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## **CASTLE POINT AND ROCHFORD LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP**

### **1 SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report provides Members with details of the function and an update of the Joint Castle Point and Rochford Local Strategic Partnership (CP&RLSP) since it last reported to the Review Committee in October 2012.

### **2 INTRODUCTION**

- 2.1 The CP&RLSP is a non-statutory multi-agency partnership which brings together, at a local level, the different parts of the private, public, community and voluntary sectors.
- 2.2 The CP&RLSP is made up of an Executive Board underpinned by thematic partnerships that support the delivery of identified priorities. The Executive Board has representatives from both public and voluntary sector partners, including Rochford District Council, Castle Point Borough Council, Essex County Council, Essex Police, Essex Fire & Rescue Service, National Health Service South Essex, General Practitioners from the local Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), local voluntary and community sector, the local business community, local Registered Social Landlords and each of the Chairs of the thematic partnerships.

### **3 RECENT ACTIVITY**

- 3.1 Since the last report into this Committee, the CP&RLSP has continued to facilitate the progression and improvement of partnership working across the Borough and the District. The CP&RLSP meets four times a year and the Chairman is Councillor Pam Challis (Castle Point Borough Council), and the Vice Chairman is Councillor Terry Cutmore.
- 3.2 There continues to be five joint partnerships underpinning the CP&RLSP. The five partnerships are:-
- The Local Children's Partnership Board
  - Community Safety Partnership
  - Employment, Skills and Business Group
  - Health and Wellbeing Board
  - Community Development Partnership

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- 3.3 The Local Children's Partnership Board (previously the Local Children's Commissioning and Delivery Board), brings together partners at a strategic level in a local area to determine needs and identify priorities to secure better outcomes for children and young people. It has gone through a period of uncertainty and is working to re-align the way forward. There has been an impact from restructuring throughout partner organisations and the Board is now moving towards task and finish groups rather than sub groups. The priorities were set in the summer and meetings are now taking place with task and finish group leads to progress these.
- 3.4 One of the groups is looking to enhance and provide support to the Essex County Council strategy around child sexual exploitation. Progress has also occurred in a number of areas. For example, Anti-Bullying App student proposals are being submitted with the winning bid moving to production in the spring term. Also an Early Years Passport project is underway where development is to be shared with partners.
- 3.5 The Community Safety Partnership works in partnership to create a safe environment for all those living, working, or visiting the Rochford District. The CSP reports into this Committee on a regular basis.
- 3.6 The Employment, Skills and Business Group (ESB), focuses on economic development issues and matters of importance to the local business community, particularly in relation to planning, infrastructure, employment, skills and funding issues. A growth strategy for the south east area is being produced and the group will ensure that its action plan is aligned with the Local Enterprise Partnership document to ensure the best possible opportunities for local businesses.
- 3.7 The Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) provides a co-ordinated approach to improving the health and wellbeing of the residents of Rochford and Castle Point. It also acts as a conduit to the statutory Health and Wellbeing Board at the county level. The HWB is currently undertaking a mapping exercise of support service on offer to dementia patients and their carers. This will then be shared with partners.
- 3.8 The Community Development Partnership (CDP) identifies ways to develop and maintain a coordinated approach to consulting and engaging with the local community. It also focuses upon supporting the development of and engagement with the Third Sector. The CDP has been active in surveying local volunteering capacity, championing the local Compact agreement and mapping emergency food supplies in the area.
- 3.9 The structure of the CP&RLSP also includes the Performance Operations Group (POG). This is not a thematic partnership, but is a group attended by the Chairs and the Lead Officers of each of the thematic partnerships, to coordinate and respond to identified emerging issues and priorities that require cross partnership support and action. Each partnership completes a highlight report template, and takes this to each POG meeting, to enable this

process to happen. Highlight reports are then presented at the Executive Board meetings. The POG is currently working on drafting a new vision document for the CP&RLSP.

- 3.10 The Executive Board has recently set up a data sharing working group. The need for a robust and effective data sharing protocol had been raised through the Strategic Health and Wellbeing Board. Partners have agreed that although the Whole Essex Information Sharing Framework will replace the Essex Trust Charter, it is important to also put a data sharing protocol in place locally now. Partners agreed that a local task and finish group should be set up. Recommendations would then be escalated to senior representatives in each partner agency for sign up.

#### **4 RISK IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 At a time of limited resources, it remains important for the council to continue to engage effectively in key partnerships. The effectiveness of the CP&RLSP is an operational and reputational risk to the Council. If the CP&RLSP and the partnerships around it perform well, that is likely to have a positive impact on the work of the Council.

#### **5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 A range of staff from across the authority will be regularly or periodically involved in the work of the CP&RLSP and the partnership arrangements below it.

#### **6 RECOMMENDATION**

- 6.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES** to note the contents of the report.

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#### **Background Papers:-**

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