

Members. The Chairman proposed that a special meeting of the Committee be organised for facilitate this. This was duly seconded and agreed.

RESOLVED

- (ii) that subject to the above amendment, the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 3 March 2014 be confirmed;
- (iii) that a special meeting of the Committee be organised to facilitate a private viewing of the CCTV feed from the camera at King Street, Maldon.

490. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Councillor S J Savage declared a non-pecuniary interest a member of the Police Commissioner Panel.

Councillor M S Heard declared an interest as since April 2014 he had been employed by Essex Police.

Councillor A S Fluker declared in the interest of openness and transparency that he rented property to the Essex Police Authority.

491. OPERATIONAL POLICING FOR THE MALDON DISTRICT

The Committee received a presentation from Chief Inspector (CI) Alan Cook, District Commander, Essex Police. CI Cook started by providing background information to his service with Essex Police. The current position on crime for the Maldon District was outlined and Members were advised that the Maldon District had one of the lowest crime rates in Essex.

It was questioned whether using percentages in figures was the best way to indicate performance as although there were areas of high increase when looking at the actual figures the number of such instances was very small. In response CI Cook explained how he used resources including intelligence and analytical information and the work being doing to reduce crime rates. He assured Members that when information was received they would pursue this.

The following information was provided:

- Crime offence: Maldon had seen an all crime offence increase of 17.4% (147 offences) from 1 April to 31 August 2014 when compared to the same period for the previous year. In response to questions CI Cook provided Members with information regarding the increase, highlighting how the recorded increase in robbery actually related to an incredibly small number of incidents.
- Crime Solved: It was noted that with an all crime solved rate of 19.15%, Maldon was 3.9% worse than the same period for the previous year.
- Anti-Social Behaviour: The Maldon District had an 17.0% reduction in Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) which equated to 106 incidents compared to the same period for the previous year.

- Areas of Concern A map detailing non-dwelling burglaries in the District was displayed and CI Cook outlined the work being done to proactively reduce these.
- Dengie peninsular: CI Cook reported that a capital project had been submitted for installation of Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras on the Dengie with funding from Magnox (Bradwell Power Station). Unfortunately he had just heard that following a change in ownership at the Bradwell Power Station this funding had since been removed. He advised Members that he would be looking to follow this up and discuss matters with the new company. Following discussion regarding Bradwell Power Station, it was agreed that the new company be requested to attend a future meeting of the Committee to provide an overview of the site moving forward and its ongoing decommissioning.

In response to a question regarding the phone system (101 service), CI Cook highlighted some ongoing issues and the measures being put in place to address them. He reiterated that Essex Police wanted to know about any offences taking place and if Members were aware of any dissatisfaction to let him know.

The Committee were informed of the ongoing work Essex Police as part of the Evolve Programme, set up to transform the way Essex Police Operated. The first community meeting was due to take place in Maldon on 3 November and the following meeting on 27 November in Burnham-on-Crouch. A fully briefed officer (at the lowest level a Sergeant) would be in attendance.

Police Community Support Officers (PSCO) would be arranging weekly street meetings for an hour at a nominated place, where members of the public could meet them and raise any concerns etc. In respect of PSCO attending Parish / Town Council meetings, CI Cook advised that they could continue to be invited but he could not guarantee their attendance.

CI Cook provided an update in respect of Local Policing Teams and recent changes. It was noted that although the Maldon District had not received an increase in the number of Officers, those Officers assigned to the District would now only be responsible for this area. The future of Neighbourhood Action Panels was unknown as they were due to be reviewed in April 2015 and CI Cook advised that as from 1 September the District had one Neighbourhood Policing Officer, based at Maldon.

CI Cook informed Members that Community Messaging had launched this week and was a service that people could sign up to enabling them to keep informed crime and policing issues.

In response to a question regarding traffic officers, CI Cook explained that there were such resources available and although not under his direction they were controlled by the Force Information Room and he would expect the relevant inspectors to react as necessary.

The Chairman thanked the Chief Inspector Cook for his presentation.

It was agreed that contact details for CI Cook would be circulated to the Committee.

RESOLVED that the new owners of Bradwell Power Station be invited to attend a future meeting of the Committee to provide an overview of the site moving forward and its ongoing decommissioning.

Councillor Mrs M Thompson joined and then left the meeting during this item of business.

492. TRANSFORMING REHABILITATION

The Committee received a presentation from Mr Gordon Turl, Manager – Drugs and Alcohol, The Essex Community Rehabilitation Company Ltd. Mr Turl provided details on the Nation Reform Programme Innovatin and the supervision and rehabilitation offered to every offender released from custody. The following information was provided:

- Essex Probation Trust ceased to exist from 1 June 2014 and had been formed into two separate organisations (National Probation Service: South East and Essex Community Rehabilitation Company) both with statutory responsibilities. Mr Turl outlined the different work carried out by each company.
- Community Payback – Courts were given the power to sentence offenders of certain crimes to undertaken between 40 and 300 hours of Community Payback. The work was unpaid and demanding with an aim of them giving something to local communities and paying back for what they had done wrong. Mr Turl provided examples of some of the projects around the District. It also gave opportunity for offenders to learn new skills and challenged team working. In response to a question, Mr Turl provided details of who Members should contact if they had a scheme they wished to be considered as part of the community payback work. The Director of Customers and Community advised that there would be a report to a future meeting of the Community Services Committee as the Asset Management Working Group had highlighted a number of capital projects where community payback could help.
- Integrated Offender Management allowed local and partner agencies to come together to ensure that offenders who crimes cause the most damage and harm locally were managed in a coordinated way. It aimed to reduce reoffending and Mr Turl outlined the carrot and stick approach used.
- Alcohol Related Offending – Mr Turl highlighted the partnership working in respect of this and provided further information regarding the scheme.

In response to a question, regarding drug related offending, Mr Turl outlined the process for such offences explaining how this linked into the drugs and alcohol treatment provision. He advised that as a Community Safety Partnership Maldon was below the county average for both drugs and alcohol related offences.

The Chairman thanked Mr Turl for attending the meeting, his presentation and the information he had provided.

493. MALDON DISTRICT COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

The Committee received a presentation from the Community Safety Partnership Manager on the Maldon District Community Safety Partnership (CSP).

The Director of Customers and Community highlighted the current membership of the Partnership. He advised starting the Mid Essex Clinical Commissioning Group, partners of the CSP would be invited to future meetings of the Committee so that Members can gain understanding of the work they did.

The Community Safety Partnership Manager circulated at the meeting some examples of 'a day in the life' for the CSP team. The Chairman thanked the Officer for this advising that he would forward it onto the Member who had raised questions regarding the work of the CSP at the Committees last meeting.

The presentation and report highlighted the following information:

- CSP Priorities for 2014 / 15 were to maintain / reduce existing low levels of crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB); reduce the harm caused by alcohol and drug misuse; protect vulnerable persons including victims of crime and domestic violence and serious acquisitive crime. A copy of the most recent Essex Police strategic management performance data was attached as Appendix 1 to the report.
- Reducing Re-Offending. The Community Safety Partnership Manager was member of the Essex wide group looking at Integrated Offender Management (IOM) and advised that a review into this was taking place. He provided the Committee with details of a scheme being piloted in Chelmsford whereby a mandatory drug test was carried out on arrest and if positive persons were encouraged to undergo treatment. Members were advised that following the success of this pilot and receipt of funding by Essex Police the scheme would be expanded countywide for two years.

Councillor A S Fluker declared an interest in Crucial Crew in the interest of openness and transparency as he was a trustee of Stow Marries Aerodrome.

Members commented on the success of the Crucial Crew event and its benefit to the young people who attended.

A number of questions were raised regarding some of the events held in respect of specific locations around the District for young people and in response the Community Safety Partnership Manager and Director of Customers and Community provided the Committee with further information.

It was noted that good progress was being made on the 2014 / 15 delivery plan and the shared working arrangements between Maldon and Chelmsford continued to drive forward efficiency changes.

The report provided details of the Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB), Crime and Policing Act 2014 which would be fully implemented on 20 October 2014 and introduce simpler, more effective powers to tackle anti-social behaviour that provided better protection for victims and communities. A copy of the Essex ASB Case Review

Guidance approved by Safer Essex for local partners to agree and introduce was attached as Appendix 2 to the report. Following the set-up of a working group to look at the Community Remedy a draft document had been produced and this was attached as Appendix 3 to the report.

It was noted that the CSP had developed a good working relationship with the Office of the Essex Police and Crime Commissioner and details of the ongoing work and recent public meetings were set out in the report.

The Chairman thanked the Officer for his presentation.

RESOLVED the progress on the delivery plan for 2014 / 15 and the success of the initiatives undertaken by the partnership and the timescales for the full introduction of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, be noted.

There being no other items of business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 10:04pm.

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CHAIRMAN