

Crime and Disorder Committee Meeting

**Grand Jury Room, Town Hall, High Street,
Colchester, CO1 1PJ**

Tuesday, 15 September 2015 at 18:00

The Crime and Disorder Committee review and scrutinise 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 and work of the Crime and Disorder Committee

The role

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.

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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

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

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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
Tuesday, 15 September 2015 at 18:00

Member:

Councillor Beverly Davies
Councillor Marcus Harrington
Councillor Nick Cope
Councillor Annesley Hardy
Councillor Peter Higgins
Councillor Mike Hogg
Councillor Patricia Moore
Councillor Chris Pearson
Councillor Julie Young

Chairman
Deputy Chairman

Substitutes:

All members of the Council who are not Cabinet members or members of this Panel.

AGENDA - Part A
(open to the public including the press)

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

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 to silent;
 - the audio-recording of meetings;
 - 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, to give reasons for the urgency and to indicate where in the order of business the item will be considered.

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:-

- Where a Councillor has a disclosable pecuniary interest, other pecuniary interest or a non-pecuniary interest in any business of the authority and he/she is present at a meeting of the authority at which the business is considered, the Councillor must disclose to that meeting the existence and nature of that interest, whether or not such interest is registered on his/her register of Interests or if he/she has made a pending notification.
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5 **Minutes**

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 16 September 2014 and 27 May 2015.

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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.

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See report of Executive Management Team

Part B

(not open to the public including the press)

CRIME AND DISORDER COMMITTEE

16 SEPTEMBER 2014

Present :- Councillor Beverly Davies (Chairman)
Councillors Mark Cable, Dominic Graham, Jo Hayes, Marcus Harrington, Mike Hogg, Peter Higgins and Chris Pearson.

Substitute Member :- Councillor Jackie Maclean for Councillor Sue Lissimore

Also present :- Councillor Tim Young

3. Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 September 2013 and 16 June 2014 were confirmed as a correct record.

4. Safer Colchester Partnership

Councillor Davies (in respect of being the Vice Chairman of CCVS and a Colchester Magistrate) declared their non-pecuniary interests in the following item pursuant to the provisions of Meetings General Procedure 7(5).

Councillor Hogg (in respect of being a license holder to sell Alcohol and in receipt of Community Mental Health Trust Pension) declared their non-pecuniary interests in the following item pursuant to the provisions of Meetings General Procedure 7(5).

Councillor Pearson (in respect of working for the National Probation Service and being on the Committee of the Domestic Homicide Review) declared their non-pecuniary interests in the following item pursuant to the provisions of Meetings General Procedure 7(5).

Councillor Graham (in respect of working for Holmes and Hills LLP UK representing claims against North East Essex Clinical Commissioning Group) declared their non-pecuniary interests in the following item pursuant to the provisions of Meetings General Procedure 7(5).

The following members of the Safer Colchester Partnership attended the meeting;

- Pamela Donnelly, Chair of Safer Colchester Partnership
- Councillor Tim Young, Portfolio Holder for Community Safety
- Richard Phillibrown, District Commander, Essex Police
- Melanie Rundle, Community Initiatives Manager
- Sharn Taylor, Neighbourhood Policing Team Inspector, Essex Police
- Sarah Wright, Open Road
- Anna Trudgian, Open Road
- Martin Lucas, The Essex Community Rehabilitation Company Limited
- James Taylor, Assistant Divisional Officer, Community Safety Manager
- Les Nicolls, Community Connector Lead, Essex County Fire and Rescue Service

- Sue Nice, Community Safety Manager, Colchester Borough Homes

Apologies had been received from both Major Adrian Grinonneau from Colchester Garrison and Karen Williams, who was substituted by Sue Nice from Colchester Borough Homes.

Pamela Donnelly

Pamela Donnelly introduced the Safer Colchester Partnership (SCP), and thanked Melanie Rundle the author of the report, and the members of the Partnership who attended the meeting.

The report invites the Crime and Disorder Committee to scrutinise the work of the Safer Colchester Partnership over the past year. The Safer Colchester Partnership is a statutory requirement for local agencies to work together to tackle crime in their local area. As part of the Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009 the Committee is required to meet once a year in order to review the performance of the Partnership.

Pamela Donnelly stated that the Partnership recently held a meeting reviewing its own procedures, and how the operation of the partnership helps to promote community safety across Colchester. The meeting focused on the priorities and goals of the partnership, as well as managing the reducing budget to deliver these priorities. The Partnership recognised the good work done, but that there is always room for improvement, especially on making better quality decisions more quickly and effectively.

The report focuses on the four priorities of the partnership and how the partners are involved in helping achieve these, either in kind or financially. The four priorities for the partnership are:

- Addressing domestic abuse
- Reducing reoffending
- Addressing alcohol misuse
- Reducing crime and the fear of crime

With reference to the partners in the SCP, there has been a significant amount of change in their organisations such as the Police and the Probation service. The SCP also works with the Police and Crime Commissioner in receiving funding for initiatives. Work has already begun to identify the priorities for next year, with a strategic assessment of crime to be held in December, as well as a focus on the budget pressures.

Councillor Tim Young

Councillor Tim Young, the Portfolio Holder for Community and Safety provided the Committee with a brief summary of the previous year's activities. He stated that his thoughts and prayers were with the families of the victims of the recent crimes in Colchester.

Councillor Young highlighted that Colchester remains a safe place to live, and the partnership has continued to be active across the Borough in arranging initiatives. This includes Days of Action, which help the local community in dealing with crime in their local area on the Day of Action and over the next three months. These days of action have continued to be a success, the latest being held being in Tiptree with further events already planned for the future. The Partnership is looking to refresh the days of action concept as they have been operating for six years.

Another success this year was Colchester being awarded the Purple Flag status, for its management of the night time economy. A reassessment for this important status is due in the near future. Councillor Young also highlighted that he is the Council's representative of the Essex Police and Crime Panel. During the course of the year, the issue of part-night lighting was taken to the Panel for discussion, particularly around the concerns of increasing the crime rates.

The Partnership has also been working together to tackle street drinking in the town centre. The 'Reduce the Strength Campaign' is progressing, which focuses on retailers not stocking super strength alcohol. A number of retailers have signed up to the initiative; however there is some concern from the smaller retailers that it may damage their sales. Information from Ipswich and Suffolk, who have implemented the campaign show that once the branding and marketing of the campaign has taken hold the custom has not fallen for those smaller retailers.

Councillor Young summarised his presentation stating that the Partnership has a number of good initiatives and a good track record, but there is still work to do to maintain Colchester as a safe Borough.

Pamela Donnelly

Pamela Donnelly briefly highlighted the Domestic Homicide Review which took place earlier this year, chaired by Major Grinonneau. A Domestic Homicide Review is a requirement by the Home Office, and the completed report was submitted in May this year. Within the last few days a request for further information has been received from the Home Office which will be responded to shortly. Further details of the review will not be available until the Home Office has given permission that they can be disclosed. Pamela Donnelly also announced that in response to another investigation another Domestic Homicide Review would now be undertaken.

Councillor Pearson questioned whether there had been any representation to Central Government as to the cost of holding Domestic Homicide Reviews.

In response Pamela Donnelly stated that for the last Homicide Review Major Adrian Grinonneau chaired the review at no cost to the Council, and the Partnership had set a provision with the budget for both of the reviews.

Richard Phillibrown

Richard Phillibrown then presented information regarding the Police statistics and events over the past year.

The new policing structure was highlighted, with the 400 officers in response and patrol teams remaining, and the 100 specialist officers moving from specialist units to local policing. For Colchester, this means that the response and patrol teams that were based at Stanway have now moved to Colchester Police Station, joining the neighbourhood crime teams that already work from this station. Historically the response and patrol teams attended the initial call outs, with the neighbourhood crime team picking up any subsequent investigation. This is now provided by the amalgamated team called the Local Policing Team which works twenty four hours a day and consists of 5 Inspectors, 10 Sergeants and 75 Constables, which operates over the whole district.

As part of the new structure there is also the Neighbourhood Policing Team Inspector role to which Sharn Taylor has been appointed. Under her command the Neighbourhood Policing Team consists of two Sergeants, eight Constables and 28 Police Community Support Officers (PCSO's). In addition, there is also the Town team which consists of one sergeant and two to six constables. Sharn Taylor also manages the partnership hub which includes the:

- Licensing Officer
- Crime Prevention Officer
- Watch Coordinator
- Areas of Anti-Social Behaviour
- Youth Engagement
- Engagement with Community Safety Partnership, Colchester Borough Council and Zone Wardens.

With regard to the most recent murder enquiry, officers from across the Eastern region have been helping with the investigation, with particular assistance from Kent. Essex Police are working with the serious crime directorate to commit resources and have over 50 detectives working each day in Colchester in addition to the normal number working in the town.

As part of this investigation it is important to ensure that the public are reassured, as the fear of crime increases the rate of crime, and as part of Operation Echo support has been given from the eastern region and the local Council. Following the most recent murder Colchester crime levels rose to over a 10% year on year increase, this included an increase in racially aggravated crime.

The Essex Police Service believes that information relating to the murder is still located in Colchester. There are a number of key lines of inquiry that focus on analysis of CCTV, forensics, and inquiries with returning students at Essex University. The investigation is also in contact with Nahid Almanea's family in Saudi Arabia. Overall there have been 3,226 investigative actions, 1,072 witness statements, over 1,000 house to house enquiries and 4,404 exhibits seized.

The latest figures for other key areas of crime in Colchester highlight an increase of 10% year on year in 'other' burglary. In reaction to this Operation Homeguard has been deployed to target specific areas, with groups of local volunteers providing information to residents. These local volunteers provide an effective presence wearing hi-vis jackets, and can be deployed quickly. Another recent campaign is Operation Ragwort, where the Crime Prevention Officer is helping to distribute alarms for sheds and outbuildings which have been funded by the Safer Partnership.

In these key areas of emerging crime, the Police are looking to involve more of the partnership through tactical briefings targeting the offenders. This will help to engage with the Council and Zone Wardens to deliver more against people harming local communities.

In terms of criminal damage, the Police are constructing a graffiti database, identifying where the graffiti is most likely such as routes out of town during the evening. There is also a significant amount of work done in schools with youth engagement officers including presentations, and identifying tags on school property.

For violent crime, there are different areas of categorisation, in Colchester 40% of violent crime is domestic orientated, 40% is related to the night-time economy, and 20% categorised as other. As part of the changes to policing structure implemented on the 1st of September, there are now domestic abuse teams in each district across Essex, with one based in Colchester. This has been implemented to help professionalise the investigations and improve the success rate of convictions.

The following issues were identified by Councillors:

- Councillor Davies – Has the Domestic Abuse Protection order been successful; could the Committee have further information about Operation Homeguard?
- Councillor Pearson – Have the shed alarms as part of Operation Ragwort been advertised? Questioned the figures presented by Richard Phillibrown comparing the percentages with the actual figure in regards to burglary, and the levels of violent crime.

- Councillor Cable – Has the part night lighting affected the crime rates? Has there been a decrease in the publicity of knife crime? What are the plans to help prevent the issues of street drinkers at St Botolphs priory?
- Councillor Higgins - Asked for further information about St Botolphs Priory, and whether the CCTV in that location was operational.
- Councillor Harrington – Questioned the implementation and success of Section 222 Orders in use at St Botolphs Priory.
- Councillor Davies – How successful was the ‘Reduce the Strength’ conference?
- Councillor Graham – Asked for information about the link between crime and mental health, and the work undertaken by the Partnership.
- Councillor Davies – Have Williams and Griffins committed to providing a donation to the SOS Bus?
- Councillor Hayes – Asked for information on the level of drug dealing in Colchester.
- Councillor Harrington – What measures are the partnership undertaking in preventing child abuse?
- Councillor Graham – Asked for information about internet based crime, in particular financial fraud affecting residents in Colchester.
- Councillor Pearson – Queried the yearly budget of the partnership.
- Councillor Davies – Has there been a good uptake on the use of polycarbonate glasses in drinking establishments in the town centre? Councillor Davies also queried the proposals for the attendance of the Police at NAPS meetings.

Pamela Donnelly, Richard Phillibrown, Councillor Tim Young and other members of the partnership provided the following responses to issues raised by Councillors:

- Colchester has the highest implementation rate for Domestic abuse protection in the country. The order has proved successful, providing a short term ban of a maximum of 28 days. This prevents a previous situation where, once bailed, those who have been arrested for Domestic Abuse may have returned to the same environment. This has previously resulted in the victim feeling unsafe, and occasionally the original statement being retracted. Operation Homeguard has been deployed across Colchester. There are currently 15 volunteers, with more being sought. The most recent campaign focused upon vehicle crime in Mersea, where the presence and advice of the volunteers to residents helped stopped the crime taking place.
- The alarms are provided in targeted areas, and are adapted rape alarms which are then installed in sheds and outbuildings. With regard to the increase in ‘other’ burglaries of 10% year on year, this equates to a total of 27 offences. Detailed analysis shows the majority of burglaries occur on those empty properties, as dwelling burglaries are down by 17%. With regards to violent crime, this may be due to the increasing resources undertaken across the town, which in turn increases accuracy levels and reporting. As of today, with the latest figures there is a 3% increase year on year of violent crime. In regards to the night time economy there is further work being undertaken with licensing, and the figures for shop lifting are below this current year’s figures.
- It is too early to produce conclusive evidence on whether the part night lighting has affected the crime rates. It is difficult to differentiate between whether the reason behind the crime is due to the lights being off, or if there is a decrease the potential crimes as more people use taxi’s to get home from the town centre. The part night lighting decision is one taken by Essex County Council, but the District Commander does have the ability to switch on the lights for evidence gathering purposes. In St Botolphs Priory, a lot of effort has been place into moving the street drinkers away from the area, and Colchester is one of two areas to have the Section 222 powers. This order places a restriction on the street drinker from drinking in that location. The Police have designated an officer to be responsible for that location in order to reduce the number of offenders. With regard to knife crime, there have been campaigns, including Amnesty Bins, and those from charitable organisations such as ‘Only Cowards Carry’. Sharn Taylor the NPT inspector then highlighted to the Committee

that there had been a knife crime incident earlier that day in Wivenhoe. Between August 2013 and August 2014, knife crime in Colchester had reduced by 3 incidents equating to 2.42% decrease.

- The dedicated officer for the St Botolphs Priory area began on the 1 September, and the CCTV is in operation at that location.
- The Section 222 Orders are intended as a staged process, in order to help those drinking in public spaces. They are enforced to help support individuals back into housing, and Colchester currently has ordered two sentences. Sue Nice from Colchester Borough Homes highlighted that the Section 222 orders were obtained by CBH and form a support package for individuals as moving the problem elsewhere doesn't help the situation. Working closely with Zone Wardens and the Police to help. Anna Trudgian from Open Road stated that those street drinkers are complex individuals, with diverse backgrounds requiring support. Overall 21 street drinkers have been referred into other agencies.
- The 'Reduce the Strength' conference has been delayed and will now take place on the 18th of November.
- The SCP will continue to work with health organisations as they are very important partners. Pam Donnelly stated that health partners are statutory partners, and there will be further communication to improve the attendance. Sharn Taylor stated that from October there will be a mental health worker located at Colchester Police station.
- Sarah Wright from Open Road stated that there had been no update on the contribution from Williams and Griffin, but the Chief Executive had committed to a date to attend the SOS bus.
- The level of drug dealing in Colchester is comparatively similar to that of Chelmsford, but lower than in Southend and Harlow. Over the past year, two people were convicted with the intent to supply drugs. As part of the structural changes in the Police Force there is now a nominated officer in charge of dealing with drug related issues.
- Pamela Donnelly responded to Councillor Harrington stating that information on the work to prevent child abuse can be provided to the Panel at a later date. Martin Lucas from the Essex Probation Service stated that the Safeguarding Children's board take the issue very seriously. Richard Phillibrown stated that the Public Protection command centre for North Essex is based in Colchester.
- The local police service has a limited role in the more serious financial crime that takes place, with those that are significant being dealt with by Action Fraud, the national fraud and cyber-crime reporting centre. This particular function is undertaken by the City of London Police. Information about the impact on Colchester in relation to this crime can be provided at a later date.
- The SCP has increasing pressures on its budget, but by refreshing the ways of working and with the input from partners and help from voluntary organisations the Partnership can continue to deliver on its priorities. The current yearly budget is approximately £40,000.
- The number of venues that have adopted the polycarbonate glasses has not increased as hoped. It may be worth considering that the use of polycarbonate glasses be made a condition of a license to sell alcohol. The Partnership is eager to see them used as soon as possible.
- Richard Phillibrown highlighted the issue of the Police attending the NAP meetings is due to the number of meetings Officers are expected to attend and the limited capacity. The proposals are for Police Officers to attend 5 meetings across Colchester, but this is developing and ways to make this new method work are open to debate.

RESOLVED that:

- i) The Crime and Disorder Committee thank the Safer Colchester Partnership for attending the meeting and presenting the report.
- ii) details of Operation Homeguard be sent to all Councillors on the authority.
- iii) feedback from Councillor Hayes' pre-submitted questions be distributed to all Councillors on the Committee

- iv) an update on the funding of the SOS bus is provided to the Committee in due course, and the Crime and Disorder Committee to write to the Chief Executive of the SOS bus highlighted the successful work undertaken.
- v) Information on the figures of internet based crime be circulated to the Committee.
- vi) The report of the Safer Colchester Partnership be noted.

CRIME AND DISORDER COMMITTEE

27 MAY 2015

Present :-

Councillor Beverly Davies (Chairman)
Councillors Nick Cope, Annesley Hardy, Peter Higgins,
Mike Hogg, Patricia Moore, Julie Young
Substitution :- Councillor Naish for Councillor Pearson

1. Appointment of Chairman

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

2. Appointment of Deputy Chairman

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

15 September 2015

Report of	Executive Management Team	Author	Melanie Rundle ☎ 282541
Title	Safer Colchester Partnership		
Wards affected	All		

The Panel is invited to review the work 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 scrutiny

- 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 Crime and Disorder Act 1998 set out statutory requirements for local agencies to work together to tackle crime in their local area. Partners involved in this work are known as 'responsible authorities'.
- 3.2 The Safer Colchester Partnership (SCP) was set up in order to deliver this statutory duty and includes a variety of partners: Colchester Borough Council, Essex Police, Essex Fire, Essex Probation, Colchester Community Voluntary Services, Colchester Garrison, Essex County Council and Colchester Borough Homes.
- 3.3 In addition, from April 2013 the North East Essex Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) was also required to become a member of the partnership.
- 3.4 There are many areas where the work of agencies overlaps and it is more effective to work in partnership to address issues. For instance, the Police and Probation services have worked together to address reoffending and this has resulted in fewer opportunities for offenders to slip through the net. Also, more effective data sharing between agencies enables partners to target resources to where they are needed most.

- 3.5 The Partnership has a statutory duty to carry out an annual assessment of crime. This involves analysing data on the frequency, location and types of crime in order to identify patterns and trends. The assessment is shared amongst partners and used to develop a shared action plan which prioritises the key local issues and outlines actions to address them. The partnership then monitors this action plan throughout the year, reviewing and refocusing activity as necessary to effectively tackle the issues.

4. The Partnership's work during 2014-15

- 4.1 The Partnership's action plan for 2014-15 focussed on 4 priorities:

- Protecting vulnerable people
- Reducing reoffending
- Addressing alcohol misuse
- Reducing crime and the fear of crime

Below are some of the highlights from the end of year report which is attached at Appendix 1.

4.2 Protecting Vulnerable People:

- The Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 became legislation on 13 March 2014. The act introduced new powers to support vulnerable people through a "Community trigger", recognising that vulnerable people are more likely to be victims of ASB. It provides an opportunity to consider better support for and focus on victims.
- The partnership has established information and reporting via the CBC web site and quarterly meetings with relevant agencies, housing and support providers are held quarterly to review ASB cases.
- Older People Crucial Crew delivered in March 2015 with 140 guests attending.
- A Domestic Abuse (DA) awareness raising event was held in the Town Centre on 17th July 2014
- 68 requests for a HRDV (high risk domestic abuse) home security visits to be carried out
- An education package and presentation around raising awareness of DA in teenage relationships was delivered into all secondary schools across Colchester by ACE from July 2014.
- CBH funded a Firebreak 2014/15 (March 2015) for 12 young people. The aim of Firebreak is to assist each young person in their development, both mentally and physically, whilst promoting discipline, social consciousness and community awareness.
- CBH have planned in another Firebreak for later this year, and have also funded and worked in partnership with the Academy and delivered a Crime and Safety Awareness Day for approx. 200 young people "Prison me no Way".

4.3 Reducing reoffending:

- IOM in the North of Essex has continued to perform well and make improvements in the way we have worked. In 2014-2015 we had the benefit of an IOM Link Worker which proved a really valuable resource for us to develop closer links with agencies and also perform some additional mentoring and advice for the members of the cohort which were making good progress. Through this we devised a 'drop in service' using a Church in Colchester for members of the cohort and the public in general, which proved a positive pilot. We have also improved our links with agencies such as Open Road, WDP and Beacon House and they have returned to attending the LAG meetings which is positive.

However, we have been without a Link Worker for 3 months and this has been a frustration as we had been making good progress. Hopefully in 2015-2016 we will be able to recruit again for this role.

- The number of IOM cases for Colchester is approximately 40 strong as we stand today, with the majority of the offenders categorised as 'Red offenders' which include those who are non-compliant, are subject to court orders, have outstanding warrants, are 'wanted', are subject to recall, are on bail or where significant intelligence suggests reoffending.

There is good work being done around linking up with local employers and training courses to assist in ensuring those offenders categorised as 'Amber offenders' (including those who are subject to new orders, those who are new to the area and 'unqualified' on the IOM scheme, those who display changes in their behaviour, or where there is an indication of a return to/continued offending) move on to become 'Green offenders' (which include those engaging or complying with the IOM team, those who are complying with statutory orders and where there is no significant intelligence indicating reoffending) and make further progress.

4.4 Addressing alcohol misuse:

- The CSP provided £2K funding in order to support the continuation of the outreach project to tackle street drinking. The Outreach worker has had contact with 340 street drinkers during April 14 – March 15.
- Information sharing on alcohol related ambulance call-outs and A&E attendances is informing alcohol licensing and police activity
- Consultation conducted to establish feasibility of replacing glasses in local pubs with polycarbonate drinking vessels and funding provided to run a Pilot which commenced 7th August 2015.

4.5 To reduce crime and the fear of crime:

Crucial Crew for younger people was delivered in June 2015 with

- 2022 pupils attending from 63 schools
 - Event ran for 2 weeks at the Weston Homes Community Stadium
 - 2 sessions per day (Morning & Afternoon)
 - 7 scenarios – Road Safety, Fire Safety, Anti-Social Behaviour, Internet Safety, Alcohol Awareness, Knife Crime Awareness and Smoking Awareness
- Operation Homeguard has deployed to over 12,500 homes since being set up with approx. 40% of these interactions being with the occupier. It now has 12 volunteers and is deployed to identify hotspots across the District against burglary, car crime and many other crime types to support local communities.

It is also important to note that several members of the partnership supported a 2nd Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) following a murder in Colchester in May 2014. The Panel was chaired by David Murthwaite (former Police Divisional Commander). The report and action plan have been confirmed as adequate by the Home Office. New procedures to support the investigation of a DHR are being put in place Essex Wide as they are large pieces of work that do not bring any additional resource.

5. Changes during the year

5.1 Essex Police was significantly restructured during 2014 (Evolve Program) which has resulted in changed resources and structure. The Evolve programme

created some changes in September 2014 and there will be further changes under the same programme commencing September this year.

Chief Inspector Richard Phillibrown is the District Commander and will be available at the Scrutiny Meeting to answer any questions on the nature and scale of the changes. It is important to note that the police remain committed to the work of the partnership and joint working on its priorities, and have worked with council officers to ensure that, where possible, all joint projects maintain a police resource.

5.2 Essex Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC) – formerly Essex Probation Trust

Essex CRC is now over a year old, and is now owned by Sodexo under their Sodexo Justices Company. Share sale of the CRC took place in February 2015 with Sodexo winning contracts of 5 other CRC areas, including Norfolk and Suffolk. Essex CRC remains in a process of transition while still delivering business as usual. Over the next year there will be further changes to the CRC, with office locations and the model of delivery changing before March 2016. Updates will be given to partners as and when they become available.

Essex CRC remains committed in terms of resources and vision to the Integrated Offender Management (IOM) in the Colchester area and across Essex. Through The Gate provision is also beginning to take effect from the resettlement prisons which cover Essex - Chelmsford, Holloway and Highpoint. This will deliver a much more joined up approach to managing cases sentenced to short and long term custody periods.

During 2014-2015 we have seen the introduction of the Offender Rehabilitation Act (ORA) which came into effect on 1st February 2015. The implementation of ORA has run alongside Transforming Rehabilitation and which has seen the privatisation of some Probation Services. ORA have seen significant changes to the way offenders are managed and the statutory of responsibility of the NPS and CRCs. The main change has seen Probation Services take on responsibility for all offenders who receive at least 1 day in a custodial setting. This supervision lasts for a minimum of 12 months within the community and aims to target the offenders who are known to re-offend consistently and have not received long term custody."

Through The Gate (TTG)

As part of the Transforming Rehabilitation there has been a new emphasis on the work with the journey of offenders through their time in custody and into the community. This has resulted in TTG services being developed and we are now seeing this system coming into effect. In Essex, the CRC now has a presence within HMP Chelmsford, HMP Highpoint and HMP Holloway and this enables us to have a more holistic and consistent approach to the offenders being released from these prisons.

6. The Police and Crime Commissioner

- 6.1 Cllr Tim Young is a member of the Police and Crime Panel which is the body set up to scrutinise the work of the Police and Crime Commissioner. Cllr Young will be at the committee meeting to provide an update on the work of the Panel and to answer any questions on its work.
- 6.2 The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), Nick Alston held an event in Colchester on 14th January 2015 called 'Two Years on'. The event had over 250 attendees from a variety of organisations with an interest in Community Safety and the feedback was excellent. Workshops included Tackling Hidden Harm, Mental Health, VCS Capacity Building, Reducing Reoffending and Community Resolution and Out of Court Disposals.
- 6.3 The Assistant Director for Commissioning, Greg Myddleton, alongside some of the Essex CSP Managers, has reviewed the funding allocation for local authorities and a new criteria has been adopted. This has meant an increase of funding for Colchester CSP of £9,581 for 2015/16.

7. Plans for the Partnership's work during 2015-16

7.1 For 2015-16 the Partnership priorities are:

- Protecting Vulnerable People
 - Reducing reoffending
 - Addressing alcohol and drug misuse
 - Reducing crime and the fear of crime
- (The Partnership's plan for 15-16 is attached at Appendix 2).

7.2 The Chair of the Partnership has undertaken a review of the work conducted at the Responsible Authorities Group (RAG) meetings. She is keen to see greater focus on work that is over and above 'business as usual' from partners. There is a new structure in place which will allow the RAG to focus on the strategic vision for the partnership, whilst the focus groups will perform the delivery of specific projects. The two groups are now known at the Responsible Authorities Strategic Group (RASG) and the Safer Colchester Operating Group (SCOG). This will allow the partnership to react to emerging priorities throughout the year and perform a more responsive role if and when issues arise. The Chair has worked very closely with all partners to ensure these changes were implemented collaboratively.

8. Strategic Plan references

8.1 This work contributes to the Council's Strategic Plan 2015-18 by working in partnership to tackle crime issues and tackling anti-social behaviour.

9. Consultation

9.1 The Strategic Assessment of Crime and input from partners has 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.

10. Publicity considerations

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

11. Financial implications

11.1 It is expected that funding for the partnership's work will continue to be reduced. Therefore, the partnership will consider the financial sustainability of any project work it undertakes.

12. Human Rights implications

12.1 There are no specific human rights implications

13. Equality and Diversity implications

13.1 There are no specific equality and diversity implications

14. Community Safety implications

14.1 The community safety implications are the subject of this report.

15. Health and Safety implications

15.1 There are no specific health and safety implications.

Background Papers

Appendix 1 – The Safer Colchester Partnership end of year Performance Report 14-15

Appendix 2 - The Safer Colchester Partnership annual partnership plan 15-16.

Safer Colchester Partnership (SCP) Annual Partnership Plan (APP) FINAL

1 April 2014 – 31 March 2015 (Updates from 1/4/15 to 20/8/15 in red below)

KEY PRIORITY 1 – Protecting Vulnerable People					
Outputs	Funding SCP 14/15	Funding OTHER	Updates	Lead Agency or Person	Project end date
Deliver an awareness raising event to link in with National Domestic Abuse Awareness Week, Essex Domestic Abuse Awareness Week and International End Violence Against Women Day	N/A	Former Colchester Domestic Abuse Forum (CDAF) monies + officer time	<p>Awareness raising event held on 17th July in Castle Park in support of 'Stand Together' campaign; approx 300 information packs containing leaflets and goodies were distributed, members of the public spoken to in confidence and also signposted for advice.</p> <p>Poster campaign took place in November 2014 to support Essex and National Domestic Abuse Awareness week and end violence against women day; 95 packs were distributed to a selection of bars, clubs, cafes, restaurants and hairdressers. Packs contained posters (Crimestoppers and Essex Police/ECC Stand Together campaign) which were to be displayed on the backs of toilet doors with details of how to report DA.</p> <p>Further Domestic Awareness raising to take place during the CDoA event on 25/9/15 working with Refuge and CBH</p> <p>JUNO team (Jim White) looking to run a joint media campaigns around encouraging witnesses to record evidence.</p> <p>Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Project for Colchester & Tendring being discussed (funded by OPCC and other streams). Planning meetings have taken place April 15, June 15 & August 15(another planned for October 15). Outcomes from these meetings have resulted in the 'Drive Project' running as a pilot in Colchester & Tendring from January 2016. Presentation to be given to SCP in November 2015.</p>	CBC	Ongoing

Continue to operate a Sanctuary Scheme for high risk, repeat victims of domestic abuse in Colchester	N/A	SCP / CBC budget already allocated	<p>Period 1/4/14 – 31/3/15. 68 requests for Essex Police HRDV home security visits. As of 31/3/15 there were 19 pending cases. 1 installation made in Dec 2014.</p> <p>Period 1/4/15 – 20/8/15 A further 27 requests for Essex Police HRDV home security visits. As of 20/8/15 there are 12 pending cases.</p>	CBC	Ongoing
Continue delivery of raising awareness of teenage relationship abuse within Colchester secondary schools	N/A	£2k allocated from PCC fund 13/14	<p>ACE: Training delivered into Gilberd Oct 2013, Stanway March 2014. Youth Health Champions will deliver the SCP presentation into all secondary schools from July 2014. Aspects of the training have been included in the Emotional Wellbeing sessions for all Colchester schools (who receive 2 road shows per year) and School nurses have also been sent the material.</p> <p>Police: Material delivered into Girls High, St Benedict's, Stanway, TLA & Philip Morant.</p> <p>This project has now finished.</p>	CBC / ACE / Police	Mar 2015
<i>Initiate a pilot project to tackle the obstacles that prevent victims leaving an abusive relationship. The team will be working in partnership with the RSPCA throughout 14-15 to ensure the delivery of a 'pet fostering' scheme.</i>	N/A	<p>£2,500 from Jubilee Fund</p> <p>CS Officer time</p>	<i>Project did not start and is no longer considered feasible for a number of reasons including cost, lack of suitable rescue centres, lack of kennels and catteries for immediate housing and shortage/issue around recruitment of suitable fosterers</i>	CBC / RSPCA	<p>Mar 2015</p> <p>END MAY 2014</p>
<p>Increase awareness of Domestic Abuse amongst those living in CBH homes.</p> <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 	N/A	CBH Officer time	<p>Article placed in Spring's addition of News and Views raising tenants' awareness of DA and contact details. Involved in DA Awareness day on 17th July 2014 – where CBH leaflets were part of the hand-out. As of March 2015 the ASB team now visit DA victims rather than Housing Officer. All Front Line staff have received awareness training in order to spot warning signs earlier. Info leaflet issue. Advice also now on CBH website and regularly promoted in Housing news.</p>	CBH	Mar 2015
<i>Provide Fire Break scheme for 6 victims of domestic abuse and a child to work on empowerment and increasing confidence</i>	£1,500 SCP to part fund the scheme	£2,500 from Juibilee fund (formally for	<i>Programme was to run 15th – 19th September. However project cancelled due to Fire Service being unable to secure enough students for the course, despite consulting CTWR,CBH, RSLs etc</i>	ECFRS & CBC	March 2015

		<i>pet fostering)</i>			
Colchester Housing Intervention Project (CHIP) worker employed and working with identified families (CBH & Colne Housing tenants).	Funding £5k approved by RAG	CBH & Colne = £29K SCP £5K 13/14	<p>Between the period of Jan 2014 - Mar 2015:</p> <p>Worked with 17 families, of these families 11 have been involved in Anti-Social Behaviour. Of these 11 ASB cases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 have been completely resolved • 6 are under control / measures in place • 1 remains unresolved (due to non-engagement) <p>Other interventions and effective work with vulnerable and problematic families and preventative work through working with children which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire safety – Catch 22 makes use of Les Nicoll who provides fire safety visits and we also make good use of the Firebreak course – one of our young people successfully completed the course during this period • Road safety – Practical activities along with one to one work - ongoing • Direct work to address behavioural issues in order to prevent ASB – This includes the promotion of positive activities and also working with local schools to improve attendance and support for the young person at school • Smoking prevention (also working with parents) • Internet safety – One to one work and use of in-house computer specialist to set advanced safety programs to restrict access <p>Assisting the 'under 25's' to improve their employability and gain employment through utilising our in-house Route To Work project. During this period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 previously unemployed service users have been accepted on to Traineeships/Apprenticeships. • 1 service user is being supported through the process of gaining a qualification with the prospect of a job on completion. • 1 Service user has gained full time employment. 	Catch 22, CBH + Colne	Mar 2015

			<p>Also work with families on environmental / neighbour issues, domestic abuse, hate crime, substance misuse and debt. Good working links with the Citizens Advice Bureau and Shelter Housing Support.</p> <p>The project has benefited from the input of two student Social Workers during this period, which has increased capacity. Able to provide in house bereavement support, which is hoped can continue until August 2015.</p> <p>Also been able to provide the most disadvantaged families with supermarket vouchers in emergencies. This has relieved pressure from the Local Food Bank.</p> <p>Practical work has been undertaken with the families, such as; large scale garden clearances, removal of large unsightly items including caravans and white goods. This has improved neighbourhood relations along with making a positive difference to the local community.</p> <p>SCP has not been approached for funding for this project in 15-16.</p> <p>CHIP worker attended Compulsive Hoarding training on 17th April 2015 and hoping that this will prove useful in their efforts to support families experiencing difficulties with hoarding.</p>		
Deliver Older People's Crucial Crew event to provide information on community safety issues and preventative activities for older people.	N/A	CS & ECFRS Officer time	<p>Event successfully delivered 2nd April 2014 to 120 elderly guests who listened to speakers from Essex Police, Trading Standards, Environmental Health, CBC Zone Wardens, Helpline, Age UK, CCVS/Time Bank & Stanway school (use of mobile phones and internet)</p> <p>Another event is due take place April 2015.</p> <p>Event successfully delivered 27th March 2015 to 150 elderly guests who listened to speakers from Essex Police, Fire Service, Trading Standards, CBC Zones, Gas safe, Red Cross, ACE & Stanway school (use of mobile phones and internet)</p>	CBC, Fire & partners	April 14

<p>Keep Safe Project launched in Town Centre in May 2013</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain scheme and extend across the borough. • Build membership of the scheme • Monitor and evaluate scheme • Extend to older people 	<p>Possible bid to SCP for additional funding for extension of project in 14/15?</p>	<p>Initial funding from Jubilee Fund</p> <p>CS Officer time</p>	<p>A Keep Safe Day took place on 30/6/14 to raise awareness of the scheme.</p> <p>As of 31/3/15, 201 members now signed up to the scheme with 23 venues currently on board – in talks with ECFRS to enable all fleet vehicles to be part of the scheme. .</p> <p>Investigating joining up using an 'online' form and a regular quarterly sign up scheme in the library and mobile APP in process. Looking at extending scheme to older people.</p> <p>The Keep Safe Scheme was represented at a Learning Disabilities Crucial Crew event on 18/6/15 in the hopes of signing up more members.</p> <p>A Keep Safe Day took place on 19/6/15 to raise awareness of the scheme, which tied in with the National Learning Disability Week.</p>	<p>CBC</p>	<p>Mar 15</p>
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KEY PRIORITY 2 – To reduce re-offending through integrated offender management					
Outputs	Funding SCP 14/15	Funding OTHER	Updates	Lead Agency or Person	Project end date
Monitor and report on the progress of the Colchester & Tendring IOM	N/A	Essex Probation	<p>Q1 stats:</p> <p>292 offenders (246 male, 46 female)</p> <p>Community orders: M: 185 / F: 44</p> <p>In custody (pre release): M: 24 / F: 1</p> <p>On licence (post release): M: 37 / F: 1</p> <p>For full results, see attached report.</p> <p>IOM cases for Colchester Scheme as of December 2014 below:</p> <p>Total 41 (Active 38, Dormant 3, Female 1)</p> <p>Stat cases 26 (12 months or more sentence)</p> <p>Non-stat cases 15 (less than 12 months sentence or community payback)</p> <p>PPO 15 (also known as priority reds)</p> <p>Of those cases above:</p>	Essex Probation	Mar 2015

			Red 15, Amber 13, Green 0, Blue 13 IOM data for Colchester Scheme as of March 2015: Total 42 (Active 41, Dormant 1, Female 3) Stat cases 23 (12 months or more sentence) Non-stat cases 19 (less than 12 months sentence or community payback) PPO 13 (also known as priority reds) Of those cases above: Red 9, Amber 15, Green 0, Blue 18		
Monitor the work of the new Link Worker	N/A	PCC / Essex Police	Henry to update at future RAG meetings	Essex Probation	Mar 2015
Update provided to RAG at each quarterly meeting Update RAG on bidding process Update RAG on companies bidding to provide CRC for Essex Introduce representative from new CRC to CSP so their attendance at meetings can be arranged	N/A	Essex Probation	National Probation Service deals with the more serious high risk offenders / cases – been via MAPPA CRC (Community Rehabilitation Company) deals with the low to medium risk offenders / cases (both stat and non-stat cases). Sodexo Justice Services (a private company), working in partnership with NACRO (a charity) deliver CRC for Essex.	Essex Probation	Oct 2014

KEY PRIORITY 3 – To address alcohol misuse					
Outputs	Funding SCP 14/15	Funding OTHER	Updates	Lead Agency or Person	Project end date
Police to enforce the DPPO for Colchester	N/A	Officer time	No actual figures are kept regarding how many times DPPO is used As of the 20 th October 2014, the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 came into force; Police believe DPPO will cease to exist and will be replaced by Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO's). However there is likely to be some transitional arrangements and Essex Police will explore these further. PSPO for Turner Rise was successfully achieved in	Police	Ongoing

			<p>November 2014</p> <p>SCP researching the use of PSPO's in other areas, i.e. Lincoln City Council launched a PSPO 'for use of intoxicating substances such as alcohol, drugs & 'legal highs' for Lincoln in Lincoln Town Centre from 1st April 2015.</p>		
Sustainable funding source to be identified to revenue fund the SOS Bus; funding working group to discuss £30k shortfall	£5k SCP allocated for the period 01/08/14 – 31/03/15	Open Road to seek additional funding	<p>During the period Apr 14 – Mar 15 the SOS Bus treated 1072 people for a range of issues such as alcohol intoxication, under influence of drugs, medical assistance or injuries, mental health, unable to get home or a place of safety needed.</p> <p>SOS Bus interacted with many more people than this giving out water, lollies and condoms.</p> <p>Grant spent on vehicle maintenance. MOT and volunteer training, both internally and external covering a variety of subjects such as, first aid, safeguarding, conflict management in order to bring the volunteers up to speed with the training they require in order to carry out the role.</p> <p>SCP has not been approached for funding for this project in 15-16</p>	CBC, Police, Open Road	Mar 2015
Continuation of the street drinkers outreach worker post from April to September and its work monitored and evaluated	£2k to support post Oct 14 – Mar 15	Officer time (CBC & Police)	<p>340 people seen April 14 – March 15. Majority seen were alcohol dependant, some also heroin dependant. Referrals made or signposted to Open Road, Beacon House, Oxford Road and April Centre (dependant on the issue).</p> <p>SCP has not been approached for funding for this project in 15-16</p> <p>Open Road have sourced funding directly and the Outreach Worker post has been extended until 31/3/16.</p>	Open Road & CBC	Sept 2014
Continuation of Street Drinkers Operational Group (set up from June 13) to meet on a monthly basis to identify top 3 Street Drinkers	N/A	Officer time (CBC & Police)	This group was closed by Essex Police.	Police & partners	Ongoing
Carry out consultation to establish	£2k SCP	Officer time	SCP approached a number of licensed premises such as	CBC,	March

feasibility of replacing glasses in pubs & clubs with polycarbonate drinking vessels (PDV's)	14/15 (via PCC) for pilot project	(CBC & Police)	<p>The Bull, Liquid, Yates, Sky Rooms, Hudsons and Tribal to establish the feasibility of running a pilot to replace traditional glassware with the virtually unbreakable PDV's.</p> <p>SCP representatives attended a Pub Watch meeting in April 2015 in which PDV samples and info from the manufacturer were provided. As a result of attending this meeting, Elysium Group expressed an interest in running a pilot; a 3 month pilot started in Qube Bar's 1st floor Club area on a Friday and Saturday evening from Fri 7th August 2015.</p>	Police & partners	2015
Monitor 'Section 222' which will provide an injunction area around the town centre (not including Castle Park), where opened alcoholic drink vessels will not be permitted	N/A	CBH Officer time	<p>Mick trained Colchester Zone wardens on 14.10.14 so they can support the Police in patrolling the hot spots i.e. St Botolphs Circus and Priory. Also problems in Upper Castle Park Working on evidence with the Police with a view to extending the boundaries</p> <p>As of end of March 2015; 2 committals still awaiting court date. 18 injunctions served. Approx. 90 people issued with 1st warnings which have not resulted in a 2nd warning. CBH working in further partnership with Police to investigate what enforcement action can be taken. Issue with amount of time it is taking to obtain a court date as the 2 committals have been waiting since September.</p> <p>Section 222 now replaced with PSPO led by CBH and Essex Police.</p>	CBH & Police	March 2015
Monitor Reduce the Strength (RTS) campaign to target retailers and ask they reduce the strength of alcohol	N/A	<p>PCC funding (via police) for event</p> <p>Officer time (both CBC & Police)</p>	<p>73 off licences premises in Colchester; 40% have signed up.</p> <p>New partnership approach to getting premises signed up; working group set up April to take the scheme to the next level including looking at support and rehab services for the street drinkers</p> <p>RTS conference took place 18th Nov 2014 to sell the benefits of the scheme to off licensed premises in the borough as well as other organisations. 9 agencies attended alongside 3 off licences.</p> <p>Enforcement activity required on a couple of premises that continue to sell the drinks – liaising with Licensing</p>	Essex Police	Ongoing

			Enforcement Group.		
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KEY PRIORITY 4 – To reduce crime and the fear of crime					
Outputs	Funding SCP 14/15	Funding OTHER	Updates	Lead Agency or Person	Project end date
Operation Homeguard to deploy in affected areas to target burglary	N/A	Officer time	<p><u>Operation Homeguard deployments April – September 2014:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 24/04/2014 – HVP Riverside Estate 29/04/2014 – Greenstead re Dwelling Burglaries 23/05/2014 – Balkern Heights / St Mary's (Insight) 31/05/2014 – Balkern Heights / St Mary's 11/06/2014 – Berechurch Hall Road Estate (Mario Way area) 20/06/2014 – Attfield Murder assistance – HVP / Castle Park / East Bay areas 03/08/2014 – Copford (Insight) 07/08/2014 – Tiptree (Burglary Other offences) 17/09/2014 – St John's (Insight) <p>Summer holidays and abstractions to assist NCT (LPT) have affected results. 1421 Doors knocked on and crime prevention information given. As a guide around 35% of this figure was verbal interaction with residents, making them aware of crime in their areas. 35 Residential Streets visited and door knockings carried out. Total of 27 Hours of HVP.</p> <p><u>Homeguard deployments October – December 2014:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11/10/2014 – New Town / St Botolph's 24/10/2014 – Highwoods (North) 03/11/2014 – Town Centre 08/11/2014 – Highwoods (new Mill Road estates) 13/12/2014 – Highwoods (Eastwood Drive location) 	Police	Ongoing

			<p>A total of 2055 residences October to December 2014 with 48 roads covered.</p> <p><u>Homeguard Deployments January – March 2015:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 13/01/2015: Highwoods (Eastwood Drive) Burglary. 491 residences visited. Crime prevention printed information distributed. 10/02/2015: CDoA Berechurch 08/03/2015: Bike Wise patrols town centre. Replacing defaced cycle security stickers onto bike racks. 47 wraps placed on cycles giving crime prevention advice. 		
Initiate Secure Planting scheme in New Town to educate residents on how to make their property less attractive to burglars (i.e. planting of bushes etc)	N/A	Safer Col Project funding for New Town to cover planting costs (£150?)	<p>Plants now planted in Old Heath Recreation Ground by The Conservation Volunteers. Plot layout designed by Poplar Nurseries, who also supplied the plants. Map of plot produced by Essex Police.</p> <p>Signage for site and pot markers delivered January 2015; plants begin to bloom Feb/Mar.</p> <p>Additional plants have been acquired (due to some of the original dying) and planted April 2015. Trellis to be purchased in order to house the site and 'lift' the scene in order for a launch in September 2015.</p>	CBC / partners	Sept 2014
Continuation of Burglary working group (set up Oct 2013)	N/A	Officer time	<p>Led by Essex Police – quarterly meetings.(Barry Atkinson)</p> <p>This was closed by Inspector Atkinson on or around 1st September 2014</p>	Police, CBC & partners	Ongoing
Re-launch and maintain a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in Colchester	N/A	Officer time	<p>Essex Police confirms there is a current issue with obtaining Watch data as Watch Coordinator has left the role and has taken over the Crime Prevention Tactical Adviser role. Awaiting decision on employment of a new Watch Coordinator before Essex Police can revisit.</p>	Police & CBC	Mar 2015
<p>Set up Quarterly ASB Working Group with other key Housing Associations in Colchester to share good practice, ASB tools and training to provide a consistent and effective service to residents in the borough.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launch working group 	N/A	Officer time	<p>ASB Forum – called Tactical Responsibility Group - set up and 1st meeting took place December 2014. Group to meet bi-monthly to discuss top 10 cases.</p> <p>CBH currently considering admin/general support for this group in order to proceed with booking further meetings.</p>	CBH	Mar 2015

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold quarterly meetings • Write and monitor action plan 					
<p>Neighbourhood Action Panels (NAP's); SCP continues to provide support to all 7 NAPs</p> <p>RENAMED LCAPS – APRIL 2015</p>	£1k SCP allocated 14/15	CS Officer time	<p>NAP Chairs / Essex Police / CBC meeting held December 2014 to discuss future of NAPs.</p> <p>Agreement in February 2015 by Essex Police & CBC that NAP's and Police Local Community Meetings will merge and become L-CAPS (Local Community Action Panels). L-CAPS to keep current NAP Chairperson and Police Sgt to become Deputy Chair and regularly attend meetings. New L-CAP meetings to start from April 2015.</p> <p>7 L-CAPS have been meeting on a quarterly or bi-monthly basis since April. Meetings booked in advance up to March 2016 where it has been suggested that an L-CAP's review be arranged.</p>	Essex Police & CBC	Mar 2015
Partners work together to deliver 3 Community Day of Action (CDoA) events that tackles issues of community safety	£3k SCP (via PCC) funding 14/15	CS Officer time	<p>Mile End event 27th March 2014. Top 5 issues parking, dogs, other (mainly pot holes and traffic), litter & speeding. 24 agencies participated. Emphasis on road safety theme (road traffic collision scenario/1st aid, road safety training in both schools and junior speed-watch) as this was an issue identified by public and local councillors.</p> <p>Tiptree event 7th August 2014 (as requested by Essex Police). Top 5 issues speeding, dogs, parking, overgrown trees/hedges and other (mainly pot holes and roads in need of repair). Event held in school holidays to enable Police to tackle rise in ASB, who provided a visible presence from 8am – 12am.</p> <p>Berechurch event 10th February 2015. Top 5 issues highways (potholes, roads in need of repair and traffic problems), parking, dogs, speeding & litter. 24 agencies participated. Event attended by Chelmsford City Council colleagues to observe Colchester's good practice.</p> <p>Workshop to discuss future format of CDoA took place in Feb 2015 resulting in community groups being encouraged to 'bid' for an event. 2 events to be delivered per year (Sept</p>	CBC & partners	Mar 2015

			<p>& March). Bidding process for Sept 15 event to take place Mar – May 2015.</p> <p>4 bids received from Community Groups during March – May 2015 resulting in Kingsland Church Lexden being the successful bidder. Currently planning for a CDoA event in Lexden to take place 25th & 26th September.</p> <p>Bidding for the Spring 2016 event (March) to start 1/9/15.</p>		
Partners work together to maintain a Safer Colchester Project presence in the CDoA area for 3 months	£3k SCP (via PCC) funding 14/15	CS Officer time	<p>Mile End project 27th March – 27th June 2014 Dog day event held / parking patrols especially around schools / RTA scenario held / ASB Patrols / Cruisers @ Turner Rise / Graffiti Projects / Operation Homeguard</p> <p>Tiptree project 8th Aug – 8th Nov 2014: daily dog patrols / primary schools visited to educate youngsters on dog fouling and responsibility / free dog chipping vouchers issues / Daily parking patrols / Police patrolled non-adopted roads around school areas during busy times and gave advice regarding inconsiderate parking / Speedwatch / Junior wardens (9-10 year olds) / coach trip to Clacton for older people / 25 litter pickers & High Vis junior packs for junior wardens and litter warrior scheme issues / Footballs for after school football club / Bury Xmas Market for older people / Tiptree Heath School – Road Safety Activity Jan 15 / Give and take day.</p> <p>Berechurch project 11 Feb – end of June. Activities to date: 1X Dog Day, CBH garage re-paint via Community payback, Street name signage repaint and clean – repair, Hoping to roll out 3 R's project with Yr 6 children, Mini Crucial Crew @ Monkwick Youth Club to tackle arson as this is a problem, drink and drugs and crime and consequence, Clear Up Day and 2 X Speedwatch's.</p> <p>Lexden Safer Colchester Project / Legacy Period to start end of September.</p>	CBC & partners	Mar 2015

Partners work together to deliver a Night of Action in the town centre to address issues relating to Night Time Economy		CS Officer time	Essex Police delivering a Night of Action on 30 th August; no request for resources from CBC/CSP There will be uplift in Police resources over the December period on key weekends which have previously been part of the NTE Days of Action. That general uplift in resources has been planned for however this has not been branded as a Day of Action at this time.	Essex Police/ CBC	Dec 14
Provide information and preventative activities for young people. by delivering Crucial Crew event involving 6-8 crime reduction scenarios to 1500 + year 6 school children.	£3k SCP (via PCC)	CS Officer time	Event delivered 2 – 13 June 2014. 1945 children attended the event from 60 schools from across the Colchester Borough. 7 community safety scenarios were delivered to the children, these being fire safety, road safety, rail safety, internet safety, smoking awareness, recycling, you & your neighbourhood (ASB). Feedback was received from 783 children from 31 schools. The analysis of the feedback shows the most popular scenario was You & Your Neighbourhood and the least favourite being Smoking Awareness. The overall cost of the event was £2978.15 2015 event delivered 1 – 12 June 2015. 2022 year 6 children from 63 Colchester schools attended the Crucial Crew event. 7 community safety scenarios were delivered to the children, these being fire safety, road safety, internet safety, smoking awareness, ASB, knife crime awareness & alcohol awareness. The event was enjoyed by 98.1% of children. Feedback was received from 1116 children from 35 schools. The analysis of the feedback shows the 2 most popular scenarios were Knife Crime and ASB with the 2 least favourite being Smoking Awareness and Fire Safety. Cost of event was £3143	CBC & partners	June 14
Engage and work with young people (13 - 18yrs) who have not engaged in ASB for 3 months by through rewarding for good behaviour and develop team working; provide a Army Fun Day to help combat school exclusion, truancy and social isolation	N/A	Funding from CBH Community grant	Army Fun Day held on 14 th August 2014 working in partnership with the Garrison.	CBH, Colchester Garrison and CBC Zone Wardens	August 2014

Work with partners in order to ensure young people can maintain their tenancies and ASB is reduced: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold activity events • Run pre-tenancy workshops • Run education programmes in schools 	N/A	Officer time	Pre tenancy workshops continue to run	CBH	Mar 2015

Safer Colchester Partnership

ANNUAL PARTNERSHIP PLAN 2015 – 2016

KEY PRIORITY 1: TO PROTECT VULNERABLE PEOPLE This priority will include encouraging proactive reporting of domestic abuse and hate crime and supporting those at risk. It will also enable the partnership to provide support to chaotic families and prevent younger people and vulnerable adults becoming victims of crime.				
KP LEAD: Karen Loweman COLCHESTER BOROUGH HOMES (CBH)		PCC KEY AREAS OF FOCUS: 1, 2, 3, 7		ESSEX POLICE HIGH PRIORITY ISSUES: A, B, C, D
OBJECTIVE	OUTPUT	FUNDING	PROJECT LEAD / AGENCY	END DATE
SANCTUARY SCHEME				
Continue to operate a Sanctuary Scheme for high risk, repeat victims of domestic abuse in Colchester		Approx £10,700 funding available (for sanctuary scheme only)	Sonia Carr CBC	
DOMESTIC ABUSE AWARENESS RAISING				
Deliver awareness raising events and campaigns which encourage the reporting of DA incidents, alongside providing signposting of where to go for help, guidance and support		Funding to be provided from former Colchester Domestic Abuse Forum (CDAF) budget (approx. £6k)	Sonia Carr CBC	
A PICTURE PAINTS A THOUSAND WORDS				
A project initiated by Essex Police JUNO Team to encourage victims of domestic abuse to keep covert evidence (i.e. GP notes, sound recordings, pictures of injuries) of the incidents on their phone by using a discreet APP		No initial finding implications for SCP however bid may be received for media campaign and ongoing support	Jim White Essex Police	
KEEP SAFE				

Maintain and extend the scheme across the borough. Also extend the scheme to older people		Funding bid may be received for extension of scheme to older people	Caroline Clarke CBC	
SPEAK UP ON ELDER ABUSE				
A new anonymous reporting phone line in Essex to crack down on elder abuse: 0800 032 7644 (free 24/7 reporting line) Launched March 2015.	Crime Stoppers joined forces with Essex Police, PCC & Essex Safeguarding Adults Boards of Essex (ESAB), Thurrock and Southend to trial the first ever anonymous reporting line for elder abuse. The reporting line aims to encourage members of the public to report any incident of suspected abuse of elderly people, whether it's in a care home, hospital or the individual's own home.	No cost implications for SCP	Crime Stoppers (Colin Dobinson)	Launched March 2015
OLDER PEOPLES CRUCIAL CREW				
Deliver Crucial Crew event to provide information on community safety issues and preventative activities for older people.	Event successfully took place on 27 th March 2015 delivering the following scenarios to 150 guests: personal safety, fire home safety, trading standards/rogue traders, street safety, gas safe, mobile phone advice, first aid and falls prevention.	No cost implications for SCP	Les Nicoll Fire Service	27 March 2015
KEEPING SAFE IN COLCHESTER EVENT				
A Crucial Crew event for vulnerable adults, vent to provide home, street and shopping safety advice to adults with learning disabilities living within Colchester and the surrounding area (18/06/15)		No cost implications for SCP	Les Nicoll Fire Service	
REDUCE RISK OF VULNERABLE PEOPLE BECOMING VICTIMS OF CRIME				
Deliver training and educational materials for Carers, support workers and volunteers to prevent vulnerable people becoming victims of crime.		SCP funding of £4,851 (from 15-16 PCC allocation)	Karen Loweman CBH	

SUPPORTING PEOPLE WITH CHAOTIC LIFESTYLES				
Reduce the incidence of hate crime and anti-social behaviour targeted at vulnerable single people and families who may have a chaotic life style or be hoarders		SCP funding of £5,000 (from 15-16 PCC) allocation	Karen Loweman CBH	
WALK AND TALK EVENT				
Event to take place on 24 th July in Colchester to interact and engage with people with mental health issues who may be isolated at home or require befriending / support		No cost implications for SCP	Les Nicoll	

KEY PRIORITY 2: TO REDUCE REOFFENDING				
This priority will deliver jointly agreed initiatives and interventions to effectively reduce reoffending. It will also support and develop the Integrated Offender Management Scheme to focus activity on those individuals responsible for causing the most harm in communities.				
KP LEAD: Henry Griffiths THE ESSEX COMMUNITY REHABILITATION COMPANY LIMITED (ESSEX CRC)		PCC KEY AREAS OF FOCUS: 2, 4, 5, 7		ESSEX POLICE HIGH PRIORITY ISSUES: C, D
OBJECTIVE	OUTPUT	FUNDING	PROJECT LEAD / AGENCY	END DATE
IOM				
Statutory duty for all CSP's. IOM provides a fully integrated, sustainable multi-agency approach to offender management.		No cost implications for SCP	Henry Griffiths Essex CRC	
DA PERPETRATOR PROGRAMME				
Programme aimed at 'Priority Perpetrators' who are not yet part of the CJS. A behaviour change programme	Initial planning meeting took place 16th April 2015 with second meeting arranged for 12 th June. Programme to be a behaviour change programme for 'priority perpetrators' that are not sentenced / not yet in the system and do not receive a mandated programme. Referrals to be made via JDATT. Pilot to	No cost implications for SCP for pilot	Safe Lives / Essex Police	

	start Sept 2015 for 1 year.			
FIRE BREAK (x2)				
Fire break scheme/s funded jointly by CSP/CBC Jubilee Fund to focus on reducing offending and reoffending (especially DA incidents) by promoting healthy relationships and empowering individuals		SCP funding of £5,500 (from 15-16 PCC allocation) + CBC Jubilee Fund c/f of £2,500	Henry Griffiths Essex CRC Les Nicoll Fire Service	

KEY PRIORITY 3: TO ADDRESS ALCOHOL & DRUG MISUSE				
Alcohol and drug misuse fuels most of the violent and anti-social behaviour that takes place in the town centre and the partnership will be looking to support projects and initiatives that can tackle both the night time economy and issues such as daily street drinking.				
KP LEAD: Jo Hall HEALTH	PCC KEY AREAS OF FOCUS: 1, 4, 5		ESSEX POLICE HIGH PRIORITY ISSUES: D, E	
OBJECTIVE	OUTPUT	FUNDING	PROJECT LEAD / AGENCY	END DATE
POLYCARBONATE DRINKING VESSELS PILOT				
Pilot project with a licensed premises in Colchester to replace traditional glasses with polycarbonate drinking vessels		SCP funding £2,000 (carry forward from 14-15 PCC allocation)	Sonia Carr CBC	
STREET DRINKERS OUTREACH WORKER				
Continuation of the street drinkers outreach worker post from April 2015 to provide support and encourage behaviour change to Colchester street drinkers		Open Road funding this post from April 2015		
SECTION 222				
<i>Opened alcoholic drinking vessels and begging will not be permitted in town centre. ASB Team & Police to use new powers from the ASB, Police & Crime ACT to resolve the issues</i>		<i>No cost implications for SCP</i>	<i>Sue Nice CBH</i>	

REDUCE THE STRENGTH				
<i>Continue to implement the RTS scheme in which off licenses are encouraged to stop selling super strength cheap lagers, beers and ciders</i>		<i>Original funding via PCC (CIF) fund</i>	<i>Mike Lee Essex Police</i>	
FIRE BREAK – ALCOHOL & DRUG MISUSE				
<i>A Fire Break scheme being delivered to tackle the implications of drug and alcohol misuse in partnership with ACE)</i>		<i>No cost implications for SCP</i>	<i>Les Nicoll Fire Service</i>	
BEST BAR NONE SCHEME				
<i>Best Bar None gives is an accreditation scheme recognised as Best Practice by the Home Office and the drinks industry. The aim of Best Bar None is to reduce alcohol related crime and disorder by building on positive relationships between the licensed trade, police, local authorities and the public.</i>		<i>No cost implications for SCP</i>	<i>TBC</i>	
LEGAL HIGHS				
<i>A project/scheme such as PSPO in which people are not permitted to use 'intoxicating substances' such as legal high,, alcohol and drugs) in an area such as town centre (refer to Lincoln)</i>		<i>TBC</i>	<i>TBC</i>	
PURPLE FLAG				
<i>Awarded to Colchester on 2013. This accreditation recognises well managed town and city centres at night and during the evening. A full review will take place over the summer of 2015</i>		<i>No implications for SCP</i>	<i>Karen Turnbull CBC</i>	

KEY PRIORITY 4: TO REDUCE CRIME AND THE FEAR OF CRIME This priority seeks to address both the volumes and severity of crimes occurring across the Borough, engaging with local communities and vulnerable groups to develop and support prevention mechanisms and education of young people and vulnerable adults around issues of community safety.				
KP LEAD: Richard Phillibrown ESSEX POLICE		PCC KEY AREAS OF FOCUS: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8		ESSEX POLICE HIGH PRIORITY ISSUES: A, C, D, E
OBJECTIVE	OUTPUT	FUNDING	PROJECT LEAD / AGENCY	END DATE
COMMUNITY DAYS OF ACTION (CDoA)				
Deliver 2 CDoA events per year (March & Septembers) in areas submitted by Community Groups		Approx £4,500 SCP c/f from 14-15	Sonia Carr CBC	
SAFER COLCHESTER PROJECT				
Deliver 2 Legacy Projects to support the successful CDoA areas and enable the community		Approx £16,500 SCP c/f from 14-15	Sonia Carr CBC	
YOUNGER PEOPLES AWARENESS OF CRIME (FORMALLY YOUNGER PEOPLE'S CRUCIAL CREW)				
<i>Provide community safety advice and preventative activities for all year 6 Colchester pupils.</i>	<i>Alternative scheme or initiative to Crucial Crew – for RASG to consider for delivery in 2016</i>			
LOCAL COMMUNITY ACTION PANELS (L-CAPS)				
Continue to maintain and support 7 L-CAPS across the Borough and encourage community participation		Funding to be allocated from 3504	Sonia Carr CBC	
BIKE WISE				
This initiative was created in 2014 to tackle the on-going issue of cycle theft in Colchester. Bike Wise was introduced to look at ways of reducing the number of incidents by deterring offenders and educating cyclists on the importance of securing their property.	Since January 2014, police together with Operation Homeguard volunteers have been a high visibility deterrent around cycle racks in Colchester town centre, retail parks and educational establishments. Every public cycle rack has had campaign stickers placed on them to remind cyclists to secure their	Part funded scheme in July 2014 (£600). £650 approved May 2015 for Phase 2.	Mike Lee Essex Police	

	<p>bikes and informative 'bands' placed around the frames of the bike that give security guidance and also 'grade' how effective the owners locking habits are.</p> <p>The initiative has also been well received by cycle retailers who display specially designed posters in their shops to remind customers of the importance of buying the best lock they can afford.</p> <p>This campaign can only be successful if patrols continue; phase 2 of the campaign will ensure that further 'bands' are distributed</p>			
GANGS AWARENESS / CUCKOOING				
To focus on raising awareness of, and reducing the effects of, the emerging gangs trend in Colchester	'Cuckooing' Poster produced by Essex Police for dissemination in May 2015	No immediate cost implications for SCP	Richard Phillibrown Essex Police	
YOUR KINDNESS KILLS				
A multi-agency project looking at tackling the issue of street begging in Town Centre by changing behaviour and educating the 'kind hearted' members of the public that currently give money to 'homeless beggars'		Bid to PCC CSDF (Mike Lee) supported by SCP	Mike Lee Essex Police Harry Beer CBC	

PCC'S KEY AREAS OF FOCUS:

1. Ensuring local solutions meet local problems
2. Reducing domestic abuse
3. Supporting victims of crime
4. Reducing youth offending and all types of re-offending
5. Tackling the consequences of alcohol and drugs abuse and mental health issues
6. Improving road safety
7. Improving crime prevention
8. Increasing efficiency in policing through collaborative working and innovation

ESSEX POLICE HIGH PRIORITY ISSUES:

- A.** Child abuse and exploitation
- B.** Immigration and modern slavery
- C.** Domestic abuse
- D.** Urban street gangs and related violence / vulnerability
- E.** Organised crime groups (OCG's)

Other emerging priorities for Essex Police are counter terrorism, dwelling burglary, digital crime and criminal use of firearms.