

**CHARNWOOD COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP
THURSDAY, 20 APRIL 2023
COMMITTEE ROOM 1, CHARNWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL OFFICES
MINUTES**

Present:	<p>Councillor Leigh Harper-Davies Inspector David Stokes (NPA Commander and Vice-Chair) Shauna Atkins (Deputy NPA Commander) Ant Dales Sarah Whannell Sarah Lewis Rob Kitson Lindsay Widdowson Anita Chavda Jo Hewitt</p> <p>Peter Singleton Sajan Devshi James O'Connell Rupert Matthews (PCC) Karey Summers Andy Thomas Giuseppe Vassallo Allison Fadesco Verity Graham Andrew Staton Sally Kirkham-Wiley Sally Watson (minutes)</p>	<p>Charnwood Borough Council Leicestershire Police</p> <p>Leicestershire Police Loughborough University Falcon Centre LLR integrated Care Board Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service NHS Leicestershire County Council Leicestershire County Council (Public Health) Turning Point OPCC OPCC OPCC Charnwood Borough Council Charnwood Borough Council Charnwood Borough Council Charnwood Borough Council Charnwood Borough Council Charnwood Borough Council Charnwood Borough Council Charnwood Borough Council</p>
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1 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from the following:

Nicola Streets	OPCC
Grace Strong	Violence Reduction Network
Maddie Clay	Leicestershire Probation
Ioni Ashford	Loughborough BID
Gurjit Samra-Rai	Leicestershire County Council
Tim McCabe	Charnwood Borough Council
Claire Westrup	Charnwood Borough Council

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th January 2023 were approved.

The Chair highlighted that a meeting had taken place involving representatives of Charnwood Borough Council (including the Chair) and Public Health at Leicestershire County Council. The meeting was scheduled to discuss suicide prevention initiatives.

3 2022/23 PERFORMANCE

A presentation detailing Charnwood performance figures was provided. The following summarises the discussion:

- i. The following crime types had increased in comparison to the same period in 2021/22; Total Crime (+0.4%), Burglary – Residential (+12%), Burglary – Business and Community (+71%), Theft from Motor Vehicle (+23%) and Theft of Motor Vehicle (+29%).
- ii. The following crime types had decreased in comparison to the same period in 2021/22; Shoplifting (-6%), Robbery (-13%), Cycle Theft (-15%), Violence Against the Person with Injury (-5%) and Sentinel Reports for Antisocial Behaviour Incidents (-58%).
- iii. It was highlighted that over the past three years it had been difficult to accurately analyse crime data, as the Covid-19 Pandemic had had an impact on statistics. Moving forward, comparative data would be more accurate as the impacts of the pandemic were no longer a consideration.
- iv. The County Lines in Charnwood had decreased by 50% over the past six months as a result of targeted policing.
- v. Crimes such as Burglary – Residential and Burglary – Business and Community were associated with drug use and it was anticipated that these crime types would decline as further work to tackle drug problems was undertaken. The new CCTV systems in the Charnwood Borough were considered to be excellent and it was anticipated that ongoing use of this equipment would reduce crime further.
- vi. Burglary incidents in the Borough were sporadic and it was difficult to identify trends in the location of these types of crime.
- vii. There was preventative work being undertaken to support younger generations through the Youth JAG, involving trauma informed approaches and interventions. There was support for parents through the Children and Families Wellbeing Services and Relational Practices training. There were ongoing programmes external to the partnership including a programme initiated by Leicester City Football Club, which supported young people at risk of crime. Civil powers were also being used where appropriate, to reduce youth crime.
- viii. Crimes categorised as theft from a motor vehicle were generally low-level crimes, although this type of crime was increasing.
- ix. It was suspected that in some instances, cars were being stripped and sold as individual parts.

- x. It was emphasized that securing homes and cars was essential in preventing crime. The Police undertook campaigns to encourage people to secure their homes and possessions.
- xi. Loughborough University continued to work on the reduction of cycle theft through target hardening and utilising security systems to adopt a 'disruption' method, rather than a 'detection' method. It was emphasised that the reduction in cycle theft was the result of partnership working.
- xii. With regards to violence against the person with injury, the Police were working with licenced premises to reduce crime in key areas, which included the reduction of trading hours in extreme cases.
- xiii. It was highlighted that Charnwood had three key areas for consideration in terms of the response to the Serious Violence Duty. These were the night-time economy; school closing times and repeat victims of serious violence. These main issues would inform future work.
- xiv. It was highlighted that historically, many crime types had increased during the times when Loughborough Fair was operating. However, there were no crimes reported which were associated with the Loughborough Fair in 2022. This was due to increased Policing and the security systems in place.
- xv. The reduction in Sentinel reports for anti-social behaviour incidents was due to new reporting systems and education around reporting.
- xvi. The Police and Crime Commissioner stated that Charnwood was fortunate to have Insp David Stokes as the local NPA Commander. He stated that Insp David Stokes understood and believed in the importance of neighbourhood policing. The Chair of the CSP also stated that Insp David Stokes was excellent to work with and valuable to the Borough.

AGREED that the information be noted.

4 PARTNERSHIP STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP PLAN 2023-26

The draft report was introduced by the Interim Head of Regulatory and Community Safety. The following summarises the discussion:

- i. It was emphasized that the draft CSP Plan was owned by the Partnership as a whole and that all comments from partners were valuable.
- ii. The four key themes included 'Safeguarding Communities from Abuse and Violent Offences', 'To reduce the harm caused by Youth ASB and Youth Crime', 'To reduce Criminal Exploitation' and 'Strategic Responsibilities'. These areas were broad and generally strategic.

- iii. It was recognised that it was vital for the partnership to add value to the work outlined in the CSP Plan and that the Community Safety Partnership was held accountable for the delivery of the work. Therefore, it was proposed that a structure of tactical and operational delivery groups was introduced, with updates at the Community Safety Partnership meetings.
- iv. Partners identified linkages between the CSP Plan and their own working plans and groups, which could further support partnership working. For example, the Health and Wellbeing Board was considered to be a valuable resource in terms of the delivery of the CSP priority areas. The partnership should avoid duplication of work at the delivery group level, and this may mean that existing groups were expanded, as opposed to new groups being created.
- v. There was a trend across the county whereby some boards and groups focussed mainly on inequalities and issues within Leicester City. The Police and Crime Commissioner stated that he had recognised this and that he encouraged boards and groups to consider areas of deprivation outside of Leicester City, where appropriate, as there were significant pockets of deprivation and inequality around the county. The Police and Crime Commissioner had also set up two People Zones outside of Leicester City in recognition of this.
- vi. It was beneficial for Partners to note how the CSP Plan supported partners' plans and how partners' plans supported the CSP Plan.
- vii. The Interim Head of Regulatory and Community agreed to look into partnership arrangements around the key themes outlined in the CSP Plan and how these fit into a delivery group structure. Following this, the CSP Plan would be updated appropriately and shared amongst partners.
- viii. It was agreed that any partners that wish to make comments or suggestions on the CSP Plan do so by Friday 5th May 2023 by emailing andy.thomas@charnwood.gov.uk (copying in sally.watson@charnwood.gov.uk). A Microsoft Teams meeting would take place following the completion of the Plan so that it could be signed off by the group. It was also suggested that partners physically sign the final version of the CSP Plan.
- ix. The Chair thanked the team; Andy Thomas, Tim McCabe and Allison Fadesco, and highlighted the substantial amount of work required in producing the Plan.

AGREED

1. that the information be noted.
2. That the Interim Head of Regulatory and Community Safety look into partnership arrangements around the key themes outlined in the CSP Plan and how these fit into a delivery group structure. Following this, the CSP would be updated appropriately and shared amongst partners.

3. That any partners that wish to make comments or suggestions on the CSP Plan do so by Friday 5th May 2023 by emailing andy.thomas@charnwood.gov.uk (copying in sally.watson@charnwood.gov.uk). A Microsoft Teams meeting would take place following the completion of the Plan so that it could be signed off by the group.

An agenda variance was agreed at this stage in the meeting. The Police and Crime Commissioner Update was the next item for discussion.

5 PARTNER UPDATES

A number of update reports from partners were provided. The following summarises the discussion on the reports circulated and also the verbal updates from partners:

- i. OPCC (James O'Connell and Sajan Devshi): The OPCC had awarded two out of five grant applications, which were both youth centre outreach projects. A reporting framework was in development which could be used Charnwood-wide. This would include information on Crime stoppers to allow members of the public to report crime anonymously. Community Payback projects were being expanded to support rehabilitation of offenders. It was suggested that partners apply for grant funding from the OPCC if they had ideas for solutions to issues. There are guidance papers on the grant funding available and it was highlighted that the funding was renewed each year.
- ii. Children, Families and Partnerships Manager – Charnwood Borough Council (Giuseppe Vassallo): The Safer Streets project was entering stage two. Stage one had been considered successful as youth ASB had declined in the two super output areas which the project had focussed on. A business plan had been created for the second stage of the project which would look at more preventative measures and would include a trauma informed approach. An appreciative enquiry had been undertaken and a presentation had been developed for stage one of the project, which could be shared with the group.
- iii. Loughborough University (Ant Dales): The partnership meetings between Loughborough University and Charnwood Borough Council had continued to work well and centred around any ASB issues that had been caused by students in the Loughborough area. Staff from the university had visited the Charnwood Borough Council CCTV stations as there were plans to develop and improve their own CCTV stations. The university was prepared for the implementation of the Martyn's Law Protect Duty.
- iv. Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service (Rob Kitson): There had been an increase in deliberate fires in recent years and trends suggested that the warmer weather in the coming months may mean further increases. There were educational initiatives being undertaken in which schools and colleges were visited and presentations were given to young people to deter ASB related to fires. It was highlighted that the

management of the recent large fire in Loughborough was an example of excellent partnership working within Charnwood. Relevant partners had worked effectively together to contain the fire quickly and safely, reducing further damage to Loughborough Town Hall and other surrounding areas.

- v. NHS (Lindsay Widdowson): The Charnwood Health and Wellbeing Partnership Group was formalised and up and running. This could be a beneficial resource in ensuring groups were well connected.
- vi. Neighbourhoods and Partnerships Manager – Charnwood Borough Council (Verity Graham): The Council continued to work with and support the voluntary sector.
- vii. Turning Point (Peter Singleton): Referrals to services remained very high but were in line with targets. The service was keen to identify more individuals in need of support. There had been a recent staff restructure at Turning Point.
- viii. LLR Integrated Care Board (Sarah Lewis): A Community Health and Wellbeing Plan had been drafted, with substantial input from partners. Key priorities were mental health in teenagers, homelessness, loneliness, Dementia and Care.
- ix. Falcon Services (Sarah Whannell): There was a significant increase in services users and there had been an increase in drug use. There was a variety of services available at the Falcon Centre, including harm reduction, recovery navigators, peer mentoring, health workers and wellbeing workers. Partners were encouraged to refer individuals to the Falcon Centre.
- x. Leicestershire Police (Shauna Atkins): It was highlighted that every call into the Police was reviewed by Shauna. A partnership meeting would be scheduled following the agreement of the CSP Plan in order to discuss the crimes that affect each partner service. It was possible for another Police Officer to attend the area around the Falcon Centre to reduce idling.
- xi. Leicestershire County Council – Public Health (Jo Hewitt): A pilot to identify mental health-friendly places had been successful and this was likely to be expanded. The recent suicide prevention training for Charnwood Citizen's Advice had been well received. There had been joint strategic needs assessments undertaken including health and equalities, gambling-related harm and children and young peoples' mental health. The outcomes and recommendations of these would be beneficial for the CSP to acknowledge. The Teen Health Service was established and involved the input of Health and Wellbeing workers and secondary schools. There were approximately 80 referrals per week into this service. Schools had identified that primary concerns included vaping and sexual health.
- xii. Leicestershire County Council – Community Safety (Anita Chavda): A full day of ASB training was scheduled in the first week of July. The Incremental Approach Review was underway and the findings from this

work would be circulated in due course. Work was underway on the Risk Management Accreditation, and this would be submitted to the SPB Board. Regarding domestic abuse projects, funding had been confirmed for years three and four. Partners at Charnwood Borough Council required information on threats associated with Prevent. There had been 34 recommendations following the Prevent review, all of which had been accepted. It was highlighted that there was a substantial amount of work being undertaken in relation to the Prevent requirements.

AGREED

1. That the information be noted.
2. That the appreciative enquiry and/or the presentation associated with stage one of the Safer Streets project be shared with the group.

6 POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

The Police and Crime Commissioner, Mr Rupert Matthews attended the meeting to provide an update on his priority areas. The following summarises the discussion;

- i. The Police and Crime Commissioner stated that it was beneficial for him to attend meetings of all of the Community Safety Partnership meetings in his area as it allowed for further understanding of the needs and requirements of each CSP and the issues faced within each individual area. Each CSP area had different priorities and characteristics. For example, Charnwood was a university town, which other areas within the patch were not.
- ii. The Police and Crime Commissioner referred to the recent Government Consultation on ASB and partnership working and stated that he had been informed it was likely the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner would receive additional funding for this in 2024.

AGREED that the information be noted.

7 FUTURE MEETINGS

The Chair suggested that the CSP report template included an executive summary, to allow partners to summarise key points in their reports.

AGREED that the information be noted.

8 GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION

The Interim Head of Regulatory and Community Safety discussed the Government Consultation on ASB and partnership working. The following summarises the discussion;

- i. One of the key themes of the consultation was increasing the accountability of CSPs to the public.
- ii. The Head of Regulatory and Community Safety encouraged partners to review the consultation and respond.

AGREED that the information be noted.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business raised.

10 FORWARD PROGRAMME

A report to enable the Partnership to consider and manage its forward programme of work was provided.

The forward programme of work was noted.

Upcoming meetings;

13th July 2023 at 10am

12th October 2023 at 10am