

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN: Cllr Mike Haines

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DATE: 28th January 2019

REPORT OF: Senior Community Safety Officer and
Portfolio- Holder for Health and Wellbeing

SUBJECT: Community Safety Partnership

PART I

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is recommended to note this report.

1. PURPOSE

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. MAIN IMPLICATIONS

The CSP continues to focus on the most vulnerable within our community in response to information provided by the Devon Strategic Assessment and of course 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 2016/17 the CSP has received a £24,000 grant of Safer Communities funding from the PCC via the Safer Devon Partnership. In 2017/18 this was increased to £25,000.

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4.0 KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Achievements across South Devon and Dartmoor

- 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 in the Devon and Torbay Prevent Partnership
- Delivered the annual forum event in Rattery, 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

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- 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
- Successful in joint application to the Home Office for £528,000 funding to address Youth gang culture across South Hams, Teignbridge and Torbay.
- Safeguarding at events products produced for delivery in 2019
- Local Delivery Plan 17/18 72 green status, 24 amber and 4 red
- Suicide Intervention briefings for partners, 262 pledges so far

Achievements in Teignbridge

- A main focus of the CSPs work over the last 18 months has been in response to Operation Turf, youth Gang related activity centred in Newton Abbot and Kingsteignton. The CSP has funded and supported the development on a number of interventions to address the issues and safeguard the young people involved. These have included youth outreach, parent support groups, Youth Intervention Team and Youth Gang Injunctions.
- SDD CSP has also been at the centre of raising concerns about youth gang related culture strategically across Devon and the Peninsula
- Excellent information sharing continues with Housing, Legal, Environmental Health and other Teignbridge departments
- Close working with Teignbridge Secondary schools to address and raise awareness of community safety issues. This model is seen as best practice
- Facilitated regular multi agency licensing discussions to identify locations of concerns and ensure a joined up approach
- Dementia Action Alliance 192 sign ups and trained as Dementia Friends Champion

Achievements in ASB

- In November three closure orders were granted for three addresses in Newton Abbot. One addresses was an owner occupied premises that was linked to the wholesale supply of drugs and other linked criminality. The other two addresses were in the same block containing elderly/vulnerable residents and tenanted through a housing association. Both were linked to drug use/supply and alcohol related anti-social behaviour. The communities from both locations provided extensive amounts of evidence that supported the closure order applications and were uncontested by both tenants and the house owner. The closure order against an owner occupied property has been a resounding success with the community reporting a complete change in their neighbourhood. All ASB has ended. There has been no reported criminality and no reports of any drug litter.

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- Community Protection Notices can be used to address a wide range of behaviours that have a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those who live in the community. One has been used to address a complex case of an elderly lady living in squalid conditions with a significant rat infestation. She was the owner of the premises but not the source of the rubbish/infestation. This was caused by a male hoarder moving into her address some years previously. She now resides in a nursing home but the hoarder remained at the property. Despite several attempts for him to clear the premises and to engage with agencies, he refused and brought further rubbish onto the land. The hoarder was issued a Community Protection Notice. He failed to comply with the notice and a £100 fixed penalty has been issued to him.
- The Public Space Protection Order at Dawlish is still working well due to the significant efforts made by the Dawlish Neighbourhood Policing Team in enforcing the prohibitions. This order expires in August 2019. It is the intention to extend the order for a further three years due its success in addressing ASB on and around the Lawns area.

5.0 GROUPS TO BE CONSULTED

None

6.0 WITNESSES TO BE CALLED

None

7.0 TIME-SCALE

Any comments from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be reported to the next Community Safety Partnership meeting.

8.0 CONCLUSION

This report summarises the work of the Community Safety Partnership over the past twelve months.

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Wards affected	All
Contact for any more information	Rebecca Hewitt 01626 215873
Background Papers (For Part I reports only)	Local Delivery Plan if requested
Key Decision	N
In Forward Plan	N
In O&S Work Programme	Y
Community Impact Assessment attached:	N/A