

Report to: **Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

Date: **7 November 2017**

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:

- 1. That Members note the report; and**
- 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 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 2016/7 the CSP has a £24,000 grant of Safer Communities funding from the Police Crime Commissioner via the Safer Devon Partnership. This funding pays for specific projects, some of which are listed below.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Achievements across South Devon and Dartmoor (SDD)

- Phoenix courses to address ASB in young people delivered in Teignbridge in May 2016 and February 2017, In West Devon in February 2017 and South Hams in March 2017;
- Supported Domestic Homicide Review;
- Provided Domestic Violence and Abuse services with personal attack alarms to be passed to those identified as vulnerable;
- 9 Last Orders performance delivered in Schools across the area to address alcohol misuse;
- Provision of ASB service across SDD which includes discussions about vulnerable adults as part of ASB meeting structure;
- Use of Multi Agency Response team approach around issues such as needle and drug paraphernalia finds in public toilets;
- Continued close working with Integrated Offender Management;
- Supported Be the Change to address reducing reoffending by contributing to volunteer training;
- Extremely positive relationship developed with secondary schools in Teignbridge, West Devon and South Hams resulting in thematic meetings and work identified around drug misuse;
- Continued development of relationship with Care Homes for looked after Children around community safety issues;

- Promotion of materials for Safer Internet Day to 139 schools;
- Child Sexual Exploitation training delivered to 10 staff from fairgrounds;
- Training on Child Sexual Exploitation delivered to Taxi Drivers;
- Facilitated Barnados training to hotels and other high risk sectors with 35 delegates attending;
- Facilitated delivery of 10 Chelsea's Choice performances to raise awareness of CSE;
- Engagement in Operation Huntsman to address Modern Slavery;
- Promotion of Mental health toolkit;
- Forum event with 80 delegates showcasing the work of the CSP;
- Carers 4 Dementia sessions established as a pilot in Teignbridge Council;
- Engagement with Operation Venus to address use of Psychoactive Substances and drug misuse;
- Engagement in the Devon and Torbay Prevent Partnership;
- Supported development and contributed to development of the Be Curious campaign and distributed the campaign when finished;
- Purchase of educational resources to enhance delivery regarding alcohol misuse in schools;
- 3 Substance misuse training days delivered by YSmart;
- Supported the development of the Chelsea's Choice initiative in partnership across Devon;
- Supported Devon wide work on raising awareness for those on the autism spectrum relating to community safety issues; and
- 6 Drink Wise Age Well courses were delivered across SDD with 117 professionals trained.

Achievements in West Devon

- Facilitated training on safeguarding and child sexual exploitation to taxi drivers;
- Close working with West Devon Secondary Schools to address and raise awareness of community safety issues. This model is seen as best practise;
- Okehampton Matters meetings with Police and Members;
- Phoenix project delivery – programme in West Devon with 12 students, this had excellent media coverage and the Mayor of West Devon attended the passing out parade; and

- Facilitation of the Chelsea's Choice initiative to schools in West Devon.

Achievements in ASB

- A number of Multi-Agency Meetings have been arranged and chaired in order to fully discuss ASB issues within the community. These have included the ASB caused by a young person in Princetown and involved Police, Child Social Services, RSL, and a representative of a residential care home which was out of the County. A further meeting held in relation to a Drewsteignton resident involving, Police, MHT, RSL, and Environmental Health;
- 2 Community Triggers were activated. Both in West Devon and both relating to long term neighbour disputes. Lengthy review meetings have taken place and the result of those meetings have been fed back to the person activating the trigger. In both cases all actions that could have been taken were taken;
- Two ASB Injunctions have been obtained by DCH in relation to ASB by their tenants. These were obtained after extensive multi-agency working. Both injunctions obtained in West Devon were in Tavistock;
- Devon and Cornwall Housing obtained a housing repossession in relation to a Tavistock tenant. This was after extensive multi-agency working between DCH, Tavistock Police and the Councils Anti-Social Behaviour Officer.

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.

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 & Policing Act 2014</p>
Financial		<p>2016/7 income to the CSP included a £24,000 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 contribution based upon cost of Officer time for 2016/17:</p> <p>Total contribution £41690</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.
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		

Background Documents:

None