

TEIGNBRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

17TH DECEMBER 2019

PART I

Report Title	South Devon and Dartmoor Community Safety Partnership
Purpose of Report	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
Recommendation(s)	The Committee RESOLVES to: (1) Identify any issues to be raised at the next Community Safety Partnership
Financial Implications	The financial implications are contained in section 2.1. The main financial issue is that funding after 2020/21 is uncertain. Claire Moors – Principal Technical Accountant & Deputy Chief Finance Officer Tel: 01626 215242 Email: claire.moors@teignbridge.gov.uk
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Environmental/ Climate Change Implications	David Eaton – Environmental Protection Manager Agree with conclusions that there is no climate or environmental impact. david.eaton@teignbridge.gov.uk
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Appendices / Background Papers	None

1. INTRODUCTION / BACKGROUND

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

- 1.1 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.
- 1.2 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.
- 1.3 **KEY ACHIEVEMENTS - across the whole of South Devon and Dartmoor CSP area**
 - Developed the South Devon and Dartmoor Sexual Violence and Domestic Violence and Abuse Forum. This is Co-chaired with Splitz. The forum is well attended by a range of agencies and voluntary sector. It has been successful in gaining £5,000 of funding from the Safer Devon Partnership to deliver an older persons toolkit.
 - Regular engagement with South Devon MARAC (multi-agency risk assessment conference) to create safety planning for those experiencing domestic abuse in South Devon
 - Continue to hold six monthly Community Safety meetings with secondary schools in each district resulting in extremely positive relationships in Teignbridge, West Devon and South Hams. The CSP has also provided funding for campaigns such as "Disrespect Nobody" campaign which ran in secondary schools in each area
 - Supported Domestic and Sexual Violence survivors by providing support equipment such as alarms
 - Continued close working with Integrated Offender Management and South Devon Police Proactive team around prolific offenders and safeguarding those vulnerable to exploitation. This includes safeguarding visits with Police during County Lines Intensification weeks in May and September 2019
 - Delivered information sessions on County Lines and Youth Gangs to a range of organisations including: social care, Exeter Prison, Careers providers, Department for Work and Pensions, Young Devon, Town Councils, Rotary, registered housing providers to understand the implications of County Lines and cuckooing and how to report
 - 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, The Anti-Slavery Partnership, The County Lines strategic meeting for Devon

- Delivered the tenth annual forum event which was held at Rattery Village Hall, attended by 108 delegates showcasing the work of the CSP
- Facilitated raising awareness of Extreme Right Wing symbolism to ensure reporting of any occurrences to Prevent Leads
- Safeguarding at events risk assessment produced for delivery in 2019 and invited to speak at the National Local Authority Event Co-ordinators Conference where we received very positive feedback. Two authorities have approached us to utilise the risk assessment
- Suicide Intervention briefings to partners. 345 pledges were received from a total of 82 different organisations. 78 people attended the half day Safetalk training which was held in Totnes and Newton Abbot
- Following feedback after the last round of Overview and Scrutiny meetings the CSP two hour briefing sessions to allow Members to have a greater insight into the workings of the partnership. These were well attended in each District and the feedback was positive
- The CSP has supported the development of the Adolescent Safety Framework for Devon. This framework is being led by Devon Childrens Social Care to address risks from outside of the family
- The CSP lead the South Devon Exploitation Prevention Network which includes Torbay where partners are kept up to date on exploitation risks and reporting is encouraged
- Supported delivery of The Herbert Protocol – a system for helping to locate vulnerable missing people (often used by families of those who live with dementia)
- Presentations have been delivered to the CSP on suicide and this is an area for future work
- Successful in a joint bid to the Home Office for the delivery of the Turning Corners programme to the value of £538,000 which covers Torbay, Teignbridge and South Hams to address Young Gang Culture. The fiancé for this project is managed by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
- Continued to share learning with other partners including the Metropolitan Police around Youth Gang Culture

1.4 Achievements specific to Teignbridge

- An Operation Dalitron walk on to address Child sexual exploitation took place in August with representatives from a number of agencies including the CSP
- A Suicide Prevention Task and Finish Group has been established in Teignbridge to review intelligence and look at possible prevention approaches
- The CSP is supporting Teignbridge Dementia Action Alliance which is made up of a number of volunteers from organisations to increase awareness of dementia and help to make Teignbridge more dementia friendly
- The Opening Doors project has been developed between the Police, Teignbridge Council, Active Devon, Street Games, Schools and local sports providers to facilitate access to sport for vulnerable young people. The local sports clubs involved are Devon RFU, Devon FA, the Lodge indoor Skate Park and Space in partnership with Newton Abbot Leisure centre

- Safeguarding training which included information on drugs and alcohol, county lines, radicalisation and domestic violence and abuse was given to 160 of Teignbridge's Refuse and Cleansing staff
- In partnership with South Devon Proactive Policing Team, CSP staff have taken part in several Modern Slavery Operations
- Nearly 40 event organisers from across Teignbridge attended training at the Council offices in October 2019 on the Safeguarding Risk Assessment tool. This training included content on modern slavery, county lines, domestic violence and abuse and child sexual exploitation

1.5 Achievements in Anti Social Behaviour – Teignbridge

- From September support of registered housing providers for two addresses in Newton Abbot, and Kingsteignton. 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. One property is linked to the wholesale supply of drugs and other linked criminality, work is ongoing to obtain a closure order
- One successful eviction and ASB escalation processes have been instigated as a result of drug and alcohol related ASB
- Work is currently underway with Teignmouth Policing team to address the rise in youth related ASB in the locality
- The Public Space Protection Order at Dawlish has worked well due to the significant efforts made by the Dawlish Neighbourhood Policing Team in enforcing the prohibitions. This order expired in August 2019. Due to its success, it was not proportionate under the legislation to extend it further, no further incidents or breaches have been reported
- Successful multiagency work at a sensitive location working with multiple user-groups, crime prevention and positive safeguarding methods employed to come to a satisfactory resolution
- Development and ongoing running of 'Opening Doors' sports intervention to support youths on the peripheral of criminal justice system collaboratively with Active Devon, Devon and Cornwall police and delivery partners
- Positive work with multiple support agencies working towards youth intervention in Teignbridge, working with SPACE and D&C Police to divert youths from ASB

2. IMPLICATIONS, RISK MANAGEMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT

2.1 Financial

In 2019/20 the CSP received a £25,000 grant of Safer Communities funding from the PCC via the Safer Devon Partnership, in 2020/21 the CSP will receive the same amount. This funding pays for specific projects, some of which are listed below. The PCC elections will take place in May 2020 so funding after 2020/21 is uncertain.

2.2 Legal

In the course of their work, the CSP and Council have various responsibilities which help promote and secure community safety including for example under the following legislation:

- Police Reform Act 2002
- Anti Social Behaviour Act 2003
- Police and Justice Act 2006

- Crime and Disorder Regulations 2007
- Police and Crime Act 2009
- Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act (2004) 2011
- Anti Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014
- Modern Slavery Act 2015
- Serious Crime Act 2015
- Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015

2.3 Risks

The CSP has adopted an intelligence led approach and is directed by the findings of the Devon Strategic Assessment which assesses risk. 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.

The additional risk is the financial uncertainty after 2020/21 due to the Election of the Police and Crime Commissioner being held in May 2020 and no certainty if they will still allocate funding directly to CSPs.

2.4 Environmental/Climate Change Impact

There is no significant positive or negative impact from this report.

3. Conclusion

The CSP will continue to engage all statutory and non-statutory partners in the development of the Local Delivery Plan which sets out the work of the CSP directed by the Devon Strategic Assessment.