

Report to: **West Devon Overview and Scrutiny  
(External) Committee**

Date: **11 October 2016**

Title: **COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP**

Portfolio Area: **Customer First**

Wards Affected: **All**

Relevant Scrutiny Committee: N/A

Urgent Decision: **N** Approval and clearance obtained: **Y / N**

Date next steps can be taken:  
(e.g. referral on of recommendation or  
implementation of substantive decision)

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## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1. That Members note the report**
- 2. That Members identify any issues to be raised at the next Community Safety Partnership meeting**

### **1. Executive summary**

The purpose of this report is to provide Members with the opportunity to scrutinise the work of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) as defined by Sections 19 and 20 of the Police and Justice Act 2006 and the Crime and Disorder (Overview & Scrutiny) Regulations 2009.

### **2. Background**

South Devon and Dartmoor CSP operates across Teignbridge, South Hams and West Devon and is a statutory partnership.

### **3. Outcomes/outputs**

The CSP is intelligence led and delivers in the context of the Devon Strategic Assessment and also the Police and Crime Plan that is owned by the Police and Crime Commissioner. The CSP is focussing on the most vulnerable within our community who are affected by crime and ASB. The CSP works collaboratively across Devon to tackle issues such as child sexual exploitation, modern slavery, drug misuse, prejudice related crime, preventing violent extremism and domestic violence and abuse.

In 2015/16 the CSP received a £20,000 grant of Safer Communities funding from the PCC via the Safer Devon Partnership. For 2016/17 this grant will be for £19,000.

### **KEY ACHIEVEMENTS**

#### **Achievements across South Devon and Dartmoor**

- Vulnerability events – more than 140 attendees over two events which included inputs on CSE, DVA, Immigration, Veterans, Alcohol and Modern Slavery with very positive evaluations provided.
- DVA Survivors – 20 Carbon Monoxide detectors were sourced and 110 alarms purchased for distribution via the MARAC process and Fire Home Safety checks
- Veterans – Following links made at the Vulnerability events, Veterans service has developed working links with both HMP Dartmoor and HMP Channings Wood.
- DVA Campaigns – Supported Devon wide campaigns by distributing resources to partners
- Sexting – workshops piloted within secondary schools to target at risk young people.
- New Psychoactive Substances – Three training sessions delivered in October and November
- Honest Truth – Charity continues to develop and is now delivering in 18 Counties of the UK. Paignton Zoo event saw 2,500 spoken to about road safety. Has received nearly 45,000 visits to the website and more than 3,000 road safety pledges
- Last Order alcohol theatre production – Delivery in Ivybridge, Kingsbridge, South Dartmoor Community College, Tavistock, Okehampton, Dawlish and Teignmouth
- Mental Health Bitesize training – four bitesize training sessions were delivered to delegates from a range of frontline agencies

- Mental Health toolkit – Supported development of the toolkit with promotion materials created and distributed to partner agencies
- Name that tag – Four posters showing prolific graffiti produced to identify perpetrators
- Phoenix delivery - Three Phoenix programmes were run for ASB perpetrators seeing 36 young people from Ivybridge, Newton Abbot and Tavistock address the behaviour and learn positive new skills
- Social Media – Account now established for the CSP with 418 Twitter followers and 88 Facebook likes
- Prevent – contributed to Devon delivery plan
- Understanding Islam training – 350 delegates attended the training
- Chelsea’s Choice – 2,300 year 8 students to see a theatre production and follow up workshops on child sexual exploitation
- CSE training sessions – 13 sessions delivered by Barnardo’s funded by the Devon Children Safeguarding Board, facilitated by the CSP with frontline staff from a wide range of agencies

### **Achievements in West Devon**

- Facilitated training on safeguarding and child sexual exploitation to taxi drivers
- Okehampton Matters and Tavistock Matters meetings with Police and Members
- Chelsea’s Choice - 375 Year 8 students have seen a theatre production and follow up workshops on child sexual exploitation through work with Tavistock and Okehampton Colleges
- Phoenix project delivery – programme ran in West Devon with 12 students, this had excellent media coverage and the Mayor of West Devon attended the passing out parade.

### **Achievements in ASB**

- An example to this multi-agency working occurred in Princetown. A female tenant of DCH allowed a younger male to move in with her. As a result incidents of low level ASB started to be reported. These incidents culminated in ‘The Siege of Princetown’ when the male climbed onto the roof of the property via the loft and held the Police at bay for several hours. After eventually being persuaded to come off the roof, he was arrested and charged. As a result a Criminal Behaviour Order was applied for. The CBO bans him from Princetown. The CBO was granted. At the same time DCH

took out an Injunction preventing their tenant from allowing the male to return to her property. This joint approach has been successful.

- DCH had received numerous complaints about an old unused dirt and partially burnt out caravan sitting on the driveway of a residents in Lamerton and over 20 black bin liners of rubbish. Despite many requests from DCH their tenant refused to engage. I visited the tenant and received assurances that the caravan would be removed. I arranged a special collection of the black bin liners. The tenant however failed to dispose of the caravan. It was decided that A Community Protection Notice should be issued. The tenant was written to informing her that if the caravan was not removed within a given period a Community Protection Notice (CPN) would be issued. She was warned of the potential penalty for breaching a CPN. As a result the caravan was removed and the issue of the CPN was not required.
- An application for Criminal Behaviour Order was made for a resident in South Zeal. The male who considers himself to be a 'Freeman' would harass and threaten West Devon Civil Enforcement Officers while they dealt with parking issued in Market Street Car Park in Okehampton. Following an incident in the car park where he assaulted a Police Officer and damaged Council property. Following his conviction he was given 2 Protection from harassment Orders preventing him from using the car park, or approaching either of the Civil Enforcement Officers. As a result it was decided not to proceed with the CBO application. As a result the male has not returned to the car park and that WDBC Enforcement Officer can carry out their roles without fear of harassment.

#### **4. Options available and consideration of risk**

The CSP has adopted an intelligence led approach and is directed by the findings of the Peninsula Strategic Assessment. Each year a workshop is held including representatives from statutory partners to review the Strategic Assessment and agree the projects for the following year. Spend of budgets relates to those priorities agreed annually. Due to the nature of the work it is essential that responses are also made to emerging issues and threats such as child sexual exploitation or metal theft.

## 5. Proposed Way Forward

The main considerations for members include –

- The Chief Constable of Devon and Cornwall Police has a mission statement to detect and prevent crime; protect the vulnerable and reduce crime. This will create a clear focus on safeguarding. This approach is mirrored in the priorities of the CSP.
- The CSP will continue to engage all statutory partners in the development of the Local Delivery Plan which sets out the work of the CSP directed by the Peninsula Strategic Assessment.

## 6. Implications

Implications	Relevant to proposals Y/N	Details and proposed measures to address						
Legal/Governance		<p>The CSP works under several sections of legislation including –</p> <p>Crime and Disorder Act 1998            Police Reform Act 2002            Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003            Police and Justice Act 2006            Policing and Crime Act 2009            Section 9 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act (2004).            Anti-Social Behaviour , Crime &amp; Policing Act 2014</p>						
Financial		<p>2015/6 income to the CSP included a £20,000 grant of Safer Communities funding from the PCC via the Safer Devon Partnership and contributions from agencies and income to support specific projects.</p> <p>West Devon Borough Council costs for 2015/16:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Officer time</td> <td>£25,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Support services (includes HE, Finance etc</td> <td>£13,437</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total contribution</b></td> <td><b>£38,437</b></td> </tr> </table>	Officer time	£25,000	Support services (includes HE, Finance etc	£13,437	<b>Total contribution</b>	<b>£38,437</b>
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Risk		The report is for information and as such there is no risk associated with decisions to set out.						
Comprehensive Impact Assessment Implications								

Equality and Diversity		The CSP addresses issues including hate crime and specific crimes relating to vulnerable members of the community such as distraction burglary.
Safeguarding		CSP staff engage in a number of safeguarding forums and promote effective safeguarding practice in their work. This links to internal Council safeguarding.
Community Safety, Crime and Disorder		The report details the many implications on Community Safety of West Devon engagement in the CSP.
Health, Safety and Wellbeing		The CSP works closely with public health and other partners on health and wellbeing issues including alcohol and licensing.
Other implications		