# Crime and Disorder Committee Meeting

Grand Jury Room, Town Hall, High Street, Colchester, CO1 1PJ Tuesday, 26 February 2019 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.

Any Member of Colchester Borough Council may give written notice to the Scrutiny Officer 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.

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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 Tuesday, 26 February 2019 at 18:00

#### Member:

Councillor Beverly Davies
Councillor Kevin Bentley
Councillor Phil Coleman
Councillor Chris Hayter
Councillor Andrea Luxford Vaughan
Councillor Lee Scordis
Councillor Barbara Wood

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)

Please note that Agenda items 1 to 6 are normally dealt with briefly.

#### 1 Welcome and Announcements

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#### 2 Substitutions

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#### 3 Urgent Items

The Chairman will announce if there is any item not on the published agenda which will be considered because it is urgent and will explain the reason for the urgency.

#### 4 Declarations of Interest

Councillors will be asked to say if there are any items on the agenda about which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest which would prevent them from participating in any discussion of the item or participating in any vote upon the item, or any other pecuniary interest or non-pecuniary interest.

#### 5 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Councillors will be invited to confirm that the minutes are a correct record of the meeting held on 11 September 2018.

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#### 6 Have Your Say!

The Chairman will invite members of the public to indicate if they wish to speak or present a petition on any item included on the agenda or any other matter relating to the terms of reference of the meeting. Please indicate your wish to speak at this point if your name has not been noted by Council staff.

#### 7 Safer Colchester Partnership

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The Committee will consider a report inviting it to scrutinise the work of the Safer Colchester Partnership over the period September 2018 - January 2019 and its work going forward to March 2019.

#### **Exclusion of the Public (Scrutiny)**

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).

#### Part B

(not open to the public including the press)

# CRIME AND DISORDER COMMITTEE 11 SEPTEMBER 2018

Present:- Councillor Davies (Chair), Councillor Coleman, Councillor

Luxford Vaughan, Councillor Scordis, Councillor Wood

Substitutes:- Councillor Hazell for Councillor Bentley

Also Present:- Councillor Lilley

#### 17. Minutes

*RESOLVED* that the minutes of the meeting held on the 12 September 2017 and 23 May 2018 were confirmed as a correct record.

#### 18. Safer Colchester Partnership

Councillor Davies (by reason of being a Magistrate) declared a non-pecuniary interest in the following item pursuant to the provisions of Meetings General Procedure Rule 7 (5).

The report invites the Crime and Disorder Committee to scrutinise the work of the Safer Colchester Partnership. The report was presented by:

- Pamela Donnelly, Chair, Safer Colchester Partnership
- Councillor Mike Lilley, Portfolio Holder for Planning, Public Safety and Licensing
- Chief Inspector Shaun Kane, Essex Police
- Melanie Rundle, Community Safety and Initiatives Manager

#### **Have Your Say!**

#### **Nick Chilvers**

Nick Chilvers attended the Crime and Disorder Committee to have his say regarding his previous role as Magistrate and Court Chairman and the arrangements around sentencing guidelines.

Mr Chilvers highlighted that there was a common misunderstanding of the reasons why sentences are made and that there are strict rules around what types of sentences can be given depending on the type of offence. Mr Chilvers stated that guidelines are set nationally, and that there are a number of elements which need to be taken into consideration when sentences are delivered. In addition to this, Mr Chilvers highlighted that fines were not derisory and that a number of factors are taken into account when these are set, such as the means of the offender. Suspended sentences also have a number of conditions.

Mr Chilvers highlighted that he had provided a similar summary to around 20 community groups providing a background to why different sentences are delivered. Mr Chilvers also highlighted that the sentencing guidelines are available to members of the public to view

Councillor Davies welcomed the contribution from Mr Chilvers, highlighting an important point regarding arrangements around sentencing.

#### Louise Wishart, Dutch Quarter Neighbourhood Watch

Louise Wishart attended the meeting to have her say on behalf of the Dutch Quarter Neighbourhood Watch and to speak out the level of anti-social behaviour which is affecting residents quality of life. Louise Wishart handed out a map of the area and informed the Committee that over the past nine months there had been drug taking at all times of the day.

Louise Wishart welcomed the news that there would be additional Police Community Support Officers, however felt that investing in CCTV for the area would provide a greater ability to monitor the area. This would provide round the clock coverage of the area and deter drug taking, compared to a limited number of PCSO routes. Louise Wishart noted that there was CCTV provision on East Stockwell street and that drug dealing has moved away from this area. Louise Wishart requested that the Council give serious consideration to installing CCTV on Williams Walk, George Street and the top of Maidenburgh Street.

#### Councillor Lilley, Portfolio Holder for Planning, Public Safety and Licensing

Councillor Lilley informed the Committee that he had attended the Dutch Quarter Neighbourhood Watch meeting to listen to residents' concerns. Councillor Lilley stated that whilst he preferred pro-active policing compared to CCTV, in this instance due to the concerns raised he has asked Councillor King, Portfolio Holder for Resources to look into funding for additional CCTV. Additional CCTV would need to include other area of the Dutch Quarter, including the alleyway near the Townhouse. Councillor Lilley also highlighted that Zone Wardens have started evening shifts in the recent weeks in the Dutch Quarter, and they have fed back to the Police about those in the area taking drugs.

#### **Louise Wishart**

In response to Councillor Lilley, Louise Wishart thanked Councillor Lilley for attending the neighbourhood watch meeting. Louise Wishart acknowledged that Police Patrols are a preferable approach to resolving crime, however due to the resources required and frequent nature of the drug taking CCTV does need to be considered.

#### **Chief Inspector Shaun Kane, Essex Police**

Chief Inspector Kane confirmed that the concerns raised about the Dutch Quarter are being taken seriously and that Essex Police have a bespoke operation in place there, which includes the use of overt and covert patrols as well as specialists. Shaun Kane confirmed that there is a zero tolerance approach from Essex Police on this issue and that there had been a number of seizures and possession prosecutions in that area.

#### **Councillor Adam Fox**

Councillor Adam Fox attended the meeting to have his say and raised concerns about austerity and impact this has had on visible policing that many in Colchester would like to see, but also expressed thanks for the work of the Police and the Street weeks initiative. Councillor Fox welcomed the Street Weeks initiatives, which recently ran in the Old Heath and the Hythe ward, as it provided an opportunity to go out into the community with a wide range of organisations.

Councillor Fox questioned whether Street Weeks were going to continue and whether there are more opportunities to hold them in other areas such as Barn Hall.

With regard drug dealing in different neighbourhoods, Cllr Fox welcomed the support of neighbourhood watch groups who do a lot of work in providing reassurance to local residents and to help reduce the isolation for people. Councillor Fox also highlighted the need to report incidents online, which can be an easier route, so that the police can build up a picture of issues across Colchester.

#### **Chief Inspector Kane, Essex Police**

Chief Inspector Kane welcomed the feedback from Cllr Fox about the Street Weeks partnership and stated that further information on Street Weeks would be provided as part of the presentation.

Chief Inspector Kane also noted that reporting crime allows for the Police to piece together the jigsaw for the bigger picture.

#### **CIIr Tina Bourne**

Councillor Bourne attended the meeting to have her say and informed the Committee of a situation following a Scrutiny Panel meeting last year. Councillor Bourne informed the Committee that she had witnessed a man and a younger boy having an altercation near the Town Hall. Councillor Bourne indicated that after stepping in and taking the boy home, the boy informed Councillor Bourne that he had been in a fight at St Martins Church Yard.

Councillor Bourne explained that she then took the boy to his house and that his parents were not aware of where he had been and that they had only been in Colchester for the past three months. Councillor Bourne informed the Committee that she had reported the incident to the non-emergency number 101. Approximately 15 months later, Councillor Bourne saw the same boy involved in a drug deal with an older man in the town centre.

Councillor Bourne highlighted the story as it highlighted how easily exploitable young people are to crime and that it is up to everyone to try and do something about it.

#### **Chief Inspector Kane, Essex Police**

Chief Inspector Kane commended Councillor Bourne for her actions and acknowledged the importance of education to help young people make the right decisions away from drugs and violence. Chief Inspector Kane also highlighted the importance of ensuring that communities feel safe and that people are aware of what happens when people get involved with drugs and gangs. He also stressed that the Police will always attend incidents to protect people from serious harm. Chief Inspector Kane confirmed that Essex Police are engaging with the University,

colleges and schools in Colchester to tackle the involvement with drugs and gangs. In addition, Chief Inspector Kane confirmed that for serious incidents, if 999 is called, Essex Police will always attend to protect people from serious harm.

#### **Safer Colchester Partnership Presentation**

Pam Donnelly, Chair of the Safer Colchester Partnership, introduced the organisations of the Safer Colchester Partnership and thanked them and the Colchester Borough Council Community Safety Team for the work undertaken during the year. Pam Donnelly gave the Committee a brief overview of the work undertaken during the year as well as the aims for the next year. Pam Donnelly highlighted that the work of the partnership was vital, with a shared vision to drive down levels of crime and the fear of crime in Colchester. Pam Donnelly also mentioned that the partnership had strengthened with Essex County Council joining the SCP.

#### Councillor Lilley, Portfolio Holder for Planning, Public Safety and Licensing

Councillor Lilley provided the Committee with information relating to the highlights of the Safer Colchester Partnership from 2017-18, including the Street Weeks initiatives and the Nights of Action. Councillor Lilley also highlighted the work with neighbouring authorities with regard to County Lines and need for the Police to work within Town Centre as well as the importance of mental health care. Councillor Lilley also stated that Essex Police were listening to the concerns raised as part of Have Your Say.

Councillor Lilley stated that whilst there has been a reduction in the number of Police Officers, Colchester Borough Council have provided extra funding which will lead to additional Police Community Support Officers being deployed. The additional PCSO's would be able to issue fixed penalty notices, with three based in the Town centre and one in rural areas. Councillor Lilley also highlighted the need for members of the public to report incidents to Essex Police.

#### Melanie Rundle, Community Safety and Initiatives Manager

Melanie Rundle, Community Safety and Initiatives Manager, provided the Committee with further information about a number of events that had taken place over the past year that the Safer Colchester Partnership were involved in, alongside the outcomes. This included an Essex Police and Fire Commissioner conference with a number of different workshops. Outcomes from the workshops included a gangs and vulnerability framework, as well as rural community builders who work closely with the police to develop an at risk register for vulnerable people. A further outcome was in relation to reducing casualties on the road and the Safer Colchester Partnership will be feeding back into the new Fire and Rescue Plan. There was also a conference regarding sexual violence and child sexual abuse, which received positive feedback from those delegates in attendance with regard to providing information, raising awareness and providing tools to help victims and survivors. In addition to this, there was a drama piece called Chelsea's Choice, which toured five secondary schools in Colchester to raise awareness of child sexual exploitation.

#### Chief Inspector Kane, Essex Police

Chief Inspector Kane, informed the Committee that his team had drawn up a Colchester Commitment for Officers and teams, which has a clear vision and underpins the support for officers and teams to deliver safer neighbourhoods.

Chief Inspector Kane stated that they had introduced Street Weeks, in response to listening to communities feedback about local policing. The street weeks aim to increase police visibility after the austerity measures and to maximise and make best use of services to deliver activity that was purposeful in addressing local issues for people. Chief Inspector Kane also stressed that this was a new approach, utilising different resources, with a variety of organisations and engaging with residents from different areas of the Borough over a number of dates. The Committee were informed that this is a form of proactive engagement supplementary to the work done on a daily basis. The idea is to get an understanding of communities, addressing concerns, provide support and referrals, identifying community champions and establish plans and neighbourhood watch to ensure there is a legacy after the street weeks.

So far there have been three street week events, which have been successful. On the second street week event a total of 900 residents were reached, providing engagement and an understanding of the community. To date neighbourhood watch membership has increased by 300.

A fourth street week is due at the end of October and information about this will be published in due course.

Chief Inspector Kane also confirmed that Colchester Borough Council has invested £10,000 over the next two years for the development of Street Weeks. This would contribute to the promotion and frequency of Street Weeks, with one taking place each quarter of the year.

In terms of statistics, during the 12 months up to June 2017 there had been an increase in anti-social behaviour offences of 2.5% equating to 135 more offences. In the following 12 months up to June 2018 there has been a year on year decrease of 2.7%, which equates to 53 fewer offences. This at a time when there is an increased population and increased easy of reporting.

#### **Panel Discussion**

The Panel welcomed the informative presentation and information provide about street weeks.

The Panel discussed and agreed that it would be useful to hold an additional meeting of the Crime and Disorder Committee towards the end of the municipal year to review the plans for the Safer Colchester Partnership for 2019-20.

A member of the Committee raised concerns about the level of drug taking in Colchester and questioned whether the Street Weeks are able to influence this. Chief Inspector Kane stated that there is now a wider network of community champions as a result of the street weeks which increases the amount of information for the Police. In addition, there has been an increase of 50% in the level of stop and search and a focus on intelligence led policing. The idea behind Street Weeks is to build confidence and the communication networks in the communities, as well as increase the numbers participating in neighbourhood watches. There is also the possibility to leave a legacy in a community care plan. The funding from the Council will allow for a digital platform so that members of the public within the community can see what is taking place. Chief Inspector Kane also highlighted that following

information received, six drug warrants and searches have been conducted in the area.

A member of the Committee stressed that residents needed to be made aware that the Streets weeks would have a digital platform so that they can keep up to date.

A member of the Committee question why the report made by Councillor Bourne was not followed up by the Police. In response Chief Inspector Kane stated that he couldn't provide a response due to not knowing the full details. With regard to those who are vulnerable, there are referral and support mechanisms in place. Those individuals identified have a safety plan and a weekly meeting takes place within the Police.

Another member of the Committee highlighted the hard work undertaken by Police Officers and their dedication to the role. They suggested that the Committee should write to the Essex Police and Fire Commissioner outlining concerns with the non-emergency number as they no longer received follow up information from the reports made. In addition, further information about PubWatch and nights of action were requested.

With regard to the Night of Action, Councillor Lilley stated that it is run by the Colchester Borough Council Licensing Team. The next night of action will start earlier so that it incorporates the end of the day, providing opportunities to speak to local businesses. The event would include input from the Army, Colchester Borough Homes as well as the local MP too and knock on doors and speak to businesses. With regard to PubWatch this has grown significantly, and there is now work being down on how to link the pubs together so that when an individual is convicted of antisocial behaviour all pubs in the scheme can be aware. Councillor Lilley encouraged other pubs in the Town to join PubWatch.

A member of the Committee highlighted that there are a high number of initiatives that involve children at schools and yet there are no secondary school representatives on the partnership. Panel members suggested that the Safer Colchester Partnership look to review its membership to include more representation from schools as well as whether there are any other organisations who should be included as well. Patrick Higgs, Director for Local Delivery for the North of Essex at Essex County Council welcomed the suggestion for including direct input from secondary school headteachers. Pam Donnelly confirmed that this issue would be included on the next Safer Colchester agenda, with information brought to the next meeting of the Crime and Disorder Committee.

In response to a question about Operation Diss, Chief Inspector Kane informed the Committee that these are effectively days of action within the Town Centre in support to the Town Centre Action Plan. Two days of action have occurred so far, which had led to significant results, including four crime related arrests and 65 stop and accounts. Days of action include engaging with business and visitors, improving visibility and working with partner organisations. The intention for Operation Diss is to hold more days of action, as they are assisting in prevention of burglaries at Town Centre businesses.

A follow up question was asked with regard to the Public Space Protection Order. Mel Rundle informed the Committee that there had been a review of the PSPO, which had led to a Town Centre Action Plan being formulated. This included

increased Police Patrols and enforcement as well as the scheduling of a meeting every Monday morning with partners to discuss hotspots and criminal activity. Melanie Rundle provided the Committee with information about statistics on the Town Centre Action Plan as well as highlighting that a training session will be hosted with partners on the escalation process as well as information being provided on the powers available to magistrates.

Following a question as to whether PSPO's would be rolled out to other villages, Pam Donnelly stated that this would depend on the need and evidence to introducing a PSPO. The Borough Council's investment will lead to a Police representative in the rural community which would mean that evidence for a PSPO if required would be easier to gather.

In response to a question about St Mary's Car Park, Councillor Lilley confirmed that the Council had assisted those who were homeless and using the car park. If there are further issues Councillor Lilley stated that reports should be submitted to either the Safer Colchester Partnership or to the Zones teams. Pam Donnelly suggested that information regarding how to report crime or areas which need cleaning can be provided to Councillors.

A member of the Committee asked a question about whether the Safer Colchester Partnership were looking at preventative measures, rather than reactive, as this just tends to only temporarily solve the issues and move offenders on to other locations. Pam Donnelly confirmed that the Safer Colchester Partnership are finalising a report about why some young people get involved in Anti-Social Behaviour. The project has been funded by the Start Well project and with involvement from the University of Essex. Pam Donnelly also highlighted that there will be an Anti-Social Behaviour conference taking place on 7 November, to which Councillors will be invited.

In response to a question about whether the partnership were working with the Business Improvement District, Pam Donnelly confirmed that they were working with the BID and that some priorities had been agreed with regard to community safety. Pam Donnelly also stated that the Safer Colchester Partnership would look at the BID as part of its review of partner organisations.

With regard to the funding for PCSO's and street weeks initiatives, a member of the Committee questioned whether this was a one-off initiative. In response Councillor Lilley stated that this would be a two-year initiative which would be reviewed going forward. Pam Donnelley stated that this two-year period would be an opportunity to embed learning and best practice for the scheme. Chief Inspector Kane highlighted that the aim is to be flexible and ensure that results are measured so that there can be a clear business case before the end of the two-year period.

Following a question about drug dealing in the Town Centre, Chief Inspector Kane informed the Committee that if this issue is found quickly it can be dealt with, however if discovered on CCTV then it goes into the intelligence pool. Chief Inspector Kane highlighted that the Police prioritise the response to incidents with serious harm.

A further point was raised with regard to the Safer Colchester Partnership website and twitter pages, which had only limited updates, with five tweets since March 2017. Members of the Safer Colchester Partnership acknowledged that digital engagement

needed to improve and highlighted that the twitter feed would be used for the Street Weeks initiative.

Following a question about the observers scheme pilot within the Annual Partnership Plan, Pam Donnelly highlighted that this scheme was an idea from an Officer to use own frontline staff to act as eyes and ears for signs of modern slavery. This scheme would provide training to enable staff to spot the warning signs and share information accordingly so that appropriate action can be taken. More information on this could be brought to a future Crime and Disorder Committee, where there may be additional staff considered for the scheme.

Members of the Panel thanked the Safer Colchester Partnership for their work over the past twelve months and for attending the meeting.

#### RESOLVED that;

- a) The Committee thanked the Safer Colchester Partnership for attending the meeting.
- b) An additional meeting of the Crime and Disorder Committee take place towards the end of the current municipal year, to look at the priorities for the Safer Colchester Partnership going forward.
- c) The Safer Colchester Partnership review their membership
- d) The Crime and Disorder Committee write to the Essex Police and Fire Commissioners Officer regarding concerns about the 101 non-emergency number.

		Crime and Disorder Committe	ee		Item
Col	chester	26 February 2019			
	Report of Title	Pam Donnelly, Strategic Director for Customer & Relationships Safer Colchester Partnership	Author	Sonia Carr 282978	
	Wards affected	All			

#### 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. This interim report provides the Crime and Disorder Committee with the opportunity to review the work of the Safer Colchester Partnership during the period September 2018 January 2019. Included within the report is background information and an explanation of the role of the Safer Colchester Partnership, work undertaken by the Partnership during September 2018 January 2019 and priorities for 2018/19.
- 1.2. At the Crime and Disorder Committee meeting, key stakeholders, including the Colchester Borough Council Portfolio Holder and Executive Director and Senior Essex Police representative will be in attendance to provide further details to Committee members and to answer any questions that they may have.

#### 2. Action Required

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

#### 3. Reason for Scrutiny

3.1 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 Safer Colchester Partnership in connection with the discharge by the responsible authorities of their statutory crime and disorder reduction functions. However, the Panel agreed at the last meeting on 11/09/2018 that it would be useful to hold an additional meeting of the Crime and Disorder Committee towards the end of the municipal year to review the plans for the Safer Colchester Partnership for 2019-20.

#### 4. Background Information

- 4.1. The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 sets 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' and membership (both statutory and non-statutory) remain the same as those listed in previous report dated September 2018 (point 4.2).
- 4.2. In addition, since September 2018, North Essex Children's and Families Service and North Essex Adult Social Care became members of the Partnership. Furthermore, following a recommendation from the last Crime and Disorder Review Panel meeting on 11/09/2018, Colchester BID have also become a member of the Partnership.

- 4.3. There are many areas where the work of agencies overlaps, and it is more effective to work in partnership to address issues. Also, more effective data sharing between agencies enables partners to target resources to where they are needed most.
- 4.4. 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. Please refer to point 11.1 below for further detail.

#### 5. The Partnership's work during September 18 - January 2019

- 5.1. The Partnership's action plan for 2018-19 continues to focus on 4 priorities:
- Protect vulnerable people by increasing the awareness and reporting of Hidden Harms
- Address Gangs and County Lines by developing intelligence and awareness to support those vulnerable to exploitation
- Reduce the occurrence of violent crime including sexual offences and weapons offences.
- Tackle incidents of high harm, repeat Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) and Hate Crime
- 5.2. The End of Year Performance Report which details the specific work and projects undertaken to address these themes will be produced in April 2019. An example of a couple of projects are detailed below:

#### 5.3 TCAP (Town Centre Action Plan)

A multi-agency Town Centre Action Plan (TCAP) came into force in July 2018, to tackle the persistent issues of begging, street drinking, anti-social behaviour and drug use/selling. The TCAP consists of a package of enforcement, support, awareness and education. The TCAP is supported by a weekly partner meeting which came into force on 6th August 2018, at which Police, Colchester Borough Council, Colchester Borough Homes, Essex CRC and National Probation Service meet to confidentially discuss those individuals who are causing harm, distress or harassment to the public and actions agreed. Alongside the individuals, 'hotspot' locations experiencing anti-social behaviour and crime are also discussed and a course of action to tackle those areas are agreed. These meetings are proving to be invaluable in terms of partnership working and having a full picture of activity in the Town Centre.

A presentation on TCAP will be taking place at the Crime and Disorder Committee meeting.

# 6. Plans for the Partnership's work during the remaining period February – March 2019

- 6.1. To continue the focus on 4 priorities detailed in point 5.1 above.
- 6.2 The Annual Partnership Plan for 18-19 is attached at Appendix A and will be fully updated for end of year reporting in March 2019.

#### 7. Changes during the year

#### 7.1 Team 10

With the primary objective of tackling and addressing ASB, begging and street drinking, a proposal to create a 'Team of 10' assigned to the Castle ward and the geographical area of the Public Space Protection Order was introduced.

Following significant investment from CBC, Essex Police and CBH, Team 10 (launched January 2019), has brought almost £600k of additional resources to address issues of crime and public safety in the Borough and increase public confidence that issues are being addressed.

#### 8. The Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (PFCC)

- 8.1. Cllr Michael Lilley continues to be a member of the Police, Fire and Crime Panel throughout the year, which is the body set up to scrutinise the work of the PFCC. He will be at the meeting to provide an update on the work of the panel and to answer any questions.
- 8.2. The current PFCC, Roger Hirst, held an engagement event in Colchester in October 2018 and members of the public, Councillors and Officers attended to hear about the role and work of the PFCC and ask to ask him questions about Crime and Disorder.

#### 9. Equality, Diversity and Human Rights implications

9.1. No specific Equality and Diversity implications.

#### 10. Strategic Plan References

10.1 This work contributes to the Council's Strategic Plan 2018 - 2021 by working in partnership to tackle crime issues and tacking anti-social behaviour.

#### 11. Consultation

11.1. The Strategic Assessment of Crime and input from partners informed the partnership plan for the 2018-19 period. SCP are currently undertaking a Strategic Assessment of Crime to inform the partnership plan for the period 2019-20 and the target date for completion is 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019.

#### 12. Publicity Considerations

12.1 All publicity aims to achieve a positive reflection of the work of the Safer Colchester Partnership. There is a dedicated website, providing information and advice for residents and members of the public – www.safercolchester.co.uk

#### 13. Financial implications

13.1. 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.

#### 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.

#### 16. Risk Management Implications

16.1. There are no specific risk implications.

#### **Appendices**

Appendix A – SCP Annual Partnership Plan 2018-19

### **ACRONYMS:**

Abbreviation	Description
ASB	Anti-Social Behaviour
CBC	Colchester Borough Council
CBH	Colchester Borough Homes
CCG	Clinical Commissioning Group
CS	Community Safety
CSP	Community Safety Partnership
ECFRS	Essex County Fire & Rescue Service
PFCC	Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner
SCP	Safer Colchester Partnership



#### SAFER COLCHESTER PARTNERSHIP – ANNUAL PARTNERSHIP PLAN 2018 – 2019

Under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 the Partnership is responsible for reducing crime and disorder, reducing re-offending and combating the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances.

The Risk Matrix completed as part of the Strategic Assessment of Crime 17-18 scored and ranked offence types based on a variety of factors, the four highest scoring offence types were:

- 1. Violence with Injury
- 2. Possession of weapons offences
- 3. Rape
- 4. Trafficking Drugs

The scoring from the Risk Matrix, along with the analysis of Hidden Harm areas and partnership data, has identified the priorities that will provide a focus for the Safer Colchester Partnership for the next 12 months (April 18 – March 19):



Protect vulnerable people by increasing the awareness and reporting of Hidden Harms



Address Gangs and County Lines by developing intelligence and awareness to support those vulnerable to exploitation



Reduce the occurrence of violent crime including sexual offences and weapons offences.



Tackle incidents of high harm, repeat Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) and Hate Crime

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#### **Priority One - Protect vulnerable people by increasing the awareness and reporting of Hidden Harms**

The Partnership will aim to increase the understanding and awareness, to both the general public and practitioners, of the Hidden Harms our communities face. Encouraging those children and adults who are affected by these harms to engage with the Partnership or relevant agencies/charities to seek help and support.

#### Priority Two - Address Gangs and County Lines by developing intelligence and awareness to support those vulnerable to exploitation

The Partnership will to continue to develop the intelligence and awareness of this escalating area of criminality, especially focussing on County Lines. To best tackle this issue the Partnership will strive to provide appropriate safeguarding and support to children and adults that are vulnerable to this type of drug-related exploitation (cuckooing/drug running/trafficking of drugs etc.); with a further aim to assist in the disruption of drug-related activities within the community.

#### **Priority Three - Reduce the occurrence of violent crime including sexual offences and weapons offences.**

The Partnership will aim to prevent violent crime using an integrated approach to address the root causes and drivers for crime in conjunction with law enforcement and criminal justice systems. Working collaboratively with associates to investigate and deliver a number of programmes to prevent and reduce violence, to encourage children and adults to make positive life choices for themselves and offering positive alternatives to offending their families and their communities.

#### Priority Four - Tackle incidents of high harm, repeat Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) and Hate Crime

The Partnership will use all available resources and legislation, including utilising Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs), to tackle ASB and violent crime within the borough. In collaboration with partners we will reduce the role of alcohol and drugs in fuelling crime and ASB. Hate crime and ASB affects both children, adults, families and communities and by addressing this type of behaviour and conduct we can help improve the community quality of life. Communities need to understand how hate crime and ASB can impact on an individual and know what actions they can take whether they are the victim or an observer, we will build resilient communities to raise awareness of hate crime and ASB. Reductions in these areas will bring reassurance to residents regarding their personal safety and will assist in reducing crime in the area.



PROJECT / INITIATIVE	OUTCOMES	TIMING / DEADLINE	LEAD AGENCY	SCP KP's	PFCC KP's
Virtual Crew (Year 6 pupils) Pilot	<ul> <li>During July 2018, following consultation with the secondary schools, along with agreement from strategic partners, a pilot of "Virtual Crew" was developed.</li> <li>A series of computer stories designed to mirror the real safety workshops for schoolchildren were developed by 14 students at Colchester Institute. Each of the game scenarios was designed in partnership with The Community Safety Team, with input from Essex Police, Colchester Borough Homes ASB Team and the Children's Society.</li> <li>1006 pupils registered for Virtual Crew from 34 primary schools. 13 schools declined to take part, however 6 of these have confirmed they will take part in 2019. 15 schools showed initial interest, but didn't register.</li> <li>Work is ongoing with the Colchester Institute progressing Virtual Crew development for 2019.</li> </ul>	June 18	CBC	1, 4	6
Gangs line Professional Training	<ul> <li>Delivered on the 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018 to delegates from;</li> <li>Colchester MP Will Quince, Clacton Coastal Academy, Clacton County High, Colchester Academy, Colchester Royal Grammar School, Colchester County High for Girls, Colchester Institute, Colchester Institute, Colchester Institute, Colchester Safer Partnership, Harwich &amp; Dover court, Iceni Academy, Manning tree High School, Thomas Lord Audley,</li> </ul>	Dec 18	CBC	1, 2	5

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Essex Police Ops	Ongoing update from ExPol	Mar 19	EP	1, 2, 3, 4	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
United Against Knife Crime	<ul> <li>Schools based programme where CUFC deliver an interactive workshop around the dangers, effects and links to county lines of knife crime. By April 2019 CUFC would have delivered this to over 10,000 young people throughout Colchester &amp; Tendring.</li> <li>Working alongside Essex Police with the support of local partners with regard to information and real life examples to give as much appropriate and up to date information as possible.</li> </ul>	April 2019	Colchester United Football Club	2	
Gangs line School & College Assemblies / Workshops	<ul> <li>Gangs line training Rowan House on the 19th July and also the 24th September 2018.</li> <li>School (student) workshops have been delivered this year at St Helena School and Colchester Institute. Colchester Academy scheduled for 6<sup>th</sup> July.</li> <li>Sarah Watson <a href="mailto:sarah.watson@colchesteracademy.org.uk">sarah.watson@colchesteracademy.org.uk</a> is the schools point of contact</li> </ul>	Dec 18	CBC	1, 2	5
	NEECA Colchester Campus, Old Heath Community Primary School, St Benedict's Catholic College, The Colne Community School and College, The Gilberd School, The Sixth Form College, The Stanway School, Thurstable School, St Helena School				

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Op Disc Aug 2018 / Sept 2018	Multi agency to tackle town centre issues a/a	Mar 19	EP	2,3,4	1, 2, 4
Local Community Meeting's	<ul> <li>Local Community Meetings (LCM) are multi agency problem solving groups, working alongside the local community to address crime, anti-social behaviour and quality of life issues.</li> </ul>	Mar 19	СВС	1	1
	<ul> <li>Each LCM serves to identify and achieve short, medium and sustainable long term solutions to local community needs.</li> </ul>				
	<ul> <li>Local Community Meetings (LCMs) continued monthly as usual through into 2019, but had also been under review. Following the review some changes have been introduced.</li> </ul>				
	From May 2018 the LCMs continue but with a more streamlined structure;				
	<ul> <li>Police will Chair the meetings. Police will continue to commit to attending all 12 meetings per year (one per month)</li> </ul>				
	<ul> <li>The 12 meetings will be spread around the Borough and held in different locations in order to engage more with the public.</li> </ul>				
	<ul> <li>CBC Community Safety will continue to offer support and where possible a Zone Manager or Warden will attend each meeting and represent CBC.</li> </ul>				

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	<ul> <li>https://www.safercolchester.co.uk/local-community-meetings/</li> <li>https://twitter.com/</li> <li>https://www.essex.police.uk/your-area/colchester/</li> <li>Local Community Meetings 2019 Partnership Review is due to take place on the 6<sup>th</sup> March</li> </ul>				
Mate Crime / Cuckooing Training	<ul> <li>This training focuses on how a vulnerable adult exposed to 'mate crime' can quickly escalate into becoming the victim of cuckooing. It aims to enable staff to have an understanding of the issues relating to Mate crime and Cuckooing, by examine the types of crimes perpetrated, signs and indicators of this abuse, and identify individuals /groups who may be at risk, and identify actions that can be taken to safeguard individuals</li> <li>4 sessions (AM and PM) booked for 29<sup>th</sup> + 30<sup>th</sup> October 2018 delivered.</li> <li>81 delegates over the 4 sessions attended.</li> <li>Ali French ajexclusiveevents1@gmail.com</li> </ul>	Oct 18	CBC	1, 2	5, 6
Street Weeks events	• Highwood's 4 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2018.	Mar 19	SCP	1, 2, 3, 4	1, 2

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<ul> <li>Following the data and door knockings, the issues were identified and a meeting was held as soon as</li> </ul>	
the door knocking session was complete.	
<ul> <li>Comparing to the previous street weeks initiative, the door knocking session took place just over a week prior to the street week itself, it gave enough time to identify the issues.</li> <li>The time frame between the location set and the date of delivery was an acceptable amount of time</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>The Community Day was a great activity. The location at Tesco was perfect in terms of foot-fall. The partners in attendance reached out to a number of the public, it was well received. The partners were able to show case their work. The timing of the event was ideal. Mid-week caught multiple persons going shopping from elderly to young parents.</li> </ul>	
• Successes included;	
<ul> <li>Direct Community engagement immediately prior to action week.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Collating information from this engagement activity.</li> </ul>	
Simply lines of communications with Partners	
<ul> <li>Tesco Highwood's as a location for a community day.</li> </ul>	

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	Coordination with other partner initiatives/operations	
	<ul> <li>St. Michaels Estates 15th - 21st October 2018</li> <li>For this Street Weeks there was a range of partner agencies involved in delivering various activities in and around the St Michael's estate. Essex Police were assisted by Colchester Garrison, Royal Military Police (RMP), Colchester Borough Council Zone Wardens and Civil Enforcement Officers, Essex Fire, Community 360, Neighbourhood Watch, Amey Defence and BFBS.</li> <li>Successes included</li> <li>Over 3 days of door knockings over 500 people were spoken to, of that 275 were Military families</li> <li>coffee morning organised</li> <li>1 community day organised</li> <li>3 Speed gun deployments</li> <li>3 Project Servitor deployments</li> <li>50+ new NHW members</li> </ul>	
	• Colchester's 5th 'Street-Weeks' will take place 21st – 28th February 2019 at Greenstead Ward.	
Premier League Kicks	CUFC community based programme delivers free sports provision and offer a safe space for young people in identified areas across Colchester and Tendring.  April 2019  Colch  Uni  Foot  Cli	ted :ball

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	<ul> <li>CUFC deliver Premier League Kicks sessions throughout the following areas – Clacton, Harwich, Greenstead, Shrub End &amp; Highwoods.</li> <li>As well as sports provision the participants have both volunteering and qualification opportunities provided as well as community safety enrichment and input from project partners.</li> </ul>				
Keep Safe Scheme	<ul> <li>During 2019, a coordinated approach across Essex has been undertaken working with the charity, Keep Safe, to ensure that each Keep Safe locality is able to offer a consistent, viable and robust Keep Safe network offer to vulnerable people in Essex.</li> <li>This has started with the KS venue materials, with revised A4 guidance booklet, revised KS A5 flyer, Alzheimer's Society flyer, Template welcome letter and contents list – all in a presentation folder</li> <li>The web sites have been reviewed and updated.</li> </ul>	Mar 19	CBC	1	6
Night/s of Action	2 <sup>nd</sup> June multi- agency night time operation working with licensees and the SIA scheme	Mar 19	EP/CBC	1, 2, 3, 4	1, 2, 4, 5, 6
Town Centre Action Plan (TCAP)	Initiated August 2018 as a result of increased complaints and issues over the last 12 to 18 months, an action plan has been set up to agree enforcement action, alongside support.	Mar 19	SCP	1, 2, 4	1, 2, 4, 6

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	<ul> <li>Every Tuesday morning a partnership meeting takes place at 0900 to talk through activity the previous week and set actions as a result.</li> <li>A Strategic Group meets every quarter to discuss progress and direction.</li> <li>SWEP – Severe Weather Emergency Provision is in place and recently activated.</li> <li>The initial SWEP provision has been secured for the interim and the key partner is Peabody with space for 6-8 guests.</li> <li>The outreach workers are working with the rough sleepers every day and they are the referrers into</li> </ul>				
Fire Fighters Delivering Differently	<ul> <li>In 2015, ECFRS were one of 25 projects awarded funding from the Department for Communities and Local Government Delivering for Differently in Neighbourhoods (DIN). The funding was geared towards the development of new approaches for delivering services at a neighbourhood level.</li> <li>ECFRS crews worked with partners and local community groups in four Essex communities to develop ideas. Activities were designed to support the delivery of fire safety messages, whilst at the same time enabling the fire service to support the community in other ways. This included developing</li> </ul>	Mar 19	ECFRS	1	6

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	<ul> <li>work with schools, visiting at-risk elderly adults and hosting health awareness events.</li> <li>June 2018; The Service is now rolling this model out across the County over 3 years, under the name of Firefighters Delivering Differently (FFDD) ECFRS explaining that this was about retaining the core function of the ECFRS and could not widen to include e.g. enforcement.</li> </ul>				
MAD (Make a Difference) Days	List to be supplied	Mar 19	СВН	4	2, 6
DRIVE project	<ul> <li>Presentation at RASG Jan 2019 of the evaluation of Year 2 of the Drive Project - A Pilot to Address High Risk Perpetrators of Domestic Abuse dated January 2019</li> <li>Report Conclusion</li> <li>There is evidence from quantitative and qualitative data gathered in Year 2 of the pilot that Drive is reducing abuse and risk to current victims/survivors and children, and doing so to a greater degree than in cases where only support to the victim is being provided, though a suitable response for victims is evidenced as also being a key aspect of this work.</li> <li>The profile of both Drive service users and their family members continues to be better understood and the model developed accordingly. As in Year 1, in Year 2 the profile of perpetrators allocated to Drive is different from the profile of perpetrators</li> </ul>	Mar 19	DRIVE	1, 3	3, 4

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	that attend structured Domestic Violence Perpetrator Programmes, with Drive service users having high levels of additional need and non-DVA offending.				
DA social media campaign	<ul> <li>November 2018 – link with National DA Day and International End Violence Against Women Day (25/11)</li> <li>Bev Jones/Colchester Refuge – market stall in the Town centre on 30<sup>th</sup> November to engage with the public to raise awareness of Refuge and work undertaken.</li> <li>White Ribbon UK</li> <li>The UN International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women is on 25th November. This is the first day of the 16 Days of Action,</li> <li>White Ribbon UK works predominantly with men, asking them to stand up and take responsibility in ending violence against women, as it is still considered a 'women's issue'. By an overwhelming majority, most violence against women is perpetrated by men, and this can only be changed by ending the sexist cultures that give rise to abuse against women.</li> <li>Partnership action included publicity via social media and CBC corporate communications.</li> <li>CBC Internal initiatives to encourage sing up by both individuals and by the organization;</li> <li>Pledge</li> <li>Only by fully understanding the oppressive balance of power in our society can men affect change. Sign</li> </ul>	Nov 18	CBC	1, 3	3

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	<ul> <li>up to become an ambassador, and complete our free e-learning course</li> <li>Sign up</li> <li>Organisations can gain White Ribbon Status by filling in an action plan to ensure policies are in place to safeguard women both in their workplace and client-side, including signposting, information, campaign literature and staff training:</li> </ul>				
Observers Scheme Pilot	To be launched Feb 2019	Dec 18	СВС	1	6
Crimestoppers campaigns	Cuckooing / Rural Crime	Mar 19	CS	1, 2	2, 5, 6
Youth ASB Hotspot Pilot	Detached youth work sessions to engage with disaffected young people. Sessions ended July 18. Stakeholder event Oct 18 to present finding and discuss recommendations.	Oct 18	СВС	1, 2, 3	2, 4, 5, 6
Taxi's CSE awareness	Linking into MACE recommendations	Mar 19	CBC	1	4, 5, 6
Firebreak	February 2019 CBC Community Activities with ECFRS.		ECFRS / SCP	4	
	<ul> <li>CBC Zone 6 have been successful in gaining funding for £4000 from CBH for the Colchester Youth</li> </ul>				
	Project. This means ten youths can attend a 'Fire Inspire Course' run by the Fire Service. This will be				
	aimed at youth's 13-17yrs that have already passed an initial week's Firebreak Course and can now go				
	on and progress even further. It will include preparing young people for employment and				

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	preparing for interviews, CV preparation and the importance of gaining employment. Alcohol and substance misuse awareness sessions will also be included along with other important topics. The course also encourages Community engagement and the possibilities of volunteering. Fitness' as modern healthier lifestyle with good nutritional choices for life. As well as all this the course will build self-esteem and build confidence and at the end of the programme each student will gain an accreditation from the Assessment and Qualifications Alliance as well as personal testimonials and certificates relating to first aid, fire safety awareness and water safety.				
Behind Closed Doors Conference	<ul> <li>Kate Evans "Stop the Traffik" Modern Slavery Community Coordinator Domestic Servitude / Forced Marriage Conference which took place on 30 October 2018</li> <li>Conference attendance was targeted, with invitations sent to BAME community group representatives, voluntary groups who are already trusted by vulnerable communities, community groups, as well as statutory organisations who are working with these issues. 80 people attended.</li> <li>This conference was aimed at increasing awareness amongst a wide group of people in the community and offering information and support routes. The</li> </ul>	Oct 18	Stop the traffik / CST	1, 3	

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Reclaim the Night Awareness Walk	Speakers in the morning were inspirational in raising awareness of Sexual Exploitation, Forced Marriage and Domestic Servitude, and challenged the community to action, and the speakers in the afternoon spoke about local support services.  Next Steps  The need to support BAME groups in understanding UK law in relation to Safeguarding has emerged as an important issue. There will be a Conference at First Site on the 12th March, aimed at supporting BAME groups to look at relevant issues where cultural norms and expectations may be different from UK safeguarding law.  Domestic Servitude Project — Awareness raising campaign from May 2019  Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> November over 200 people standing together and making a lot of noise! People made banners and came to find out more about CARA. The whole day was a real success! We have a selection of photos from the night on our website: https://caraessex.org.uk/news/photos-from-colchester-reclaim-the-night-2018	Nov 18	CARA / CS team	1, 3	
Funding	Purpose		Cost		
Open Road	Funding for the provision of acid attack its	October 2018	£360		
Pub watch committee	provision of drug wipes		£115		

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