



Crime and Disorder Reduction In Rochford District

Annual Partnership Plan

MISSION STATEMENT

This Annual Partnership Plan has been developed with the following mission in mind:

“To contribute to making Rochford District the place of choice in the County to live, work, and visit, by improving the quality of life for people, through a reduction in the fear of, and incidence of crime and disorder”.

1. Rochford CDRP Strategic Assessment Priorities

- Reduce all reported crime by 5% during 2008/09.
- Engage with local communities to understand and deal with issues raised and provide reassurance regarding perception of safety in the area.
- Reducing crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour attributable to young people.
- Support measures which enable the safeguarding of victims of domestic abuse and increase detection rates of perpetrators.
- Reduce both alcohol and substance misuse and the harm caused, especially amongst young people.
- Reducing the number of people killed and seriously injured on our roads.
- Reduce re-offending by supporting measures to facilitate the rehabilitation and resettlement of offenders.

2. Action Plan to achieve targets for top priorities

Actions will include the following:

Reduce all reported crime by 5% during 2008/09

- Analyse the current crime and social trend for burglary in order to reduce the incidents of burglary in the area by 5%.
- Reduce opportunities for criminals by promoting crime prevention and increased security. Aim for five public events per year, not including any talks at private clubs and societies as they arise.
- Target areas which show an above average incidence of criminal damage relative to the District as a whole through initiatives such as: supporting diversionary projects for young people such as Firebreak, Crucial Crew and Roadrunner, deterring graffiti by engaging with young people with such initiatives as spray can art.
- To reduce barriers of discrimination & misperceptions amongst sections of the community through regular features in RDM, more positive reporting, talks to vulnerable groups, etc. Also, support and attend the regular 'Hate Crime' meetings.

Engage with local communities to understand and deal with issues raised and provide reassurance regarding perception of safety in the area

- Promote crime reduction/prevention initiatives. Aim for five public events per year, not including any talks at private clubs and societies as they arise.
- Co-ordinate media strategy to provide community reassurance to reduce fear of crime. The District Council's Corporate Communications Officer to regularly attend Strategy Group meetings. To inform regularly liaise with the Police's media officer. To inform the relevant correspondents of local newspapers of initiatives well in advance to them taking place, in order to maximise media coverage.

Reducing crime, disorder, and ASB attributed to young people

- Promote the use of Anti-social Behaviour Orders and Acceptable Behaviour Contracts where appropriate.
- Continue work for the benefit of the community by delivering diversionary projects such as Firebreak, Crucial Crew and Roadrunner, deterring graffiti by engaging with young people with such initiatives as spray can art.

Support measures which enable the safeguarding of victims of domestic abuse and increase detection rates of perpetrators

- Encourage organisations to implement workplace domestic violence policies and to commission the most appropriate organisation to offer training, if required. Funding to be determined by the demand for such training.
- Continue to increase and monitor enforcement action against perpetrators, particularly in cases of repeat offences.
- Ensure there is quick and easy access to funding for the Sanctuary Scheme to adequately protect victims and their families remaining in their own home. To monitor the demand for funding under this scheme at the Domestic Violence Panel meetings and adjust funding allocations if necessary.
- Support, advice and counselling services for victims/families of domestic violence locally, including, where appropriate, effective links to specific agencies who's aim is to improve the safety of women.
- Increase public awareness of the issues surrounding domestic violence by means of RDM, the District Council's mobile unit, public events. Monitor levels of new incidents in relation to these initiatives.

Reduce both alcohol and substance misuse and the harm caused, especially amongst young people

- Increase the number of offenders charged, reported for summons or cautioned for supply offences in respect of Class A drugs, and where appropriate seize assets as a result of police operations.
- Proactive operations to address underage drinking such as, continued enforcement and seizure of alcohol from under age users by the police and test purchasing by Trading Standards.
- Continue to seize assets of drug dealers to enable the courts to make orders.
- Continue to support the inclusion of evidence based substance misuse components within broad based educational initiatives, including primary education.
- Continue to raise general awareness of drugs and alcohol related issues through RDM, use of the District Council's mobile unit etc.
- Identify, develop, support and monitor a range of diversionary projects for young people, such as Firebreak, Crucial Crew and Roadrunner etc.
- Publicise procedures for dealing with discarded drug related debris such as the District Council's policy for removing needles. Publicise in RDM and continue to inform all newly appointed officers of this procedure.

Reducing the numbers of people killed and seriously injured on our roads

- Increase public awareness of road safety through education by Highways road safety campaigns and initiatives such as 'Kill Your Speed', periodic speed gun days, use of the mobile unit, Roadrunner events etc.
- Enforcement of Road Traffic Legislation focusing particularly on drink driving, seat belts, passenger safety and vehicle defects. To record levels and types of offences in terms of time committed and location.
- Reduce the number of road deaths & serious injuries arising from road collisions through awareness campaigns and enforcement. Monitor performance by measuring against benchmarks to be agreed by the partnership

Reduce re-offending by supporting measures to facilitate the rehabilitation and resettlement of offenders

- Provide professional help for problem drug users who enter the Criminal Justice System.
- Monitor the demand of these provisions of treatment services, detoxification, rehabilitation and structured day care.
- Ensure a positive response to alcohol and drug related crime and disorder.
- To encourage Priority and Prolific Offenders, in particular, to obtain quick access to drug and alcohol treatment services.
- Reduce the re-offending of perpetrators of domestic violence by integrated case management and group work programmes where appropriate. To monitor the amount of repeat victims of domestic violence

3. FUNDING

The above initiatives will be funded through the Revenue and Capital grant provision provided by the Home Office via Essex County Council. In addition, opportunities will be sought to maximise funding available through seeking other sources of funding where appropriate (e.g., Community Initiative Fund) and cross funding between the main partners.

4. REVIEWING ANNUAL PARTNERSHIP PLAN/STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT

The Partnership will be working on a commissioning basis for the delivery of actions on the areas identified. Actions will be reviewed on a regular basis by the Strategy Group to ensure that priorities and crime trends are being addressed. Performance against priorities will be measured against nationally recognised indicators and local crime statistics. All commissioned projects will be expected to supply information as to their effectiveness on a regular basis to aid the appropriate targeting of resources.