Crime and Disorder Committee Meeting

Grand Jury Room, Town Hall, High Street, Colchester, CO1 1PJ
Tuesday, 11 September 2018 at 18:00

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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, 11 September 2018 at 18:00

Member:

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

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**

The Chairman will welcome members of the public and Councillors and remind everyone to use microphones at all times when they are speaking. The Chairman will also explain action in the event of an emergency, mobile phones switched to silent, audio-recording of the meeting. Councillors who are members of the committee will introduce themselves.

2 **Substitutions**

Councillors will be asked to say if they are attending on behalf of a Committee member who is absent.

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**

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5 **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Councillors will be invited to confirm that the minutes are a correct record of the meeting held on 12 September 2017 and 23 May 2018.

12 September 2017 7 - 12

23 May 2018 13 - 14

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** 15 - 32

This report provides the Crime and Disorder Committee with the opportunity to review the work of the Safer Colchester Partnership during 2017-18.

8 **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

12 SEPTEMBER 2017

Present:-	Councillor Arnold, Councillor Coleman, Councillor Davies, Councillor Fox, Councillor Hogg, Councillor Scordis, Councillor Wood
Also present:-	Councillor Buston, Councillor Feltham, Councillor Harris, Councillor L.Scott-Boutell

13. Minutes

Following an amendment to the minutes from the meeting held 24 May 2017, Item 12 to reflect that Councillor Arnold was elected Deputy Chairman, the minutes of the meetings held on 20 September 2016 and 24 May 2017 were confirmed as a correct record.

14. Safer Colchester Partnership

Councillor Hogg (in response of his Directorship of Colchester Borough Homes and as a Personal License Holder for the Oak Tree Centre) declared a non-pecuniary interest in the following item pursuant to the provisions of Meetings General Procedure Rule 7(5).

Councillor Harris

Councillor Harris raised concerns about the reduction in policing numbers, incidents occurring in Colchester and the public perception that the police are powerless to assist. Councillor Harris stressed the importance of distributing the message that the Police are doing what they can.

Councillor Harris also highlighted the importance of involving the community, citing examples of previous targeted days of action. Councillor Harris informed the Committee that he was concerned about gang culture in Colchester and the need to prevent it from escalating and impacting young adults in the Borough. Councillor Harris stated that he was aware of the work that Colchester Borough Homes, the Zones teams and the Police are doing, but more needed to be done.

Councillor Harris highlighted the public protection work carried out by local councillors and neighbourhood watch panels in the area, but stress that further work is needed. Councillor Harris thanked the Police for their work, and highlighted the need to focus on support in the community.

Response

Chief Inspector Kane, Essex Police, welcomed the contribution from Councillor Harris, and noted the points made. Chief Inspector Kane informed Councillor Harris and the Committee that new initiatives will be launched shortly which aim to address public perception issues. Pamela Donnelly, Safer Colchester Partnership Chair, confirmed that all members of the Community Safety Partnership are committed to the plans outlined by Chief Inspector Kane and that community engagement is important to the whole partnership.

Councillor Lesley Scott-Boutell

Councillor Scott-Boutell made the Panel aware of an issue relating to an ongoing investigation regarding a constituent. Councillor Scott-Boutell highlighted issues around safety as well as the limited police resources, which restrict the ability of the Police to gather intelligence.

Response

Councillor Davies thanked Councillor Lesley Scott-Boutell for attending the meeting and informed her that a response would be covered in the presentation later.

Miss Whyte

Miss Whyte informed the Committee that her wheelchair had recently be stolen. Whilst the information was passed on to the Police no Officers were sent to gather further information. This resulted in the only viable option being to replace the wheelchair which could not be afforded. Miss Whyte stated that she was concerned that, given her experience, Essex Police were not looking after vulnerable people in the community.

Response

Chief Inspector Shaun Kane provided reassurance to Miss Whyte that every contact made to the Police gets recorded, with those dialling 999 receiving emergency assistance. Those incidents where the threat of harm or risk is smaller will fall outside of the emergency response time, but remain very important. Chief Inspector Kane recognised the importance of members of the public feeling valued by the Police and suggested to Miss Whyte that he would be happy to hold further discussions regarding her case after the meeting.

Ms Lennon

Ms Lennon informed the Committee of a number of incidents which had affected her son over the past few years and also caused issues at her property. Ms Lennon also raised concerns regarding the emergency response times after an experience where the Police took over 19 minutes to arrive at a dangerous situation.

Response

In response to Ms Lennon, Chief Inspector Kane stated that further details of this particular case could be looked at outside of the meeting. Inspector Kane confirmed that Essex Police

have the resources to respond to emergencies, but wouldn't be able to provide comment on that particular incident.

Mrs Drury

Mrs Drury highlighted concerns regarding anti-social behaviour in the Arts Centre Church Yard which is affecting those living in the sheltered housing accommodation nearby. Mrs Drury explained that the situation started when a Public Space Protection Order was put in place in the car park, which shifted the individuals causing issues to the Church Yard. Mrs Drury informed the Committee that the residents had regularly seen drug paraphernalia and smelt drug use in the area. Mrs Drury also informed the Committee that the individuals in question had been using the Church Yard as a toilet. Mrs Drury requested that the current PSPO be extended to include St Mary's Church Yard.

Response

Inspector Danielle Booth confirmed to Mrs Drury that as of today a dispersal order had been signed for that area in anticipation of the potential town centre PSPO. Inspector Booth confirmed that the expectation would be that police would patrol this area when possible, and hopefully on a daily basis.

Members of the Panel welcomed the contribution from Mrs Drury and assured her that comments made this evening would be passed on to be included in the Public Space Protection Order consultation, which will then be discussed by the Scrutiny Panel on 27 September.

Safer Colchester Partnership Presentation

Pamela Donnelly, Chair of the Safety Colchester Partnership, stressed the importance of community safety in Colchester and informed the Committee that the presentation would focus on gangs in Colchester. Pamela Donnelly gave apologies from the Portfolio Holder for Safer Communities and Licensing who was unable to make the meeting.

Chief Inspector Kane introduced himself to the Committee and provided a brief background on his policing career, he commented that he was pleased and privileged to have been selected for the Chief Inspector role in Colchester.

Chief Inspector Kane confirmed that the main aims are to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour whilst increasing public confidence. This would build on the success of the steps taken in managing the night time economy, and use a number of initiatives that have been seen in other areas of the Country. Chief Inspector Kane also highlighted that Essex Police will work smarter with the reduced government funding to provide local policing. Chief Inspector Kane stated that the priority is responding to emergencies and protecting people. If an individual contacts 999, they will receive emergency assistance and police support.

With regard to the initiatives, they will be focused on accessibility and visibility. One of the initiatives is to hold street weeks in different areas of the community on a regular basis. This

would address those quality of life issues with residents, low level theft as well as gang concerns and anti-social behaviour.

Chief Inspector Kane also informed the Panel of a concept where the Partnership can bring together resources to target those top people who are hurting communities, particularly those repeat offenders. Councillors and local MP's will be invited to join on the initiatives that have been proposed. Chief Inspector Kane stated that communities will be at the heart of the work, and that he is committed to make Colchester as safe as it can be.

Melanie Rundle, Community Safety and Initiatives Manager, and Sonia Carr, Community Safety Co-ordinator gave the Committee a presentation covering the last twelve months work at the Safer Colchester Partnership. This included the commissioning of a Local Authority Process Review to assess and understand gang issues in Colchester. As well as utilising the Community Safety hub at the Police station, the hidden harms conference and work within schools. All of these aspects have helped to provide a picture of the hidden vulnerabilities and what is happening in the Borough. Work has also been taking place with Operation Raptor.

With regard to the Local Authority Process review, interviews were conducted with 60 practitioners that had awareness of gangs. A total of eight recommendations for Colchester Borough Council were made as a result of the review, one of which was to have a specific point of contact. The partnership is working together to overcome the issues identified and a Community Safety Support Officer has since been recruited. Gangsline has also been used to provide training to professionals, one to one mentoring as well as visiting secondary schools to provide support.

With regard to Operation Raptor, Chief Inspector Kane stated that this was dedicated to gang intelligence. This includes the causes of the gang violence, the links with London and the requirement for intervention to move individuals away from offending. Chief Inspector Kane also highlighted that Essex Police had employed an analyst to assist in this area.

With regard to the position of Community Safety Support Officer, the Officer responsible stated that he was working with approximately 25-26 young people who have multiple vulnerabilities. The Officer explained that gangs from London come to Colchester and take over the household of a vulnerable individual. His role is to meet the vulnerable individual, assess the level of needs and ensure that they are referred to the relevant agencies. Many of the people in this role often live chaotic lives and have slipped through the net of existing support services.

The role of Community Safety Support Officer is unique as it sits between both those who need the assistance and the Police force. The role is also about developing trust with vulnerable individual, representing and assisting them at meetings. Work is also carried out with debt relief as well as mental health services. There is also work in partnership with Community360 to assist people back into the job market.

The Community Safety Support Officer provided the Committee with a brief example of an individual that he had worked with. The individual whose address had been taken over by a drug dealing gang, had struggled to access support, and had been drawn into negative and destructive friendships. Through guidance and support, the individual has now been rehoused and it making good progress.

The Community Safety Support Officer stated that the role has only touched the surface, working with adults, however there is increasing concern regarding young people. It was also confirmed that the awareness of agencies in Colchester to this problem is growing. Communities also need to be empowered and strengthened and to be aware of neighbours.

The Committee thanked the Officers for the presentation and information provided about the work of the Safer Colchester Partnership.

The Committee asked a number of questions regarding the role of the Community Safety Support Officer. In response to the questions the Officer confirmed that gangs are becoming more sophisticated. Whilst the focus of the work is on the victims there could be further work done with the perpetrators to assist with this issue. In terms of the length of time that the role would be in place, it was confirmed that it is initially for one year only as it was linked to a specific Department of Work and Pensions funding role. In order to continue the role beyond January an application for further funding would be required.

In response to a query about what else could be done to assist those who are vulnerable, the Community Safety Support Officer stated that work had to be done in conjunction with partner authorities. With regard to social isolation, Community360 have started a social prescription project, although it can be difficult to encourage individuals to sign up to it. If someone is socially isolated it is difficult for agencies to know who they are, but easier for gang members to exploit them.

A further query was raised about how Councillors can assist with this and in reducing the level of anti-social behaviour. In response, Chief Inspector Kane stated that communities are stronger together with neighbourhood awareness. The Community Safety Hub has assisted with this issue and will continue to grow. Commitment from both the Police and Partnership will make it an uncomfortable place for those who commit anti-social behaviour. The number of incidents categorised as anti-social behaviour increased by 107, which is a 2% year on year increase. Chief Inspector Kane highlighted the proposals for Street weeks which would assist with a collective partnership approach to tackling antisocial behaviour.

Pamela Donnelly stated that everyone has a role to play in Community Cohesion. Pamela Donnelly also highlighted the work undertaken with Colchester Borough Homes in responding to Anti-social behaviour.

A Committee member questioned what was being done to improve the reporting of crime. In response Chief Inspector Kane confirmed that the Police would continue to educate members of the public to report crimes and to the correct forum. The information provided through systems like the 101 non-emergency number is very important and is put through to the Police.

Chief Inspector Kane also provided reassurance that he was committed to working in Colchester and wanted to build long term relationships and consistency whilst in post.

In response to a question regarding Neighbourhood watch, Inspector Danielle Booth confirmed that the neighbourhood watch coordinators had been made aware of the street weeks and were supportive of the initiative.

The Committee expressed thanks to the Safer Colchester Partnership and the Community Safety team and partners for the information provided and work undertaken during the year, which has provided reassurance on the issues faced in the Borough.

RESOLVED that;

a) The Committee express thanks to the Safer Colchester Partnership and partners for the work during the year.
b) the Committee reviewed the work of the Safer Colchester Partnership during 2016/17.

CRIME AND DISORDER COMMITTEE

23 MAY 2018

Present:- Councillor Davies (Chairman), Councillor Bentley, Councillor Coleman, Councillor Hayter, Councillor Luxford Vaughan, Councillor Scordis, Councillor Wood

15. Appointment of Chairman

RESOLVED that Councillor Davies be appointed as Chairman for the ensuing municipal year.

16. Appointment of Deputy Chairman

RESOLVED that Councillor Bentley be appointed as Deputy Chairman for the ensuing municipal year.

Colchester

Crime and Disorder Committee

Item **7**

11 September 2018

Report of	**Pam Donnelly, Strategic Director for Customer & Relationships**	**Author**	**Melanie Rundle** ☏ **508816**
Title	**Safer Colchester Partnership**		
Wards affected	All		

1. Executive Summary

1.1. This report provides the Crime and Disorder Committee with the opportunity to review the work of the Safer Colchester Partnership during 2017-18. Included within the report is background information and an explanation of the role of the Safer Colchester Partnership, work undertaken by the Partnership during 2017/18 and priorities for 2018/19. The report also details changes that have occurred during the year and information on the role of the Essex Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (PCC).

1.2. At the Crime and Disorder Committee meeting, key stakeholders, including the Colchester Borough Council Portfolio Holder and Executive Director and Essex Police Chief Inspector 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.

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’.

4.2. The Safer Colchester Partnership (SCP) was set up in order to deliver this statutory duty and includes a variety of partners: Colchester Borough Council (CBC), Essex Police, Essex County Fire & Rescue Service (ECFRS), Essex Probation, Essex Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC) Community 360 (formerly Colchester Community Voluntary Services), Colchester Garrison, Essex County Council, Colchester Borough Homes (CBH) and Essex University.

4.3. In addition, from April 2013 the North East Essex Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) was also required to become a member of the partnership.

4.4. 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 Essex 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.

4.5. 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.

5. The Partnership's work during 2017-18

5.1. The Partnership's action plan for 2017-18 focussed on 3 priorities:

- To reduce the occurrence of violent crime and fear of being a victim of violent crime
- To improve community resilience to reduce the threat of vulnerability and exploitation
- To tackle the incidents of high harm, repeat Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

5.2. The End of Year Performance Report which details the specific work and projects undertaken to address these themes is attached at Appendix A.

5.3 Funding secured to extend contract for Community Safety Support Officer for a period of 12 months to work with and support vulnerable adults at risk of being/currently being criminally exploited by gangs.

5.4 Gangsline were commissioned by the PFCC in 2016 to deliver 1-2-1 mentoring, school assemblies and professionals training to raise awareness and build resilience against the negative influences of street gang culture. Its mentoring service provides a proactive and reactive approach that offers support and exit strategies to young men and women involved in gangs, and an effective prevention service to young people on the peripheries of gang activity. In schools, and with professionals training the hard-hitting presentation teaches the young people about local gangs, the makeup of a gang member, female sexual exploitation, grooming and initiation into gangs and the dangers of drugs. In 2017/ 2018, Gangsline delivered assemblies to 95 pupils in Colchester, and reaching 1500 pupils in the early part of 2018. To date, 105 frontline professionals have received the awareness session, with a further 100 scheduled to attend later this year.

5.5 In January 2018, A Detached Youth Work project was delivered by the Youth Service, running alongside some work with Essex University. The aims were to identify and implement the necessary interventions to tackle and reduce levels of youth anti-social behaviour (ASB) within two 'hotspot' areas of Colchester. The Detached Youth Work acted as a disruption activity to disperse potential criminal activity, but with working alongside young people they can raise their awareness of the grooming process and their own vulnerabilities.

6. Plans for the Partnership's work during 2018-19

6.1. The priorities for 2018-19 are:

- 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

6.2 *(The Annual Partnership Plan for 18-19 is attached at Appendix B)*

6.3 Public Space Protection Order (PSPO)

Following a partnership review of the PSPO in July 2018, the decision was taken for it to remain in place for the full 3 year term. An Action plan has been put in place to ensure all relevant issues are tackled and partners work together to implement long term solutions.

7. Changes during the year

7.1. Police colleagues have implemented 2 new significant projects in the borough in the last 12 months:

7.2 **Operation Diss**

7.3 This multi-agency operation targets ASB linked to:

- Begging - passive or active or aggressive
- Street Drinking - often in groups that appear intimidating
- Use of foul and abusive language
- Drunkenness or intoxication through drugs.

7.4 The operation is aimed at ensuring that the community can enjoy the town centre without fear of being intimidated / threatened or begged for money or have to witness anti-social behaviour.

7.5 **Street Weeks**

7.6 This is a high visibility multi-agency location focused initiative which involves partners working together at street level to support local communities in tackling local issues.

7.6 The initiative is aimed at promoting a better quality of life in our communities together with transforming the way public services are delivered by ensuring that they are joined up, pro-active, intelligence led, responsive and visible.

7.7 This multi-agency approach includes activities aimed at:

- Reducing Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)
- Establishing local Community Care Plans
- Proactive identification of Hidden Harm and Vulnerability
- Increasing Community Safety, Confidence and Satisfaction
- Targeting Quality of Life issues by having the right people from the right agencies in the right place working together at the right time
- Proactive multi-agency interventions to reduce reoffending

7.8 Chief Inspector Shaun Kane will be available at the Scrutiny Meeting to answer any questions on the nature and scale of any projects.

8. The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC)

8.1. Cllr Michael Lilley was 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 January November 2017 and invited members of the public to attend. He also worked in partnership with Safer Essex to provide a partnership event "Partnerships in Action" in March 2018. The event had over 150 attendees from a variety of organisations with an interest in Community Safety and the feedback was excellent.

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 2015-18 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 has informed the partnership plan for the year.

12. Publicity Considerations

12.1 All publicity tries 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 End of Year Performance Report 2017-18
- Appendix B – 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
PCC	Police and Crime Commissioner
SCP	Safer Colchester Partnership

Colchester Community Safety Partnership
Year-end performance report for 2017-2018

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 requires the Community Safety Partnerships to complete an annual partnership plan. The legislation also places a joint responsibility upon specific agencies to work together to protect the local community from crime, and to help people feel safer.

The Safer Colchester Partnership consists of representatives from the following statutory authorities:

* Colchester Borough Council (CBC)
* Essex Police
* Essex County Fire and Rescue Service
* Essex Community Rehabilitation Company
* Essex County Council
* National Probation Service

Safer Colchester Partnership also consists of non-statutory representatives from:

* Colchester Garrison
* University of Essex
* Community 360
* Colchester Borough Homes

Overview: This report provides information on performance towards achieving the Annual Partnership Plan targets.

The strategic key priorities for 2017-2018 are:

1) To reduce the occurrence of violent crime and fear of being a victim of violent crime
2) To improve community resilience to reduce the threat of vulnerability and exploitation
3) To tackle the incidents of high harm, repeat Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

KEY PRIORITY 1:
To reduce the occurrence of violent crime and fear of being a victim of violent crime

Targets:

- **Share data and good practice**
- **Develop an understanding of violent crime (CSP Analyst)**
- **Tackle alcohol related harm**
- **Deliver enforcement operations around hidden harms (gangs, modern slavery, child sexual exploitation, domestic abuse, night time economy)**

Outcomes:

- The Safer Colchester Partnership Webpage and Twitter account continue to be widely used. The Safer Colchester Twitter account was used during the 16 days of action to raise awareness of domestic abuse and its sometimes fatal consequences.
- Community Safety Hub at Colchester Police Station continues to be utilised by a number of agencies improving communications and providing a more reactive response to issues
- CSP Analyst in post for North LPA – joint work with CBC Community Safety team to produce Strategic Assessment of Crime and joint working to identify hotspot areas within the borough for emerging crime trends.
- Work with CSP Analyst to obtain knowledge of how crimes are reported and categorised
- CBC Community Safety Officer provided with access to police systems in order to evaluate trends/data
- Safer Colchester Operational Group (SCOG) continues to maintain a good membership with attendance of approx. 25 agencies at each 6 weekly meeting
- Operation Mauritius: Violence with injury commenced at the beginning of October 17 and resulted in: 5 Intelligence reports, 1 arrest for burglary, 8 Cannabis warnings, 2 Drug possession with intent to supply, 4 Cannabis possession, 1 going equipped, 1 Assault ABH, 1 bladed article, 1 drug driving, 1 recall to prison, 8 weapons seized.
- Operation Septor (see street weeks also) An event took place on 10th July 17 to raise awareness of knife crime – police conducted visits with identified individuals and awareness raised regarding the knife amnesty bins he town centre were visited and provided with CSE information. Essex Police targeted youths who it already had intelligence on for multiple incidents, to include home visits in an attempt to change behaviours.
- Operation Gallery successfully ran in 2017, with Essex Police, Fire services, Immigration, CBC and HMRC all working together to tackle issues. There were 15 victims of human trafficking revealed. A nail bar was found to have a 16 year old girl in who had been trafficked into the UK - an arrest was made on the owner and girl was safeguarded. Essex Police are planning to run this Operation quarterly. This will be a week of action will also cover any crime that comes into the Police Key Priorities.

- Operation Make safe successfully delivered the week commencing 10th July 2017 with a focus on modern slavery and CSE. Six nails bars were visited by Essex Police and HMRC resulting in potential issues found at 4 premises, a potential victim of modern slavery was identified (see above), 7 hotels within the town centre were visited and provided with CSE information
- A high profile, 12 hour night of action took place on 27th October 2017, to educate the general public about keeping the town clean and safe with enforcement where necessary. An increased multi agency presence in the town on a busy Friday night was well received by the public and trade alike. Essex Police made 2 arrests for Drunk & Disorderly and Specials/ANPR carried out an operation with taxis working 1500-0300 to issue FPNS: littering (38), urinating and to move on beggars and offer advice on the PSPO. NEPP issued 101 PCN's, the camera car issued 15 other tickets (including parking in taxi rank, driving in bus lanes), the SOS bus assisted 14 persons with medical help, took 2 persons home by minibus and a further 2 to A&E. CBC Zone Wardens were available to speak to businesses regarding the ban of A Boards and educate on business waste. CBC Licensing, Food and Safety and Noise Teams carried out inspections. Joint patrols with RMP provided visible presence. A further night of action is planned for the month of April 2018.
- Street Weeks initiative, a new initiative allowing police to 'listen' to local people and take appropriate action. The first "Street Weeks" event took place in the Monkwick area from the 23rd October. Several partners were involved in the event (Police, One Support, ECFRS, CBH, CBC, Adult Social Care, and C360). The event resulted in over 1000 hits on social media for NHW and 250 likes on Essex Police Facebook page, Intel received from Crimestoppers resulted in evidence for Magistrates relating to Drug offences, ECFRS gave advice to 500 households, 12 people requested information on Special Constables / Active Citizens. The second Streets Weeks initiative, was undertaken in New Town from the 12th February 2018. Door knocking took place two weeks prior to event launch to establish communities' issues. Doors knocked on - over 900 doors Zone Warden Activities Hidden Harm Visits Volunteer Police Cadets, PC – Cadet Leader Eden Quinn, Operation Sceptre (knife crime), Warrants, Media/Social Media e.g. Gazette article regarding Drugs Warrant, Community events e.g. engaged with children outside of the Schools and the use of speed detection equipment. Further Street Weeks operation to be delivered in June 2018.
- Work in partnership with Purple Flag / ATCM / LEG / LAAA2 to promote and contribute to Purple Flag accreditation for the Town Centre. Purple Flag accreditation, run by the ATCM has now ended and Colchester has decided not to reapply for this. CBC are however embedding the principles of Purple Flag into its early evening and night time economy plans through the Licensing Enforcement Group (LEG) and working with the trade. CBC is still part of the Home Office LAAA2 cohort and regularly attends joint seminars to share learning and gain insight from other similar authorities which is proving very useful. CBC is currently working with partners on a new Night Time Economy Plan to take forward into the new 2018 financial year and this will incorporate several projects and schemes from the LAAA work

KEY PRIORITY 2:
To improve community resilience to reduce the threat of vulnerability and exploitation

Targets:

- **Raise awareness of hidden harms (gangs, modern slavery, child sexual exploitation, domestic abuse, night time economy)**
- **Protect and support vulnerable residents at risk of exploitation**
- **Raise awareness of digital and cyber crime**
- **Raise awareness of prevent/counter terrorism**

Outcomes:

- Crucial Crew (Year 6 pupils) was successfully delivered during 5-16 June 2017. 4 Community Safety scenarios were delivered, including ASB, Drugs and Alcohol, Internet Safety/Online Grooming and Fire Safety. 56 schools came for the events totalling 1970 pupils. SCP are currently working with the Colchester Institute and the Essex University Games Hub to design an on line version ('Virtual Crew') to be rolled out in July 2018.
- Essex Police Anti-Slavery Coordinator has delivered 6 awareness raising workshops to professionals
- CARA, in partnership with SCP and Community 360, hosted a conference on sexual violence and child sexual abuse on 6th February 2018 at Firstsite.132 delegates attended the conference, representing a wide range of organisations including Essex Police, Sexual Assault Referral Centres (SARCs), adults and children's social care, the NHS, the Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner in Essex, Essex University, Virgin Care and voluntary sector organisations including Barnardo's, Youth Enquiries Service (YES), Beacon House and many others. Several private counsellors and psychotherapists also attended. CARA has evidence that conference has increased understanding of trauma reactions from professional referrals.
- J9 training delivered to multi-agency partners in 2017 including members from SCP. Colchester are now part of the J9 scheme so continue to participate in the J9 programme for victims of domestic abuse.
- PFCC commissioned Gangsline to deliver a 2 year service to 6 districts across Essex – Colchester being 1 of those areas. Gangsline are working with 14-24 age group, those at risk of or affected by gangs. Service will consist of 1-2-1 mentoring, Professionals Training and Schools Awareness sessions/Assemblies. Discussions are ongoing to complete this during 2018 (3 schools and 1 Pupil Referral Unit). 120 Professionals from partner agencies received the Professionals Training in 2017 with further sessions being arranged for 2018 (during June, July, Sept and Oct 2018.
- Maintain and extend the Keep Safe scheme across the borough to reduce the risk of vulnerable people becoming victims of crime The scheme now has approx. 205 vulnerable adults and approx.23 venues. The scheme underwent a county relaunch in 2017 including extending to older people and discussions around introducing a mobile APP. New promotional materials have been produced.
- YSG Commissioned 'Alter ego' to raise awareness of CSE with young people in 5 secondary schools in Colchester via Chelsea's Choice drama piece. YSG also offered 6 adult performances of the drama piece across the county (Stanway School in Sept 2017). Following the drama piece, 20 young people (10 from Colchester) were identified to attend a residential on Risky behaviours.
- Task and Finish Group researching campaigns to raise awareness and educate the public on the issue of begging

- DRIVE project - A 3 year pilot behaviour change programme for perpetrators of domestic abuse, the programme is to work with priority perpetrators who are not yet part of the Criminal Justice System, began Jan 2016. As of March 2018, there were 87 closed cases for Essex, and 84 open cases.
- Domestic Abuse Awareness Crimestoppers campaign launched August 2017 to help Essex healthcare professionals take action against domestic abuse.
- DWP went ahead with funding for Community Safety Support Officer, to work alongside those individuals deemed as vulnerable or at risk of exploitation from criminal gang activity, from January 2017 – January 2018. CSSO worked with a caseload of chaotic, vulnerable adults who were being criminally exploited, providing them with intensive 121 support. Also to raise awareness of the gangs/county lines issue in Colchester.
- CSSO role has now changed to Safer Communities Officer (January 2018 – March 2019) with the purpose of raising awareness on the issues relating to 'county lines with [professionals, schools and communities by delivering or commissioning training and awareness sessions. SCO will also act as Gangs/Vulnerability SPOC for Colchester, offering advice of service provision for victims, setting up a directory of services and building a true picture of the issues affecting the borough.
- Essex Youth Offending Service Gangs Team set up the SVEF (Serious Violence and Exploitation Framework) in September; a pilot covering Colchester and Tendring in which names of vulnerable young people and adults are fed into a core group of agencies, who will meet and discuss on a monthly basis and agree appropriate course of action for each case.
- LCAPs revamped and rebranded as LCM's to encourage more public participation. Police to attend 12 meetings per year (1 per month). Public encouraged to attend any LCM, not restricted to local area. LCM's will be reviewed October 2018
- Domestic Abuse awareness raising - social media campaign – supported ECC DA Communications team with the Essex wide campaign in Nov 2017
- CBC Licensing have raised awareness of CSE with Taxi drivers in the borough via the 'I Didn't Know' campaign. Further Taxi driver training is due to be delivered by CBC Licensing in 2018
- MAD (Make a Difference) Days delivered by CBH throughout 2017 to enable CBC tenants to become involved in making a difference to their area and improve their quality of life. Events took place in Tiptree, Greenstead, Shrub End, St Anne's, Old Heath and Berechurch wards.

KEY PRIORITY 3:
To tackle the incidents of high harm, repeat Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

Targets:

- **Tackle and raise awareness of hate crime**
- **Tackle repeat youth ASB and low level gangs nuisance**

Utilise ASB tools and powers to tackle high profile issues (aggressive begging, rough sleeping, street drinking, retail crime)

Outcomes:

- Event successfully took place on 12th July 17 to tackle issues of begging and rough sleeping. The day incorporated high visibility, multi-agency patrols (CBC, Police and CBH) to both reassure the public but also signpost and support those individuals identified. 16 rough sleepers and/or beggars were engaged with, a clean-up operation took place and other activities under Operation Gallery took place.
- CHASUP Group (multi agency) – still in operation – names of rough sleepers/beggars discussed in order to establish whether they are in fact homeless or housed and action plans for support put into place.
- Beacon House Ministries were delighted to win the coveted Essex High Sheriffs' Shield recognizing the care and support provided to people who find themselves homeless in the Colchester area.
- Startwell Anti-Social Behaviour Project: CBC's Safer Colchester Partnership is investing in new research that will assist the development of interventions to reduce ASB, improve the life chances of marginal young people, make better use of community assets, and promote inclusive economic growth and prosperity. Two Youth Workers started to engage with young people, via detached youth work, in identified hotspot areas (Town Centre and New Town) in February 2018, build relationships with them, establish their patterns of behaviour and identify any areas of concern. Once relationships have been built with the young people, the Youth Worker's will explore diversionary activities to move them away from their current ASB related activity. University of Essex also have a team of researchers working alongside the project, conducting their own research, which will contribute to the evaluation process. Detached youth work ends July 218, with final evaluation being competed August 2018 and stakeholder conference being arranged for September to showcase finding of the project.
- PSPO for town centre car parks was adopted on 15th May 2017 and will restrict the following activities: Use of the designated areas for anything other than parking vehicles, behaving in a manner that is likely to result in any member of the public being intimidated, harassed, alarmed or distressed, consuming alcohol or using drugs within the designated areas. This follows a high number of complaints to both the Council and the Police from local residents and visitors about anti-social behaviour including: Speeding and loud music playing from vehicles, causing a nuisance and distress, persons gathering to consume alcohol, use drugs, defecating and urinating, wilful damage to car parks and other property within the proposed restricted areas. The PSPO is in place for a period of 3 years.
- The PSPO for Town Centre/Public Realm was adopted 23rd October 2017 following complaints from local residents and visitors about: persons urinating and defecating in places open to the air, persons taking intoxicating substances in places open to the air, persons being intoxicated and incapable, persons begging for money, persons fly-posting, persons distributing free literature, skateboards, scooters and other wheeled vehicles being used in

pedestrian areas so as to cause nuisance and annoyance, the stationing of advertising boards or other structures being used as such, Persons being intimidating, verbally abusive, blocking access, aggressively shouting, swearing and fighting .

- PSPO East Bay & the Moors area was adopted 14th June 2017 and will restrict the following activities: Any person using the restricted areas for unauthorised camping or human habitation and any person behaving in a manner that is likely to result in any member of the public being intimidated, alarmed, harassed or distressed. The PSPO is on place for a period of 3 years.

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

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	Pilot to be delivered June 2018	June 18	**CBC**	**1, 4**	
Gangsline Professional Training	120 professionals to be trained – dates TBC	Dec 18	**CBC**	**1, 2**	
Gangsline School & College Assemblies / Workshops	Number of schools receiving the workshops	Dec 18	**CBC**	**1, 2**	
Essex Police Ops	Ongoing	Mar 19	**EP**	**1, 2, 3, 4**	
Op Diss Aug 2018 / Sept 2018	Multi agency to tackle town centre issues	Mar 19	**EP**	**2,3,4**	
Local Community Meeting's	Community engagement – borough wide not zone specific	Mar 19	**CBC**	**1**	
Mate Crime / Cuckooing Training	To be delivered October 18	Oct 18	**CBC**	**1, 2**	
Street Weeks events	Highwood's June 2018. Shrub End October 2018	Mar 19	**SCP**	**1, 2, 3, 4**	
Keep Safe Scheme	Scheme to be revisited	Mar 19	**CBC**	**1**	
Night/s of Action	June 2018	Mar 19	**EP/CBC**	**1, 2, 3, 4**	
Town Centre Action Plan (TCAP)	Initiated August 2018	Mar 19	**SCP**	**1, 2, 4**	
Fire Fighters Delivering Differently	New project focus Greenstead	Mar 19	**ECFRS**		
MAD (Make a Difference) Days	List to be supplied	Mar 19	**CBH**	**4**	
DRIVE project	Year 3 of 3 started March 2018	Mar 19	**DRIVE**	**1, 3**	

DA social media campaign	November 2018 – link with National DA Day and International End Violence Against Women Day (25/11)	Nov 18	**CBC**	**1, 3**	
Observers Scheme Pilot	To be launched Sept 2018 and reviewed Dec 18	Dec 18	**CBC**	**1**	
Crimestoppers campaigns	Cuckooing / Rural Crime	Mar 19	**CS**	**1, 2**	
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	**CBC**	**1, 2, 3**	
Taxi's CSE awareness	Linking into MACE recommendations	Mar 19	**CBC**	**1**	