Q4

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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	All partners	Rochford • Q3 web site to be updated. X2 referrals
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	RDC Park/Leisure services RDC / CPBC / Housing Association / Essex Police	 Q1 front line offices accredited. Civil enforcement structure outstanding. On-going multi agency meetings with local housing associations focusing on case specific persons/issues. Future 'days of action' for new 'estate walkabouts'
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	ECC Youth Service Community Capacity Building Team Canvey Youth Project ECC Youth Service Community Capacity	Town Council - KG park. Dependencies on capacity of reduced youth services . Q3

Priority

Acquisitive Crime

Strategic Objective	Actions	Outcomes / Measures	Lead Agency/ Officer	Timescales / Updates
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 use of electronic media by NHW Good Neighbourhood officers signed up and working in their areas.	Essex Police EP Watch Coordinator RDC Partnership Officer - Andrew Lowing + NHW Essex Police	Q1-4 Rochford – on – going as part of business plan priority 'early intervention'. • Q1 – meeting with local NHW coordinators to gain support. • A meeting being arranged by Cllr I to engage local coordinators in Hullbridge to explore piloting an extended scheme. Q1-4 ongoing

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Enabling residents and communities to keep and feel safe.	Provide crime prevention advice and produce relevant awareness literature for distribution: • Crime prevention messages in partner publications / websites / social media i.e. church magazines, partner publications • Information / attendance at community events • Information and resources to identified groups vulnerable to becoming victims of crime	key messages distributed in line in with local crime stats.	Essex Police – crime reduction officer - Emma Clark NHW	Q1-4 ongoing
	To improve the profile of the CSP through an enhanced web profile. To refresh the Rochford Community Safety resident questionnaire To introduce Crime Stoppers Ambassador programmes in partner organizations Promotion of Crimestoppers as an anonymous reporting tool – distribution of campaign information by all partners	Websites are updated and clear Consultation outcome is included in Strategic Assessment Increase in number of Crimestoppers Ambassadors - Front line staff signed up in at least 2 new partner organizations Increase in reports made by CP&R residents to Crimestoppers	Partnership office and community safety officer RDC Crimestoppers Crimestoppers All agencies	Q3-4 Meeting with Crimestoppers to set future programme. Parish councils updated.

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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. A joint initiative between Essex Police and Essex CRC Spotlight nominals – focusing on those who are believed to be most prevalent committing acquisitive crime	Reduction in reoffending for IOM cohort Multi agency response Reduction in acquisitive crimes less victims of crime	Essex CRC/ probation Essex Police	Q1-4 ongoing
Reduce dwelling burglaries	Support for Operation Insight - Identifying vulnerable areas through intelligence led policing. Strategic deployment of all available resources, including community safety partners and the wider community including Active Citizens	Cocooning of target areas leads to reduction in domestic burglaries	Essex Police – crime reduction officer	Q1-4 Ongoing sharing of information. Distribution of 'smart water' pens Joint targeted operations.