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## 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 Historically, the priorities for the CP & R CSP are identified following the production of an annual strategic assessment. In recent years, production of this document falls to CSP Managers. The document incorporates data sets from partner agencies and identifies key priorities for action.
- 3.2 The priority areas for action for 2022/23 were identified as:
- Domestic abuse
  - Violence against women and girls
  - Anti-Social Behaviour
  - Violence (including knife crime)
  - Hate Crime
- 3.3 Grant funding provision from the PFCC for 2022/23 amounted to £12,337. All allocated monies have been spent.
- 3.4 During the year, the CP & R CSP has continued support for Bar “N” Bus with the provision of funding to assist with the purchase of equipment for the newly acquired Bar N Bus mobile unit, to support outreach and detached sessional work across the District, and a contribution towards on-going costs of a Youth Development worker. Separately, working alongside others CSP’s across Essex, a Crucial Crew aimed at Year 6 pupils that tackles issues of exploitation linked to County Lines drug supply was delivered to 15 Rochford District Primary schools reaching approximately 550 pupils. A similar programme entitled “Prevention over Cure” focusing on issues of drugs, gangs and exploitation was delivered to 3 secondary schools within the District, reaching approximately 3,300 pupils across the Year 7 to 11 age

range. A joint initiative with ECC Youth Services will also see all four secondary schools receiving visits from the “Resilience Voyage” educational double decker bus before the end of the financial year. Funding was also made available to support the domestic abuse “Sanctuary scheme” and also for the purchase of crime prevention materials to support community engagement events.

- 3.5 Following a motion passed at Full Council on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022, Rochford District Council became an accredited White Ribbon supporter organisation and took part in two awareness raising events on national White Ribbon Day on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022. Further events will take place during the coming year.
- 3.6 CSP business has continued with quarterly CSP steering group meetings, and weekly tactical level telephone conference calls chaired by Insp Calder, with officer level representation including Environmental Health, Licensing, and Community Safety.
- 3.7 Each year the partnership is required to carry out a Strategic Assessment. A scoring matrix process has been completed (working alongside the Police District Commander and CPT Inspector) and this has assisted in the identification of priorities which in the professional opinion of Police and Officers appropriately reflect the significant challenges faced on the district, taking into consideration local issues and national themes.
- 3.8 The draft priority areas for action have been identified as:
- Domestic abuse
  - Anti-Social Behaviour
  - Violence (including knife crime)
  - Violence against women and girls
  - Hate crime
- 3.9 Sergeant Liz Bailey, 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**

- 3.10 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 work and the Sanctuary Housing Community Investment Plan.

#### **4 RISK IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 There are no known significant risks to the joint CP & R CSP delivering its statutory requirement, however, partnership challenges remain which include:
- A lack of feedback from participants who have benefitted from provided interventions – this frustrates efforts to accurately assess the scope, relevance and value of schemes
  - The identification of new interventions that are relevant, subject of effective review and present value for money.
  - Potential interventions that could be supported but capacity is currently lacked in organisations that would deliver the programme e.g., community speed watch initiatives.
- 4.2 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)

#### **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 2022/23 allocation to Rochford District Council was £12,337 – this figure has remained constant for the past six financial years. Grant funding for the year 2023/24 has yet to be confirmed.

#### **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 Overview and Scrutiny 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 2022/23.

## 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 progress made by the Rochford District Community Safety Partnership during 2022/23.



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### Background Papers:-

None.

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