
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 & R CSP) priorities and actions.

2 INTRODUCTION

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

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The priorities for the CP & R CSP are identified following the production of an annual strategic assessment that is produced by Essex Police analysts. The document incorporates data sets from partner agencies and identifies key priorities for action. The strategic assessment for the year 2020/21 can be found on the Rochford District Council website [Strategic Assessment Final 0.pdf \(rochford.gov.uk\)](#) and the subsequent action plan can be found at [2019 2020 Action Plan.pdf \(rochford.gov.uk\)](#)
- 3.2 The priority areas for action were identified as:
- I. Protecting vulnerable people
 - II. Anti-Social Behaviour
 - III. Violence (including knife crime)
- 3.3 The coronavirus pandemic has had a major impact on the ability of the CP & R CSP to deliver against the CSP plan, particularly in respect of diversionary and educational activities. Several previously successful interventions have been postponed because their delivery mechanism was not consistent with prevailing HM Government restrictions imposed because of the pandemic. For example, both Crucial Crew and Walk online events planned for 2020/21 were unable to take place – these had previously involved the delivery of the respective programmes to mass audiences in either schools or large venues such as the Mega Centre.
- 3.4 The impact upon deliverables saw the Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex (OPFCC) agree to allow all community safety partnerships across Essex roll over delivery plans for 2019/20 to 2020/21. This in part reflected the difficulties in delivering against the existing plan for 2019/20, but also difficulties in sourcing materials from suppliers that could

address the CP & R CSP prioritise for the year 2020/21. It is the case that several organisations commissioned to deliver services on behalf of the CP & R CSP have changed their delivery mechanism to an “online” format, although it has taken time to adjust business models in no small part because of uncertainty directly linked to the pandemic.

- 3.5 In recognition of the impact of the pandemic, The OPFCC announced on 2nd February 2021, that arrangements were being considered to allow for all CSPs across Essex to carry forward any underspend from the year 2020/21 to 2021/22.
- 3.6 Despite the impact upon the delivery of the action plan, partnership business has continued with quarterly steering group meetings and weekly tactical level telephone conference calls, chaired by Insp Calder, Castle Point and Rochford Community Policing Team, with officer level representation including Environmental Health, Licensing, Community Safety and Open Spaces. This has assisted in promoting joint responses, particularly around COVID related issues. Capacity during the last year within the Community Safety Officer role has also supported the Council’s Licensing Service and managed peaks in demand during the pandemic period where government restrictions were changing at pace and impacting on licensed premises and businesses. In addition, the Community Safety Officer has contributed to the work of the Member led working group considering CCTV within the District, whilst also leading on enforcement action regarding certain aspects of ASB utilising powers under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.
- 3.7 The strategic assessment for the year 2021/22 and the associated action plan are now nearing completion and both documents will be presented to the CP & R CSP and Local Strategic Partnership Board for approval prior to submission to the OPFCC. Priority areas for action have provisionally been identified as:
- I. Protecting vulnerable people
 - II. Anti-Social Behaviour
 - III. Violence (including knife crime)
- 3.8 Insp 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

- 3.9 The work of the CP & R CSP 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 & R CSP 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 Acknowledging the unprecedented impact of the pandemic and the system wide impact this has had, there are no other known risks to the joint CP & R CSP delivering its statutory requirement, albeit 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 & R CSP action plan and strategic assessment.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 All crime and disorder related Government funds are managed by the OPFCC. CP & R CSP interventions continue to be financed by an annual grant obtained from the OPFCC. The 2020/21 allocation to Rochford District Council was £12,337 – this figure has remained constant for the past four financial 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 & R CSP 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 & R CSP and was chair in 2020/21.

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 work of the joint Castle Point and Rochford District Community Safety Partnership.



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Background Papers:-

None.

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