
ROCHFORD DISTRICT CRIME & DISORDER REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report provides Members with details of the function of the Rochford District Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) and the partnership work that it is engaged in. In accordance with the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 there is a Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership for each local authority in the UK. Each CDRP is working to reduce crime and disorder in their area by way of engaging with as many local agencies and voluntary groups as possible in order to achieve a truly community-based multi-agency approach to crime reduction.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 The Police & Justice Act 2006 introduced a role for scrutiny in ensuring public accountability of Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnerships. The new provisions contained in Sections 19 and 20 of the Act gives powers to local authorities to scrutinise local CDRP's. The Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009 complement the provisions under Section 19. The provisions came into force on 30 April 2009 but statutory guidance was not issued until July 2009.
- 2.2 In 2006 a review of the partnership provisions of the Crime & Disorder Act 1998 and the Police Reform Act 2002 led to a series of recommendations. The 1998 Act included the requirement to produce a detailed crime and disorder audit; consult with key agencies and the wider community; use the findings to identify strategic priorities and set targets and performance measures. The review sought to strengthen and extend the original 1998 Act requirement to undertake a crime and disorder audit and as a result a new set of national minimum standards came into force in August 2007.
- 2.3 The new minimum standards include a requirement to provide an annual Strategic Assessment and three year Partnership Plan (2008-2011), reviewed annually. The purpose of the partnership in conducting a Strategic Assessment, which includes the analysis of crime and disorder, is to improve understanding of local problems and their potential causes and to respond more effectively to the communities it serves by setting clear and robust priorities. The Strategic Assessment for 2009/2010 (year 2) has been recently completed and the actions within the Partnership Plan reviewed and amended to reflect changing priorities identified through the Strategic Assessment.

3 STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND FUNDING

- 3.1 The Responsible Authority Group (RAG) is a joint strategy group that covers Rochford District and Castle Point. Representation is at Executive level from each Responsible Authority and the RAG provides overall strategic guidance

to the Rochford Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP). The CDRP is a sub group of the Local Strategic Partnership Executive (LSP).

- 3.2 The CDRP has a small body of statutory members who are required under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to work in partnership to combat local crime and disorder. These key statutory partners are: Rochford District Council (RDC), Essex County Council, South East Essex Primary Care Trust, Essex Police, Essex Police Authority, Essex Fire and Rescue Service and Essex Probation Service. These seven key statutory partners have a legal obligation to comply with the requirements which include the placing of the duty on the Steering Group to prepare the annual Strategic Assessment and three year Partnership Plan.
- 3.3 The CDRP is made up of a Steering Group and a Reference group and six sub groups that support the delivery of the identified priorities in the Strategic Assessment 2009/2010. The Steering Group is the body that provides strategic leadership and overall management of the partnership. It has responsibility for ensuring that all day to day operational and performance functions of the CDRP are effectively commissioned, delivered, evaluated and reviewed, formulating the Strategic Assessment and Annual Partnership Plan, managing the finances of the partnership and allocating funding to projects. The Reference Group comprises of representatives from each of the statutory partners together with members from non-statutory agencies and the voluntary sector.
- 3.4 The Strategic Assessment process has provided Rochford District CDRP with the knowledge and understanding of the crime, disorder and community safety issues that have been identified in our District as our priorities for consideration. The CDRP will concentrate on the following 5 priorities for 2009/2010 (financial year April-March):-
- **Reduce domestic burglary by 5% during 2009/2010**
 - **Reduce anti-social behaviour by 5% during 2009/2010**
 - **Improve public engagement and increase public reassurance**
 - **Reduce the number of repeat victims by 5% and increase reporting rates of domestic abuse by 5% during 2009/2010**
 - **Reduce alcohol related disorder by 5% during 2009/2010**

An action plan (attached as appendix 1) has been developed that will robustly performance monitor projects and activity that relate to these five identified priorities.

- 3.5 The CDRP receives nominal funding from Essex County Council, Basic Command Unit funding from Essex Police and part of an Area Based Grant

received from Home Office GoEast via Essex County Council as Rochford District Council is a two-tier authority.

- 3.6 For 2009/2010 we were awarded Performance Reward Grant monies from the Local Strategic Partnership (Performance against LAA 1 targets) for four specific local projects: funding for the Sanctuary Scheme to support high risk victims of domestic violence, funding for internet safety workshops in schools (year 6), raising domestic abuse awareness and funding to increase the number of Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators and raise their profile across the District.

4 RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There is a reputational risk to the Council and the other partnership bodies if the CDRP is seen to be failing to do all it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder in its area.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The three officers of the Community Safety Team at Rochford District Council provide support to the CDRP Steering Group and Reference Group. The Community Safety Team is fully funded by Rochford District Council and does not receive any financial support from Essex County Council, Essex Police or GoEast. The Executive Portfolio holder who supports this area of work is Cllr Leslie Butcher.
- 5.2 In addition a range of staff from across the authority are regularly involved in the Joint Action Group (JAG) which is a tasking and co-ordinating group to address crime and disorder issues through a multi-agency approach. The JAG is also a sub-group of the CDRP.

6 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Section 5 of the Crime & Disorder Act 1998 gives certain public authorities in local government area functions relating to the reduction of crime and disorder-Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnerships (CDRP's). Section 6 of the Act places obligations on CDRP's to formulate and implement a strategy to reduce crime and disorder. The Police Justice Act 2006 (as mentioned previously). The Policing and Crime Bill 2008/2009. The Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003.

7 PARISH IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 Parish and Town Councils are represented at the CDRP Reference Group although not all attend regularly. However, all receive agenda and minutes from each of the meetings. Part of the work for next year will be improving two-way communication between the CDRP and the Parish and Town Councils to relay the work of the partnership through the parishes to the community and for the parishes to feedback local issues to the CDRP.

8 RECOMMENDATION

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

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Background Papers:-

None

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APPENDIX 1

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 1: REDUCE BURGLARY DWELLING BY 10% BY 2011 (5% YEAR ON YEAR)

Performance Indicators	% reduction in burglary dwelling against the baseline								
Baseline	170 Offences April 08 – March 09 - IQUANTA								
Target:	5% reduction by April 2010	Q1	40	Q2	TBA	Q3		Q4	

CDRP Lead:	Chief Inspector Andy Prophet - Essex Police	CDRP Resources:	15k per annum
Key Milestones & Outputs		Outcomes	
1) Produce a District profile identifying areas most at risk by end of June 09. Targeted awareness campaign to those roads/estates identified.	A	5) Provides detailed information to CDRP sub-group to arrange relevant initiatives. Direct crime prevention advice to prevent them becoming a victim.	A
2) Produce a list of victims affected by Domestic Burglary dating back to 1 st April 2008 by location.	G	6) Direct crime prevention advice to prevent them becoming a repeat victim within 10 working days? of the initial crime. Signposting to appropriate services i.e. Victim Support & Neighbourhood Watch.	A
3) Hold a free optional crime prevention activity event, involving Crime Prevention Officer and Neighbourhood Watch.	A	7) Keeping re-offending to a minimum.	G
4) Continued monitoring of PPO's whose previous convictions relate to burglary with an up-to-date list of release dates.	G		
Progress/Comments:	<p>1) Full break down of all dwelling burglary offences including location, time and MO produced by CDRP analyst. Now informing patrol activity. Developing wider awareness campaign.</p> <p>2) Analyst has produced a list of all dwelling burglary victims dating back to April 2008.</p> <p>3) Crime prevention activities to be promoted by NSOs initially through the NAP meetings. Sgt Horn will progress the potential for larger crime prevention activities linking in with regular messages via Alan Jones (Media). Seeking to link with future expansion of NHW.</p> <p>4) PPO monitoring takes place formally on a monthly basis at the PPO group. All PPOs are discussed at police briefing and actively targeting through patrols.</p> <p>5) Sub group / Focus Group still being formed. First meeting will be during late June. Aim to include Police (NPT and CID), Media, NHW, crime prevention, housing rep and RDC officer rep.</p> <p>6) All reports of dwelling burglary are attended within 60 minutes. A dedicated burglary investigation team deals with all such reports and provides specialist crime prevention advice and arrange for forensic examination of the scene. Essex Watch co-ordinator monitors all burglary dwelling reports and oversees follow up visits with PCSOs and consideration of potential NHW expansion / improvement.</p> <p>7) Core business of Essex Police. Achieved via PPO group and focus on convicting and locking up burglars. Known local burglars have been identified and are targeted through a variety of means. Burglary Focus Group to consider option for partnership data sharing on these individuals.</p> <p>8) SelectaDNA 500 kits and 20 signs have been delivered. Repeat roads identified. Selecta DNA signs and kits to be distributed end of October 2009. Further kits may be ordered.</p>		
Key Risks to Achieving:	Capacity of Neighbourhood Watch and Crime Prevention Officer at Essex Police		
Key Actions to Mitigate Risk:			

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 2: REDUCE ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR BY 10% BY 2011 (5% YEAR ON YEAR)

Performance Indicators	5% reduction in ASB incidents by March 2010 5% reduction in ASB speeding/inappropriate use of vehicle by March 2010								
Baseline	NI 17 Perceptions of anti-social behaviour ASB incidents 2147 (Police STORM Database) ASB KSI's 3 (Essex Casualty Reduction Board) Inappropriate use of vehicle 285 (Police STORM Database)								
Target:	NI 17 Place Survey Results (13.9%) 5% reduction by March 2010 NI 17 Place Survey Results (TBC)								
Actual Performance	ASB Incidents (STORM)	Q1	642	Q2	Not yet available	Q3		Q4	
	ASB KSI's	Q1	Not yet available	Q2	Not yet available	Q3		Q4	
	ASB Inappropriate use of vehicle (STORM)	Q1	68	Q2	Not yet available	Q3		Q4	
	NI 17 Place Survey	Q1	Not yet available	Q2	Not yet available	Q3		Q4	

CDRP Lead:	David Sargant - ASB Co-ordinator RDC and JAG Chair	CDRP Resources:	10k per annum
Key Milestones & Outputs	Outcomes		
ASB Driving/Inappropriate use of vehicle:- Safer Parking Around Schools campaign, Roadrunner Event for schools, Community Speedwatch, Stop Checks	A	Reduction in number of complaints made to NAP's and Area Committees. All four secondary schools within District to participate in Roadrunner. NSO to schedule a minimum of 3 Speedwatch Campaigns to take place in each NPT area by April 2010.	A
Partner agencies to identify young people at risk of offending.	A	Targeted intervention work with both the young person and parent(s). Reduction in number of Criminal Damage offences.	A
Produce a calendar of peak times/hotspots for anti-social behaviour for each area.	A	Ensure there are appropriate diversionary activities available at identified times. Reduction in number of Rowdy/Nuisance Behaviour incidents reported to the Police under ASB 11 on Storm database by March 2010.	A
Emerging anti-social behaviour/criminal damage hotspots to be referred to Joint Action Group (JAG).	G	Targeted multi-agency approach to tackling the issues, relaying positive messages via the local media. Reduction in ASB 11 incidents and Criminal Damage offences by March 2010.	G
Presentation to each Area Committee to raise awareness of JAG and encourage community engagement.	A	All presentations to be completed by October 2009. Further follow up 'Face the People' events to take place at each area committee by March 2010.	A
Progress/Comments:	Safer Parking around schools campaign launched October 09-currently rotating at schools around the District. Roadrunner event took place Sept 2009. Evaluation form not yet received. Speedwatch on hold until Jan 2010 due to Policing issues. Further Roadrunner events planned in the forthcoming months. JAG being held monthly. Regular attendance and engagement from multi agency partners. Partnership work being undertaken on some large projects. Public meeting with Essex Police Authority and Rochford CDRP held 14/10/2009-issues raised to be taken to JAG. Attendance at NAP meetings-planned attendance at future committee meetings.		
Key Risks to Achieving:	Partner agencies not engaging in JAG. Partner agencies not delivering agreed actions within agreed timescales.		
Key Actions to Mitigate Risk:	JAG Chair to form good working relationship with each of the partner agencies and produce a monthly progress report to CDRP Steering Group.		

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 3: IMPROVE PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND INCREASE PUBLIC REASSURANCE

Performance Indicators	NI 17 Perceptions of anti-social behaviour							
Baseline	NI 7.2 Feeling Safe (ECC Tracker 5 Survey)							
Target:	NI 17 Place Survey Results 2008/2009 (13.9%)							
	NI 7.2 Tracker 5 Results 2007/2008 49.9%							
	NI 17 Place Survey Results (12.5%)							
		Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4
		N/A		N/A				
	NI 7.2 Tracker 5 Results 2009/2010 54%							

CDRP Lead:	Melanie Yolland – Community Safety Co-ordinator RDC District Council Alan Jones CDRP/Essex Police Media – Essex Police	CDRP Resources:	10k per annum
Key Milestones	Key Outcomes		
Produce CDRP Corporate Communications Plan	A	Increase in public recognition of work done on behalf of the partnership	R
CDRP produce a new partnership brand	G	Increase in public recognition of work done on behalf of the partnership	A
Produce a CDRP web-site	G	Web-site live by September 2009 Achieve 500 hits by March 2010	A
Run a CDRP citizens panel	R	At least 1 citizens panel completed by March 2010	R
Deploy Surveys and questionnaires in key wards	R	Before and after results in two key wards	R
Produce partnership information leaflet	A	Leaflet produced by June 09	A
Establish CDRP communications working group	A	Group established by June 09 Communication Officers from partners co-opted Joint issued releases as part of the media plan/newsletter	A
Develop media plan	A	Two positive articles per month from July 09 to March 2010	A
Produce CDRP Newsletter (Including reporting on crime figures)	G	4/6 issues before March 2010	G
Progress/Comments:	As at 14/10/2009 Corporate Communications Plan has been produce-to be distributed at next CDRP Steering Group meeting 02/11/2009 New partnership brand produced and now being used on all media and correspondence CDRP Webpage has been added to RDC website. Documents relating to the CDRP have been added. Partnership information leaflet produced and has been distributed at public events Communications working group-some communication officers from partners engaging-some yet to be identified Media plan has started-need further input from other comms officers Regular newsletters being produced. Partner agencies assisting with distribution of 500 copies. Essex Police Authority and Rochford CDRP Public meeting held 14/10/2009.		
Key Risks to Achieving:	Communications Officers from partner agencies not engaging.		
Key Actions to Mitigate Risk:	CDRP Media Communications Officer to form good working relationship with each of the partner agencies.		

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 4: REDUCE REPEAT VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE BY 10% BY 2011 & INCREASE REPORTING RATES BY 10% BY 2011 (5% YEAR ON YEAR)

Performance Indicators	5% reduction in number of repeat victims by March 2010 5% increase in the number of incidents reported by March 2010 LI 7.1 Repeat incidents of Domestic Violence					
Baseline	Number of reported incidents of Domestic Violence 695 2008/2009 LI 7.1 Repeat incidents of Domestic Violence 155 2008/2009					
Target:	5% reduction by April 2010	Q1		Q2	Q3	Q4
	5% increase in reporting by April 2010 (730 incidents)	110		TBA		
	LI 7.1 Repeat incidents of Domestic Violence 150 2009/2010	44		TBA		

CDRP Lead:	Sallyanne Thallon South Essex Area Co-ordinator & Domestic Abuse Panel	CDRP Resources:	15k per annum
Key Milestones & Outputs		Outcomes	
Evaluate effectiveness of Sanctuary Scheme.	A	Evaluate and produce a report of recommendations by October 2009.	A
Complete a mapping exercise to identify in the Rochford District services available to victims and perpetrators of Domestic Abuse	R	Exercise completed by August 2009 with any gaps in service provision reported to Domestic Abuse Panel by September 2009. Leaflet produced to signpost to services by April 2010.	R
Review IDAP Scheme.	A	Report produced by July 2009. Evaluate report and recommendations by October 2009.	A
Establish Domestic Abuse campaigns within the District to raise awareness.	A	2 local media campaigns to take place by April 2010.	R
Recruit a Domestic Abuse Co-ordinator for the Rochford District	A	Report to committee by August 2009. Recruitment of Domestic Abuse Co-Ordinator by December 2009.	A
Progress/Comments:	<p>Sanctuary Scheme meeting bi-monthly with RDC/Southend and CPBC. Looking at a new protocols -share across all 3 Authorities. Rochford protocol currently being rewritten. Basildon Women's Aid from April 09 reviewing existing Sanctuary's for Rochford and Castle Point.</p> <p>IDAP Scheme-agreed to fund for 2009/2010. Community Safety Team evaluating the scheme on a quarterly basis (due end Oct 09).</p> <p>Domestic Abuse Campaigns currently being organised for DV week. Other campaigns being discussed. RRAVS event 28/11/2009-DAP attending. Banners for DAP being produced.</p> <p>Domestic Abuse co-ordinator post-funds have been agreed. Further work around resourcing currently being looked into. Mapping exercise will be undertaken by Domestic Abuse co-ordinator.</p>		
Key Risks to Achieving:	<p>Unable to recruit a Domestic Abuse Co-Ordinator. Capacity of Domestic Abuse Panel to undertake actions detailed along with all actions</p>		
Key Actions to Mitigate Risk:	<p>New Essex CC Domestic Abuse Co-ordinator has been employed and can assist with some of the issues.</p>		

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 5: REDUCE ALCOHOL RELATED DISORDER BY 10% BY 2011 (5% YEAR ON YEAR)

Performance Indicators	% reduction in alcohol related offences excluding licence premises (Police Data) NI 39 Rate of hospital admissions for alcohol related harm per 100,000 population Test purchasing across the Rochford District								
Baseline	217 alcohol related offences across the Rochford District 2008/2009 Secondary User Service data (SUS) ECC 1192 2008/2009 (District data unavailable) Test purchasing for Rochford 23, 2007/2008 19								
Target:	5% reduction in alcohol related offences across the Rochford District 206 by March 2010 Secondary User Service data (SUS) ECC 1245 2009/2010 (District data unavailable) Test purchasing for Rochford 30 2090/2010								
Actual Performance	No of alcohol related offences	Q1	TBA	Q2	TBA	Q3		Q4	
	NI 39 Secondary User Service Data	Q1	TBA	Q2	TBA	Q3		Q4	
	Test Purchasing	Q1	TBA	Q2	TBA	Q3		Q4	

CDRP Lead:	TBA	CDRP Resources:	10k per annum
Key Milestones & Outputs		Outcomes	
Produce a calendar of programmed test purchasing throughout the year with additional test purchasing during school holidays and after exams	R	Calendar produced by July 2009 At least 30 test purchases from July 2009 - March 2010	R
Recommend licensing retailers to adopt a proof of age scheme	R	40% of all on and off licences adopt the scheme by March 2010	R
Fund training for retail licensing staff - British Institute of Innkeeping and Award Body (BIAB) 'Award in responsible retailing'	R	Funding scheme agreed by July 2009 Staff signed up to course by September 2009 Courses commence November 2009 40% of staff completing the course and passing the exam by March 2010	R
Produce a calendar of programmed alcohol education programmes in local schools	A	Schools identified by July 2009 Calendar produced by August 2009 Education programmes start September 2009 At least one education programme in each school completed by March 2010	A
Progress/Comments:	Alcohol education programmes are being delivered in schools. 14/10/2009 No progress has been made on any other actions due to problems with the DARG sub group. Decision in October 2009 that in the interim Community Safety Team will arrange test purchasing with trading standards and liaise with RDC and Essex Police licensing regarding licensing staff. DARG is being reformed November 2009.		
Key Risks to Achieving:	Schools not engaging in education programmes. Lack of Co-ordinator for BIAB scheme and Proof of Age Scheme.		
Key Actions to Mitigate Risk:	Work with Extended Schools/TASCC (school based agencies) to encourage take up. Appoint a central co-ordinator to drive these schemes forward.		