



REPORT of DIRECTOR OF SERVICE DELIVERY

**to
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (MEETING AS THE CRIME AND
DISORDER COMMITTEE)
29 NOVEMBER 2018**

MALDON DISTRICT COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 Members are asked to note the progress of activities undertaken by the Maldon Community Safety Partnership (CSP) since the last meeting held on 14 March 2018 and be aware of the strategic priorities which are being proposed by the partnership for 2018 / 19.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That Members review and comment on the new current progress and the success of the initiatives undertaken by the partnership to date.

3. SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

3.1 Statutory Duties

- 3.1.1 The current key priorities are listed below and following the completion of the strategic assessment and subsequent endorsement by the Responsible Authorities Group (RAG) on 13 April 2018. Officers have been supported by an analyst from Essex Police for this strategic assessment and partners have been involved in the process to determine the new priorities by using a crime risk matrix, crime severity scores and public perception. These priorities have been confirmed to Essex Police and the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner, and reflect priorities already identified in the current Police and Crime Plan and Essex Police Crime Prevention Strategy. It should be noted that reducing reoffending remains a statutory function for all community safety partnerships and is embedded in the priorities listed below. Work on the new strategic assessment has commenced (using data from 1 November 2017 – 31 October 2018) which will be presented to the Responsible Authority Group on 6 March 2019.

- Tackling violent crime;
- Driving down antisocial behaviour in public places;
- Identifying and supporting vulnerable people;
- Ensuring the implementation and delivery of the Essex Police rural crime strategy;

- Promoting road safety and challenging irresponsible driving.
- 3.1.2 These priorities contribute to the Council’s Corporate Goal of “Helping communities to be safe, active and healthy” and are highlighted as activities in the business plan for the directorate for 2018/19. Each activity has a clear timescale and milestone to enable performance monitoring of each project associated to the activity. Activities are reported quarterly on the TEN performance management system and monthly through the community safety partnership hub tasking meetings.
- 3.1.3 The current Essex Police performance figures for the rolling year to 31 October 2018 (compared to the same period last year) showed an increase in all crime by **18.1%** (448 more offences) and a decrease in anti-social behaviour by **9.1%** (90 less incidents). It should be noted that there has been an increase in all crime in Essex by **12.5%**. A summary of the crime profile for Maldon will be presented at the meeting by Chief Inspector Gerry Parker. A copy of the Essex Police force performance summary for Maldon and the Essex comparison are attached as **APPENDICES 1 and 2**.
- 3.1.4 Works continue around the Prevent agenda to support the current local action plan and statutory responsibilities. A SET (Southend, Essex and Thurrock) policy, guidance and an Essex Prevent Action Plan have been completed and are monitored on a quarterly basis at the Prevent Multi-Agency Group with the next meeting being held on 15 October 2018. Officers attended a Prevent Development Day in June 2018 which involved an excellent range of speakers who focused on radicalisation from a number of different perspectives. Officers continue to engage with communities through the recently refreshed Independent Advisory Group which meets every two months with the last meeting being held on 17 September 2018. This acts as a good forum to discuss community tensions, hate crime and policing interventions such as stop and search, and gives a voice to underrepresented communities. The next meeting on 26 November 2018 will include a Prevent presentation to community members.
- 3.1.5 Members will recall that the partnership that two domestic homicides had occurred and both of these incidents met the criteria of a Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) under Section 9 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004. These reviews are now concluded with final reports being sent to the Home Office quality assurance panel which met in July 2018. Feedback for one of these reviews has been received from the panel requesting a few minor amendments but approving the report for publication. This was subsequently published on the Southend, Essex and Thurrock Domestic Abuse Board (SETDAB) website in October 2018. The second review was returned from the Home Office requiring further works with a resubmission date set for 31 December 2018. The more recent DHR (third) from April 2017 is being managed under the new centralised process with Essex County Council (ECC) and was presented to the Home Office panel in June 2018 under a new format. This new centralised process is working very well and has enabled staff to dedicate more time to ensuring that the partnership addresses local issues which impact on the district.

3.2 **Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (PFCC) Update**

- 3.2.1 Officers to continue to work in partnership with the Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (OPFCC) on several current initiatives such as violence and vulnerability, integrated offender management, community safety hubs and rural crime. The OPFCC recently circulated a violence and vulnerability framework on behalf of Safer Essex which was subsequently approved and the future delivery of the framework was discussed at the Safer Essex meeting held on 26 September 2018. The OPFCC facilitated the launch of the Essex Police Crime Prevention Strategy on 12 November 2018. In addition to this, a rural crime advice day was held on 14 November 2018 at Slamsey's Farm in Braintree District. Members should note that the next Maldon PFCC public meeting will be held on 8 January 2019.
- 3.2.2 The OPFCC confirmed that core funding for 2018 /19 will be **£12,527** with the sum of **£1,708** being top sliced for the centralised DHR process (**£14,235** in total). Members should note that the commissioner opted to increase the policing precept for Council Tax in 2018 / 19 following extensive consultation with a large element of this funding will go towards community policing (150 officers across the force). This equates to twelve additional officers for the district policing area of which six officers are being deployed to Maldon District specifically for local response. Further consultation with members of the public is currently being undertaken to establish whether there is support for a further increase in the precept for 2019 / 20. This survey closes at midnight on 27 November 2018 and can be accessed via this link: <http://www.essex.pfcc.police.uk/policing-precept-survey-2018/>. Consultation has also commenced on the Fire and Rescue Plan and members of the public have been encouraged to participate in an on-line survey to determine what priorities should be considered in this plan for 2019 – 2024. The survey will close at midnight on 15 January 2019 and can be accessed via this link: <http://www.essex.pfcc.police.uk/fire-rescue-plan-2019-2024-public-survey>.
- 3.2.3 The OPFCC community safety development fund is open for bids at present and officers have supported several voluntary groups to make a bid for funding. The OPFCC has made a bid on behalf of Essex to the Home Office early intervention youth fund which closed in September 2018. An announcement was made earlier this month to confirm that the bid was successful and £664,000 has been allocated to Essex over the next eighteen months to address youth violence. This will see a central Violence and Vulnerability unit set up at the PFCC headquarters in Kelvedon.

3.3 **Community Safety Hubs**

- 3.3.1 The community safety hub for Maldon and Chelmsford meets on the first Tuesday of each month and has a tasking process which links to the current priorities of the community safety partnership. This group now has a much wider partnership focus with new members attending from social care, youth offending, probation services and the children's health and wellbeing service. Maldon representative at these meetings is from community safety and protection officers, and the chair of Maldon Neighbourhood Watch (NHW). Sub groups of the partnership continue to meet on a regular basis and work streams for each individual group are effectively impacting on various areas of community safety. The community policing team will be moving to offices at Chelmsford City Council in March 2019 which will ensure better partnership working and improved performance with Maldon officers "hot desking"

within the new hub when appropriate. The partnership has had a clear focus on organised crime and the impact which it has on the district. Operation Overwatch was deployed in July and October 2018 which resulted several arrests through intelligence led enforcement and effective use of stop and search powers. Approval for another Operation Overwatch has been given for February 2019. Regarding antisocial behaviour, current “hot spots” for the district include Promenade Park, Mayland and Tollesbury, and effective partnership action is being taken to address the youth nuisance and low level antisocial behaviour such as issuing eight community protection warning notices to individuals with strict conditions about their future behaviour. Officers continue to support the work of the Gypsy, Traveller and Rural Engagement Team (GTRET) to address rural crime and a day of action was held on 8 November 2018 focussing predominantly on the Dengie peninsular.

- 3.3.2 Officers continue to facilitate a group which has been set up to support schools in tackling anti-social behaviour and vulnerability with pupils displaying risky behaviours. This is working well and data sharing and intelligence is much more effective. This acts as a valuable early intervention tool and hopefully will correct bad behaviour before escalation. Maldon CSP will be working much closer with ECC Youth Offending Services and will be using a new framework deal with young people at risk of exploitation during the coming year. Officers are also attending groups with registered social landlords and mental health practitioners to tackle anti-social behaviour. We continue to host the Maldon and Burnham action groups, and facilitate the Maldon NHW meetings every two months which get good attendance.

3.4 **Progress on Action Plans**

- 3.4.1 The partnership has delivered education and interventions for a wide range of areas for this current year which has included the following work.
- Crucial Crew for Year 6 students (543 students);
 - Violence and Vulnerability Training by St Giles Trust (1500 students);
 - Young Driver Safety Event with EFRS (Essex Fire and Rescue Service) and SERP (Safer Essex Roads Partnership);
 - TRU Cam delivered throughout Maldon District;
 - 3PR School Safety Initiative adopted by primary schools;
 - Working with Safer Essex Road Partnership (SERP) to address speeding concerns adjacent a school;
 - Social Landlord Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Training – Tools & Powers;
 - Fire Break with EFRS (to be delivered in February 2019);
 - Door Step Sports Club;
 - Street Art Project at Burnham Skate Ramps;
 - J9 Domestic Abuse Training (staff and partnership staff, further sessions to be delivered in January 2019);
 - Secondary School Education on alcohol, drugs and psychoactive substances for Year 7 (300 students);
 - Get Ready for Summer;

- Just Play Football Initiative (Maldon and now extended to Burnham);
 - Stay Safe this Summer;
 - Collaborative Enquiry by Mid Essex Children’s Partnership Board at a secondary and primary school in Maldon District;
 - Design Council Public Sector Programme (focus on public health);
 - ACT (Action Counters Terrorism) Training by Essex Police.
- 3.4.2 The partnership has recently commissioned St Giles Trust (www.stgilestrust.org.uk) to undertake education, awareness and mentoring within secondary schools to highlight the risk of young people becoming criminally or sexually exploited by gangs or organised crime groups. This work, the Southend-on-Sea (SOS) project, was delivered to the Plume School in April 2018 and will be delivered to Ormiston Rivers Academy in October 2018 and includes education sessions for parents, students and teachers. Officers continue to carry out educational events. This included the delivery of Stay Safe this Summer to 300 Year 7 students in July 2018 focussing on alcohol and drug awareness (including psychoactive substances). Get Ready for Summer was held at the Promenade Park on 26 July 2018 and included a wide range of both statutory and voluntary partners. Crucial Crew was delivered to 553 Year 6 students between 17 - 20 September 2018 and included workshops on fire safety, road safety, internet safety, park safety, first aid and alcohol awareness.
- 3.4.3 Officers attend the MACE (Missing and Child Exploitation) 1 and MACE 2 meetings to ensure that the needs of vulnerable children for the district are addressed and that processes are in place to tackle the criminal and sexual exploitation of young people. The most recent meetings were held on 12 November 2018. A SET Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Toolbox has now been approved and a schools resource pack has now been developed and is available to primary and secondary schools. Officers also attend Mid-Essex Stay Safe, Mid-Essex Children’s Partnership Board and the County Safeguarding Leads meeting. Ali Burlington, Community Safety Development Officer, has recently been accredited as the Child Exploitation Champion for Maldon District Council. Maldon will be delivering a See It Stop It campaign to address exploitation during 2018 / 19 which will upskill businesses and organisations to spot the signs of exploitation.
- 3.4.4 The Burnham-on-Crouch Skate Park Project was completed in August 2018. A professional graffiti art company, Brave Arts, were commissioned to work with local people to design and paint the skate park. Over 20 young people helped deliver this project over the two days.
- 3.4.5 The partnership continues to address community engagement and members of the community policing team regularly hold “coffee with a cop” sessions throughout the district. Officers continue to engage with the public to ensure that we are aware of perceptions of crime in certain areas and have used events such as Get Ready for Summer, Blackwater Country Show, Burnham-on-Crouch Carnival. This will complement the on-line surveys which we complete each year.
- 3.4.6 Officers continue to focus on road safety and an event was held in May 2018 to educate and change behaviour of young drivers. This was held at Maldon Fire Station and involved a variety of partners. The community protection officers continue to

deliver the successful TRU-CAM speed enforcement initiative at various approved sites within the district. The effective use of Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) also contributes to the safety of the roads in the district and the various operations undertaken by the Safer Essex Roads Partnership.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 That Members note the priorities for 2018 / 19 and progress on the action plan. The shared working arrangements between Maldon and Chelmsford continue to support local priorities, high level policing priorities and the priorities of the current PFCC plan and this will strengthen with the co-location of the community policing team in March 2019 and additional policing resources coming in at the end of this year. Maldon CSP remains efficient and responsive to emerging issues and more importantly positions itself strongly for future funding arrangements with the Essex Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, statutory partners and local/national initiatives.

5. IMPACT ON CORPORATE GOALS

- 5.1 These priorities contribute to the Council's Corporate Goal of "Helping communities to be safe, active and healthy" and are highlighted as activities in the business plan for the directorate for 2018 / 19.

6. IMPLICATIONS

- (i) **Impact on Customers** – Helping communities to be safe, active and healthy.
- (ii) **Impact on Equalities** – None.
- (iii) **Impact on Risk** – None.
- (iv) **Impact on Resources (financial)** – Members should note that sustainable funding of posts to cover statutory duties will remain a challenge but remain manageable whilst we receive an annual OPFCC grant.
- (v) **Impact on Resources (human)** – As above.
- (vi) **Impact on the Environment** – None.

Background Papers: None.

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