

Report to: **Overview and Scrutiny Committee**
Date: **19 November 2019**
Title: **Community Safety Partnership**
Portfolio Area: **Customer First**
Wards Affected: **All**
Relevant Scrutiny Committee: N/A

Urgent Decision: **N** Approval and clearance obtained: **Y**

Date next steps can be taken:
(e.g. referral on of recommendation or implementation of substantive decision)

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Recommendations:

That Members identify any issues to be raised at the next Community Safety Partnership meeting

1. Executive summary

The purpose of this report is to provide Members with the opportunity to scrutinise the work of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) as defined by Sections 19 and 20 of the Police and Justice Act 2006 and the Crime and Disorder (Overview & Scrutiny) Regulations 2009.

2. Background

South Devon and Dartmoor CSP operates across Teignbridge, South Hams and West Devon and is a statutory partnership.

3. Outcomes/outputs

The CSP is intelligence led and delivers in the context of the Devon Strategic Assessment and also the Police and Crime Plan that is owned by the Police and Crime Commissioner. The CSP continues to focus on the most vulnerable within our community in response to information provided by the Devon Strategic Assessment and any emerging threats or risks.

The CSP works collaboratively across Devon and the Peninsula to tackle issues such as child sexual exploitation, modern slavery, drug misuse, prejudice related crime, preventing violent extremism and domestic violence and abuse.

In 2019/20 the CSP received a £25,000 grant of Safer Communities funding from the PCC via the Safer Devon Partnership, in 2020/21 the CSP will receive the same amount. This funding pays for specific projects, some of which are listed below. The PCC elections will take place in May 2020 so funding after 2020/21 is uncertain.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Achievements across the whole of South Devon and Dartmoor CSP area

- Developed the South Devon and Dartmoor Sexual Violence and Domestic Violence and Abuse Forum. This is Co-chaired with Splitz (Devon's commissioned service for Domestic Violence.) The forum is well attended by a range of agencies and voluntary sector. It has been successful in gaining £5,000 of funding from the Safer Devon Partnership to deliver an older persons toolkit.
- Regular engagement with South Devon MARAC (multi-agency risk assessment conference) to create safety planning for those experiencing domestic abuse in South Devon
- Continue to hold six monthly Community Safety meetings with secondary schools in each district resulting in extremely positive relationships in Teignbridge, West Devon and South Hams. The CSP has also provided funding for campaigns such as "Disrespect Nobody" campaign which ran in secondary schools in each area
- Supported Domestic and Sexual Violence survivors by providing support equipment such as alarms

- Continued close working with Integrated Offender Management and South Devon Police Proactive team around prolific offenders and safeguarding those vulnerable to exploitation. This includes safeguarding visits with Police during County Lines Intensification weeks in May and September 2019
- Delivered information sessions on County Lines and Youth Gangs to a range of organisations including: social care, Exeter Prison, Careers providers, Department for Work and Pensions, Young Devon, Town Councils, Rotary, registered housing providers to understand the implications of County Lines and cuckooing and how to report
- Provision of ASB service across SDD which included discussions about vulnerable adults as part of ASB meeting structure
- Engagement in the Devon and Torbay Prevent Partnership, The Anti-Slavery Partnership, The County Lines strategic meeting for Devon
- Delivered the tenth annual forum event which was held at Rattery Village Hall, attended by 108 delegates showcasing the work of the CSP
- Facilitated raising awareness of Extreme Right Wing symbolism to ensure reporting of any occurrences to Prevent Leads
- Safeguarding at events risk assessment produced for delivery in 2019 and invited to speak at the National Local Authority Event Co-ordinators Conference where we received very positive feedback. Two authorities have approached us to utilise the risk assessment
- Suicide Intervention briefings to partners. 345 pledges were received from a total of 82 different organisations. 78 people attended the half day Safetalk training which was held in Totnes and Newton Abbot
- Following feedback after the last round of Overview and Scrutiny meetings the CSP two hour briefing sessions to allow Members to have a greater insight into the workings of the partnership. These were well attended in each District and the feedback was positive
- The CSP has supported the development of the Adolescent Safety Framework for Devon. This framework is being led by Devon Children's Social Care to address risks from outside of the family
- The CSP lead the South Devon Exploitation Prevention Network which includes Torbay where partners are kept up to date on exploitation risks and reporting is encouraged
- Supported delivery of The Herbert Protocol – a system for helping to locate vulnerable missing people (often used by families of those who live with dementia)
- Presentations have been delivered to the CSP on suicide and this is an area for future work
- Successful in a joint bid to the Home Office for the delivery of the Turning Corners programme to the value of £538,000 which covers

Torbay, Teignbridge and South Hams to address Young Gang Culture

- Continued to share learning with other partners including the Metropolitan Police around Youth Gang Culture

Additional achievements specific to West Devon

- Facilitate and chair Okehampton and Tavistock Matters meetings on a quarterly basis, where Town and Parish Councillors meet with Community Safety Specialist and Anti-Social Behaviour Officer and Police and address local problems
- Five "Moorwatch" canvas banners commissioned through the CSP and distributed to Police and Dartmoor National Park to display in beauty spots with high car crime areas significantly reduced the number of thefts from motor vehicles on the moor
- Co-ordinated multi agency meetings to support the delivery of Operation Linger in Okehampton which focused on vulnerability of some young people
- Provided funding for youth outreach and diversionary activity in Bere Alston
- Provided funding and support for the Police Diversionary Support Team which focuses on adults needing additional support in order to reduce offending and reduce agency demand

Achievements in Anti-Social Behaviour – West Devon

- There has been one Community Trigger activation within West Devon. This related to a long running neighbour dispute. A review meeting to discuss all aspects of the disputes was convened and the result of the review meeting was that both the Police and WDBC had taken all possible action to resolve the issue. This information was relayed back to the party activating the Trigger. The decision was later appealed and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner concluded that the Trigger had been dealt with correctly. A recommendation was made that the Community Trigger Review meeting should be chaired by an independent party, this will be delivered in future.
- A Community Protection Notice (CPN) was issued to a resident in West Devon. This action was taken after considerable multi-agency working with police. The resident was videoing people and vehicles in a village and then posting those videos on social media, often accompanied with inflammatory comments. Despite the CPN being issued the resident continued this activity and a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) will be issued in line with our escalation procedure.
- A Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO) was sought against a male who was sleeping in a disabled toilet in West Devon. The male had previously been issued with a CPN which he regularly breached. He appeared at Plymouth Magistrates Court and pleaded guilty. On the back of that conviction a CBO was granted, restricting him from

sleeping in the disabled toilets in two communities. At the same time WDBC Housing was able to offer him accommodation. He became under threat of eviction due to his behaviour and alternative accommodation was provided. Unfortunately he has later evicted from this address and subsequently went to other toilets in West Devon. There is currently a request to vary the CBO to include 'any toilets owned or operated by either WDBC or any Town or Parish Council within the West Devon area.' This action has been the result of extensive multi-agency working with Police.

- Following extensive multi-agency working between the Police, WDBC and LiveWest an ASB Injunction was sought in relation to a West Devon tenant due to their intimidation of neighbours. This action was taken after their tenant had been offered Drug & Alcohol support, together with support from the Mental Health Team. This Injunction is still being monitored.
- There is continued engagement with the monthly ASB meeting where individuals causing ASB are discussed with regular attendance by Police, Registered Social Landlords & West Devon Borough Council. Also at this meeting vulnerable adults are also discussed to ensure that all agencies are aware and that appropriate support is being offered.

4. Options available and consideration of risk

The CSP has adopted an intelligence led approach and is directed by the findings of the Devon and Peninsula Strategic Assessments. Each year a workshop is held which includes representatives from statutory partners to review the Devon Strategic Assessment and agree the projects for the following year. This becomes the Local Delivery Plan. Spend of the budget relates to those priorities agreed annually. Due to the proactive nature of the work it is essential that responses are also made to emerging issues and threats.

5. Proposed Way Forward

The main considerations for members include –

- The CSP will continue to engage all statutory partners in the development of the Local Delivery Plan which sets out the work of the CSP directed by the Devon and Peninsula Strategic Assessments.

6. Implications

Implications	Relevant to proposals Y/N	Details and proposed measures to address

