
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 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 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The current CP & RDCSP Priorities have been carried forward from 2017/18 and are:
- Safeguarding vulnerable residents from harm
 - Anti social behaviour
 - Acquisitive crime
- 3.2 In order to work towards these priorities, the CP & RDCSP has committed in its 2017/18 Partnership Action Plan to a number of actions and outcomes. Each priority has an action section, delivered through local multi-agency working groups.
- 3.3 The outcomes are reported to the Partnership's steering group, the Local Strategic Partnership Executive and to County Safer Essex Groups, to ensure effective strategic join up. The Appendix to this report sets out the Q1 progress made by the Council in achieving these outcomes.
- 3.4 The principal features of the partnership plan work that underpin the priorities are around prevention. 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 summarised in the Appendix.
- Crucial Crew – Continued joint working with Rochford Extended Schools programme and Rayleigh Town Council enabled over 854 pupils, i.e.90% of Year 6 pupils, to be given important community safety messages, in a variety of interactive sessions. This year the scenarios were adapted to align more with CSP priorities and emerging issues such as hidden harm and on-line safety. A new pupil survey was used to evaluate the day and 65% said the presentations were either good or awesome!

- Joint Operations – for example, modern day slavery operations, continue, with RDC teams visiting food and commercial premises. Environmental Health staff are now liaising direct with the local policing team to arrange new operations. This ongoing partnership work across teams has resulted in the short listing of the Community Policing Team and Community Safety Officers for Essex Police ‘team of the year’. Other operations, such as those focussed on organised crime groups, are planned throughout the year and continue to be enhanced by tasking and network meetings with Police and CSP professionals.
- Domestic Abuse – there remains an ongoing need to ensure easy access to information, outreach and support and Rochford District Council is one of the partners who have helped to set up a Domestic Violence One Stop Shop for South Essex. This project has received DCLG funding to provide a full time post of Domestic Violence Co-ordinator and refuge provision and launched locally in August with 1:1 support for local residents.

- 3.5 Looking forward, there is evidence to suggest there are ongoing risks related to youth related criminal activity in neighbouring authorities, such as urban street gangs and drug related crime. Prevention work with the Police and with the Youth Service to carry out outreach work will continue to be a priority action.

Link to business plan priorities

- 3.6 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 5), 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 is still limited due to dependencies on the Police Analyst support service. It is understood the Police Analyst resource will be available later in 2017/18 and 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 partners’ own limited resources.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 All crime and disorder related Government funds are managed by the Office of the Essex Police Crime Commissioner (OPCC). CSP interventions for both Districts continue to be financed by an annual grant obtained by the OPCC. The 2017/18 allocation for Rochford District Council totals £12,337 and is 100% committed and spent against those projects as identified in the Action Plan.
- 5.2 All future OPPC funding will continue to be in line with the adopted Policing Plan.
- 5.3 All Essex District allocations for 2017/18 have been reduced by 12% following an agreement to contribute to a central fund, enabling a more centralised response to reviews. This approach enables the local Domestic Homicide Review reserve budget to be released and recycled back into the CSP wider budget, for ongoing action plan work.

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 Delegated Member responsible for community safety sits on the joint CP & RDCSP steering group.

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

2017/18

Introduction

The purpose of the Community Safety Partnership is to provide a strategic and co-operative 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:



Key:

Statutory Partners



Community Partners



Partnership Priorities for 2017-18

The following priorities were agreed by the Community Safety Partnership to be carried forward for 2017/18

Safeguarding Vulnerable People from Harm

Including:

- Domestic Abuse
- Hidden Harm
- Violence and Vulnerability

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 multi agency community safety hub
- 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	Q1 update
To safeguard victims of Domestic Abuse from repeat incidents, by Identifying high risk victims and assessing their need for added security devices	<p>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.</p> <p>To continue to provide a sanctuary scheme for all residents.</p>	<p>An increased number of victims to be safeguarded from incidents of DA.</p> <p>Victims of Domestic violence are able to remain in their own home. All CPTA referrals processed</p>	<p>Essex Police CPTAs</p> <p>Community Safety Officers CPBC & RDC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing centralised approach via multi agency risk assessment team (MARAT) and specialist police teams. New One Stop DA partnership project providing 1:1 support. 3 referrals for sanctuary provision to make homes safer.
To raise awareness of Domestic abuse and encourage reporting	<p>DA awareness events to link with Essex DA Awareness Strategy</p> <p>Continue to promote the J9 scheme in both districts</p> <p>Contribution to Essex wide J9 administration</p> <p>Information packs</p>	<p>Two DA campaigns promoted within the year</p> <p>Two awareness sessions for front line workers. Residents able to readily access DA information at key J9 locations.</p> <p>Distributed to recent victim of all crime, contains DV signposting</p>	<p>Changing Pathways / All partners</p> <p>Safer Places/ CSP officers</p> <p>Police / CPBC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 27.11.17 – DV week. County provider -Safer Places leading on coordinating events/awareness sessions in DV week J9 refresh and training agreed for November, as above. RDC review of staff DA policy in progress and pop up DA ‘drop in’ for all staff planned for November Q2 – C Point action
Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) (statutory obligation)	<p>Complete DHR within appropriate timescales to agreed Home Office standard following any domestic homicides in Rochford or Castle Point Districts.</p> <p>Administration dealt with centrally by ECC & contribution taken annually from PCC funding</p>	<p>Shared learning on outcomes of DHR cascaded to front line officers and partners</p>	<p>Local Authorities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No local DHR to date. Ongoing cooperation/information sharing with other Essex authorities. (X2 cases in progress)

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To protect the most vulnerable and elderly residents from becoming victims of crime including scams, internet, fire safety and more....	To enhance and continue delivery of the following Projects that provide community safety reassurances to local residents:			
	Senior Safety Road Shows – To organize two awareness days in Rochford targeting those residents over 60 or who are the most vulnerable	80% of attendees indicate they are more safety aware	RDC / CSP partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • >90% indicating they are more safety aware. • >70% rating the presentations excellent.
	Continue to promote the Keep Safe Scheme, including sign up of new venues	An additional 10 venues in each district are signed up	CAVS Keep safe Planning Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep safe Essex web site launched June. • In progress: RRAVS to appoint a volunteer to champion and co-ordinate activity.
	Electric Blanket and Fire Safety event in Castle Point	At least 100 vulnerable residents provided with info & blankets tested. All dangerous blankets confiscated	Castle Point/ECFRS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q1 – Q4 Castle Point action
	To pilot a Well Homes Scheme in Rochford	80% of residents feel healthier and safer at home	RDC Private Housing/ RRAVS	<p>Launch planned Q3 – Oct 17. To date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Well Homes Job descriptions in place and advertised =x2 volunteers recruited. • Training of RRAVS staff complete • New project plan in place endorsed by HWB

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To protect vulnerable people from Harm including domestic abuse, violence radicalisation, grooming, sexual exploitation, bullying, hate crime, drugs and alcohol abuse	<p>Information on hidden harms given to Licensed premises and Taxi drivers in Rochford & Castle Point</p> <p>CSE/Prevent awareness for licensees and taxi drivers</p> <p>Intelligence from partners re underage sales supplied to Trading Standards Test purchasing.</p> <p>Dedicated police staff school officers based at HQ reactive to appropriate issues raised locally</p> <p>Ideology awareness training for partner agencies</p> <p>Continued development of Thorney Bay Steering Group</p>	<p>All new / renewing license holders provided with safeguarding / CSE information Increased understanding and knowledge of license holders in identifying and understanding the issues & referral routes.</p> <p>Targeted premises visited & follow up enforcement action when necessary</p> <p>Police HQ staff targeted at highest risk & problem areas</p> <p>Completion of 4 training sessions . Awareness increased</p> <p>Regular meetings of agencies who can assist with safeguarding at the site. Improved information sharing</p>	<p>RDC / CPBC Licensing Teams</p> <p>RDC</p> <p>ECC Trading Standards RDC / CPBC Licensing</p> <p>EP School Officers</p> <p>Me and You training RDC/CPBC CSP</p> <p>Essex Police/CPBC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing distribution of Essex safeguarding information to license holders/drivers. • Q4 – CSE awareness sessions planned. • Q1-4 ongoing Nominated Trading Standards officers at CSP Network meetings to share intelligence. Action depending on T Standards resources. • Q1-4 ongoing Police action. • Q3: priority area in light of ongoing terrorist acts – sessions to raise awareness amongst front line workers. Booked for November. • Q1-4 Ongoing Castle Point action.

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To protect vulnerable people from Harm including domestic abuse, violence, radicalisation, grooming, sexual exploitation, bullying, hate crime, drugs and alcohol abuse	Deliver Chelsie's Choice CSE awareness performances to senior schools + one performance for professionals	To reduce associated risks with children who are missing and CSE. At least 80% schools involved	ECC Youth Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q3: All secondary schools signed up to attend.
	Gang awareness training to front line staff to understand how they operate and better safeguard the community	Two additional training sessions from Reach Every Generation for partner agencies following demand from 16/17	RDC/CPBC CSP Reach Every Generation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q3: Booked October 2017.
	Promote the Risk Avert program and encourage all Secondary schools to use it.	Improved awareness of issues and ability to respond	ECC Schools service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluation update https://www.risk-avert.org Ongoing programme for years 8
	Identification and intervention with those children & vulnerable adults identified at risk of exploitation in particular who are reported missing, as part of the Force tasking process.	Reduce associated risks for children & vulnerable adults at risk of exploitation	ECC schools/ Safeguarding/ Essex Police	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing multi agency CSE (MACE) meetings. Intelligence shared.
	Regular partner proactive days of action & promotional activities to educate – enforce and reassure on hidden harm	Reassure the public through high visibility and focus on community identified issues. At least 10 joint operations / activities	Essex Police +HMIC+ all CSP-council partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> X2 modern day slavery patrols completed to date + follow up visits planned with HMIC /RDC E Health. Ongoing patrols and operations planned. Short listed for Essex Police Awards in part, in recognition of the success of joint patrol working.

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To protect vulnerable people from Harm including domestic abuse, violence, radicalisation, grooming, sexual exploitation, bullying, hate crime, drugs and alcohol abuse	Introduction of Street Pastor scheme in Rayleigh.	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	Essex police / Rayleigh Churches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q2: Police lead
To Raise Awareness of Hidden Harm with Partners and Frontline Practitioners	Ensure information is provided through existing media sources including newsletters website, events	Partner websites updated with information	ALL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Press releases/tweets ongoing. Links made to safeguarding board messages – ongoing. New Community Police Facebook page (20,000 hits) Officers attending good practice events, sharing intelligence via secure routes/ multi agency meets

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Anti-Social Behaviour

Strategic Objective	Actions	Outcomes / Measures	Lead Agency/ Officer	Q1 update
To continue to work with partners to ensure that the Night Time Economy (NTE) remains safe and vibrant for all residents and visitors	Op Benison – targeted licensed premises visits to reduce incidents, prevent reoffending & ensuring licensing conditions are adhered to.	Number of visits completed as per OP Benison requirements	Essex Police / RDC Licensing Pub watch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q1-4 ongoing. Police licensing officer dependencies.
	To support and maintain effective “Behaved or Be Banned (BOBB) scheme for licensed premises in Rochford District To support Night watch in Canvey Town Centre	Member premises in Pub watch respond in a coordinated way to repeat offenders. Members are better informed	Essex Police/RDC/CPBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q1-4 ongoing. Operating well in RDC with information being regularly shared by members.
	Introduction of Safe Refuge tent in strategic NTE hotspots on planned dates	Support and assistance given to vulnerable people on at least 6 dates	Essex Police	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No update.
	ASB Rochford CCTV Project	Introduction of CCTV in Rochford ward	Rochford Parish Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provisional CSP grant and support given to Parish. No action to date. Parish dependencies.

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Joint working to proactively tackle ASB in the Borough	Continuation of current ASB partnership meetings to identify individual cases for resolution.	The most vulnerable / repeat victims and areas are prioritised	Essex Police/ Community Safety Officers/Housing/ Street Scenes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing multi agency case conferences/joint briefings. RDC – sharing of intelligence through Police tasking meetings.
	Identification and partnership resolution on wider ASB issues affecting communities will be actioned through local Hub tasking process.	Reduction in ASB cases, improved satisfaction, enhanced development of partnership working.	Essex Police	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Police operations shared with CSP networks and locally e.g. organised crime groups/gangs/drugs
	Attendance and support at local Community/resident/council meetings re local ASB for action	Community concerns are appropriately risk assessed and actioned	Essex Police CSP partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Police engagement with Rochford mental health team – residents invited to tour police stations.
	Promotion and appropriate use of most recent ASB legislation e.g. criminal behaviour orders, community warning notices.	Appropriate enforcement of offenders -from advice and warnings through to potential prosecution.	Essex Police/RDC/CPBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> S59 notices served and letters distributed for ASB/Mopeds/ stop checks of cars/ANPR activity. Temporary signs put up in targeted car parks Leaflets distributed to residential areas – encouraging recording and reporting as part of ongoing information gathering.
	Vehicle nuisance campaign targeting problem locations Temporary signs to target vehicle ASB deployed at hotspots	Reduced vehicle nuisance in hotspots including Rochford, Websters Way and Roscommon Way Increased public confidence	RDC/ CSP partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:1 support with residents. Crucial crew success: 854 pupils engaged with presentations = 90% of year 6 pupils New pupil survey – 65% said the presentations were good/awesome!
	Crucial Crew' life skills event for year 6 pupils	At least 80% of schools take part with positive feedback Year six pupils are more able to make informed decisions		

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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 CSP partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q1: No referrals. Q4: RDC New community services apprentice to refresh CSP web pages and champion RJ.
To support communities and young people in providing alternative diversionary activities	<p>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.</p> <p>Support the introduction and development of CP&R police cadets age 13-18</p> <p>Rochford Youth Diversionary Project</p>	<p>An increase in new diversionary activities</p> <p>30 cadets recruited and at least 25 complete first year successfully</p> <p>Behavioral changes in participants</p>	<p>ECC Youth Service Community Capacity Building Team</p> <p>Essex Police CPBC/RDC</p> <p>Youth Service/sanctuary Housing Association</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth service to update. Essex Police to update. Q1 project completed. Youth bus in RDC market square + 1:1 support with specialist 'gang' advisor. Evaluation in progress.
To enhance voluntary groups working with Young People	Signpost groups to training and support provided by ECC Youth Service. Support any additional training needs identified by ECC for community safety issues	Increase in voluntary groups trained and supported by ECC	ECC Youth Service Community Capacity Building Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support currently being provided to 4 local youth groups 1:1 support/training provided by youth workers

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Acquisitive Crime

Strategic Objective	Actions	Outcomes / Measures	Lead Agency/ Officer	Q1 update
To continue to promote and support Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) and other members of the voluntary sector	To promote the Police Community Messaging System	Increased sign up to ECM	Essex Police All Partners	To update by Essex Police
	To increase use of cost effective communication by NHW to distribute targeted crime prevention advice i.e. email and social media	Increased use of electronic media by NHW Increase database of NHW members receiving regular updates	Essex Police Watch Coordinator	
	Continue to support the active Citizen Volunteers high visibility deployment in the community. To support intelligence gathering, increase public satisfaction and confidence and reduce the opportunity for crime to be committed	Regular crime prevention activities and Active Citizen support on joint operations	Essex Police	
	Increase referrals to CAVS Ways to Wellness & family support services	Increase in referrals from partner agencies and awareness of the service	CAVS/CPBC	
				Castle Point action.

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Enabling residents and communities to keep and feel safe.	<p>Provide crime prevention advice and produce relevant awareness literature for distribution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crime prevention messages in partner publications / websites / social media i.e. partner publications / Facebook pages • Information / attendance at community events • Information and resources to identified groups vulnerable to becoming victims of crime <p>Promotion of Crimestoppers as an anonymous reporting tool – distribution of campaign information by all partners</p>	<p>Key messages distributed in line in with local crime stats.</p> <p>Increase in reports made by CP&R residents to Crime stoppers</p>	<p>CSP partners</p> <p>Crimestoppers All agencies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New community policing Facebook page. • Increase in social media usage via web sites/twitter/Facebook links. • Links made to safeguarding board messages – ongoing. • Officers attending good practice events, sharing intelligence via secure routes/ multi agency meets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q1-4 ongoing predominately via social media. C stoppers Ambassador training planned for RDC in Q4
Targeting prolific Offenders	<p>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</p> <p>Problem solving approach by CSP members looking at any available enforcement opportunities to target offenders.-- to be actioned through Hub tasking process.</p>	<p>Reduction in reoffending for IOM cohort</p> <p>Multi agency response</p>	<p>Essex Police CRC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information shared at tasking meetings • Police and Hub dependencies

Reduce dwelling burglaries	Support for police operations targeting burglary. Strategic deployment of all available resources, including community safety partners and the wider community including Active Citizens	Cocooning of target areas leading to reduction in domestic burglaries	Essex Police	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No joint operations to date. Future planned events in partner diaries. Q2-4.
Reduce vehicle crime	<p>Crime prevention messages and joint activities targeting vehicle crime.</p> <p>Life size cardboard police officers with crime prevention messages at garages / tool hire / retail premises</p>	Increased vigilance by vehicle owners	Essex Police	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q3