

**CHARNWOOD COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP
THURSDAY, 18 APRIL 2024
PRESTON ROOM, WOODGATE CHAMBERS
MINUTES**

Present:	Councillor Liz Blackshaw	Charnwood Borough Council (Chair)
	Inspector Charlotte Dickens	Leicestershire Police (Vice-Chair)
	Thomas Else	Leicestershire Police
	Phil Martindale	Leicestershire Police
	Dean Pidcock	Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service
	Ant Dales	Loughborough University
	Maddie Clay	Leicestershire Probation
	Sajan Devshi	OPCC
	Shameera Zaheed Mandhu	Violence Reduction Network
	Kirsty Walton	Combatting Drugs and Alcohol Partnership
	Sarah Lewis	LLR Integrated Care Board
	Jo Hewitt	Leicestershire County Council – Public Health
	Kat Pinnington	Love Loughborough
	Marina Loica	Love Loughborough
	Gareth Harvey	Charnwood Borough Council
	Tim McCabe	Charnwood Borough Council
	Giuseppe Vassallo	Charnwood Borough Council
	Verity Graham	Charnwood Borough Council
	Allison Fadesco	Charnwood Borough Council
	Claire Westrup	Charnwood Borough Council
	Sally Watson (minutes)	Charnwood Borough Council

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from the following:

James O’Connell	OPCC
Grace Strong	Violence Reduction Network
Gurjit Samra-Rai	Leicestershire County Council
Graham SurrIDGE	Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service
Jenny Ardley	Loughborough University
Andrew Staton	Charnwood Borough Council
Karey Summers	Charnwood Borough Council

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th January 2024 were approved.

3 ACTION LOG

Updates on the actions of the previous meeting were updated as follows;

**COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP
ACTION LOG**

Meeting Date	Action	Complete By
18012024 Minute Reference 5	That the resources used within the two VRN presentations be circulated to the Partnership. <i>Complete.</i>	Clerk
18012024 Minute Reference 6	That Inspector Charlotte Dickens liaise with Sajan Devshi to discuss the potential underspend in CSP budget and how this could be spent to support businesses in Charnwood in crime prevention. <i>A discussion was due to take place.</i>	Insp Charlotte Dickens/Sajan Devshi
18012024 Minute Reference 7	That Insp Charlotte Dickens look at reinstating the sanitised NPA Weekly Threat Document, circulated to the Community Safety team. <i>Complete.</i>	Insp Charlotte Dickens
18012024 Minute Reference 9	That Recommendation 5 be removed from the PSA. <i>Complete.</i>	Tim McCabe
18012024 Minute Reference 9	That Allison Fadesco arrange a meeting to discuss the ownership of each recommendation of the PSA. <i>Complete.</i>	Allison Fadesco
18012024 Minute Reference 9	That a meeting be held, co-ordinated by Gareth Harvey, to look at suggestions on the removal of KPIs in the CSP Plan, and any alternative KPIs adopted instead. <i>In progress.</i>	Gareth Harvey
18012024 Minute Reference 9	That any amendments to the CSP Plan, following the suggested recommendations, be ratified at the next meeting of the Community Safety Partnership. <i>In progress (keep on actions log).</i>	Gareth Harvey
18012024 Minute Reference 11	That Insp Charlotte Dickens develop a Communications Strategy for the CSP to raise awareness of the work being undertaken. <i>Complete.</i>	Insp Charlotte Dickens
18012024 Minute Reference 12	That a representative from the Combatting Drugs and Alcohol Group be invited to a future meeting of the CSP (either April or August 2024 meeting). <i>Complete.</i>	Clerk

An agenda variance was agreed to enable item 5 (Combatting Drugs and Alcohol Partnership) to be considered at this stage of the meeting.

5 COMBATTING DRUGS AND ALCOHOL PARTNERSHIP (Kirsty Walton)

A presentation on the Combatting Drugs and Alcohol Partnership was provided. The following summarises the discussion:

- i. There were a number of requirements in place for responsible Local Authorities to adhere to, which Leicestershire County Council was already doing. This included creating a group to consist of operational and strategic groups, conducting death panels and ensuring links with lived experience.
- ii. The Combatting Drugs and Alcohol Partnership governance structure consisted of a Health and Wellbeing Board, a Strategic Partnership Board and a Leicestershire Safer Communities Strategic Board. There was also a number of targeted focus work groups, including a Young Person's Substance Use Working Group, a Substance Use Harm Reduction Network and an LLR Continuity of Care Toolkit.
- iii. The Leicestershire and Rutland Substance Use offer included an integrated substance misuse treatment and recovery service (Turning Point), alcohol awareness training and digital interventions, treatment and recover support for adults, family and friends support services, residential rehabilitation services and recovery support.
- iv. An additional allocation of £2m over a 3-year period had been granted to Leicestershire. Year 1 (2022/23) at £503,577, year 2 (2023/24) at £513,506 and year 3 (2024/25) at £972,158. These figures were significantly less than some areas.
- v. Grant spend to date included a research to understand barriers to accessing treatment and recovery services, enhancement of Naloxone provision and a successful pilot for Police in Loughborough, specific opiate recovery worker roles, continuation of Buvidal as a medication option and increased outreach work for vulnerable groups.
- vi. Additional initiatives had been identified for the 2024/25 grant funding which included the introduction of a front end of treatment and engagement team, peer mentors in the front end of treatment and engagement team, additional clinical supervision, the introduction of mobile clinical outreach provision, and a response to expected increase in numbers in treatment.
- vii. The partnership praised the work of the Combatting Drugs and Alcohol Partnership and felt that the work being undertaken was invaluable and positive.

AGREED that the Partnership notes the information.

4 VIOLENCE REDUCTION NETWORK (Shameera Zaheed Mandhu)

A presentation on the VRN Serious Violence Prevention Strategy and Delivery Plan was provided. The following summarises the discussion:

- i. The five-year strategy had been produced with an annual delivery plan.
- ii. The strategy built upon the learning from the current VRN Response Strategy to ensure continuity and the priorities were based on well-known prevention strategies. A Theory of Change approach was used to monitor and demonstrate short, medium and long-term outcomes.
- iii. There had been seven prevention priorities identified which built on, and extended the work undertaken by the VRN partnership to date. The seven priorities included;
 - Providing collaborative and courageous leadership
 - Using data, evidence and evaluation to improve response
 - Supporting families to provide nurturing and safe environments
 - Building protective and cohesive communities
 - Creating safe and inclusive education settings
 - Connecting young people to purposeful activities and trusted adults
 - Providing opportunities for rehabilitation and recover.
- iv. The priority to support families included strengthening prevention, early identification and mitigation strategies to reduce the occurrence and impact of childhood trauma and ensuring the development of Family Hubs, the Supporting Families Programme and wider Early Help partnerships to support the prevention and escalation of violence and vulnerability.
- v. It was suggested that the Go Getta scheme could support the work included within priority 6 (connecting young people to purposeful activities and trusted adults).

AGREED that the Partnership notes the information.

6 2023/24 PERFORMANCE (Insp Charlotte Dickens)

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 (+18%), theft from motor vehicle (+2%), shoplifting (+40%) and robbery (+4%),
- ii. The following crime types had decreased in comparison to the same period in 2022/23; total crime (-6%), burglary – business and community (-6%), theft of motor vehicle (-0.8%), cycle theft (-9%), violence against the person with injury (-10%) and sentinel reports for anti-social behaviour incidents (-1%).

- iii. The way that burglaries had been recorded had changed and this could be the reason for the increase in burglary offences. Burglary offences had increased nationally. It was anticipated that the numbers would level out in the coming months as the data reporting cycle moved into a new phase.
- iv. The significant increase in shoplifting was a national issue and Leicestershire Police and the OPCC were undertaking work to encourage a decrease in the offending rate. The OPCC had held retail crime workshops and the Police were working to pin point trends.
- v. Cycle theft had decreased due to the effective partnership working of the Community Safety Partnership.
- vi. The significant decrease in violence against the person with injury was positive and was the result of a number of Police operations.

AGREED that the Partnership notes the information.

7 2023/26 CSP PLAN UPDATE (PS Thomas Else, PC Phil Martindale, Giuseppe Vassallo)

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.

PS Thomas Else outlined the information in the report.

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

Phil Martindale outlined the information in the report.

Strategic Priority 3: To Reduce Criminal Exploitation.

Giuseppe Vassallo outlined the information in the report.

AGREED that the Partnership notes the information.

8 2024 PARTNERSHIP STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT RECOMMENDATIONS UPDATE (Gareth Harvey, Tim McCabe)

An update was provided on the recommendations of the 2024 Partnership Strategic Assessment. The following summarises the discussion:

Recommendation 1: The CSP reintroduces the Strategic Group into its partnership delivery model. This group should be focused upon ensuring the effective spending profile of the partnership Locality Fund, aligned to its strategic priorities and increasing the partnership's business discipline in respect of the CSP's 3 year (2023-2026) strategic plan.

It was confirmed that Gareth Harvey was a member of the Strategic Group.

Recommendation 2: The Strategic Group ensures that each of the appointed leads for the CSP's strategic priorities adopts and implements the partnership's corporate action plan, detailing key outputs and outcomes in respect of each of the strategic priorities.

The partnership's corporate action plan was due to be received on 17th May 2024.

Recommendation 3: In order to address the rise in both 'Burglary – Residential' and Theft of Vehicles, it will be important for the partnership to have a control strategy in place to curb the offending of this Urban Street Gang. This plan can draw not only on criminal powers but also upon effective civil powers as set down in the 'ASB, Crime & Policing Act 2014'.

This was in progress.

Recommendation 4: The locations of Beat 61 (Syston/Thurmaston) and Beat 64 (Shepshed, Hathern) are elevated to standing items on the JAG Agenda, allowing for greater focus and governance on crime reduction strategies required for those locations.

Confirmed that these items had been elevated to the JAG.

Recommendation 5: The CSP commissions a review of the '2017 Homelessness & Street Related ASB Protocol' with a view of updating the strategy and focusing the partnership's resources on addressing the risk posed by the possible increase of homelessness, asylum dispersal from hotels and any street related anti-social behaviour.

Confirmed that this had been complete and final draft should be complete at the end of May 2024.

Recommendation 6: The CSP reviews the findings of the Charnwood ASB Hub trial with a view to implementing any best practice or recommendations made following the outcome of this trial.

Confirmed that this was in progress.

Recommendation 7: The CSP continues to take a strategic response to the themes that are highlighted by the ASB Case Reviews, with a view to ensuring that best practice and policy is adhered to in the partnership's response to victim's of anti-social behaviour.

This was progressing well. No ASB Case Reviews since September 2023.

Recommendation 8: The CSP creates and implements a partnership Hate Action Plan that dovetails into the overarching LLR: 2023-2026 Hate Strategy.

Confirmed that this was in progress.

Recommendation 9: Charnwood Community Safety Partnership creates a Prevent Duty Local Delivery Plan, that is risk focused and documents partnership activity that is likely to reduce the threat of terrorism and prevent radicalisation within Charnwood.

Confirmed that this was in progress.

AGREED that the Partnership notes the information.

9 PARTNERSHIP LOCALITY FUND UPDATE (Tim McCabe, Allison Fadesco)

An update on the Partnership Locality Fund was provided. The following summarises the discussion:

Bids had been agreed and the programme was on track to start in April.

AGREED that the Partnership notes the information.

10 PARTNER UPDATES

Updates were provided from partners on matters affecting the Charnwood area. The following summarises the discussion:

- i. Leicestershire County Council Public Health – Mental Health Friendly places were being introduced. The Leicestershire Healthy Schools initiative was looking at parental mental health and emotional wellbeing.
- ii. Leicestershire Probation – Some non-violent prisoners were being released early due to overcrowding in prisons. There was a lack of consequences for not engaging with Probation. It was anticipated that there would be further changes to Probation systems in the coming months.
- iii. Charnwood Borough Council Landlord Services – There were risk assessments being undertaken on housing land to help manage people working in these areas.
- iv. Loughborough University – There had been a reduction in ASB due to effective partnership working.
- v. It was suggested that an appreciative enquiry on the Student Street Support Scheme be submitted to the Community Safety Partnership in October 2024.

AGREED

1. That the information be noted.
2. That an appreciative enquiry on the Student Street Support Scheme be submitted to the Community Safety Partnership in October 2024.

11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS (Chair)

There was no business to consider.

12 FORWARD PROGRAMME (Chair)

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

Upcoming meetings;

22nd August 2024 (10am – 12pm)

24th October 2024 (10am – 12pm)