

Crime and Disorder Committee

**Town Hall, Colchester
18 September 2012 at 6.00pm**

The Committee will usually convene immediately following the conclusion of the Strategic Overview and Scrutiny Panel.

The Committee deals with

The review and scrutiny of decisions made, or other actions taken, in connection with the discharge by the responsible authorities of their crime and disorder functions, and to make reports and recommendations to the Council or the Cabinet with respect to the discharge of those functions.

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The role of the Crime and Disorder Committee

The Committee shall meet to review or scrutinise decisions or other actions taken in connection with the functions conferred to the Committee, these being, a strategy for the reduction of crime and disorder in the Borough and a strategy for combating the misuse of drugs in the borough.

The Committee has to meet at least once in every twelve month period.

The Committee may co-opt persons to serve on the Committee who are members of the public, employees, officers or members of responsible authorities, for example, the Council, Essex County Council, Essex Police Authority, Essex Fire and Rescue Authority and the Essex Probation Service. Executive members of the Council may not be co-opted to the Committee. Co-opted persons shall not be entitled to vote on any matter, unless the Committee so determines.

The work of the Crime and Disorder Committee

An annual review of the Safer Colchester Partnership Strategy will be a year on year substantive report to be considered by the Committee.

Any Member of Colchester Borough Council may give written notice to the Scrutiny Officer (on behalf of the Head of Corporate Services) that they wish an item to be included on the agenda of the Committee in relation to a local crime and disorder matter. If the matter is considered a local crime and disorder matter, the item will be included on the first available agenda of the Committee.

A crime and disorder matter is a matter involving anti-social behaviour or other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment, or the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances.

The Committee once it has considered a local crime and disorder matter shall consider whether or not to make a report to the Cabinet or Council, and if it decides not to, shall notify the Councillor concerned of its decision(s) and the reason(s) for it.

If the Committee decides to report to the Cabinet or Council, it will provide a copy of the report to the Councillor concerned and the responsible authorities and co-operating persons or bodies as appropriate.

**COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL
CRIME AND DISORDER COMMITTEE
18 September 2012 at 6:00pm**

Members

Chairman : Councillor Kevin Bentley.
Deputy Chairman : Councillor Beverly Davies.
Councillors Kim Naish, Nigel Offen, Gerard Oxford,
Helen Chuah, Bill Frame, Pauline Hazell, Peter Higgins and
Terry Sutton.

Substitute Members : All members of the Council who are not Cabinet Members or members of the panel.

Agenda - Part A

(open to the public including the media)

Members of the public may wish to note that agenda items 1 - 5 are normally brief.

Pages

1. Welcome and Announcements

(a) The Chairman to welcome members of the public and Councillors and to remind all speakers of the requirement for microphones to be used at all times.

(b) At the Chairman's discretion, to announce information on:

- action in the event of an emergency;
- mobile phones switched off or to silent;
- location of toilets;
- introduction of members of the meeting.

2. Substitutions

Members may arrange for a substitute councillor to attend a meeting on their behalf, subject to prior notice being given. The attendance of substitute councillors must be recorded.

3. Urgent Items

To announce any items not on the agenda which the Chairman has agreed to consider because they are urgent and to give reasons for the urgency.

4. Declarations of Interest

The Chairman to invite Councillors to declare individually any interests

they may have in the items on the agenda. Councillors should consult Meetings General Procedure Rule 7 for full guidance on the registration and declaration of interests. However Councillors may wish to note the following:-

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5. Minutes

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To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 23 May 2012.

6. Have Your Say!

(a) The Chairman to invite members of the public to indicate if they wish to speak or present a petition at this meeting – either on an item on the agenda or on a general matter not on this agenda. You should indicate your wish to speak at this point if your name has not been noted by Council staff.

(b) The Chairman to invite contributions from members of the public who wish to Have Your Say! on a general matter not on this agenda.

7. Safer Colchester Partnership

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See report from the Executive Management Team.

Mr. Ian Vipond, Chairman of the Safer Colchester Partnership and Councillor Tim Young, Cabinet Member responsible for Community Safety will attend the meeting for this item.

Chief Inspector Paul Wells, District Commander, Colchester Police and Ms. Pauline Auguste, Essex Probation Service have been invited to attend the meeting and provide an update on their organisation's work within the Safer Colchester Partnership.

8. Exclusion of the public

In accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 and in accordance with The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 (as amended) to exclude the public, including the press, from the meeting so that any items containing exempt information (for example confidential personal, financial or legal advice), in Part B of this agenda (printed on yellow paper) can be decided. (Exempt information is defined in Section 100I and Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972).

CRIME AND DISORDER COMMITTEE
23 MAY 2012

Present :- Councillor Kevin Bentley (Chairman)
Councillors Helen Chuah (Former Mayor) ,
Beverly Davies, Andrew Ellis, Bill Frame, Pauline Hazell,
Kim Naish, Nigel Offen and Gerard Oxford

Substitute Member :- Councillor Theresa Higgins for Councillor Peter Higgins

1. Chairman

RESOLVED that Councillor Bentley be appointed Chairman for the ensuing Municipal Year.

2. Deputy Chairman

RESOLVED that Councillor Davies be appointed Deputy Chairman for the ensuing Municipal Year.



18 September 2012

Report of	Executive Management Team	Author	Bridget Tighe 282104
Title	Safer Colchester Partnership		
Wards affected	All		

This report outlines the current work and objectives of the Safer Colchester Partnership

1. Action required

- 1.1 To invite the Crime and Disorder Committee to scrutinise the work of the Safer Colchester Partnership (SCP).

2. Reason for report

- 2.1 Under the Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009 the Committee is required to meet once a year to review the work and progress of the SCP in connection with the discharge by the responsible authorities of their statutory crime and disorder reduction functions.

3. Background information

- 3.1 The funding for Community Safety Partnerships for 2012-13 received from the 'Home Office Community Safety Fund' was £10,000. This was a significant reduction on previous years. (In 2010-11 the Safer Colchester Partnership received £121,372).
- 3.2 In addition to this, the partnership received contributions from Essex Police, Essex Fire & Rescue and Colchester Borough Council bringing the total fund to £87,076. Most of this contribution came from Essex Police (£49,469) and was made up of unspent monies from previous years. Therefore, this will not be available in future years.
- 3.3 Therefore, the big challenge for the partnership during 2012-13 has been to maintain its positive partnership working and practical outcomes and planning its work for 2013-14 with the prospect of minimal to no financial resource.

4. The partnership's work in 2012-13

- 4.1 Essex Police was significantly restructured during 2011-12 and members are due to receive a presentation on this has been working at this meeting with an opportunity to ask questions.
- 4.2 The priorities for the partnership are identified through the Strategic Assessment of Crime and with reference to the priorities of the Safer Essex Partnership.
- 4.2 The partnership has four priorities for 2012-13 (the full partnership plan is attached at Appendix A):

- to address domestic abuse
- to reduce reoffending through integrated offender management
- to address alcohol misuse
- to reduce crime and the fear of crime

4.3 Addressing domestic abuse

During 2012-13 the partnership will be addressing the issue of domestic abuse through the following initiatives:

- supporting Domestic Abuse Awareness Week in November 2012
- providing training in honour based violence in February 2013
- contributing to funding the Women's Support Officer in the Integrated Domestic Abuse Programme.
This programme works with offenders to address their offending behaviour and the Women's Support Officer provides support to the victims ensuring their views are represented and they are kept up to date with the perpetrator's progress.
- providing funding for the Essex Change programme (run by Relate North East and East Herts) which provides 1-1 therapeutic sessions for perpetrators of domestic abuse.

4.4 Integrated Offender Management (IOM)

In line with Government guidance, during 2011-12 the partnership developed an Integrated Offender Management approach. This brings together local agencies to develop a multi-agency problem solving approach to offenders and covers Colchester and Tendring. Members will receive a presentation on this at this meeting with an opportunity to ask questions.

4.5 To address alcohol misuse

The PCT has provided funding for a pilot project running from April 2012 to provide clinical cover on the SOS Bus. The project is aimed at reducing the number of ambulance call outs to the town centre and alcohol related A&E attendances.

- 4.6 During the period April 2011 – August 2011 when operating with St John's Ambulance, the SOS Bus treated 287 people and 78 people were sent to hospital via the SOS mini or the ambulance service. However, during April 2012 – August 2012 while operating with emergency doctors, the SOS Bus treated 379 people, 12 of whom were sent to hospital via the SOS mini bus or ambulance service; a significant reduction on the previous year.

- 4.7 In June Trading Standards completed a project where over 149 Colchester businesses were encouraged to sign a pledge saying they would not serve alcohol to underage customers; they managed to successfully sign up 107 of them, giving a 71% sign up rate.

This will be treated as an ongoing piece of work, where Trading Standards will chase traders that so far haven't signed up. They will also approach new businesses and ensure that they are visited.

They carried out a testing phase on the sign ups and selected a mixture of large retailers, small independents and small supermarkets. Colchester ran at a 20% failure rate in round one, which compared to other districts with similar projects and taking into account the size of the area and amount of premises was a reasonable first round. Trading Standards will, however, follow this up with further tests on those retailers that failed the test.

To reduce crime and the fear of crime

- 4.8 Throughout 2012-13 the partnership will also be delivering projects aimed at preventing and tackling crime including the following:
- Crucial Crew** – in 2012 this project delivered personal and safety education to over 1500 Year 6 children from 55 schools across the borough. The safety scenarios included road, crime and anti-social behaviour, fire, internet, rail and drugs and alcohol. This year we also included a bullying scenario because in a crime survey young people told us this was one of their biggest concerns.
- 4.9 This project will be evaluated including pupil and teacher feedback in order to ensure the 2013 Crucial Crew includes scenarios where young people have told us they have concerns.
- 4.10 **Community Days of Action and Safer Colchester Project** – during 2012 the team has delivered two community days of action: one in Stanway and one in Highwoods with a further planned for Castle ward in November. The top issues from both areas included: parking, speeding and dog fouling.
- 4.11 In addition, the Safer Colchester team, working in partnership with residents and other agencies are working to deliver the legacy element to these days of action. In Stanway, they are working to install yellow lines on one side of Winstree Road and to close off unused bus stops to increase safety for children using the schools. In Highwoods the legacy project has not been decided yet, however, the team are exploring the possibility of a project in The Country Park.
- 4.12 There are currently 12 Neighbourhood Action Panels (NAPs) working to target local problems with joint problem solving with the top three concerns of dog fouling, speeding and parking. This year the Safer Colchester Partnership allocated £2,000 for small projects undertaken by the NAPs and the Zone Managers who now regularly attend the meetings can often resolve an issue immediately.

5 Preparing for 2014-15

5.1 Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC)

On 15 November 2012 residents in Essex will vote for their new Police and Crime Commissioner. This post will replace the Police Authority and be responsible for policing across Essex including:

- appointing the Chief Constable and holding them to account for the running of their force;
 - setting out a 5 year police and crime plan based on local priorities;
 - setting the annual local precept and annual force budget
 - making grants to organisations aside from the police (including but not limited to community safety partnerships)
- 5.2 The PCC will be scrutinised by a Police and Crime Panel which will have a range of powers to maintain a regular check and balance on the performance of the PCC. Members will receive a presentation on this from the Council's representative on this panel, Cllr Tim Young, at this meeting with an opportunity to ask questions.
- 5.3 In preparation for the arrival of the PCC the community safety partnerships across Essex, through Safer Essex, have been discussing ways in which they might best work with the new PCC. In Colchester we are exploring the possibility of joint commissioning some of our common projects. For instance, each community safety partnership tends to deliver a Crucial Crew in their area.
- 5.4 In addition, Safer Essex has prepared a Prospectus for the new PCC providing information on the local community safety structures, the priorities, the community safety partnerships and funding arrangements. This is attached with this report at Appendix B.

6 Community Budgets

- 6.1 Essex is one of four areas in the country piloting community budgets that aim to organise public spending by place, rather than by individual organisations or services. Within the community safety workstream, business cases are being prepared for: reducing reoffending, reducing domestic abuse and community resilience and members of the community safety partnership have been participating by providing local data and participating in workshops.
- 6.2 The full business case submission is due on 31st October with partner workshops to develop implementation from November 2012.

7 Strategic Plan references

- 7.1 This work contributes to the council's Strategic Plan for 2012 – 2015 by working in partnerships to tackle crime issues and tackling anti-social behaviour.

8 Consultation

- 8.1 In November the partnership carried out a crime survey including feedback from under 16 year olds. The results of this have informed the partnership plan for the year. In addition, Community Days of Action are preceded by a two day consultation period where local residents are encouraged to identify the issues in their local area that need tackling.

9 Publicity Considerations

9.1 All publicity tries to achieve a positive reflection of the work of the Safer Colchester Partnership.

10 Financial implications

10.1 It is expected that funding for the partnership's work will be significantly reduced in 2013-14 and it is unclear whether any funding will continue to come to local partnerships once Police and Crime Commissioners are in place. Therefore, during this financial year the partnership will be looking at where they can maintain the partnerships and projects they have built up without the funding they currently use.

11 Human Rights Implications

11.1 There are no specific human rights implications.

12. Equality and Diversity implications

12.1 There are no specific equality and diversity implications.

12.1.1 The Equality Impact Assessment carried out for this report is called "Safer Community Partnership" and is available via the following link:

<http://www.colchester.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=3604&p=0>

13 Community Safety Implications

13.1 The Community Safety implications are the subject of this report.

14 Health and Safety Implications

14.1 There are no specific health and safety implications.

15 Other Standard References

15.1 None.

Background Papers

Appendix **A** - The Safer Colchester Partnership annual partnership plan

Appendix **B** – The Safer Essex Prospectus

Safer Colchester Partnership ANNUAL PARTNERSHIP PLAN 2012-13

KEY PRIORITY 1 – To address domestic abuse						
Objective	Performance Outcome	Target Area	Outputs	Funding	Lead Agency or Person	By When
Support the work of the Women's Safety Worker within the Integrated Domestic Abuse Programme	Women living with perpetrators of domestic abuse are supported	All wards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The WSO will contact women post sentence of their current or ex partner to the Integrated Domestic Abuse Programme and work with them to access support. 	Essex Probation & bid to Safer Essex. However, if funding is not secured at Safer Essex, Colchester CSP to fund.	Essex Probation	Mar 2013
Support the work of Essex Change	Perpetrators of domestic abuse are encouraged to enter a longer term treatment domestic abuse programme	All wards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-1 therapeutic sessions for perpetrators that have not been convicted of domestic abuse 	£11,169 from the PCT to fund work in Colchester & Tendring	Essex Change (run by Relate North East and East Herts)	Mar 2013
Support the work of the Domestic Abuse Forum	Support actions from the Domestic Abuse Forum when required	All wards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor the Domestic Abuse Action Plan 2011-14. Actions include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deliver annual conference. Deliver a raising awareness event. 	Officer time	DV Forum	Mar 2013

KEY PRIORITY 2 – To reduce re-offending through integrated offender management						
Reduce adult re-offending rates by working more effectively in partnership.	Monitor the progress of the Integrated Offender Management programme. Make amendments to structure or process when necessary.	All wards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The IOM Steering Group monitors the progress of this initiative 	Essex Probation Colchester CSP to fund £2.5K for operational expenses.	IOM Steering Group	Mar 2013
KEY PRIORITY 3 – To address alcohol misuse						
Objective	Performance Outcome	Target Area	Outputs	Funding	Lead Agency or Person	By When
Reduce alcohol misuse and related harm	Update and monitor the NEE Alcohol Action Plan	All wards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor NEE ALCOHOL action plan Continue with Alcohol Liaison Nurse Specialist in CHUFT Continue with Intervention & Brief Advice service in primary care. Launch Drink Spiking Campaign in Colchester Town Centre 	Officer time. £200 from CSP funds, ACE officer time	NEENHS ACE CIC	Mar 2013 Jun 12
Reduce crime & offending caused by alcohol misuse	Crime and offending caused by alcohol misuse is reduced	Town Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pubwatch to set up and run the BOBB scheme Police to enforce the DPPO for Colchester New SoS Bus to be purchased Sustainable funding source to be identified to revenue fund the SoS Bus Continuation of the street drinkers project from April to 	Officer time Officer time £80K £6k	Pubwatch Essex Police Partners + April Centre CSP Partners April Centre CBC/ CSP	Ongoing Ongoing Sep 12 Mar – Sep 12

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> September and its work monitored and evaluated Partners continue to work together to address issues relating to the Night Time Economy Delivery of 'Night of Action' in the Town Centre 	Officer time	Partners	Mar 2013
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partners continue to work together to address issues relating to the Night Time Economy Delivery of 'Night of Action' in the Town Centre 	Officer time	CSP partners	Ongoing
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delivery of 'Night of Action' in the Town Centre 	Officer time	CBH / CBC	Nov 12
KEY PRIORITY 4 – To reduce crime and the fear of crime						
Objective	Performance Outcome	Target Area	Outputs	Funding	Lead Agency or Person	By When
Reduce ASB across the borough by 2%	This is a Life Opportunities target to work in partnership with other agencies to reduce ASB across Colchester Borough by 2%	All wards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agree and implement Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABCs) and Parenting Contracts Work with police and other partners to identify repeat and vulnerable callers reporting ASB and tackle underlying causes. Continue to develop diversionary activities 	Officer time	Essex Police	Mar 2013
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with police and other partners to identify repeat and vulnerable callers reporting ASB and tackle underlying causes. Continue to develop diversionary activities 	Officer time	CBH	Ongoing
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to develop diversionary activities 	Officer time	CBH	Ongoing

Objective	Performance Outcome	Target Area	Outputs	Funding	Lead Agency or Person	By When
Local residents in the Borough have the opportunity to report concerns to their Neighbourhood Action Panels.	Residents feel they have local group to which they can report their concerns and identify their safety priorities.	All wards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CSP continues to provide support to all NAPs CSP to hold a NAP Chairs event. 	A proportion of staff costs allocated in CSP budget.	Essex Police	Mar 2013
Engage local residents in 3 community days of action and Safer Colchester	Residents feel they have been involved in concentrated day of action and have a legacy from safer Colchester	3 wards including the town centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partners work together to deliver a day that tackles issues of community safety Partners work together to deliver a Night of Action in the town centre 	£6,000 plus officer time	CBC & partners	Mar 2013
Increase awareness of Hate Crime and Domestic Abuse reporting mechanisms amongst those within the protected characteristics living in CBH homes.	CBH tenants within one of the Equality 'protected characteristics' are aware of how to report either Hate Crime or Domestic Abuse	Wards with CBH homes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launch leaflet campaign Put details on CBH website Promote on Community Days of Action Promote on the SoS Bus Promote in Housing News 	Officer time	CBH	Ongoing

Objective	Performance Outcome	Target Area	Outputs	Funding	Lead Agency or Person	By When
Engage with Young People on issues of community safety	Provide information and preventative activities for young people.	All wards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deliver Crucial Crew event involving 7-10 crime reduction scenarios to 1700 + year 6 school children. Deliver a Fire Break project for 12 young people most at risk of being expelled 	£3,000 plus staff time £3,000	CBC/CBH Essex Police SCP Essex Fire	June 12 Mar 2013
Engage with families with chaotic lifestyles	Work with partners on delivering the Essex Families project. Employ a FIP worker to work with CBH and Colne tenants.	All wards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deliver on 'Essex Families' project for Colchester FIP worker employed and working with identified families. 	£170K Officer time. CBH & Colne = £29K CSP - £5K	CBC Essex CC NEENHS Catch 22, CBH + Colne	Mar 2013 Mar 2013
Prepare for the new Police and Crime Commissioner	Representative to sit on the Police and Crime Panel. Explore local CSP structure models in preparation for the PCC	All wards All wards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Representative to play scrutiny role in new Police and Crime Panel Explore possibility of CSP merger with Tending, Braintree, Chelmsford, Maldon and Uttlesford 	Officer time Officer time	CBC CSP partners	Nov 12 Nov 12



Safer Essex Prospectus



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Within Essex, Community Safety is seen not just as a matter for the Police, but is very much owned by a range of partners, who believe that through working together, they can continue to make the County an extremely safe place to live, work and visit. The main partners have been working together on Community Safety for well over a decade and over time have evolved a number of partnership arrangements to tackle the agenda.

The current arrangements reflect issues which are common to Essex as a whole and require a Whole Essex approach, together with those of more importance at the local level which are tackled at a District and neighbourhood basis.

The effectiveness of the arrangements can be seen by looking at some of the key trends in Essex over the past decade. This prospectus has been produced for the prospective candidates for the post of Police & Crime Commissioner for Essex, to explain the current partnership structures in place pan Essex and at District and Neighbourhood level. The opportunity has also been taken to outline the key plans and priorities which the partnership structures across Essex are seeking to address and to showcase past and current best practice.

The prospectus gives details of the current funding arrangements and outlines how the partnerships spend that money and also provides contact details for key partners working in Community Safety across Essex.

Chair of Safer Essex, Paul Warren

Safer Essex

Safer Essex is the County partnership which addresses issues of crime, disorder and drugs and alcohol as identified by Essex residents. Safer Essex also fulfils the function of a County Group with a defined statutory membership deriving from key partner agencies. In addition, the membership includes Essex County Council's elected member with strategic responsibility for crime and disorder and the Chairs of each Community Safety Partnership (CSP).

One of the key responsibilities for the county level group is to develop the Essex Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy. The priorities of the Strategy are informed by a variety of key statistics and intelligence gathered from a range of different sources including individual CSPs Strategic Assessments and Partnership Plans.

Safer Essex Partnership retains overall strategic responsibility for ensuring that the priorities outlined in the strategy are delivered.

Essex Community Safety Network (ECSN)

The Essex Community Safety Network (ECSN);

- Gives a local, county and regional voice to those engaged in promoting Safer Communities through participation, dialogue, co-operation and consultation
- Engages directly with CSPs, Safer Essex and the Police, local, County and regional groups on policy/strategic development, partnership working, service delivery, crime reduction, key priorities and best practice
- Supports the ongoing professional development, training, skills and knowledge of those engaged in delivering community safety
- Shares information, data and statistics to promote positive joint working and crime reduction amongst all relevant agencies throughout Essex
- Shares best practice, resources, information, polices, projects and skills to maximise efficiency, budget savings, service delivery and economies of scale

Membership of the network consists of representatives from each of the 13 Essex Community Safety Partnerships, including the two unitaries; Southend and Thurrock and from a number of agencies throughout Essex. These agencies include Essex County Council, Essex Criminal Justice Board, Essex Drug and Alcohol Team, Essex Fire and Rescue Service and Essex Probation.

Members from the network attend local, regional and national meetings and present the views and interests of the group. A number of Community Safety Managers, representatives from the Essex agencies and Chairs of each CSP attend Safer Essex meetings and act as a single point of contact for members of the ECSN network and respective Community Safety Partnerships.

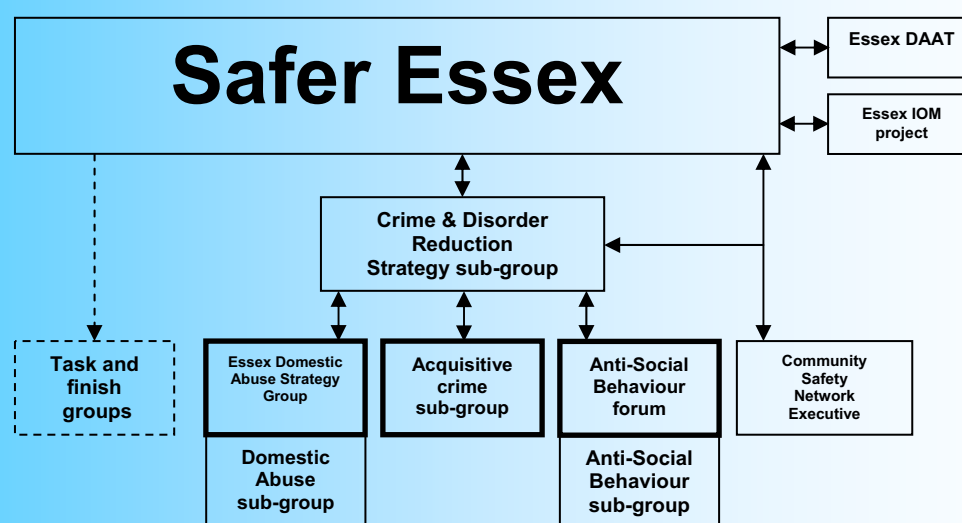
ECSN has an established Terms of Reference. The role of the network includes identifying community priorities and emerging crime trends across the County, establish time limited 'task and finish' working groups to address specific community safety issues, share best practice and exchange initiatives and projects across localities with proven outcomes which can be delivered locally or pan Essex.

Community Safety Partnerships have been an instrumental partner in identifying the strategic priorities for Safer Essex. Whilst individual CSP areas will have their own priorities and unique challenges, there are also issues that are shared and affect all areas irrespective of geographic or demographic differences. As a key partner of Safer Essex, CSPs helped to identify the three strategic priorities of domestic abuse, anti-social behaviour and serious acquisitive crime. These priorities were identified as a result of analysis of existing evidence, actual crime figures and feedback from residents.

In addition to informing the 5-year crime and disorder reduction strategy, CSPs will have a key role in delivering the action plans that sit underneath the strategy; ensuring that the overall aims and objectives of the strategy are achieved.

Thematic Groups

Figure 1—Structure of Essex Community Safety Network, including the interactions between various groups



The Crime and Acquisitive crime Sub group has been commissioned to develop and deliver local action plans against the following priorities.

- Reduce crime and acquisitive crime across Essex
- Minimise people’s risk of becoming a victim of acquisitive crime
- Reduce the incidences of acquisitive crime and to bring to justice those individuals who are responsible for committing such offences
- Reduce re offending
- Increase intelligence and information shared by partners

Essex Anti Social Behaviour Steering Group

The aims of the Essex Anti Social Behaviour Steering Group are to

- Review and manage anti social behaviour across Essex
- Support and have oversight of those victims at the highest level of risk or vulnerability
- Act as an anti social behaviour commissioning group on behalf of Safer Essex.

The group provides oversight of the Safer Essex Anti Social Behaviour delivery plan on behalf of Safer Essex and gives a district and county voice to those engaged in the delivery of reducing anti social behaviour through participation, dialogue, co-operation and consultation.

Essex Domestic Abuse Strategy Groups (EDASG)

Domestic abuse in Essex accounts for one fifth of all recorded crime. The Home Office ready reckoner applied to the greater Essex population estimates that a **total cost of £164 million to public agencies** arises as a result of domestic and sexual abuse. The average cost of a single high risk domestic abuse case to the public purse is £20k per annum. These costs do not take into account the resulting emotional problems experienced as a result of domestic abuse, nor those incidences that go unreported.

Essex Domestic Abuse Strategy Group (EDASG) purpose is to set out a multi-agency framework, common ethos and co-ordinated approach to address domestic abuse in Essex and to advocate and champion work across the county. Funding for domestic abuse services has tended to be year on year piecemeal funding which prompted a review to consider urgent funding issues and domestic abuse now forms part of the Whole Place Community Budget pilot in Essex. The aims include having one Multi Agency Strategy, One Commissioning Plan and Shared Resources.

There are a wide range of both statutory and voluntary organisations currently working together in Essex, providing support for people experiencing domestic abuse and working with perpetrators.

Concerted Partnership working has been shown to have a positive impact on high risk domestic abuse through the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC) which were commissioned across the county including Southend and Thurrock. 2,329 cases were heard at MARAC in Essex in 2011/12, covering 3,341 children. Evaluation of the effectiveness of this partnership approach indicates that for every **£1 spent, at least £6 is saved in direct costs** of dealing with the impacts. The agencies affected include the Police, Health Services, Criminal justice Services and Social Care. On this basis, MARACs would cover their own costs if they are successful in preventing **repeat incidents in only 16% of cases dealt with**. By enabling agencies to work together to share information, identify and protect the highest risk victims, more lives will be saved.

An Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA) service has been developed across greater Essex. In Essex the IDVA’s work with high risk cases that are going through the criminal justice system. They work with clients from the point of crisis to review/assess the level of risk, discuss the range of practical options and develop personal safety plans.

The current provision of Multi Agency Risk Assessments (MARAC) and Independent Domestic Violence Advisers (IDVA) brings significant savings to agencies in Essex. Early analysis shows that following intervention **by a MARAC and an Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA) service, up to 60% of domestic abuse victims will be made safer.**

Without continued funding some services could be lost. Such a loss could result in:

- Increased risk to families affected by domestic abuse within Essex (including a potential to see a rise in domestic abuse-related homicides);
- Increased prevalence of domestic abuse and repeat victimisation; Increased costs to all relevant agencies;



Integrated Offender Management

Integrated Offender Management (IOM) in Essex will be one of the most comprehensive partnership arrangements which has been established between agencies, voluntary organisations and the community sector in order to cut crime. Integrated Offender Management is a way of working which is promoted nationally by the Home Office and Ministry of Justice. It is being led by Essex Police and Essex Probation in close collaboration with all 13 community safety partnerships. The aim of IOM is to focus on offenders who cause the most problems across the county and are at the highest risk of reoffending.

Community Safety Partnerships have been involved in the development of IOM, which extends and builds on from the success of other multi agency initiatives such as the Prolific and other Priority Offenders Schemes. CSPs have been integral to the IOM development process, feeding in local priorities and perspectives about crime types and offenders of key concern and also playing an important role in forming part of the local governance arrangements across the county. IOM development has led to formation of eight 'IOM Schemes' covering Essex, Southend and Thurrock. These have been formed to best suit the arrangements for each area and to maximise and benefit from the various partnership links.*

IOM development so far has focused on identifying around 650 repeat offenders (acquisitive crime types tending to feature strongly), who are now managed according to a model of joint agency working and close collaboration. IOM operations across the county commenced on 2 April 2012 and early indications are that the arrangements are bedding in well and starting to deliver the anticipated crime and reoffending reductions.

It is unusual to have police and probation IOM staff working together in probation offices, and in a position to share instant information and plan their work together, dealing with offenders jointly. Increasing numbers of agencies will be drawn into planning the management of each offender. IOM provides the opportunity to get better at working together as a strong partnership to manage the people causing the most crime. The indicators are that we are already cutting crime, reducing the number of victims, working more efficiently, and saving money: everyone in Essex wins.

Essex Drug and Alcohol Partnership/ Essex Drug and Alcohol Action Team

Drug addiction and the rationale for investment

Drug addiction is a complex but treatable condition requiring effective partnership working. Addicts use drugs compulsively, damaging themselves and those around them. Drug addiction goes hand in hand with offending, poor health, homelessness and family breakdown. 1 in 3 adults have taken drugs at some point. About 1 in 10 adults have used drugs recently, 1 in 20 adults use drugs frequently.

The cost of drug addiction is huge

Every year it costs society £15,400,000,000

Impact on crime

Burglary, robbery, fraud and shoplifting **£13,900,000,000**

Impact on public health

Drug-related deaths Blood-borne viruses (HIV, hepatitis C)

The lifetime crime and health bill for each injecting drug user **£480,000**

Impact on families and neighbourhoods

Problem parents, troubled children, Homelessness, Welfare dependence, Discarded needles, Drug Dealing, Fear of Crime

Most heroin and crack users commit crime to fund their habit Treatment cuts the level of crime they commit by about half

Millions fewer crimes means hundreds of thousands fewer victims

Nationally for every **£1** invested into drug and alcohol treatment of young people between **£4.66 - £8.38** is saved over the course of the individual's lifetime. In Essex for every **£1** spent on adult drug treatment **£7.16** is saved in health and crime costs.

The Picture in Essex—It is estimated (Glasgow Prevalence Estimate – National Treatment Agency) that in Essex there are **4852** Opiate and/or Crack users with **1178** of these individuals injecting (estimated).

The Essex Drug and Alcohol Partnership (EDAP) is a multi agency partnership with a membership comprising Essex County Council (cross Directorate), Public Health, District, Borough and City Councils, Police, Probation, Prisons, Job Centre Plus and is tasked with the delivery of the National Drug and Alcohol Strategies locally.

EDAP are supported by Essex Drug and Alcohol Action Team (EDAAT) a small staff group within ECC who deliver against the agreed overarching objective of "Reducing the Harm caused by Substance misuse in Essex". This is achieved by focussing effort on Building Recovery in Communities, Reducing Demand and Restricting the Supply of Illicit Drugs. The development and publication of the National Alcohol Strategy relatively recently has also seen the partnership commence a process of planning and development in relation to this agenda locally looking to;

- Link alcohol treatment and support to the wider Building Recovery theme,
- Education and prevention to the Reducing Demand theme, and
- Develop a local approach to licensing and age related/inappropriate sales, night time economy, anti social behaviour and other related issues through the EDAP Alcohol Strategy Group.

For more information visit www.essexdrugaction.org.uk

Community Safety Partnerships CSPs

Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs), formerly known as Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships (until March 2010) were set up in 1998 as statutory bodies under sections 5-7 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. CSPs are made up of representatives from the police, police authority, fire and rescue authorities, primary care trusts, local authorities, and probation service and are known as the 'Responsible Authorities'. Each 'Responsible Authority' contributes its own professional expertise, local knowledge and resources to work together in partnership to reduce crime and disorder. They also work with others who have a key role including community and voluntary groups and Registered Social Landlords (RSLs).

In 2006, a review of the partnership provisions of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and the Police Reform Act 2002 led to a series of recommendations. The 1998 Act included the requirement to produce a detailed crime and disorder audit; consult with key agencies and the wider community; use the findings to identify strategic priorities and set targets and performance measures. The review sought to strengthen and extend the original 1998 Act requirement to undertake a crime and disorder audit and as a result a new set of national minimum standards came into force in August 2007.

The new minimum standards include a requirement to produce an annual Strategic Assessment and a three year Partnership Plan, reviewed annually. The purpose of the partnership in conducting a Strategic Assessment, which includes the analysis of crime and disorder, is to improve understanding of local problems and their potential causes and to respond more effectively to the communities we serve by setting clear and robust priorities. The Partnership Plan is annually reviewed and amended to reflect changing priorities identified through the Strategic Assessment. Within the renewed Partnership Plan are the Action Plans which detail how these priorities will be addressed by the partnership throughout that financial year with regular performance monitoring against agreed local targets. The locally identified CSP priorities are reported to Safer Essex via the Essex Community Safety Network (ECSN) which inform the Safer Essex priorities for the forthcoming year.

The National Standards for CDRPs and the new duty to share depersonalised information commenced on the 1st August 2007. From 1st April 2010 statutory changes to Community Safety Partnerships in England implemented under the Policing and Crime Act 2009 came into effect. Under these changes Probation became

a Responsible Authority of CSPs, having previously been a co-operating body, and the existing duties of CSPs expanded to include a new duty to formulate and implement a strategy to reduce reoffending by adult and young offenders. In addition the remit of bodies listed under section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (with existing duty to consider crime and disorder reduction when exercising their functions) was extended to include reducing reoffending. From April 2010, Integrated Offender Management (IOM) is now a statutory responsibility of CSPs. The aim of IOM is to help local partners jointly reduce crime and re-offending and improve public confidence in the Criminal Justice System (CJS) by working in partnership to target offenders who cause the greatest harm to their communities. These offenders may not be under statutory probation supervision but are known to be actively offending or at high risk of doing so.

On 13 April 2011 Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs) were established on a statutory basis under section 9 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act (2004). * A Domestic Homicide Review means a review of the circumstances of the death of a person aged 16 or over has, or appears to have, resulted in violence, abuse or neglect by-

- a person to whom he was related or was with whom he was or had been in an intimate personal relationship, or
- a member of the same household as himself, held with a view to identifying the lessons to be learnt from the death.

Since the implementation of DHRs as a statutory requirement for CSPs in April 2011 there have been 8 Domestic Homicides in Essex of which 6 have required a Domestic Homicide Review. The resources and cost required for each review can vary but the resources and cost required for each review can vary. An estimated cost based on DHRs currently underway in Essex but not yet finalised are between £15,000 and £20,000 per review. Currently CSPs are funding DHRs from their Area Based Grant (ABG) allocation and from previous underspends. However, from 2013/2014, CSPs will no longer have the ABG and if they remain a statutory requirement for CSPs, future funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner will need to be sought.

There are currently 13 Community Safety Partnerships in Essex, which includes Castle Point and Rochford District who have applied to the Home Office for a formal merger, and the two unitary authorities of Southend and Thurrock.

Community Safety Partnerships currently receive Home Office funding through their Area Based Grant (ABG). Essex County Council working in partnership with Safer Essex allocate the funding to the Essex Community Safety Partnerships. CSP funding has been reduced year on year since 2011 and from 2013/2014 all Community Safety funding will be allocated directly to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

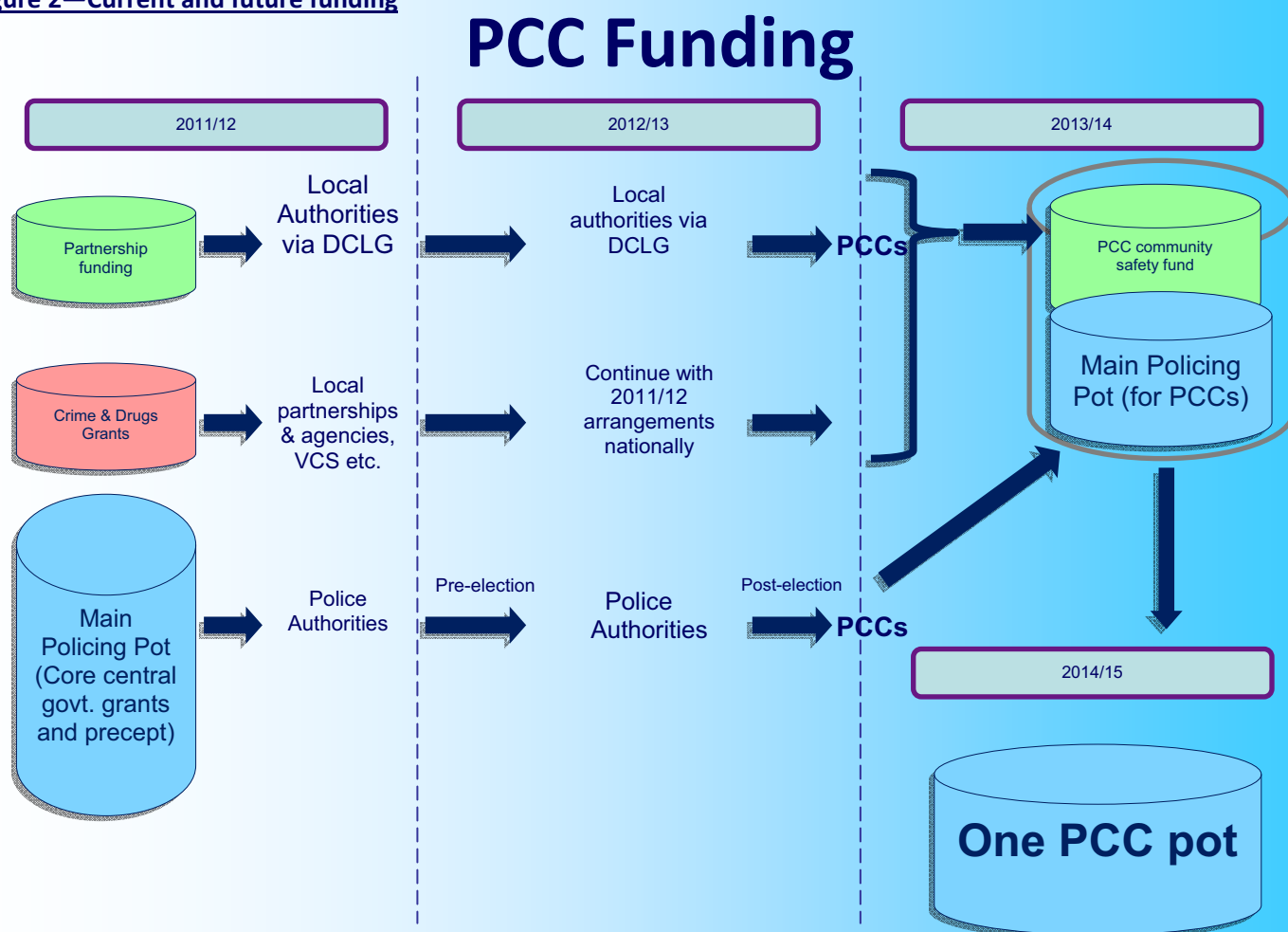
* Home Office Multi Agency Statutory Guidance for the Conduct of Domestic Homicide Reviews; May 2012

Essex Insight is a partnership website that holds a range of data and intelligence about Essex, for instance census data, joint strategic needs assessments, deprivation maps and school attainment data. The site enables effective sharing of data and information between organisations in order to inform analysis and strategic planning to provide a more effective and efficient service to Essex residents. Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) in Essex have published their Partnership Plans, which detail local strategic priorities in each CSP area and how each of the priorities will be addressed, on the Essex Insight system. They can be found on the Essex Insight system. www.essexinsight.org.uk

Commissioning and Funding

Budgets

Figure 2—Current and future funding



Safer Essex Commissioning Cycle

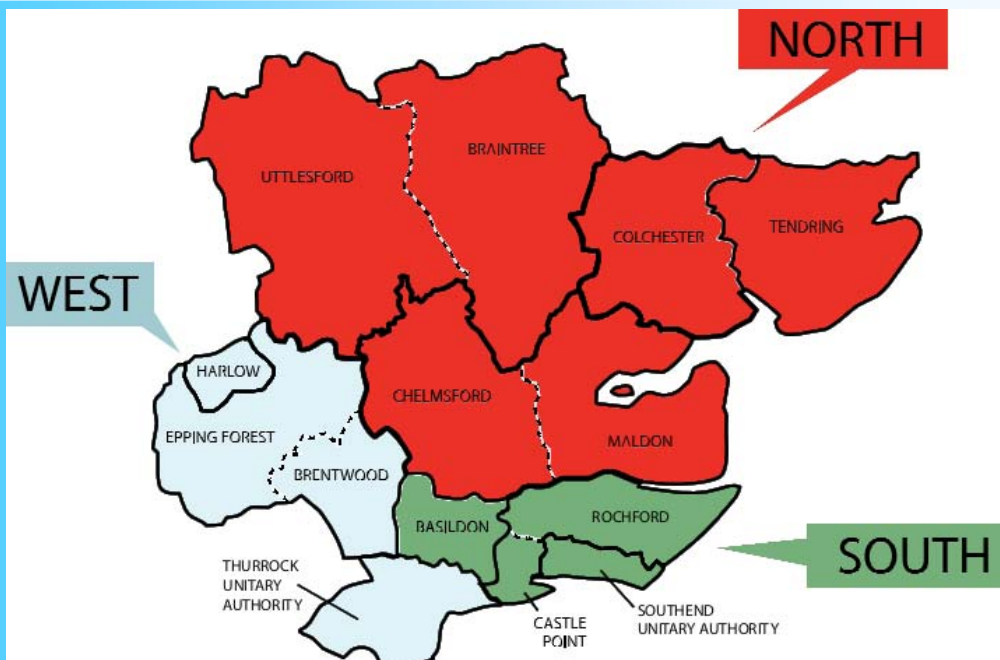
Quality commissioning is based upon an effective assessment and planning process and is followed up by performance assurance arrangements which monitor and evaluate the developments planned and commissioned in line with evidenced need.

Safer Essex on behalf of the PCC would like to follow a simple and agreed commissioning cycle to ensure that provision is commissioned effectively to:

- Address clearly identified needs
- Comply with best practice and the evidence base as it currently exists
- Support client centred delivery
- Achieve value for money
- Continue to provide the link between strategic, local and the individual

By establishing a framework by which activity is commissioned jointly and procured where necessary through a single portal, partnerships can make significant savings.

Maps of Local Policing Areas



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Collaboration

Castlepoint and Rochford—SOUTH

In February 2012 Castle Point and Rochford District CSPs made an application to the Home Office to request approval by the Home Secretary of an order that would enable formal recognition of Castle Point CSP and Rochford District CSP as a statutory CSP.

This was to gain more effective use of resources in local arrangements, improving operational delivery to continue to drive down crime and disorder.

To ensure local focus and retain sensitivity, the Reference Groups remain separate for the two districts, and include members from across the diverse range of organisations and business groups local to that area. There is two way communication with the joint Steering Group to ensure any local emerging priorities are addressed.

Although approval for a formal merger has yet to be approved, the two CSPs are 'informally' merged and have produced the first joint Castle Point and Rochford District Strategic Assessment and Annual Partnership Plan. The same key strategic priorities have been identified across both areas for 2012/2013 and joint action plans have been developed to address these priorities.

Chelmsford and Maldon—NORTH

Chelmsford City Council and Maldon District Council have been successfully working in partnership since April 2011. These changes came about following a peer review of the respective partnerships in October 2010 by Local Government Improvement and Development. The recommendation of the shared manager role was adopted immediately and further efficiencies have been identified by the creation of a shared ASB coordinator role.

These changes have saved the respective partnerships in the region of £45,000 per annum together with providing additional resilience for events by having a reciprocal agreement in place to share staff. Each partnership has now become more outcome focussed and streamlined by adopting the Victim-Offender-Location model which has created more efficiencies for community safety partners.

North Essex CSP Joint Commissioning Group

Uttlesford, Colchester, Tendring, Chelmsford and Braintree CSPs have come together in the North of Essex to explore funding opportunities, effective ways of working together on initiatives to reduce costs, share best practice and joint commission projects

The partnerships have differing demographics and local concerns in relation to reducing crime and disorder in their areas but feel through sharing their expertise they can have a bigger impact.

Epping Forest, Harlow, Brentwood and Thurrock—WEST

There are currently four separate Community Safety Partnerships each with their own Strategy Panel and structure in the West. There is a large amount of work and sharing of best practice which goes on between these CSPs. These are just a few of the examples:

We have joint Action Groups including Epping Forest and Harlow Domestic Violence Action Group and Brentwood and Epping Forest IOM Integrated Offender Management Group. Representatives from Harlow have now been invited to sit on the Epping Forest Strategy panel and reciprocal arrangements are in Harlow.

All four CSPs look forward to a joint funded researcher being in post to carry out analytical work and the Strategic Assessments on behalf of each of the CSPs.

In 2010 Epping Forest Harlow and Brentwood successfully applied to Essex County Council for funding for a Cross Border Officer to tackle travelling criminality. The links developed by this post are now well developed and we enjoy excellent contact with our neighbouring areas of Havering Redbridge and Waltham Forest.

Partnerships—Local Policing Areas

North—Local Initiatives



A two day Speedwatch campaign held outside two primary schools in Uttlesford. A total of 116 drivers were caught exceeding the speed limit during both days, 16 of which were stopped by Essex Police and given the option of a FPT fine and 3 points on their licence, or being spoken to by the school children. This proved to be very effective as children asked the speeding motorists/lorry drivers etc why they were speeding and how would they feel if they were to kill or injure one of them.



The Borderline Project is intended to reduce crime, and anti social behaviour, as well as raising awareness of the consequences of crime.

The project identifies the types of criminal activity or ASB young people are involved in. The project is aimed at Year 8 (13 year olds) students referred via the Police Youth Officers after liaison with Behaviour Managers within the schools. There are 10 – 12 students chosen to take part in each Borderline Project

The project is an early intervention and educational scheme, to make the young persons aware of their behaviour and how it affects others, in order to prevent and deter them from criminal activity in the future.

The programme is delivered by a number of partners from Essex County Council, Tendring District Council and Essex Police, Essex Fire and Rescue Service and EYPDAS. The sessions are predominately delivered by local partners with the help of local youth workers.



The Safer Chelmsford Partnership has worked hard with its partners to reduce the level of alcohol related offences associated with the night time economy and has introduced a number of initiatives to do this. Taxi Marshals and Street Pastors are permanent fixtures in the City Centre on Friday and Saturday nights where they provide practical assistance as well as working to reduce the fear of crime and improve public perception. A recent “Night of Action” in the City Centre included a variety of different agencies undertaking education, intervention and enforcement along with the ambulance service providing local triage for casualties. The partnership has been successful in obtaining funding from the Department of Health to start an A&E data sharing project and the Active Safer Communities Fund to employ a specialist alcohol outreach worker.



The Community Safety Partnership in Colchester delivers 3 community days of action per year that comprises an intensive day of action encompassing: consultation, youth engagement, enforcement, community and partnership engagement, additional services and repairs.

The Braintree District Keep Safe Project” was launched in September 2011. This project was aimed at helping the 550 vulnerable adults in Braintree with a learning disability to keep safe in the town, and reduce anti-social behaviour targeted at these vulnerable people. The Be Safer Project was nominated in two categories in the National Improvement and Efficiency Awards (a national award celebration for local government) and Be Safe WON two awards!



Partnerships—Local Policing Areas



The partnership works very closely with community groups to achieve a good understanding of local concerns and contributes to the outcomes of neighbourhood meetings, parish council activities and Neighbourhood Watch. The established Community Ranger service provides reassurance in all communities and actively tackles anti-social behaviour. The community safety partnership also has excellent links with the two secondary schools and works with every primary school through the highly effective Crucial Crew initiative. Recent achievements include targeted days of action to improve community cohesion at Brickhouse Farm in Maldon and a successful diversionary boxing project in Mayland to reduce youth nuisance and anti-social behaviour.

South—Local Initiatives

Following an increase in alcohol fuelled crime and anti-social behaviour in the Basildon town centre last summer, the Basildon Community Safety Partnership (CSP) took action by introducing a Designated Public Place Order (DPPO). In the first two months of the DPPO coming into effect, no arrests were made and alcohol was confiscated on 63 occasions. Officers reported the DPPO as an effective tool which continues to be used to alleviate issues in relation to alcohol related ASB in the town centre and surrounding areas. The 'Lift it, Lock it, Lose it' campaign was developed to encourage

residents to secure their homes after it was identified that a 1/3 of all burglaries in the Borough took place as a result of uPVC doors not being locked properly.

The CSP also ran a series of 'Lift it, Lock it, Lose it' roadshows which offered demonstrations and crime prevention tips and advice to local residents in securing their doors.

Basildon is currently 7.82% under target for domestic burglary.



In June 2011 Rochford District CSP launched the J9 initiative, named after Janine ('J9') Mundy who was murdered by her husband in Cornwall in 2003. Many victims do not have access to the outreach support they need but do visit local businesses and services premises including Children's Centres, post offices, Churches and Libraries. Businesses in the town and surrounding rural villages which have signed up to the scheme display the pink heart J9 logo so those victims know where they can make a phone call or obtain the relevant information to access the support they need. The participating businesses do not provide counselling, they are information points with basic awareness which can help save lives. Rochford District CSP train business staff in domestic abuse awareness and provide information packs and leaflets.

To date 50 Rochford District premises are signed up to the initiative and in May 2012 the initiative was rolled out across Epping Forest. A number of other CSPs across Essex are planning to introduce the J9 initiative in their areas.



Castle Point & Rochford National Domestic Violence Helpline 0808 2000 247
Mens Advice Line 0808 801 0327 Child Line 0800 1111



Sanctuary Scheme for Domestic Abuse Victims

Through the work of the Castle Point and Rochford Domestic Abuse Panel, Castle Point has supported and developed the Sanctuary Scheme for many years. This is a victim centred initiative, which provides additional security measures at the homes of high risk victims of domestic abuse. The scheme aims to make it possible for victims to stay in their homes and feel safe, thus reducing repeat incidents of abuse, and preventing homelessness.

Levels of security work carried out are according to the needs and circumstances of the individuals involved, and can range from simple improvements to door and window locks right through to the creation of a safe room in the property. Eligibility is judged purely on the safety of the client, regardless of tenure, and the work is completed at no cost to the victim by a not for profit company with a specially trained workforce.

Partnerships—Local Policing Areas

West—Local Initiatives



Commissioned by the CSP and Epping Forest District Council the voluntary sector in Epping Forest provide a home improvement service to help prevent the elderly having falls in their homes. The Safe and Sound scheme also provides home security improvement and advice, which is free of charge. The scheme works closely with the council's Safer Communities Team and in addition also provides security upgrades to victims of domestic abuse, bogus callers and house burglary. This provides support to the Partnership priority of providing vulnerable victim care and reduce repeat victimisation. The scheme has been a remarkable success and is often cited as a beacon of best practice.



In late 2010, the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) provided funding to Epping Forest District Council to install a new CCTV system along Epping High Street. Following numerous requests from both Essex Police and members of the public, the Council agreed to install three fully controllable CCTV dome cameras. The cameras were then situated on columns that had been designed specifically to be in keeping with the local conservation area.

Epping High Street was the last main thoroughfare in the district without CCTV coverage, and they have already proved their worth by providing assistance with Police investigations and Insurance claims. The Council are now in the early stages of planning to install a fourth camera along the High Street, to improve coverage even further.



Harlow Bang out of Order is a partnership initiative to reduce incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour during the lead up to the Firework period and Halloween. Bang Out Of Order provides education, enforcement and encourages the reporting of dangerous use or misuse of fireworks. It provides information to the public regarding the legislation around the use of fireworks, it also educates young people around firework and Halloween awareness, dangers, safety precautions, and repercussions of Anti-Social Behaviour activity.

Bang Out Of Order also ensures appropriate enforcement for underage sale of fireworks, misuse of fireworks and provides a high visibility presence to prevent anti-social behaviour during the firework season and Halloween.



Brentwood CSP has long believed in the importance of engaging with our local communities so that they feel empowered to take ownership of their neighbourhoods by working alongside partners. Since the establishment of the Neighbourhood partnerships in 2005 the following has been achieved:

- A dedicated community resource centre set up in one of the hard to let properties which is now the base for Homestart, a charity working with vulnerable families
- 6 residents associations have been formed which now run their own community events on a regular basis including environmental action days. Many of which are collaboratively organised
- Pilgrims Hatch Environmental Partnership was also established in 2007 which is made up of volunteers who carry out regular environmental audits and was a finalist in the National Housing Awards 2011. The project has seen a 25% reduction in anti-social behaviour, a 35% reduction in criminal damage, and the creation of Chillax – a drop-in session run by volunteers for disaffected young people.

The CSP is now working towards a network of Community Action Teams across the Borough and have provided training opportunities for local residents with 12 achieving an Open College Network Accreditation in Environmental Problem Solving.

Essex Unitaries

Southend

Southend Community Safety Partnership Priorities 2012/2013

Reduce **ASB, Management of Offenders** through Integrated Offender Management Programme (IOM), Reduce **Domestic Abuse** / improve support services, Support **Community Engagement** initiatives and targeted work, Reduce **Domestic Burglary**



Southend has recently joined 30 other areas across the country in being awarded a Purple Flag from the Association of Town Centre Management. The first to be awarded in Essex, this award recognises excellence in the management of town or city centres at night. In order to receive the award, towns and cities are required to be welcoming to all visitors and provide a diverse mix of leisure and entertainment facilities, restaurants and bars which accommodate people of all ages

Thurrock

“ Thurrock Community safety partnership work with the Learning Disability stay safe group to deliver stay safe workshops for people with learning disabilities. They are given an easy to read workbook and a series of presentations – mainly through role play to educate them on personal safety, fire safety, hate crime and reporting, and how to stay safe in your home – including bogus callers.

We host an annual meet the people event in the high street with all partners and host “One Thurrock” in primary schools to promote tolerance. “



Community Engagement

The Community Safety Partnerships in Essex provide a rich vein of talented, professional and innovative people who have over a decade of experience of community engagement and delivering diverse community safety initiatives. Partnerships are able to listen to the concerns of people and provide local accountability through engagement and intervention which improves the quality of life for all. Community Safety Partnerships are ready and able to rise to the challenge of working with the Police and Crime Commissioner in continuing to deliver local services and accountability.



Closing Comments

This prospectus provides an insight into the rich and varied work which goes on in Essex in connection with community safety. It outlines the partnership structures which exist both at County and at a more local level, relating these where possible to the police divisional areas. It outlines the resources currently available and gives examples of best practice working. It also provides examples of how the various partnerships engage with their local communities.

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