

Report to: **Overview and Scrutiny Committee**
Date: **26 February 2019**
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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RECOMMENDATION

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 continues to focus on the most vulnerable within our community in response to information provided by the Devon Strategic Assessment and any emerging threats or risks.

The CSP works collaboratively across Devon and the Peninsula to tackle issues such as child sexual exploitation, modern slavery, drug misuse, prejudice related crime, preventing violent extremism and domestic violence and abuse.

In 2017/8 the CSP received a £25,000 grant of Safer Communities funding from the PCC via the Safer Devon Partnership, in 2018/19 the CSP will receive the same amount. This funding pays for specific projects, some of which are listed below.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Achievements across the whole of South Devon and Dartmoor CSP area

- Introduced, working closely with Splitz (Devon's then Commissioned Service for Domestic and Sexual Abuse services) South Devon Domestic and Sexual Abuse forum
- Regular engagement with South Devon MARAC (multi-agency risk assessment conference) to create safety planning for those experiencing domestic abuse in South Devon
- Extremely positive relationships developed and maintained with secondary schools in Teignbridge, West Devon and South Hams resulting in thematic meetings and work identified around gang culture and drugs
- Identified through our close work with schools, then developed with Devon County Council, the *Healthy Relationships programme*, to be introduced to all schools in Devon
- Supported Domestic and Sexual Violence survivors by providing support equipment such as alarms
- Supported DHR (Domestic Homicide Review) number 6 and promoted the findings of this to relevant partner agencies
- Facilitated the delivery of Tender – a healthy relationship programme to schools – with SAFE (Stop Abuse For Everyone)

- Host the Vulnerability Forums through the ASB (Anti-Social Behaviour) meetings and created a process for referrals from partner agencies
- Continued close working with Integrated Offender Management
- Delivered bite size training sessions for staff and partners to understand the implications of County Lines and cuckooing
- Delivered training to over 250 taxi drivers to understand and identify risk factors in child sexual exploitation (CSE), modern slavery and trafficking
- Facilitated the delivery of Gemma's Wardrobe – a theatre style education package to Year 9 in 10 secondary schools (approximately 2000 young people) in South Devon around drugs, alcohol and exploitation
- Worked with partners to identify and mitigate risks around planned CSE units in South Devon
- Provision of ASB service across SDD which included discussions about vulnerable adults as part of ASB meeting structure
- Engagement with Operation Venus to address use of Psychoactive Substances and drug misuse in South Hams
- Engagement with Operation Hazel to address use of drugs following tragic death of teenager in Newton Abbot
- Engagement in the Devon and Torbay Prevent Partnership
- Co-ordinated and ran the annual forum event at Rattery Village Hall, attended by 86 delegates showcasing the work of the CSP
- Supported development and contributed to development of the Be Curious campaign and distributed the campaign to partners
- Engagement in Operation Huntsman to address Modern Slavery
- Engagement in work across Devon to ensure consistency with the National Referral Mechanism in relation to Modern Slavery
- Facilitated raising awareness of Extreme Right Wing symbolism to ensure reporting of any occurrences to Prevent Leads
- Facilitated and led engagement in South Devon in Project Genesis, the Neighbourhood Policing Review. Findings and feedback was sent via the Chair of the CSP to the Police Crime Commissioner following two CSP engagement events with partners
- 3 Phoenix courses held to address ASB in young people delivered
- Use of Multi Agency Response team approach around issues such as needle and drug paraphernalia finds in public toilets
- Safeguarding at events products produced for delivery in 2019
- Local Delivery Plan 2017/8 72 green status, 24 amber and 4 red
- Suicide Intervention briefings to partners 262 pledges so far

Achievements specific to West Devon

- Facilitated training on safeguarding and child sexual exploitation to 95% taxi drivers
- Gemma's Wardrobe - 324 Year 9 students saw a theatre production and participated in follow up workshops on alcohol, drugs and child sexual exploitation through work with Okehampton and Tavistock Colleges

- Continuing to maintain and develop close working with all three West Devon secondary schools to address and raise awareness of community safety issues including drugs, Prevent and missing episodes linked to exploitation. This model is seen as best practise across Devon
- Provided all schools with materials to assist in Prevent campaigns aimed at young people such as "Run, Hide, Tell"
- Facilitate and chair Okehampton Matters meetings on a quarterly basis, where Town and Parish Councillors meet with Community Safety Specialist and Anti-Social Behaviour Officer and Police and address local problems
- Re-introduce Tavistock Matters meeting, similar to Okehampton Matters meetings as above
- Following recommendation from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in November 2017 Members requested training opportunities to learn more about the work and responsibilities of the CSP. This training was completed in February 2018 and 10 Members from WDBC attended
- Five "Moorwatch" canvas banners commissioned through the CSP and distributed to Police and Dartmoor National Park to display in beauty spots with high car crime areas significantly reduced the number of thefts from motor vehicles on the moor

Achievements in Anti Social Behaviour – West Devon

- In January 2018 the existing Alcohol Designation Orders were transferred to Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO) concerning the consumption of alcohol and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB.) The areas the PSPO's covered were discussed with the local policing team to ensure that they covered the area's most causing the Police concern. The PSPO gives the Police the same powers to request people surrender alcohol within the designated area. If they fail to surrender the alcohol they commit a criminal offence. The PSPO does not apply to young people found with alcohol.
- In April 2018 following extensive multi-agency working between Livewest (Registered Social Landlord) the ASB officer and Police in Okehampton, an anti-social behaviour repossession order was granted for a tenant in Drewsteignton. This followed numerous criminal offences involving the tenants' dog and incidents of ASB towards neighbours and other residents in Drewsteignton. This was one of 4 repossessions obtained by Livewest in West Devon.
- There have been 2 Community Trigger activations within West Devon both related to long running neighbour disputes. Both were in Tavistock. A review meeting to discuss all aspects of the 2 disputes were called. The results from both review meetings was that both the Police & WDBC had taken every possible action. This information was relayed back to the two parties in person.
- There is continued engagement with the monthly ASB meeting with regular attendance by Police, Registered Social Landlords & West Devon Borough Council.

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 which includes representatives from statutory partners to review the Devon Strategic Assessment and agree the projects for the following year. This becomes the Local Delivery Plan. Spend of the budget relates to those priorities agreed annually. Due to the proactive nature of the work it is essential that responses are also made to emerging issues and threats.

A serious emerging threat, established by evidence gathered in locations inside our own area and in neighbouring districts, is co-ordinated groups of youths perpetrating ASB. The CSP is likely to prioritise and invest significant resource next year in co-ordinating partner interventions to reduce this activity and safeguard young people against this threat.

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 creates 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		The CSP works under several sections of legislation including – 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 & Policing Act 2014
Financial		2017/8 income to the CSP included a £25,000 grant of Safer Communities funding from the PCC

		<p>via the Safer Devon Partnership and contributions from agencies and income to support specific projects.</p> <p>West Devon Borough Council costs for 2017/8:</p> <p>Total contribution £ 41697</p>
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. Currently the Community Safety Specialist is also the Safeguarding Specialist at WDBC.
Community Safety, Crime and Disorder		The report details the many implications on Community Safety of West Devon Borough Council's 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		

Background Documents:

None