

Crime and Disorder Committee Meeting

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

Tuesday, 10 September 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.

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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, 10 September 2019 at 18:00

Member:

Councillor Beverly Davies
Councillor Kevin Bentley
Councillor Tina Bourne
Councillor Paul Dundas
Councillor Chris Hayter
Councillor Mike Hogg
Councillor Sam McCarthy
Councillor Lorcan Whitehead

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

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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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 17 - 52

This report provides the Crime and Disorder Committee with the opportunity to review the work of the Safer Colchester Partnership (SCP) during the period September 2018 to September 2019.

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

26 February 2019

Present:- Councillor Coleman, Councillor Hayter, Councillor Luxford
Vaughan, Councillor Scordis, Councillor Wood

Substitutes Councillor Laws for Councillor Davies,
Councillor Barber for Councillor Bentley

Also present:- Councillor Fox

19. Election of Chair for the Meeting

In the absence of the Chair and Deputy Chair, clarification was sought as to whether a substitute member could be elected to chair the meeting. Richard Clifford, Lead Democratic Services officer, advised that it was for the Committee to elect a chair from amongst those members attending the meeting, including any substitute members.

RESOLVED that Councillor Darius Laws be elected as chair for the meeting.

20. Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 September 2018 were confirmed as a correct record.

21. Safer Colchester Partnership

This interim report provided the Crime and Disorder Committee with the opportunity to review the work of the Safer Colchester Partnership during the period September 2018 – January 2019. The report was presented by Pamela Donnelly, Chair, Safer Colchester Partnership.

Have Your Say!

Parish Councillor Robin Rennie

Parish Councillor Robin Rennie attended to speak in his capacity as a member on Great Horkesley Parish Council. He raised concern regarding the apparent rise in antisocial behaviour and crime, especially within Colchester town centre. He informed the Committee that he had proposed to Great Horkesley Parish Council that it considers funding a position for a Special Constable to work within the Parish. Conversations have been held with Myland and Boxted Parish Councils regarding cooperation to provide this across the area that they covered.

Pamela Donnelly, Chair of the Safer Colchester Partnership

Pamela Donnelly confirmed that she was aware of the work being done by Great Horkesley Parish Council in this area. Safer Colchester Partnership's aim is to move into providing support for rural communities in tackling issues. An initiative will be launched to assist parish councils in identifying what support is available for them. Furthermore, the Cabinet is planning to invest in additional resources for rural policing. Pamela explained that she would discuss this with the Borough Commander upon his return to duty. She recommended that the content of the next Safer Colchester Partnership report to the Committee be widened in order to provide a briefing on this rural work. Pamela Donnelly restated the intention that there would be consideration and action taken in the future to address rural issues, to compliment and build upon Essex Police's Rural Crime Strategy 2017.

Louise Wishart

Louise Wishart attended the meeting to have her say on behalf of the Williams Walk and Dutch Quarter Neighbourhood Watch. Residents have been reassured by the increase in patrols by Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs), Police Officers and Military Police. She raised the discussions held by the Committee on 11 September regarding potential uses of technology to reduce crime, noting that Councillor Lilley had committed to ascertaining the likely cost of increasing CCTV coverage in the Dutch Quarter. She requested information on any quotations received, the likely timetable for the tendering process and related decision making and whether the Council had plans to provide increased camera coverage.

Pamela Donnelly, Chair of the Safer Colchester Partnership

Responding, Pamela Donnelly informed those present that Cllr Lilley was unable to attend this meeting and had given his apologies. She explained that the Council was reviewing its CCTV coverage. Capacity being limited, it was currently not possible to add any further functionality to the existing network. Members of the Safer Colchester Partnership have been working with colleagues from Colchester Amphora Trading Ltd to explore the cost of a new, state-of-the-art CCTV system. The review is underway, and a commercial tendering process will be the next step. Further information would be provided once the current review into coverage was completed, as the current system had no capacity for increased coverage or functionality.

A member of the Committee requested clarification as to whether extra CCTV were to be installed as part of the 'Fixing the Link' Project and, if so, whether there was capacity for them on the current system. In response, Pamela Donnelly explained that the system was currently at maximum capacity, but that additional CCTV camera sites could be provisionally agreed, pending the introduction of a new system with increased capacity to manage them. She offered to provide Committee members with additional information on this, should they wish to see greater detail.

Safer Colchester Partnership Presentation

The attending representatives of organisations within the Partnership were introduced and thanked:

- Greg Keys, Essex County Fire and Rescue Service
- Sergeant Martin Willsher, Essex Police (Team 10)
- Inspector Jonathan Evans, Essex Police (Community Policing Team)

- Superintendent Tom Simons, Essex Police (attending in place of Chief Inspector Shaun Kane)
- Michelle Behn, Essex Ambulance Service
- Melanie Rundle, Safety and Protection Manager, Colchester Borough Council
- Sonia Carr, Community Safety Co-ordinator, Colchester Borough Council

Pamela Donnelly introduced the presentation which focused on the Partnership's work in the town centre and the Town Centre Action Plan. Future work will address rural issues, which will be reported back at a future meeting.

Superintendent Tom Simons, Essex Police

The Superintendent provided an update on work being done to investigate the murder of Carl Hopkins. A suspect has been arrested, charged and remanded. The Police believed that this crime was related to the supplying of drugs. Leads have been generated and have allowed for measures to be taken within Operation Smuggler, dealing with County Lines activities.

Regarding crime and antisocial behaviour, the Superintendent explained that he was focussed on addressing the root causes, rather than just addressing the consequences. This will involve looking at organised crime groups (including some in Colchester), County Lines activities and other areas. Violent crime has risen in Colchester, partly because of improved reporting, but also in general. The focus of the Chief Constable is to address issues relating to 'victims, visibility, vulnerability and violence'.

Team 10 is now in place in Colchester, whilst Essex-wide, 150 new officers have joined over the last 6-12 months. Funding for a further 52 officers across the Force has now been secured, with the emphasis of their work being the policing of town centres. Assurance was given that continuity is being maintained during the temporary absence of Chief Inspector Shaun Kane. A briefing for Borough Councillors by the Police, Crime and Fire Commissioner is due to take place on 4 March. This will give further detail on police investment in the Borough.

Sonia Carr, Community Safety Co-ordinator, Colchester Borough Council

Sonia Carr provided a recap of the problems regarding aggressive begging, street sleeping and antisocial behaviour which had led to the introduction of the Public Spaces Protection Order in Colchester town centre, implemented in October 2017. Details were given of the Order, and the additional enforcement options which it permits for the Council and the Police. The Order will last until 2020. Good results have been achieved, but a wider mix of powers are now being looked at in order to further address begging, antisocial behaviour, drugs, street drinking and to assist information sharing between agencies.

The Town Centre Action Plan and its partnership arrangements were described. Work had been delivered, but co-ordination had been problematic. Closer working and greater communication between organisations have now been introduced and is proving successful. Hotspots of antisocial behaviour are being tackled. Developments have included:

- Longer patrols by Zone Teams, up to 9pm
- Police launching Operation Diss to support the Town Centre Action Plan
- A review of enforcement action taken

- Between August 2018 to December 2018, the fourteen persons identified as causing significant harm and distress in the town centre had been reduced to ten, through positive partnership work
- Standard operating procedures on enforcement have been laid down to give all agencies clarity and consistency.
- A strategic group has been formed to oversee the Town Centre Action Plan, communicating successes and addressing problem areas
- Short-term periods of keeping street lighting on overnight, where hotspots of criminal activity have been identified (e.g. Eld Lane)
- Street cleanliness has been addressed, with new recycling bins and the Gumdrop campaign
- Representative of the National Probation Service now participates in weekly meetings of partners in the Town Centre Action Plan

Sonia Carr briefed the Panel on Team 10, its aims and actions to address antisocial behaviour, begging and street drinking. Investment for this has been provided by the Police, the Borough Council and other partner organisations. The overall investment has been almost £600k. Details of patrols, partners in the local business community and enforcement action statistics were given to the Panel.

Examples of the communications/press activity covering progress and successes were shown to the Panel.

Sgt. Martin Willsher, Essex Police (Team 10)

Sgt. Martin Willsher provided the Panel with a case study involving enforcement action taken to address antisocial behaviour by one of the individuals identified as being most disruptive. The individual was a well-known persistent aggressive beggar who is not homeless. Initial action was to issue a Community Protection Warning against him. This was breached, which led to the issuing of a Community Protection Notice against him. Several breaches of this have now led to successful convictions. A Criminal Behaviour Order was then successfully applied for and granted. This was breached numerous times within a week of it being issued, leading to a successful prosecution resulting in a custodial sentence.

Matt Chittock, Colchester Borough Council, Zone Warden from Zone Team 2

Matt Chittock explained that the information sharing carried out within the Town Centre Action Plan, enhanced by Team 10, has been effective and disruptive individuals have been identified and addressed. In some instances, this has been to find ways to provide housing and to resolve cases of street homelessness, in addition to the cases which resulted in the use of enforcement powers.

Committee Discussion

A Committee member asked for detail on how the Police would address situations where a young person was suspected of travelling to Colchester in order to transport drugs, and whether there was a mechanism by which social services can be liaised with to ascertain if there was already existing concern regarding the individual, or to flag up the concerns of the Police.

Superintendent Tom Simons related some of his experience in dealing with such situations, having previously taken a lead role on public protection, including how the Police service liaised with social care, developing how referral of concerns are made. Where it is suspected that a minor is involved in illicit activity (e.g. the drug trade), the primary concerns are the vulnerability and safeguarding of the individual, with criminal elements of cases dealt with at a later time. A referral form is completed by the Police raising concerns. This is sent to social care who provide it to the social care team in the area from which the individual has come.

A member of the Committee raised questions regarding the 'Your Kindness Kills' campaign, specifically relating to future Borough Council actions to raise awareness of contactless donation possibilities.

Mel Rundle explained that Cllr Mike Lilley (Portfolio Holder for Planning, Public Safety and Licensing) had asked for research to be done on contactless donation schemes which could be used to handle donations to those in genuine need. A scheme was being designed in partnership with Colchester Borough Homes for implementing the roll-out of an app. The Council is mindful of the need to consult with the public, service users and residents, whilst avoiding telling members of the public what (in the Council's view) they should do and on what their donations should be spent. A formal proposal will then be put to the Portfolio Holder and then the approved scheme will be advertised.

The Committee raised the issue of mental health and wellbeing of front-line staff, especially where they are engaged in carrying out policy such as the removal of rough-sleeping items from the street. Mel Rundle informed the Committee that a standard operating procedure was in place to cover this, with direction that items should only be removed if unattended for 30 minutes or longer. This is to allow genuine rough sleepers the chance to leave their items for short periods, for example to collect food, and ensure that only abandoned items are collected. Instances had previously been experienced where possessions had been left unattended for longer than thirty minutes when the individuals were away and undertaking illegal activities.

Questions were raised about the CCTV coverage, with one member questioning a town centre location which had no coverage on the Council's network. Concern was raised that this was close to a landmark site and assurance was sought that key tourist sites and main routes should and will be covered. The suggestion was made by one member that independent cameras could be used in places with no coverage, until a new CCTV system with increased capacity was sourced and installed, at which point they could be linked up to this new system. Pamela Donnelly assured the Committee that she was able to contribute to the process for sourcing a new CCTV system and that the project team are fully aware of the community safety aspect of using CCTV, the service provided to the Police, and the anxiety in local communities. She agreed to raise the Committee's points and suggestions with the project team, such as the potential for short-term use of stand-alone cameras to augment the existing network. A response would then be provided to the Committee.

A Committee member sought assurance that the Council was working with shops selling alcohol for offsite consumption in order to tackle street drinking and be proactive in addressing the sale of alcohol to those identified as being vulnerable to this issue. Pamela Donnelly confirmed that the Town Centre Partnership were focused on reminding shops of their statutory duties, working with the licensing officer at the Community Safety Hub in the Police Station. Mel Rundle provided further detail and explained the ongoing work on this issue, intervening where individuals have been issued with Community Protection Warnings

or Notices relating to street drinking. When these are issued, details of the individuals can be provided to licenced premises, who can be asked to refuse sale to those individuals and avoid enabling criminal behaviour. Pamela Donnelly informed the Committee that Mel Rundle now had management responsibility for community safety and licensing issues, which would help ensure a joined up approach was taken.

Regarding the potential for street lights to be left on throughout the night in problem areas, a Committee member noted that Essex County Council had indicated that they would consider any requests to do this from the Police. They then questioned whether requests could be made for this in areas identified as being likely sites for criminal or antisocial behaviour. A member of the Committee further asked what plans were being made to tackle the idea that Colchester is not safe during the night. Pamela Donnelly agreed that it was not true that Colchester was not safe after dark. Despite a rise in violent crime, Colchester is still a safe place to live and work, when compared to other places. The fear of crime needed to be addressed, coming from perceptions, press and high-profile incidents. It was important for the work addressing crime to be publicised and for facts to counter perceptions, stressing the work and investment involved. Joint communications were carried out between the Borough Council and the Police to give clear messages

Superintendent Tom Simons explained that the Police need to demonstrate a clear link between lights being off and an increase in crime/antisocial behaviour, and that this could not be done at the present time. Practical benefits of keeping lights on could not currently be proved for areas such as the Dutch Quarter.

Superintendent Tom Simons noted that some of the increase in violent crime figures was attributable to improvements in recording practices, with no identified link to the night time economy, which was really well-managed in Colchester. A small group of individuals who target the vulnerable has been identified, but Colchester is still a safe place in general. Reassurance on this should be given to improve confidence in public safety.

The Committee raised the issue highlighted the role played by social media in shaping public perceptions and increasing the perception that levels of crime are higher than they are.

One member of the Committee requested details of what the County Council was doing to address the issue of County Lines, what the Borough Council was doing in co-operation with the County, and whether more could be done. Pamela Donnelly confirmed that the Borough Council had a role to play in safeguarding residents. Officers of Colchester Borough Council and Colchester Borough Homes were often in a good position to identify where concerns should be raised, including when working in cooperation with members of other organisations in the Partnership.

Superintendent Tom Simons briefed the Committee on current County Lines issues and their causes. Further improvement in cooperation between partner organisations is being sought. Essex Police have invested resources in community policing and in centralised programmes, such as the Raptor Teams targeting County Lines, with a Team based in Colchester. Cross-border working is conducted with other constabularies and social care teams outside of Essex. Technology is providing additional enforcement tools and options. The increase in County Lines drug supply has been driven by the market but the Superintendent gave assurance that, where issues are identified, the Police can act effectively.

In response to questions raised by a Committee member regarding instances of begging in Colchester, Inspector Jonathan Evans detailed the process to be followed in addressing those identified as carrying out such activity in breach of the Public Spaces Protection Order. This commences with advising the individual of the breach, issuing a Community Protection Warning, then escalating to a Community Protection Notice, if necessary. The Police rely on community support through reporting incidents and supplying evidence. These are vital for prosecutions to then succeed. The Committee stressed that reporting of most incidents should not be via 999 or 111. Inspector Evans agreed and detailed some of the ways in which reports can be made online and to the Police Station or to the Council's Zone Teams. Superintendent Tom Simons praised the provisions made in Colchester to address aggressive begging. Effective Police partnership with community safety teams helps them to address residents' concerns.

The negative perceptions felt by some members of the public about community safety in Colchester were highlighted by a Committee member, who encouraged the Police to look at further ways for their work to be publicised to address such perceptions and increase confidence. Inspector Jonathan Evans detailed some of the work being done to communicate their efforts, including via engagement with communities and community safety teams. There is a focus on listening to concerns and then giving reassurance to the public. Community policing teams are at the fore of this work. The public communication of Sgt. Martin Willsher and the local community policing teams was praised by a Committee Member who advised that this should be further built upon.

The Council and Police officers in attendance were asked for details about outreach work being carried out with schools, for an update on the progress of efforts to reduce littering (using Artemis Security patrols empowered to issue fines), and for information on how Team 10 compared with past use of Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs).

Responding, Pamela Donnelly confirmed that Chief Inspector Kane welcomed the advice and knowledge which councillors could provide in approaching outreach work in schools. This would be taken forward by Inspector Jonathan Evans.

Regarding the use of Artemis Security, Pamela Donnelly told the Committee that she would ensure that an update would be provided to members following the meeting.

Superintendent Tom Simons addressed the question about Team 10, explaining that Essex Police had in the past experienced funding cuts which had reduced front-line staff. Essex Police now had greater flexibility which has allowed for the increase in front-line officers. Most new funding is being targeted at community policing, public-facing roles and communication with the public. Sgt. Martin Willsher affirmed his confidence in the work of Team 10 and explained that there were two PCSOs on the team, with a further three (funded by Colchester Borough Council) soon to finish their training. In reply to follow-up questions from a Committee Member regarding the two-year Council funding for these PCSOs, Pamela Donnelly explained that the two-year funding had been set due to the potential for change in Council administration and direction limiting longer-term funding commitments, but that the Police required some certainty as to the Borough Council's commitment to the funding. Decisions regarding future budget decisions would need to be made by the Council early in the next municipal year. The Police investment in local policing is likely to influence these decisions.

The police officers present were asked by a Committee member whether information sharing by individuals and community groups, sometimes on social media, was helpful to

the Police. Inspector Jonathan Evans confirmed that evidence had been found that Neighbourhood Watch groups do seem to reduce crime levels where they operate, so these are encouraged. Pamela Donnelly praised the work of the Colchester Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator. There has been a rapid growth in Neighbourhood Watch schemes in Colchester. Inspector Jonathan Evans detailed plans to increase communications with these Schemes.

A question was asked regarding potential ways to expand the roles of the Ambulance and Fire Services in community safety. Pamela Donnelly informed the Committee that the Chief Executive of Colchester Borough Council had recently had meetings with the new Chief Fire Officer, Jo Turton, and that the Council had given significant input into the new Fire Plan and was participating in ongoing Fire Service projects. Pamela extended an invitation to the Michelle Behn of the Essex Ambulance Service to participate in future Community Safety Partnership meetings. Greg Keys of Essex County Fire and Rescue Service was invited to comment. He explained that the Fire Service was updating its approach to community safety and engagement, focused on station-based delivery within communities. Specialist staff are available to help conduct outreach work and messaging on safety, including work on home safety and efforts to achieve casualty reduction. This new approach is due to commence in April 2019, and the Fire Service was open to suggestions for new engagement opportunities.

A member of the Committee raised reports that Essex County Council were to commit additional funds to front-line services, including £250k for addressing homelessness/rough sleeping and asked if some of this would be assigned to Colchester. Pamela Donnelly hoped that this would be the case and highlighted the Borough's success in securing high levels of funding, to address this issue, from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government. She noted that the Ministry considered Colchester to be a flagship borough due to the success that has been achieved in tackling homelessness here. A team of Borough Council officers are tasked with identifying and bidding for funding, and an update would be provided to the Committee on this work.

In summary, Pamela Donnelly expressed her optimism for future work to further address community safety in Colchester Borough and highlighted the hard work and positive developments within the Community Safety Partnership over the last six months, and the shared vision held between the partner organisations. Superintendent Tom Simons echoed this and praised the Borough for its investment, planning and development of new approaches, supplemented by Police investment.

RESOLVED that the Committee thanked the Safer Colchester Partnership representatives for attending the meeting

CRIME AND DISORDER COMMITTEE

22 May 2019

Present:-

Councillor Bentley, Councillor Bourne, Councillor Davies,
Councillor Dundas, Councillor Hayter, Councillor Hogg,
Councillor McCarthy, Councillor Whitehead

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.

10 September 2019

Report of	Pam Donnelly, Strategic Director	Author	Sonia Carr
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Wards affected	Safer Colchester Partnership		
	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 (SCP) during the period September 2018 to September 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 to September 2019 and the priorities for 2018/19.
- 1.2. The key stakeholders of the SCP are the relevant Borough Council Portfolio Holder and Executive Director, Colchester District Commander (North Local Policing Area) Essex Police and senior representatives from Health, National Probation Service, Essex Community Rehabilitation Company, Essex County Council, Essex Fire and Rescue and Colchester Borough Homes. Representatives from some of these organisations will be present 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.
- 3.2. In addition, the Committee also requested (at the 11 September 2018 meeting) 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; therefore, an interim meeting took place on 26 February 2019.

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 SCP was set up in order to deliver this statutory duty and includes the following partners: (statutory) Colchester Borough Council (CBC), Essex Police, Health/Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), National Probation Service (NPS), Essex Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC), Essex County Council (ECC), Essex Fire and Rescue Service (ECFRS) and non-statutory partners include Colchester Borough Homes (CBH), University of Essex, Community 360 and Colchester Garrison.
- 4.3. In addition, since September 2018, new members to the SCP include: East of England Ambulance Service, North Essex Children's and Families Service, North Essex Adult Social Care and Essex Youth Offending Service (all representing ECC) and Colchester Business Improvement District (BID).
- 4.4. 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.
- 4.5. The SCP has a statutory duty to carry out an annual assessment of crime – called a Strategic Assessment of Crime. This involves analysing data on the frequency, location and types of crime (over the period 1 October – 30 September) in order to identify patterns and trends. The CBC Community Safety Team, alongside the Essex Police Intelligence Analyst, lead on the delivery of this report and, once completed, it is shared amongst SCP partners and used to develop a shared Annual Partnership Plan which prioritises the key local issues and outlines actions to address them. The SCP then monitors this Annual Plan throughout the year (1 April – 31 March), reviewing and refocusing activity as necessary to effectively tackle the issues.

5. The Partnership's work during 2018 – 2019

- 5.1. The SCP Annual Partnership Plan (APP) for April 2018 - March 2019 focussed on four Key Priorities (KPs):
- 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 SCP Annual Report Summary which details the specific work and projects undertaken to address these themes is attached as Appendix A, however an example 'project/highlight' from each of the 4 KPs can be found below.
- 5.3. KP1: The Virtual Crew (Year 6 pupils) pilot was launched during July 2018 (replacing Crucial Crew, which had become too resource-intensive and no longer cost-effective). 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. 1,006 pupils registered for Virtual Crew from

34 primary schools. 13 schools declined to take part, however six of these have confirmed they will take part in July 2019.

- 5.4. KP2: Training relating to Mate Crime and Cuckooing was commissioned by SCP and delivered to 81 delegates in October 2018. The training focused on how a vulnerable adult exposed to 'mate crime' can quickly escalate into becoming the victim of 'cuckooing' and is designed to enable employees with an understanding of the issues relating to this activity, by examining the types of crimes perpetrated, signs and indicators of this abuse, identifying individuals/groups who may be at risk and identifying actions that can be taken to safeguard individuals.
- 5.5. KP3: Operation Diss, a bespoke Police operation to tackle ASB/knife crime and aggressive begging within Colchester Town Centre, was undertaken in August 2018, September 2018, January and February 2019. The Operation is aimed at ensuring that the community, including local businesses, enjoy the Town Centre without the fear of being intimidated or threatened with violence. 14 arrests have been made for recent burglaries within the Town Centre. Three individuals have been remanded.
- 5.6. KP4: The TCAP (Town Centre Action Plan) was initiated August 2018 as a result of increased complaints of aggressive begging, street drinking, drug use and associated ASB. The TCAP consists of a package of enforcement, support, awareness and education and is supported by a weekly partner meeting 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 is agreed. These meetings are proving to be invaluable in terms of partnership working and having a full picture of activity in the Town Centre.

In the period 6 August - 26 April 2019:

- 58 CPWs issued for ASB/Begging/Street Drinking.
- 15 CPNs issued for ASB/Begging/Street Drinking.
- 3 CBOs (Criminal Behaviour Orders) issued relating to ASB/Begging/Street Drinking.
- 4 CBO applications made, one of which has been issued by the courts and has resulted in a custodial sentence due to breaching this order.
- In the same period 11 FPNs issued for ASB/Street Drinking in contravention of the Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs)

6. Plans for the Partnership's work during 2019 – 2020

- 6.1. The key priorities for 2019 – 2020 are:

KP1 - Tackling Gangs & County Lines, focussing on keeping drugs and weapons out of the Community

The Safer Colchester Partnership will continue to develop the intelligence and awareness picture of this escalating criminality, especially focussing on County Lines. The Safer Colchester Partnership will strive to provide appropriate safeguarding and support to those vulnerable to this type of drug-related exploitation (cuckooing/drug running etc.); with a further aim to assist in the disruption of drug-related activities within the community.

KP2 - Driving down Anti-Social Behaviour and Violent Crime in public places

The Safer Colchester Partnership will use all available resources and legislation, including utilising the four standing Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs), to tackle ASB and violent crime within the District. Reductions in these areas will bring reassurance to residents regarding their personal safety and will assist in driving down crime rates for the area. ASB affects families and communities and by addressing this type of behaviour and conduct we can help improve the community's quality of life.

KP3 - Increase confidence in identifying and reporting Hidden Harms

The Safer Colchester Partnership will aim to increase the understanding and awareness, of both the general public and front-line practitioners, of the Hidden Harms our communities face. Encouraging those who are affected by these harms to engage with the Partnership or relevant agencies/charities to seek help and support, with an emphasis on Domestic Abuse and Hate Crime as identified by the risk matrix.

6.2. The Annual Partnership Plan for 2019-20 is attached as Appendix B

6.3. Safer Rural Communities Toolkit

There will be a focus on helping Rural Communities within Colchester to tackle crime and disorder. CBC (supported by the SCP) are launching a Rural Communities Toolkit in October 2019 (as part of Essex Police Rural Crime Awareness Week). The Toolkit provides ideas, information and resources to help communities make their neighbourhoods a better place to live. The Toolkit is further supported with a CBC Rural Communities fund of £30,000, for which rural communities can bid for funds of up to £1,000 per project.

6.4. There will continue to be a focus on addressing hidden harms, including launching of the Observers Scheme (a scheme to upskill existing frontline staff to spot the signs of hidden harms and have a reporting mechanism to report concerns) and delivery of a Hidden Harms event to raise awareness with professionals.

7. Changes during the year

7.1. Following significant investment from CBC, Essex Police and CBH, Team 10 (launched in 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.

7.2. Changes to Colchester Police included Chief Inspector Rob Huddleston taking over as the Colchester District Commander and Inspector Jonathan Evans taking over as Community Policing Team Inspector.

7.3. Colchester Police have also seen an increase of four Police Officers in July, enabling the Town Centre Team to grow and ensure a 24-hour coverage of the Town Centre, delivered over three shift patterns. Team 10 was changed to Town Proactive Team to reflect the expansion of resources.

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 on 11 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.
- 8.3. Essex's first ever Fire and Rescue Plan was supported and approved by members of the Police, Fire and Crime Panel in February 2019. The Plan that sets out the vision and priorities for the delivery of fire and rescue services in Essex and will run from 2019 to 2024. The Plan will be the basis on which Mr Hirst holds Essex County Fire and Rescue Service to account for its performance. The document mirrors the Police and Crime Plan which sets the priorities for policing in Essex
- 8.4. The annual PFCC event took place at Colchester Community Stadium on 7 June 2019, with the theme of the event being 'Delivering through Partnerships'. Guests attending were offered the opportunity to take part in two of the six workshops that were on offer, including ECFRS FireBreak, Essex Police Raptor Team Gangs Operations, Colchester United 'Unite Our Communities' Taster, Southend Combat Academy sessions, AlterEgo Theatre Workshop (gangs/county lines/exploitation) and Designing Out Crime.

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 anti-social behaviour. Specific links to 'Responsibility' (*Educate residents who behave antisocially about the impact of their behaviour*) and 'Wellbeing' (*Work with Essex Police and partners in the SCP to make Colchester an even safer place*).

11. Consultation

- 11.1. The Strategic Assessment of Crime 2018-19 was completed in May 2019 and input from partners has informed the partnership plan for the 2019-2020 period.

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 management implications.

ACRONYMS:

Abbreviation	Description
APP	Annual Partnership Plan
ASB	Anti-Social Behaviour
CBC	Colchester Borough Council
CBH	Colchester Borough Homes
CBO	Criminal Behaviour Order
CCG	Clinical Commissioning Group
CPN	Community Protection Notice
CPW	Community Protection Warning
CRC	Community Rehabilitation Company
CS	Community Safety
CSP	Community Safety Partnership
ECFRS	Essex County Fire & Rescue Service
FPN	Fixed Penalty Notice
KP's	Key Priorities
PFCC	Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner
SCP	Safer Colchester Partnership

Appendices

- Appendix A - SCP Annual Report Summary 2018-2019
- Appendix B – Town Centre Action Plan
- Appendix C – SCP Annual Partnership Plan 2019-2020
- Appendix D – Town Centre Action Plan: Notable Achievements

Appendix A - SCP Annual Report Summary 2018-2019

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
- * Clinical Commissioning Group (NHS)

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

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

The Partnership identified four specific priorities for 2018/19 following an assessment of crime and disorder, and consultation with various agencies.

The strategic key priorities for 2018-2019 are:



These priorities formed the basis of the Safer Colchester Partnership (SCP) action plan and other activities during the year. This report provides an overview of projects and initiatives that have contributed towards achieving the Annual Partnership Plan targets and meeting the objectives of the Crime and Fire plan.

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.

Virtual Crew (Year 6 pupils) pilot was launched during July 2018, following consultation with the secondary schools, along with agreement from strategic partners, a pilot of “Virtual Crew” was developed to replace Crucial Crew. 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. 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.

Observers is a programme which focuses on groups and individuals who are employed or involved in activities which, may allow them to more readily ‘Observe’ vulnerable residents or criminal activities in targeted locations. The list of potential “Observers” is comprehensive, but it appears local authorities are directly or indirectly responsible for about a third of the activities.

Crime types are becoming more diverse and in many cases the signs of serious crime and vulnerability are not easily observable. This programme would be directed at those who can more readily observe possible or actual criminal activities and be aware of potential at risk residents or situations. Awareness sessions and an E-learning package will be available for all CBC/CBH employees.

Gangline School & College Assemblies are a one-hour presentation primarily for students aged 9-18 years old (Year 5 to Sixth Form/College) designed to help raise awareness and build resilience against the negative influences of street gang culture and will address several topics. The presentation aims to build resilience and raise awareness around the dangers of gang culture. Provide a greater understanding of the myths surrounding gang culture. Give a greater understanding of the nature of peer groups which are characterised by violence. Illustrate the impact of gangs in their communities and offer opportunities for young people to confide in ex-gang members.

Behind Closed Doors Conference was delivered to raise awareness of Child Exploitation, Domestic Servitude and Forced Marriage. It was a very successful day, with 93% of attendees saying it was relevant to their role and 94% were satisfied with the conference. 48 people attended from a broad range of communities and backgrounds. Four empowering female speakers from a range of backgrounds spoke about the work of social care with BAME families, FGM, modern slavery and forced marriage, and the building of an empowerment project from lived experience. Two of the speakers demonstrated as leaders and trainers that as survivors of abuse they were strong, successful and powerful women who were using their experience to empower others.

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 FOCUSING 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.

In March 2018, Crimestoppers launched a National campaign to raise awareness about the issue of **County Lines** while encouraging people to pick up the phone and report any suspicious activity in their area. An advance team toured certain areas giving people more information on how they can play their part in helping to tackle this issue. In addition, a social media campaign was launched by the charity to raise awareness of the crime.

81 delegates, over 4 sessions received **Mate Crime / Cuckooing Training** in October. The training focused on how a vulnerable adult exposed to 'mate crime' can quickly escalate into becoming the victim of cuckooing. It's designed to enable employees with an understanding of the issues relating to Mate crime and Cuckooing, by examining 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.

Delivered on the 8th October 2018 to delegates from; Colchester Academy, Colchester Royal Grammar School, Colchester County High for Girls, Colchester Institute, Colchester Institute, Colchester Safer Partnership, Icen Academy, Thomas Lord Audley, NEECA Colchester Campus, Old Heath Community Primary School, St Benedict's Catholic College, The Colne Community School and College, The Gilbert School, The Sixth Form College, The Stanway School, Thurstable School, St Helena School. The aims of the **Gangline Professional Training** were to understand the context and merging themes around modern gangs, be able to identify children or young people who may be groomed and how to develop more effective intervention pathways for young persons at risk.

Venues within Colchester were provided with surface wipe **drug testing kits**, allow on-site detection of drug residues to be detected in under 5 minutes. The 10 drug multi-panel surface wipe kit screens environments for 10 individual drug groups and can also be used to test powders, crushed tablets and plant materials. Venues can use to screen toilets, the bar and outside areas where they suspect drugs may have been used. If the drug is still present, even in billionths of a gram amounts, these tests will give a positive result.

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.

Street Weeks, a community initiative involving Essex Police and its partners through the Safer Colchester Partnership, launched A partnership project tackling criminality and anti-social behaviour while engaging with Colchester's most vulnerable people. The week will see officers deal with anti-social behaviour through visible policing while tackling drug activity, domestic abuse and child neglect by carrying out door-to-door enquiries and spot checks within neighborhoods. In June 2018, Colchester held its 3rd Street Weeks. Colleagues from the North Essex Parking Partnership, the Neighbourhood and Dog Watch team, Community 360, Guinness Housing Association, Colchester Borough Homes, Essex Young People's Drug and Alcohol Services, the DVLA, Essex County Fire and Rescue Service, Crimestoppers and One Support, were involved alongside Active Citizens, Licensing Team, Special Officers and Roads Policing Unit.

Saturday 17th November saw over 200 people standing together in Colchester High Street on the **Reclaim the Night Awareness Walk**. The march gives women a voice and a chance to reclaim the streets at night on a safe and empowering event. We aim to put the issue of our safety on the agenda for this night and every day. The Reclaim the Night marches started in the UK on the 12th November 1977, when torchlit marches were held across England in Leeds, York, Bristol, Manchester, Newcastle, Brighton and London.

12 **Acid Attack Kits** were installed in 12 NTE venues, providing users of the NTE reassurance that the busier venues have such kits available. The kits are in essence a portable box with a number of items inside including a 5-litre water bottle which could be utilised in response to an attack at or near a venue. Whilst the generic term "acid" has been used other noxious or corrosive substances could also be included in the term.

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.

In February 2019 CBC Community Activities with ECFRS were successful in gaining funding from CBH for the Colchester Youth Project. Ten youths attended a '**Fire Inspire Course**' run by the Fire Service. Aimed at youth's 13-17yrs that have already passed an initial week's Firebreak Course can now go on and progress even further. Inspire includes preparing young people for employment and preparing for interviews, CV preparation and the importance of gaining employment. Alcohol and substance misuse awareness sessions are 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 and building self-esteem and 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

Following public consultation, CBC introduced three **Public Space Protection Orders** (PSPO) within Colchester Town Car Parks, East Bay and the Town Centre. The orders were introduced following an increase in ASB within these areas.

Initiated August 2018 as a result of increased complaints and issues over the last 12 to 18 months, a **Town Centre action plan** was created to agree enforcement action, alongside support for individuals within the Town Centre that persistently cause ASB or that rough sleep or homeless. Most recently, an audit by CBH Outreach identified a total of 3 rough sleepers in the Colchester Town Centre. This has been reduced from 12 at the start of the initiative. Every week a partnership meeting takes place to talk through activity the previous week and set actions as a result. A Strategic Group meets every quarter to discuss progress and direction

CBC Community Safety team worked in partnership with Essex Youth Services and the University of Essex to deliver the **Youth ASB Hotspot Pilot**. The aims of the initiative were to assist in 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. ASB carries a range of implications for perpetrators and victims including the effects of criminal damage, social isolation, fear, deteriorating built environment, isolating of young people in their own communities, potential exclusion from education, training, skills and job opportunities. Evaluation data indicates that the detached youth workers engaged with 41 individual children and young people, some on more than one occasion, some already known to them through their routine work, who were deemed to

present a potential risk of ASB or related activity. Most of their engagement was focused on the Colchester town Centre area and on older youths (7 were aged 15-16; 25 were aged 17-19; 4 were aged 20-25). A further 5 children aged 11-12 were engaged in the New Town area.



Fire & Crime Plan Priorities 2016 – 2020

The Police and Crime Plan sets out the policing priorities and aims for keeping Essex safe. It brings together police, partners and the people of Essex to build safe and secure communities, thereby promoting public confidence in the police and ensuring that victims are satisfied with the service and support they receive. The commitments set out in the plan build on existing partnerships and seek to develop them in new and ambitious ways. These include greater collaboration between police and fire and closer working with local councils, community safety partnerships, and the voluntary, community and health sectors

- 1) More Local, visible and accessible policing
- 2) Crack down on anti-social behaviour
- 3) Breaking the cycle of domestic abuse
- 4) Reverse the trend in serious violence
- 5) Tackle gangs and organised crime
- 6) Protecting children and vulnerable people
- 7) Improve safety on our roads

Project / Initiative	About the Project / Initiative	SCP Priorities	PFCC Priorities
Virtual Crew (Year 6 pupils) Pilot	See Key Priority 1	1 & 4	6
Behind Closed Doors Conference	See Key Priority 1	1 & 3	4 & 6
Gangline School & College Assemblies / Workshops	See Key Priority 1	1 & 2	5
Observers Scheme	See Key Priority 1	1	6
Mate Crime / Cuckooing Training	See Key Priority 2	1 & 2	5 & 6
Gangline Professional Training	See Key Priority 2	1 & 2	5
County Line Campaign	See Key Priority 2	1 & 2	2, 5 & 6
Drugs Testing within the NTE	See Key Priority 2	2 & 4	2 & 6
Acid Attack Kits	See Key Priority 4	3	2
Reclaim the Night Awareness Walk	See Key Priority 3	1 & 3	6
Street Weeks events	See Key Priority 3	1, 2, 3 & 4	1 & 2
Town Centre Action Plan (TCAP)	See Key Priority 4	1, 2 & 4	1, 2, 4 & 6
Youth ASB Hotspot Pilot	See Key Priority 4	1, 2 & 3	2, 4, 5 & 6
Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO)	See Key Priority 4	4	2
Firebreak / Fire Inspire	See Key Priority 4	4	2 & 6
Local Community Meeting's	Working with the Community to address crime, anti-social behaviour and quality of life issues within the Borough. The meeting serves to identify and achieve short, medium- and long-term solutions to local community needs. Residents of Colchester are invited to come along to the meeting to raise any issues concerning their local community that need addressing.	1	1
Op Diss Aug 2018 / Sept 2018	Bespoke Police Operation tackling ASB / Knife Crime within Colchester. Op Diss undertaken in August, September 2018 and January 2019	2, 3 & 4	1, 2 & 4
Keep Safe Scheme	Keep Safe is a free scheme helping vulnerable residents in Essex to feel safer and more confident out in the high street or town Centre.	1	6

Project / Initiative	About the Project / Initiative	SCP Priorities	PFCC Priorities
Night/s of Action	Held in June 2018 and involved a number of tactics to address violent crime, reduction in drug offences and Anti-Social Behaviour	1, 2, 3 & 4	1, 2, 4, 5 & 6
Fire Fighters Delivering Differently	A new trial initiative 'Fire Fighters Delivering Differently - FFDD' in May 2018, where members of Colchester Station Blue Watch were available to support partners in activities where appropriate, the scheme aiming to get firefighters into the community. It was stressed that this could be for anything 'fire' or collision' related.	1	6
MAD (Make a Difference) Days	Make a Difference Days involve CBH staff, volunteers, residents and councillors visiting specific areas to help make improvements and encourage pride in community spaces. This year 6 events occurred monthly between April and September.	4	2 & 6
DRIVE project	Drive is an intensive intervention that works with high-harm and serial perpetrators to challenge behaviour and prevent abuse.	1 & 3	3 & 4
Rural Crime Campaign	The National Farmers' Union has partnered with Crimestoppers to launch the Rural Crime Reporting Line	1 & 2	2, 5 & 6

Town Centre Action Plan

Appendix B

Location	Action	Lead Organisation	Status	Latest Update (APRIL 2019)	Latest Update (JULY 2019)
ASB ISSUES					
Car parks, Churchyards & Priory	Closed certain locations at various times to prevent access and reduce ongoing issues.	CBC Zones	Complete	St Johns Car Park scheduled to close 2200 - 0500 from 1st October. St Mary's Churchyard remains closed. Priory partly closed March 19 for repair to one gate, ASB appeared to reduce during this time.	Completed
Dutch Quarter / Eld Lane	Work with ECC to increase lighting in Eld Lane / Dutch Quarter	CBC Community Safety	Complete	Liassing with ECC to highlight concerns over the security of the area and crime patterns, the Dutch Qrt was deemed exempt from night switch off and lights remained on until January 2019	Completed
The Priory	4P Plan (Prevent, Pursue, Prepare and Protect) to be created to establish a clear plan of action for the Priory. Embedded within this plan will be Operation Diss.	Team 10 (Police)	Complete	Colchester Priory 4P Plan completed and used to address issues, and provide process for tackling ASB within the Priory.	Completed
The Priory	Liaise with relevant partners and colleagues to rectify ASB issues within the Priory. Suggestions: Defensive Planting, restrictions on groups of people, access	CBC Community Safety	Complete	Meeting with legal team 9th Jan. LC (Zones) to investigate planting - not feasible due to cost and heritage site. Carry out focused patrols. Investigate other powers to deter gathering of groups	Completed
The Priory	Use CCTV to monitor reported illegal activity for specific individuals, via directed surveillance, authorised by a RIPA (Regulation Investigatory Powers ACT)	Essex Police	Complete	Increase in patrols of "hotspot" area - (Priory) - RIPA not required	Completed
Town Centre	Nights of Action	CBC Community Safety	Complete	Three NoA held in July, Oct & Dec 2018	Completed
Town Centre	Police implementation of a database of information in relation to those individuals undertaking criminal activity and ASB within the Town Centre	Essex Police	Complete	Intelligence discussed at Tuesday briefings, data documented on the case data sheet and Athena (police system). Information on the case data sheet is updated and circulated weekly to partners, and a summary sent to relevant SMT.	Completed

Town Centre	A Dispersal Order is a Policing power under the ASB Crime & Policing Act 2014 which can be applied to a specific locality where reasonable grounds of its use are 'assessed as necessary'. Consider whether the points to prove for being drunk and disorderly in a public place are met	Essex Police	Complete	A dispersal was put in place February 19th - 21st covering St John's Multi-Storey Car Park following reports of frequent ASB to Essex Police. The Dispersal order was actioned to tackle ASB - awaiting outcomes	Completed
Town Centre	Consideration in to "Contactless donation" to discourage exchange of money to street beggars. Whilst supporting local charities to continue services for vulnerable people.	CBC Community Safety	Complete	Paper Written for Cabinet and awaiting decision for next steps	Completed
Town Centre	Work with landlords to try and secure doorways/alcoves to prevent begging.	CBC Zones	Complete	No result due to cost of ornate shutters (Heritage restrictions in Town Centre)	Completed
Eld Lane / Sir Issacs Walk	Increase lighting in Eld Lane	CBC Community Enabling	Complete	Umbrella project in Eld Lane.	Umbrellas installed on the 22nd July 2019, increasing lighting at the entrances of Culver Square from Culver Street West and Eld Lane.
Appropriate Hotspots	Regular patrol of directed patrol areas identified through intelligence or community dissatisfaction	Team 10	Complete	Team 10 in place, focused patrols in hotspot areas highlighted by weekly meetings. Include Dutch Quarter, Priory & Church Street area. BAU Patrols in these areas.	Completed as work BAU
The Priory	Consider whether the points to prove for being drunk and disorderly in a public place are met	Amphora	Complete	CCTV manager agreed to regularly patrol the priory as and when operations allow. Stats not recorded due to limited resources. BAU	Completed as work BAU
Town Centre	Engagement and referral to appropriate services as and when engagement and behaviour of individuals allow. Services include but not limited to Open Road, Housing 1st,	CBH Outreach	Complete	Currently, all 3 priority individuals are receiving support from the outreach team, Zones and Team 10. Stats for outreach requested via Karen Loweman	Currently the high priority individual is housed and therefore not receiving support from the outreach team, Zones and Team 10. Outreach continue to support individuals on the street. Stats for outreach

	Emmaus, Phoenix Futures.				requested via Karen Loweman. Completed as BAU
Town Centre	Bespoke operations to target individuals and/or groups who commit Aggressive begging	Essex Police	Complete	As part of daily patrols, disruption tactics used for persistent beggars will be used where appropriate. The number of these actions are not quantifiable.	Completed as BAU
Eld Lane / Sir Issacs Walk	Increase CCTV coverage within Eld Lane / Sir Issacs Walk	Amphora	Future Work Required	Business plan to be completed by Amphora. Investigation in to current status of network, fibre and cabinets (feasibility study) to be completed by Amphora.	The condition survey has been completed and we now know a lot more about the scope of ducting and condition. The paper to proceed with the upgrade has been written and passed to The Client team to present at a forthcoming Exec Board. Subject to approval to proceed, the design and procurement phases will commence.
Town Centre	Consider use of wet areas within Town Centre in consultation with partner organisations	CBC Community Safety	Future Work Required	Engaged with Alcohol Academy in Dec 18 for advice and was provided with an evaluation from Liverpool REST centre (ran Jun-Sep 2015). The A.Academy is not aware of any other areas developing a centre since then. Ultimately it seems to be cost prohibitive and often motivated by a faction of public concerns thus rarely implemented or sustained. Tending confirmed they were having discussions back in Dec 18 but as far as we are aware, nothing has yet been implemented. The Trinity Methodist Church in Tending were recently awarded some funding, some of which came from Beacon House. The money has been used to create a 'day centre' for street drinkers. The centre has a nurse station, food and drink available, seating inside and out. The caveat, is that they can't have drinking onsite which of course means the street drinkers aren't accessing it as they're wanting to drink. Brentwood & Braintree do not have "wet centres"	
Town Centre and arterial routes in to Town	Work with Licensed premises to prevent sale of alcohol to key individuals	CBC Licencing	Future Work Required	Meeting with Licencing to arrange POA. Licencing to educate off licences regarding sale of alcohol. Map routes of entry for street drinkers to also educate out of Town centre Off Licences	
Dutch Quarter / Eld Lane	Report to be sent to ECC reference exemption of night time lighting as per 2018	CBC Community Safety	Not Started	Case to be put forward early in time for Autumn /Winter of 2019.	Start process at the end of August 2019
Town Centre	Consider using a Dispersal Order from the Town Centre.	Essex Police	Not Started	A Policing power under the ASB Crime & Policing Act 2014 which can be applied to a specific locality where reasonable grounds of its use are 'assessed as necessary'. Use as and when appropriate to do so, however are not often used as other appropriate enforcement methods available.	No incidents have occurred appropriate for using a dispersal order
Town Centre	Bespoke operations to target individuals and/or groups who commit high harm Anti-Social Behaviour (Operation Servator)	Essex Police	Not Started	The Community Policing team will continue to schedule dates in Summer for deployment of SERVATOR in the Priory (or other locations based on intelligence received by Essex Police or through the TCA group)	Project Servator is around unpredictable deployments in key locations. Project Servator continues to be conducted around key locations within the town

					centre. Recent weapon sweeps within the Priory have found that no significant items of concern have been found.
ght	Nights of Action	All TCAP Colleagues	Ongoing	To be arranged for dates in 2019 as agreed by the Town Centre Action group	Night of action scheduled for 23rd August 2019. This will involve a number of tactics to address violent crime, reduction in drug offences and Anti-Social Behaviour
The Priory	Community enabling to investigate different uses for Priory to establish a visitor attraction / event site	Community Enabling	Ongoing	Range of Events to be booked for the Priory including Public Consultation.	Family event scheduled for the 21st September, followed by a Christmas event. Tapeball Cricket project in progress, likely to be September launch.
The Priory	Community Enabling to undertake Community engagement with foot fall through Priory to ascertain why the space is not utilised.	Community Enabling	Ongoing	TBC May	Online Public consultation complete, with analysis of results due at the end of August 2019. Face to face engagement with public within the Priory took place in June / July, results will be included within the consultation analysis.
The Priory	4P Plan (Prevent, Pursue, Prepare and Protect) established for the Priory. Completed and used to address issues, and provide process for tackling ASB within the Priory.	Team 10 (Police)	Ongoing / BAU	Updated April 2019: Project SERVATOR has been conducted recently in the PRIORY along with the train Station deployment and around QUEEN STREET which is about interacting with the public and also stopping vehicles in the local area. WEAPONS Sweeps have been conducted on several occasions since DECEMBER and have been successful with items being found.	Project Servator continues to be conducted around key locations within the town centre. Recent weapon sweeps within the Priory have found that no significant items of concern have been found.
The Priory	Focused patrols of the Priory	Team 10 (ZW&PC)	Ongoing / BAU	Following success with focussed patrols, which has moved individuals out of the Priory, Ongoing patrols are undertaken on a daily basis as BAU to tackle any re-occurring ASB.	Ongoing patrols are undertaken on a daily basis as BAU to tackle any reoccurring ASB.
Town Centre	Bespoke operations to target individuals and/or groups who commit high harm Anti-Social Behaviour	Essex Police	Ongoing / BAU	OP Diss: 3 Op DISS partnership deployments: Sept 2018, Jan & Feb 2019. Aggressive begging & engagement with local businesses. 14 arrests made for recent burglaries with the Town Centre. 3 individuals remanded. SERVATOR deployment conducted in PRIORY GROUNDS on 1/4/19. Person spoken too but not causing any ASB/Offences to issue anything	OP DISS: 22 nd July 2019 which involved crime prevention engagement in Culver Square, deployments within zone wardens and outreach workers re vulnerability.
Town Centre	Engagement with individuals to assist with information and intelligence gathering	All TCAP Colleagues	Ongoing / BAU	Currently, all individuals seen within the Town are known by either Team 10, Zones or Outreach. This information is shared on a weekly basis at the Town Centre meeting, through email correspondence and joint patrols.	Partnership now includes Phoenix Futures, Ambulance Service, National Probation Service, Community Rehabilitation, Colne housing

					allowing more intelligence for support / enforcement.
Town Centre	Intelligence led patrols	Essex Police	Ongoing / BAU	Patrols are dedicated to those areas in which Essex Police have received intelligence as BAU. Essex Police unable to share data due to sensitivity, teams involved & reporting mechanisms	BAU patrols stats confidential due to sensitivity.
Town Centre	Robust approach to business premises who permit and ignore Anti-Social behaviour that is connected to their property	CBC Zones	Ongoing / BAU	Neat Streets project launched March 2019. Neat Street has been designed to combat all types of litter, street cleaning and maintenance issues, with a focus on the town's pedestrian and shop front areas. 3 CPW issued to business for waste education. BAU	1 Further CPW issued to a business owner
Town Centre	Operation Servator deployments. Interacting with the public and also stopping vehicles in the local area in relation to ASB	Essex Police	Ongoing / BAU	Operation Servator are conducted in those areas in which Essex Police have received intelligence as BAU. Essex Police unable to share data due to sensitivity, teams involved & reporting mechanisms	BAU patrols stats confidential due to sensitivity.
Town Centre	Work with venues to discourage customers from giving to beggars during NTE	CBC Licencing	Update Pending	Investigations / solutions ongoing - Licencing to update	Information recorded on DISC used by NTE as an exclusion / information sharing system. Circulated via licencing enforcement group (LEG).
BREACH OF PSPO					
Town Centre	Create procedure to facilitate the removal all bags, sleeping equipment from doorways, advise where they can be collected from and dispose after 14 days if not collected	CBC Zones	Complete	Portfolio approved procedure in place. All property been removed from doorways: Drug paraphernalia destroyed, Personal belongings taken to St Johns for storage for 14 days. Some small personal items can be taken to Beacon House. Tents given a 24 hour notice of removal to protect against cold weather. Procedure used as and when required.	Complete
Town Centre	Police to be provided with copies of CPW's issued detailing conditions	CBC Zones	Complete	Ongoing as BAU sharing of enforcement via TCA group, email and joint patrols with Essex Police / Zones	Sharing process working well with continuity of data sharing. Action now complete as BAU
Town Centre	Zone warden and Police patrols to capture evidence using BWV relating to persons who have been served with a CPW	Team 10 (ZW&PC)	Complete	Ongoing as standard procedure when issuing enforcement. Both Essex Police / Zones do this as BAU	All parties using BW cameras when required and using footage as evidence. Action now complete as BAU.
Town Centre	Daily patrols by CBC Wardens	CBC Zones	Ongoing / BAU	On average 40 - 50 hours a week is spent patrolling the town and in particular the hot spot areas. BAU	On average 40 - 50 hours a week is spent patrolling the town and in particular the hot spot areas. BAU
Town Centre	Increased presence and joint patrols	Team 10 (ZW&PC)	Ongoing / BAU	On average 10-15 hours a week is spent joint patrolling the town and in particular the hot spot areas	On average 10-15 hours a week is spent joint patrolling the town and in particular the hot spot areas

Town Centre	Increased Zone patrols within the town centre		Ongoing / BAU	On average 40 - 50 hours a week is spent patrolling the town and in particular the hot spot areas	On average 40 - 50 hours a week is spent patrolling the town and in particular the hot spot areas. BAU
Town Centre	Issue CPW to Offenders If CPW breached issue a CPN If CPN breached, report to process at Court after 21 days (to allow evidence gathering) Recommend either a CBO (which could result in custodial sentence or Civil injunction, which could also result in custodial)	Team 10 (ZW&PC)	Ongoing / BAU	6th August - 26th April 2019: 58 CPW's issued for ASB/Begging/Street Drinking. 15 CPN's issued for ASB/Begging/Street Drinking. 3 CBO's issued. ASB/Begging/Street Drinking. 4 CBO applications made, 1 of which has been issued by the courts, and has resulted in a custodial sentence due to breaching this order.	27th April - 18th July: 33 CPW's issued for ASB/Begging/Street Drinking an 10 CPN's issued for ASB/Begging/Street Drinking.
Town Centre	Issue FPN of up to £100 for everyone who breaches PSPO. This can be issued more than once, so every time a breach occurs.	CBC Zones	Ongoing / BAU	Continuing to enforce when appropriate. 6th August 2018 - 26th April 2019, 11 x FPN issued for ASB/Street Drinking	7 FPN have been issued between the 27th April - 19th July 2019. These have been issued for urination / ASB / street drinking.
Town Centre	Intelligence led Crime Prevention initiatives	Essex Police	Update Pending	Awaiting information from Angie Pearson	
Town Centre	Investigate possibility of Garrison or Fire Service undertaking patrols from a threat perspective	CBC Licencing	Update Pending	Awaiting update from Licencing	Awaiting licencing update
DRUG ACTIVITY					
Town Centre	Op Smuggler and Op Sceptre are the main operations targeting violence and drugs	Essex Police	Complete	Operation Croquet response to drug crime in the Dutch Quarter.	Night of action scheduled for 23 rd August 2019. This will involve a number of tactics to address violent crime, reduction in drug offences and Anti-Social Behaviour Ongoing BAU and intelligence led patrols by Essex Police. Unable to share data due to sensitivity.
Town Centre	#Don'tCrosstheline operations – targeting cocaine use within the Night Time Economy	Essex Police	Not Started	Arrange for dates in 2019 involving Essex Police, Licencing and Community Safety	
Dutch Quarter	Covert and overt patrols (Dutch Quarter)	Essex Police	Ongoing / BAU	Ongoing BAU and intelligence led patrols by Essex Police. Unable to share data due to sensitivity.	

Dutch Quarter & The Hythe	Operation Croquet, which is a bespoke operation focusing on the Dutch Quarter (the Hythe in Harbour Ward, and Stanway) where we have a sustained focus on ASB and Drug dealing known to be prevalent in and around these areas. This is ongoing and comes under daily activity as well as specific operations like Op Smuggler and Op Sceptre. This operation could also be used in the Priory.	Essex Police	Ongoing / BAU	Sept 18: Class A drug dealing / supply particularly in Dutch Quarter. 4 arrests for intent to supply & 1 cuckooing incident discovered. Specific number unavailable as not centrally collected. The Town Centre Team are currently collating data.	There have been a number of warrants executed under the misuse of drugs act within the Dutch Quarters. Activity will continue where we receive intelligence to suggest that drug/gang activity is taking place. Of note – an individual was recently arrested for possession with intent to supply from an location within the Dutch Quarters. That individual is currently on remand. It Is believed this is part of a county lines operation.
Town Centre	Bespoke operations to target individuals and/or groups who are involved with drug use or supply.	Essex Police	Ongoing / BAU	BAU Essex Police unable to share data due to sensitivity, teams involved & reporting mechanisms	BAU Essex Police unable to share data due to sensitivity, teams involved & reporting mechanisms
Town Centre	Execution of warrants under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971	Essex Police	Ongoing / BAU	1 successful execution of warrants under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 was completed on 7th April in the Dutch Quarter. Specific number unavailable as not centrally collected. The Town Centre Team are currently collating data.	Unable to provide you with a confident result list around this activity due to the different teams that carry out work around these particular issues. PC Wilsher confirms there have been a number of warrants executed under the misuse of drugs act within the Dutch Quarters. Activity will continue where we receive intelligence to suggest that drug/gang activity is taking place. Of note – an individual was recently arrested for possession with intent to supply from an location within the Dutch Quarters. That individual is currently on remand. It Is believed this is part of a county lines operation.
Town Centre	Intelligence led patrols	Essex Police	Ongoing / BAU	BAU Essex Police unable to share data due to sensitivity, teams involved & reporting mechanisms	BAU Essex Police unable to share data due to sensitivity, teams involved & reporting mechanisms

Town Centre	Joint operations with Operation Raptor	Team 10 (Police)	Ongoing / BAU	Work together regularly on specific activities however could not disclose a specific number due to sensitivity	Work together regularly on specific activities however could not disclose a specific number due to sensitivity
Town Centre	Operation Washington – Robbery (directly linked to drug use)	Essex Police	Ongoing / BAU	Essex Police unable to share data due to sensitivity, teams involved & reporting mechanisms	Essex Police unable to share data due to sensitivity, teams involved & reporting mechanisms
Intelligence Gathering / Enforcement / Support Processes					
	Create repository for all documents, including enforcement to allow all partners to access "live" data	CBC Community Safety	Complete	Original Plan not viable due to incompatibility issues with Sharepoint. New action: Pursue other alternatives such as SIRCS & DISC	Completed
	Increase joint patrols to gather intelligence and information on individuals frequenting Town	Team 10 (ZW&PC)	Complete	On average 10-15 hours a week is spent joint patrolling the town and in particular the hot spot areas	Completed as BAU
	Mechanisms to increase reporting of and sharing of information/intelligence	All TCAP Colleagues	Complete	Tuesday am meetings BAU, via specific group email and joint patrols.	Completed as BAU
	Meet with Chelmsford City Council who have proven success in dealing with Street Drinking / Begging to gain best practice / ideas	CBC Community Safety	Complete	Partnership good practice & intelligence sharing still ongoing. Suggestions on amendment to enforcement documents to include specific conditions to restrict entry to certain areas or congregation in large groups. Learning that compared to Chelmsford, as a Town Centre partnership, we work proactively and collaboratively with more successful outcomes.	Completed as BAU
	Working group formed to discuss individual cases on a weekly basis to agree actions, next steps and accountability. Agencies to include: Licensing, Zones, Community Safety, CBH, Police	CBC Community Safety	Complete	Weekly meetings underway with Action Plan and Case Data sharing. Weekly & Monthly summaries produced for relevant SMT in addition to the weekly updates of case data.	Completed as BAU
	Outreach workers from other organisations have offered support to individuals who are Rough Sleeping / Homeless	CBH Outreach	Complete	BAU Shared at Tuesday meetings when required and appropriate.	Completed as BAU

Remove all items unattended on the Highway	Team 10	Complete	Essex Police are not in a position to just lift possessions, we would have to follow our protocols for suspicious packages, e.g. inform the duty Inspector, CBRN officer and potentially EOD – otherwise we would be in breach of our policy and recovering items unlawfully. Insp Booth's view is that it would be stretching the purpose of the powers and potentially unlawful. Information regarding the HOT procedure issued by Ross (Project Griffin). This information has been shared with partners. BAU for ZW following procedure implemented for the TCA Group	Completed
Update SWEP (Severe Weather Emergency Protocol)	CBH	Complete	Procedure updated in late 2018 and will be activated accordingly	Completed
Establish ways of sharing information and intelligence outside of the weekly meetings	All TCAP Colleagues	Complete	Email group set up for Team 10 to make it easier for Zone Wardens, CBH & Police to share information. On average 11 hours per week is spent on joint patrols with Team 10 and Zone Wardens.	Completed
Multi-agency record of all interaction and action taken in relation to identified individuals causing issues within Town Centre	All TCAP Colleagues	Complete	NPS, CRC and Ambulance service now involved in discussions which provides useful information. Tuesday meetings	NPS, CRC, Ambulance service, Colne Housing, Phoenix futures attend meetings to increase intelligence and data sharing. Action now closed as work continues BAU
Investigate possibility of utilising SIRCS (system used by COLBAC) to gather / share intel and create repository for all documents, including enforcement to allow all partners to access "live" data	CBC Community Safety	Ongoing	Original Quote too expensive. Rearrange meeting with software provider to renegotiate requirements / cost. Other systems such as DISC is will also be investigated and compared.	DISC software demo complete. Partners believe it will be of benefit. Briefing paper to be written and funding to be found.
Activate SWEP Protocol	CBH	Ongoing / BAU	Activated in appropriate weather conditions	Activated in appropriate weather conditions
Essex Police rep to attend court appearances where CBO applications apply to ensure the hearing / presentation of the application.	Team 10 (Police)	Ongoing / BAU	BAU when appropriate to do so. Attended court for CBO applications of two individuals. 1 successful, 1 awaiting papers to be served but has left the area.	BAU when appropriate to do so. Attended court for CBO applications of two individuals, both of which successful.
CSP to escalate concerns to senior managers in relation to any agencies not participating in data sharing or weekly meeting	CBC Community Safety	Ongoing / BAU	No issues at present. Reporting procedure is now via TCAP Strategic Group (2 meetings held to date - Nov 18 & Feb 19). Further Strategic group meetings to be scheduled for May, August and November 2019	No issues at present. Reporting procedure is now via TCAP Strategic Group. Further Strategic group meetings to be scheduled for May (not required), August and November 2019
Engage with Magistrates Service to discuss current barriers to enforcement and highlight support being offered	CBC Community Safety	Ongoing	Awaiting Email return	Community safety team due to meet with Ketan Dave from CPS on 4th September 2019

SCP Annual Partnership Plan 2019 -2020

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
- * Clinical Commissioning Group (NHS)

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

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

The Partnership identified three specific priorities for 2019/2020 following an assessment of crime and disorder, and consultation with various agencies.



These priorities formed the basis of the Safer Colchester Partnership (SCP) action plan and other activities during the year.

This report provides an overview of projects and initiatives that have contributed towards achieving the Annual Partnership Plan targets and meeting the objectives of the Crime and Fire plan.

Priority One - Tackling organised criminality, gangs & county lines focussing on keeping drugs and weapons out of the community

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

Project / Initiative	About the Project / Initiative	SCP Priorities	PFCC Priorities

Priority Two - Driving down Anti-Social Behaviour and Violent Crime in public places.

The Safer Colchester Partnership will use all available resources and legislation, including utilising the four standing Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs), to tackling ASB and violent crime within the District. Reductions in these areas will bring reassurance to residents regarding their personal safety and will assist in driving down crime rates for the area. ASB affects families and communities and by addressing this type of behaviour and conduct we can help improve the community quality of life.

Project / Initiative	About the Project / Initiative	SCP Priorities	PFCC Priorities

Priority Three - Increase confidence in identifying & reporting Hidden Harms.

The Safer Colchester Partnership will aim to increase the understanding and awareness, to both the general public and front-line practitioners, of the Hidden Harms our communities face. Encouraging those who are affected by these harms to engage with the Partnership or relevant agencies/charities to seek help and support, with an emphasis on Domestic Abuse and Hate Crime as identified by the risk matrix.

Project / Initiative	About the Project / Initiative	SCP Priorities	PFCC Priorities

Fire & Crime Plan Priorities 2016 – 2020

The Police and Crime Plan sets out the policing priorities and aims for keeping Essex safe. It brings together police, partners and the people of Essex to build safe and secure communities, thereby promoting public confidence in the police and ensuring that victims are satisfied with the service and support they receive. The commitments set out in the plan build on existing partnerships and seek to develop them in new and ambitious ways. These include greater collaboration between police and fire and closer working with local councils, community safety partnerships, and the voluntary, community and health sectors

- 1) More Local, visible and accessible policing
- 2) Crack down on anti-social behaviour
- 3) Breaking the cycle of domestic abuse
- 4) Reverse the trend in serious violence
- 5) Tackle gangs and organised crime
- 6) Protecting children and vulnerable people
- 7) Improve safety on our roads

Town Centre Action Plan Notable Achievements

During the period January 2019 - June 2019, positive partnership activity has resulted in the following:

- Patrols and activity in Town Centre by both Police and CBC Zone Teams – an average of 200 hours per week
- Joint enforcement action including the issue of 31 Community Protection Warnings (CPWs), 9 Community Protection Notices (CPNs) and 5 Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs)
- 35 Arrests relating to the Town Centre (including ASB/Burglary/Graffiti)
- Two Criminal Behaviour Orders (CBOs) issued.
- One Custodial Sentence for breach of Criminal Behaviour Orders (CBO)
- One Custodial Sentence for breach of Antisocial Behaviour Order (ASBO)
- Reduction of high-priority individuals (those causing the most nuisance, harm and distress) from 14 in August 2018 to 0 in June 2019
- 14 CBC Recycling Units were installed in Town Centre and Castle Park on 14 February
- Positive partnership working to tackle the hotspot locations, resulting in a reduction of 10 to 7
- Updated Town Centre PSPO signage to provide clear guidance of unacceptable behaviour
- 3 new CBC funded PCSOs completed training and started in Team 10 in March 2019
- Successful drugs warrant executed in Dutch Quarter (Class A)
- Test Purchase operation ran for OP SCEPTRE – 6 retailers tested. 3 failed and sold knife/bladed articles to under 18s.
- CBC 'Gum Drop' campaign launched 14 January 2019 - 35 bins were installed around the Town Centre
- Positive partnership working to tackle the hotspot locations, resulting in a reduction of 13 to 6

