



**REPORT of
DIRECTOR OF SERVICE DELIVERY**

to
**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (MEETING AS THE CRIME AND
DISORDER COMMITTEE)**
14 NOVEMBER 2019

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 13 March 2019 and be aware of the current strategic priorities for 2019 / 20.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

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 Work on the strategic assessment for the period 2018/19 (1 October 2018 – 30 September 2019) has been commenced and it is planned to have a product completed by early January 2020. Officers are being supported by an analyst from Essex Police for this strategic assessment and partners will be involved in the process to determine the new priorities by using a crime risk matrix, crime severity scores and public perception. The current priorities, listed below, reflect priorities already identified in the current Police and Crime Plan, the Essex Police Crime Prevention Strategy and the current Essex Police Strategic Assessment (control 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.

- Tackling violent crime (with an emphasis on gangs, organised crime, drug trafficking and domestic abuse)
- Driving down antisocial behaviour in public places (with an emphasis on youth nuisance and improved partnership visibility)
- Identifying and supporting vulnerable people (with an emphasis on emotional health and wellbeing, mental health and a proactive approach to those at risk of exploitation, domestic abuse and sexual offences)
- Ensuring the implementation and delivery of the Essex Police rural crime strategy
- Promoting road safety and challenging irresponsible driving (with an emphasis on speeding and street racing)

- 3.1.2 These priorities will contribute to the Council’s Corporate Goal of “Helping communities to be safe, active and healthy” and are highlighted as activities in the corporate plan for 2019/23. 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 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 30 September 2019 (compared to the same period last year) showed an increase in all crime by **29.9%** (852 more offences) and a decrease in anti-social behaviour by **8.6%** (80 less incidents). It should be noted that there has been an increase in all crime in Essex by 16.8%. A summary of the crime profile for Maldon will be presented at the meeting by Sgt Barry Booth from the Chelmsford and Maldon Community Policing Team. A copy of the Essex Police force performance summary for Maldon and the Essex comparison are attached as **APPENDICES 1** and **2**. Some more local context of the issues surrounding these crime increases will be given at the meeting. The chart below highlights All Crime Offences per 1000 population (July 2019):

District	ALL CRIME	
	Offences	Per 1000 Pop.
Basildon	19124	103.7
Braintree	10416	68.7
Brentwood	6233	81.4
Castle Point	6385	71.1
Chelmsford	16031	91.0
Colchester	18806	98.9
Epping Forest	11190	85.7
Harlow	10155	117.8
Maldon	3727	58.3
Rochford	4663	54.1
Southend-on-Sea	21191	116.6
Stansted	1246	
Tendring	14662	101.3
Thurrock	18372	107.8
Uttlesford	4757	54.3

- 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 last meeting being held on 4 November 2019. New Channel guidance will be launched in April 2020 which will embed Channel within local governance arrangements, such as CSPs or local safeguarding structures, placing a requirement for the Home Office to be notified of named designated Channel chairs and deputies, plus introducing core

competencies for both roles. The Community Safety Manager attended the Eastern Region Counter Terrorism Local Profile meeting on 10 September 2019 where the quarter one data was disseminated. Officers continue to engage with communities through the recently refreshed Independent Advisory Group which meets every quarter with the last meeting being held on 21 October 2019. 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.

3.2 Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Update

3.2.1 The Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (OPFCC) confirmed that core funding for 2019 / 20 will be **£12,527** with the sum of **£1,708** being top sliced for the centralised DHR process (**£14,235** in total). Officers to continue to work in partnership with the OPFCC on several current initiatives such as violence and vulnerability, integrated offender management, community safety hubs and rural crime. The partnership continues to support the priorities identified in the Police and Crime Plan 2016-2020 and is involved in several multi-agency groups that support this work locally and across Essex. The OPFCC are currently running a consultation to seek views for Police and Crime Plan for 2020 and beyond using the #MakeADifference campaign. The results of this consultation will help inform the office of the views of Essex residents in relation to safety concerns and priorities.

3.2.2 The Police, Fire & Crime Panel approved a further increase in the council tax precept for 2019 / 20 which has seen a further increase in key policing staff across several areas. The most notable change for policing district has seen a new town centre unit set up in July 2019 which includes one sergeant and eight police constables. These officers are based in the community safety hub and focus on the city centre and South Woodham Ferrers and Maldon town centres. The Rural Engagement Team (RET) has also doubled in size which supports the priority of tackling rural crime. As previously reported, the OPFCC made a bid on behalf of Essex to the Home Office early intervention youth fund which was successful and £664,000 has been allocated to Essex to address youth violence. Essex County Council has also contributed £500,000 to this budget for 2019 / 20 and a further £1,160,000 was awarded in September 2019 following a successful bid for the Violence Reduction Unit. This has seen a central Violence and Vulnerability unit set up in the new community safety partnership hub with a budget of approximately £2.2 million for Essex. The Community Safety Manager attends the Violence and Vulnerability Operations Board which reports into a Strategic Board. It should be noted that in addition to funding above, Essex Police has been awarded £1.76 million surge funding to tackle serious violence. Funding proposals for this agenda are almost finalised with several interventions already in place. A verbal update will be given to Board Members at this meeting.

3.3 Community Safety Partnership Hub

3.3.1 The community safety partnership 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 moved to offices at Chelmsford City Council in March 2019 which has ensured 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 has been deployed on five occasions since July 2018 with some impressive results from the weeks of action listed below using intelligence led enforcement and effective use of stop and search powers.

Week	Arrests	Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) activations	Intelligence reports	Stop searches
1	17	56	12	53
2	17	36	32	48
3	17	26	80	88
4	21	18	14	34
5	32	24	24	67
	104	160	162	290

- 3.3.2 Regarding antisocial behaviour, current “hot spots” for the district include Promenade Park and the town centre. Effective partnership action has been taken to address youth nuisance and low-level antisocial behaviour in Burnham-on-Crouch, Tollesbury and Southminster. Operation Enlightenment commenced in March 2019 which has seen a police officer and Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) allocated to all secondary education establishments serving in Maldon District including the alternative provision unit in Heybridge. This will provide a valuable resource for early intervention within the school environment and help tackle poor behaviour and vulnerability. Officers continue to support the work of the Rural Engagement Team (RET) to address rural crime and supported a week of action in October 2019. Officers attend the MACE 1 and MACE 2 (Missing and Child Exploitation) 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. These have recently been improved by adopting the police 4P’s process of safeguarding vulnerability so that the outcomes of these meetings can be more effectively measured, and a further review was completed in June 2019 which will see this process more effective in the coming year. Officers also attend Mid-Essex Stay Safe, Mid-Essex Children’s Partnership Board (MECPB), Maldon Youth Strategy Group and the County Safeguarding Leads meeting.
- 3.3.2 Officers continue to work with a variety of practitioners to provide education and intervention opportunities. Crucial Crew is currently being reviewed and focus groups will be held with primary school staff to ensure that this still meets the needs of the Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PHSE) curriculum and current risks (i.e. gangs, knife crime, exploitation, health relationships). Colchester United Football Club (CUFC) who are currently funded by the Home Office have been introduced into several Maldon schools and youth clubs doing education sets on knife crime, gangs and values, and using sport as a diversionary activity. 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. 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 quarter and cascade crime information.

3.4 **Progress on Action Plans**

3.4.1 The partnership has the following projects delivered or planned for this current year.

- Crucial Crew for Year 6 students (Spring/Summer Term 2020);
- Older Persons Crucial Crew being developed with the University of the Third Age;
- Violence & Vulnerability Training (November 2019 – March 2020);
- Gangs and County Lines training delivered to professional on 28 June 2019 by St Giles Trust;
- Community Payback delivered throughout the district in cemeteries and green spaces;
- Young Driver Safety Event planned for Spring 2020 with EFRS (Essex Fire & Rescue Service) and SERP (Safer Essex Roads Partnership);
- TRU Cam delivered throughout Maldon District with 1535 captures from 1 April – 24 October 2019;
- Public engagement events to support Rural Crime (w/c 7 October), Coffee with Cops (19 September), Hate Crime (18 October) and Adult Safeguarding (22 November);
- Silver Sunday Event at the Forget Me Not Tea Rooms on 6 October 2019;
- 3PR School Safety Initiative adopted by primary schools;
- Working with SERP to address speeding concerns adjacent a school;
- Tollesbury Youth Club (launched March 2019);
- J9 Domestic Abuse Training for Community Partners (staff and partnership staff, to be delivered on 26 November 2019);
- Just Play Football Initiative (Maldon and now extended to Southminster);
- 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);
- EFRS targeted multi-agency engagement and awareness project delivered on the Dengie w/c 10 June 2019;
- ACT (Action Counters Terrorism) Training by Essex Police.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 That Members note the proposed new priorities for 2019/20 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 has strengthened with the co-location of the community policing team in March 2019 and additional policing resources in town centres and rural areas. 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 STRATEGIC THEMES

- 5.1 These priorities contribute to the Council's Performance and Efficiency Theme and Planning for the Future Theme, specifically contributing to, "Helping communities to be safe, active and healthy" and are highlighted as activities in the corporate plan.

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: Appendices 1 and 2 (as above).

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