

**CHARNWOOD COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP
THURSDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2023
COMMITTEE ROOM 1, CHARNWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL OFFICES
MINUTES**

Present:	<p>Councillor Liz Blackshaw Jenny Ardley Helen Bond James O'Connell (MS Teams) Sajan Devshi (MS Teams) Morgan Carter (MS Teams) Rob Kitson PS Tom Else Insp Charlotte Dickens Sarah Whannell Sarah Lewis (MS Teams) Gurjit Samra-Rai Ethan Street Beth Grewcock Gareth Harvey Giuseppe Vassallo (MS Teams) Tim McCabe Allison Fadesco Claire Westrup Sally Watson (minutes)</p>	<p>Charnwood Borough Council Loughborough University Turning Point OPCC OPCC OPCC Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service Leicestershire Police Leicestershire Police Falcon Centre LLR Integrated Care Board Leicestershire County Council Violence Reduction Network Violence Reduction Network 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:

Ant Dales	Loughborough University
Insp David Stokes	Leicestershire Police (NPA Commander and Vice-Chair)
Peter Singleton	Turning Point
Ioni Ashford	Loughborough BID
Andrew Staton	Charnwood Borough Council
Verity Graham	Charnwood Borough Council

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th July 2023 were approved.

3. ACTION LOG

The action log was reviewed and updates were provided as follows;

COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP ACTION LOG		
Meeting Date	Action	Complete By
260123 Item 07	Andy Thomas contact Gurjit Samra-Rai to organise attendance from Charnwood at the Harm to Hope group. <i>This had been actioned and Gareth Harvey would receive invitations to attend the Harm to Hope Group.</i>	Andy Thomas <i>Reassigned to Gareth Harvey</i>
260123 Item 08	Andy Thomas consider new and effective ways to process Community Triggers in line with legislation. <i>It would not be possible to develop new ways to process community triggers. Charnwood Borough Council was already processing community triggers in line with legislation and were limited in making further changes.</i>	Andy Thomas <i>Reassigned to Gareth Harvey/Tim McCabe</i>
130723 Item 11	James O'Connell inquire about claiming further OPCC funding for the Safer Streets project and contact Giuseppe Vassallo as soon as possible. <i>This had been actioned.</i>	James O'Connell

4. An agenda variance was requested by representatives from the Violence Reduction Network and was agreed by the Community Safety Partnership. A presentation detailing the SV Duty and some statistics on SV in Charnwood was delivered by Ethan Street and Beth Grewcock from the Violence Reduction Network. The following summarises the discussion;
- i. The Serious Violence (SV) Duty places a legal duty on specified authorities and commenced on 31st January 2023. The specified authorities were required to have produced an SNA and Strategy by 31st January 2024.
 - ii. Specified authorities were required to work together and plan to prevent and reduce SV, including identifying the kinds of SV in the area, the causes of violence and to prepare and implement a shared strategy for preventing and reducing SV in the area.
 - iii. Success measures included a reduction in hospital admissions for assaults with knives or sharp objects, a reduction in knife and sharp object enabled SV recorded by the Police and a reduction in homicides recorded by the Police.
 - iv. CSPs were able to use local violence profiles to understand the extent and nature of violence in their area and to inform priorities.
 - v. The SV Duty funded Partnership Officers (and Data Analyst) were able to support CSPs to adopt a public health approach. A common self-assessment framework would be used to support this.

- vi. The full profile of SV crime statistics for Charnwood would be circulated to the group in the coming weeks.
- vii. Night-time economy crime was measured from 10pm – 5am Monday – Sunday and 59% of SV crime committed during these hours were alcohol-related.
- viii. Data breakdowns of super output areas would be beneficial to scrutinise the data further.
- ix. It was suggested that a meeting be scheduled to enable representatives of the VRN, Leicestershire Police and Charnwood Borough Council to discuss this data further in relation to the CSP Action Plan in preparation for the SV Duty.

AGREED

1. That the information be noted.
2. That a meeting be scheduled to enable representatives of the VRN, Leicestershire Police and Charnwood Borough Council to discuss VRN data in relation to the CSP Action Plan in preparation for the SV Duty.

5. 2023/24 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 2022/23; Burglary – Residential (+5.8%), Shoplifting (+42.6%), Cycle Theft (+9.2%) and Violence Against the Person with Injury (+6%).
- ii. The following crime types had decreased in comparison to the same period in 2022/23; Total Crime (-4.5%), Burglary – Business and Community (-7.4%), Theft from Motor Vehicle (-17.3%), Theft of Motor Vehicle (-2.2%), Robbery (-30%) and Sentinel Reports for Antisocial Behaviour Incidents (-12.2%).
- iii. Each Community Safety Partnership was placed into a ‘Most Similar Family Group’ by the Home Office. CSPs in the same family group were comparable and this was a good indication of how well the CSP was performing against other, similar CSPs. The other CSPs within the Charnwood ‘family group’ could be shared with the partnership following the meeting.
- iv. Between 2020 and 2022 data had been impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic and so data for 2023-24 was not directly comparable to 2022-23.
- v. Changes in data recording could have an impact on the presentation of crime data. For example, a burglary from a garage attached to a house was recorded as a dwelling burglary and would previously have been

recorded as a non-dwelling burglary. Crime incidents were thoroughly scrutinised by the Police at a weekly threat meeting and recorded using a consistent approach. If a perceived increase in a crime type was considered to be genuine increase in that crime type (as opposed to recording changes or another external factor), then the Police would actively take steps to reduce this crime type.

- vi. Crime data trends over a number of years were analysed and the Police used a pro-active approach to prevent a predicted spike in crime.
- vii. Jenny Ardley of Loughborough University stated that there were resources available within her team to prevent crime targeted towards students and asked for data to support this work. The LCDG Chair would be able to provide relevant data to the Partnership to support this work, when available.
- viii. There had been a sharp increase in shoplifting offences nationally, partly due to the cost-of-living crisis. In Charnwood, the Police were actively encouraging businesses to report shoplifting crimes. This may have had an impact on the data as more businesses were reporting shoplifting crimes. The Police had increased the number of Beat Sergeants in the area, and it was anticipated that this would further improve working relationships between the Police and local businesses.
- ix. It was suggested that comparison be made between cycle theft numbers in the first University term and the third University term, in order to measure the impact of the prevention work undertaken by the Police and the University. The prevention work included lectures, giving out free D-locks and using stickers to highlight bike theft opportunities. It was suggested that the Academic Department at Loughborough University encouraged students to research solutions to bike theft, such as what would work and what wouldn't work from the perspective of students.
- x. The night-time economy had changed since the Covid-19 Pandemic and had become more locality-based. This trend in socialising was more difficult to Police, as groups were more dispersed than when town centre socialising was more popular.

AGREED

1. That the information be noted.
2. That the LCDG Chair provide data related to crime targeted towards students when available.
3. That Allison Fadesco share the list of CSPs within the Charnwood 'Most Similar Family Group'.

Updates on the Strategic Priorities included within the CSP Plan 2023/26 were provided. The following summarises the discussion:

Strategic Priority 1: Safeguarding Communities from Violent Offences.

- i. It was highlighted that this objective was associated with domestic violence, violence against women and girls, the night-time economy and knife crime, as outlined in the CSP Plan 2023/26.
- ii. There was a requirement to demonstrate and document the CSP's work on each of the Strategic Priority areas when the CSP was scrutinised at the Finance and Performance Scrutiny Committee on 28th November 2023.

Strategic Priority 2: To reduce Harm caused by Youth ASB and Youth Crime.

- i. This priority required the CSP to identify priority locations and sustainable solutions to issues and this was achieved through the Youth JAG meetings, local offender management meetings and through outreach work and partners.
- ii. This priority was also focussed on proactive preventative measures and promoting a trauma informed approach. This was achieved by encouraging positive activities to mitigate the harm caused to young people, which could result in ASB.
- iii. In Quarter two, there was eight Youth-related ASB records recorded on Sentinel (one fewer than in Quarter one). There were no written warnings issued to young people in Quarter two (there were four in Quarter one).
- iv. There were two Acceptable Behaviour Contracts signed and open for ASB in the Mountsorrel area. These contracts were being supported by Children and Family Well-being Service (C&FWS) and compliance was being monitored by the Youth JAG.
- v. In Quarter two there were a number of young people engaging with the diversionary activities programmes provided by Go Getta; eight young people not in employment, education or training, 28 young people involved with substance misuse, 12 people involved with criminality and 16 people with additional learning needs. There were 28 young people engaged in services aged between 11 and 21 from the Shelthorpe area, 17 young people accessed the gym, 5 young people were signposted to training and employment support services and a total of 36 hours were spent engaging young people in diversionary activities.
- vi. Go Getta also supported young people through a mentoring scheme. In Quarter two, there were nine young people engaged in this programme, receiving guidance on topics such as crime prevention, mental, physical and sexual health, housing and accommodation, and employment and training. Thirteen individuals received one-to-one mentoring.

- vii. Premier League Kicks worked with the partnership and Leicester City Football Club to deliver training sessions for young people to alleviate the risk of anti-social behaviour. There had been 59 young people using this provision.
- viii. During Quarter 2 there were no Community Triggers activated relating to youth anti-social behaviour.
- ix. In general youth offending was decreasing.

Strategic Priority 3: To Reduce Criminal Exploitation

- i. There was a significant amount of work ongoing within the Police to meet this Strategic Priority.
- ii. Criminal exploitation was closely linked to County Lines crime. There was a record number of Closure Orders as a result from the Policing associated with County Lines.
- iii. There had been a County-wide audit by the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Board, which had highlighted that Charnwood had a disproportionate issue with cuckooing. The audit had resulted in a refresh of the Board's guidance on cuckooing, which could be shared with the CSP.

AGREED

- 1. That the information is noted.
- 2. That Giuseppe Vassallo share the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Board's new guidance on cuckooing.

7. PSA RECOMMENDATIONS FOLLOW UP

- i. There was limited information available at the meeting to provide updates on each item and it was suggested that a meeting be scheduled to discuss the progress of recommendations with Insp David Stokes.
- ii. The LCDG was established and working well. The LEDG had been restarted recently with a new Chair.

AGREED

- 1. That the information be noted.
- 2. That a meeting be scheduled to discuss the progress of PSA recommendations with Insp David Stokes.

8. PROBATION SERVICE COMMUNITY PAYBACK STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

The Chair stated that she had submitted a response to the Probation Service Community Payback Stakeholder Consultation on behalf of the CSP, using the CSP Plan to record responses.

AGREED that the information be noted.

9. 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:

Sarah Whannell highlighted that there was a risk of the services provided by the Falcon Centre ending in 2024 due to a lack of funding. She asked members of the CSP to contact her if they became aware of suitable funding opportunities.

AGREED that the information be noted.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- i. The money allocated to the CSP from the Partnership Locality Fund had an underspend and it was suggested that a meeting take place to discuss ways in which to use the remaining funds. There may be a possibility that funding could be provided to the Falcon Centre.
- ii. There was an increasing issue regarding XL Bully dogs in the community and it was suggested that a working group involving enviro-crime colleagues and the Police meet to discuss this.
- iii. The group was reminded of the importance of meeting report deadlines for agenda publication.
- iv. Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service had launched a consultation on their Community Risk Management Plan 2024-28 and Rob Kitson asked partners to promote this through their organisations. The consultation closed on Friday, 24th November 2023. Consultation: <https://surveys.leics.gov.uk/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=169218379357>
- v. The Chair congratulated Station Manager Rob Kitson on his upcoming retirement.

AGREED

1. That a meeting be scheduled to discuss ways in which to use the remaining funds from the Partnership Locality Fund allocation. There may be a possibility that funding could be provided to the Falcon Centre. Attendees should include Tim McCabe, Allison Fadesco,

Gareth Harvey, Giuseppe Vassallo, Verity Graham, Cllr Liz Blackshaw and Insp Stokes.

2. That a meeting be scheduled, involving enviro-crime colleagues and the Police to discuss issues relating the XL bully dogs.
3. That partners promote the Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service Community Risk Management Plan 2024-28 consultation.

11. 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.