

**CHARNWOOD COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP
THURSDAY, 20 OCTOBER 2022
MEETING ROOM 1, CHARNWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL OFFICES
AGENDA**

Present:	<p>Councillor Leigh Harper-Davies Inspector David Stokes Ant Dales Ioni Ashford Rob Kitson Maddie Clay Gurjit Samra-Rai Grace Strong Sarah Whannell James O'Connell Sarah Lewis Karey Barnshaw (MS Teams) Alan Twells Andy Thomas Tim McCabe Giuseppe Vassallo Allison Fadesco Andrew Staton (MS Teams) Claire Westrup Sally Watson (minutes)</p>	<p>Charnwood Borough Council Leicestershire Police Loughborough University Loughborough BID Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service Leicestershire Probation Leicestershire County Council Violence Reduction Network Falcon Centre OPCC LLR integrated Care Board Charnwood Borough Council Charnwood Borough Council 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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The Chair stated that the Head of Regulatory and Community Safety, Alan Twells would be leaving Charnwood Borough Council and that this would be his last meeting. She acknowledged the significant contribution Alan had made to the Community Safety Partnership and thanked him for his work. She also welcomed Andy Thomas, Interim Head of Regulatory and Community Safety at Charnwood Borough Council.

1 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

It was agreed that Insp Dave Stokes became Vice-Chair of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) for the remainder of the 2022/23 Council civic year.

2 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from the following:

Lindsay Widdowson (via MS Teams)	NHS
Sajan Devshi	OPCC
Nicola Streets	OPCC
Peter Singleton	Turning Point

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th October 2022 were approved.

4 ACTION LOG

It was highlighted that the current process of logging actions was not efficient and that there were a number of longstanding actions that had not been closed off. It was recognised that there was a requirement to reform the way in which the CSP logged and updated actions. Andy Thomas stated that he would look at creating a more suitable action logging method, associated with strategies, risk and threat outside of the meeting.

AGREED that Andy Thomas look at creating a more suitable action logging method, associated with strategies, risk and threat outside of the meeting.

5 CSP DRAFT REVIEW AND DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE

An update on the development of the CSP Plan and Terms of Reference was provided. The following summarises the discussion:

- i. It was suggested that a level of delegated authority be given to the Chair and Vice-Chair of the CSP to enable amendments to the Terms of Reference where required. The Terms of Reference would be updated every three years, but this approach would allow for flexibility during the three-year period.
- ii. The Charnwood Community Safety Partnership Membership and Voting table should be amended to state that the Director of Customer Experience was a core member, as opposed to the Director of Housing and Wellbeing.
- iii. It was suggested that the Overarching Aim be amended to read 'to deliver enhanced partnership working, collaboration and collective problem solving *to create safer communities*'.

AGREED

1. That the CSP Terms of Reference be amended to reflect the suggestions made.
2. That delegated authority be given to the Chair and Vice-Chair of the CSP to enable amendments to the Terms of Reference where required, and that the Terms of Reference be amended to reflect this.

6 SCRUTINY OF COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

An update on the Council's scrutiny of the CSP was provided. The following summarises the discussion:

- i. The CSP was scrutinised on an annual basis by the Council's Finance and Performance Scrutiny Committee, as required by legislation. The

minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Performance Scrutiny Committee can be found on the [Council's website](#).

- ii. The CSP was scrutinised on drugs activity in Charnwood and the work being done to combat County Lines, mental health support, anti-social behaviour and the changes made to streamline reporting, youth anti-social behaviour and the JAG groups.
- iii. Members of the Finance and Performance Scrutiny Committee were assured that the CSP was working effectively and achieving the desired outcomes.

AGREED that the information be noted.

Partners agreed to an agenda variance at this stage in the meeting.

10 VIOLENCE REDUCTION NETWORK UPDATE

An presentation on the Serious Violence Duty was delivered. The following summarises the information and discussion:

- i. It was highlighted that the requirements of the duty were similar to the work of the Violence Reduction Network (VRN) partnership except it placed a legal duty on specified authorities. Police and Crime Commissioners were not subject to the Duty but did have the authority to take a convening role, support specified authorities, draw down and distribute funding and monitor progress.
- ii. Duty Holders included Integrated Care Boards, Local Authorities, Probation and Youth Justice, Police and Fire and Rescue. Education and Prisons/youth custody must consult relevant authorities in preparing the strategy and should co-operate.
- iii. The Duty required specified authorities, for one or more local government areas, to work together and plan to prevent and reduce serious violence, including identifying the kinds of serious violence in the area, the causes of that violence and to prepare and implement a shared strategy for preventing and reducing serious violence in the area. (PCSC Act Ch1 Part 2). Section 6 of the Crime and Disorder Act requires CSPs to have serious violence as an explicit priority in their strategies and plans.
- iv. The requirements of the duty included:
 - Identifying and defining serious violence locally (must include a focus on public place 'youth violence' with an option to include other related types such as DASV, criminal exploitation and VAWG).
 - Agreeing the geographical coverage and local partnership model for delivering the duty.

- Producing a partnership agreement outlining how specified authorities and partners will work together.
 - Adopting the WHO public health approach ('encouraged').
 - Producing an SNA.
 - Producing, publishing and implementing a strategy.
 - Reviewing the Strategy annually (which may require a refreshed SNA) .
- v. The Duty commenced on 31st January 2023. Specified authorities had until 31st January 2024 to produce their SNA and Strategy.
- vi. Success measures included:
- A reduction in hospital admissions for assaults with knife or sharp object.
 - A reduction in knife and sharp object enabled serious violence* recorded by the Police.
 - A reduction in homicides recorded by the Police.
- vii. Specified authorities were encouraged to adopt and apply the World Health Organisation's definition of a public health approach in implementing the duty. This included following the Public Health Principles and the Four Step Process.
- viii. Specified authorities must define serious violence and should agree the local partnership model (and its geographical area) for discharging the duty. The partnership should work together to establish the local Strategic Needs Assessment (SNA) and collectively develop a strategy which should outline the multi-agency response that would be taken to prevent and reduce serious violence in the local area.
- ix. There was Serious Violence Duty funding available and the OPCC could apply for funding to cover labour and non-labour costs associated with delivering the duty. This could be distributed amongst specified and relevant authorities or used to fund additional resources within the OPCC to reduce the burden on specified authorities. The VRN's work placed the partnership in a position of strength and there was an opportunity to use this funding to offer additional support to CSPs and work across the wider SPB Exec agenda including in relation to data usage and strengthening the link between system-level and locality-based working (for all types of violence and vulnerability). The local plan was to use the labour-cost funding to increase the resource within the OPCC to deliver the above. There were currently no plans for the non-labour costs.

AGREED that the information be noted.

7 2022/23 PERFORMANCE

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

- i. The followings crime types had increased in comparison to the same period in 2021/22; Total Crime (+4.3%), Burglary – Residential (+17%), Burglary – Business (+93%), Theft of Vehicles (+54%) and Theft from Vehicles (+55%).
- ii. The following crime types had decreased in comparison to the same period in 2021/22; Violence with Injury (-3.3%), Cycle Theft (-15%) and Shoplifting (-11%).
- iii. Robbery offences had stayed the same in comparison to the same period in 2021/22.
- iv. The figures outlined were thought to be the result of the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic during the 2021/22 year, changes to the recording of Police data and new methods of undertaking criminal activity.
- v. It was highlighted that the availability of drugs and associated crime continued to be a significant issue and impacted upon other types of crime. The Falcon Centre was in the process of undertaking research to better understand the lack of engagement from some service users.
- vi. There was a significant amount of work across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland associated with a new Harm to Hope Strategy, including a local group. The group did not have representation from all districts, and it was suggested that a representative from the CSP or Charnwood Borough Council participated in the group. Andy Thomas agreed to contact Gurjit Samra-Rai for more information outside of the meeting.

AGREED

1. That the information be noted.
2. That Andy Thomas contact Gurjit Samra-Rai to organise attendance from Charnwood at the Harm to Hope group.

8 PARTNERSHIP STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT

The Partnership Strategic Assessment was introduced and the nine recommendations were outlined. The following summarises the discussion:

- i. Community Triggers were activated when a victim of anti-social behaviour was unsatisfied with the service they had received, and they

meet the threshold. Victims would have reported an incident three times in six months to statutory agencies, or reported a hate incident once within six months, in order to activate a community trigger. Statutory partners were then required to undertake a case review.

- ii. Community Triggers were extremely time and resource intensive, and each case typically took many hours to complete. It was recognised that most Community Triggers were not associated with agencies failing to act on reports of anti-social behaviour. It was suggested that Andy Thomas consider new ways to deal with Community Triggers to make the process more efficient.
- iii. Community Triggers were dispersed across the Borough but were more prevalent in the Loughborough Area and in the south of the Borough.
- iv. The Community Safety Partnership Plan was due to be approved at the April meeting of the CSP. A draft plan would be circulated prior to the meeting in April and partners would be invited to make comment prior to the meeting.

AGREED

1. That the information be noted.
2. That the partnership approve the recommendations outlined in the report.
3. That Andy Thomas consider new and effective ways to process Community Triggers in line with legislation.

9 CSP DELIVERY GROUPS UPDATE

An update on CSP Strategic Groups matters was provided and the information in the report was outlined.

AGREED that the information be noted.

11 POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER UPDATE

An update on the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner was provided.

AGREED that the information be noted.

12 PARTNER UPDATES

A number of update reports from partners were provided. The following summarises the discussion:

- i. The Probation Service had received an inadequate rating from a recent HMI inspection. There was a continuation of staffing issues and a number of open vacancies to recruit into.
- ii. It was highlighted that partnership working between the Probation Service and the Police through the Integrated Offender Management system was beneficial.

AGREED that the information be noted.

13 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- i. Partners felt that the format of the meeting had worked well. They thought that the partnership and links between organisations would be beneficial in the coming months as the cost of living became more problematic.
- ii. It was suggested that James O'Connell attend JAG meetings from an OPCC perspective to support the work being undertaken.

14 FORWARD PROGRAMME

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

- i. It was highlighted that the CSP Plan would be submitted to the meeting of the partnership scheduled for 20th April 2023.
- ii. The Police and Crime Commissioner would attend the meeting of the CSP scheduled for 20th April 2023.

Upcoming meetings;

20th April 2023 at 10am

13th July 2023 at 10am

12th October 2023 at 10am