

**CHARNWOOD COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP  
THURSDAY, 22 AUGUST 2024  
COMMITTEE ROOM 1, CHARNWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL OFFICES  
MINUTES**

<b>Present:</b>	<p>Councillor Liz Blackshaw PS Rhys Barber Phil Martindale Thom Morley Sajan Devshi (MS Teams) James O'Connell Estan Streets Shameera Zaheed Mandhu (MS Teams) Sarah Whannell Peter Singleton Ant Dales Sarah Lewis Gareth Harvey Giuseppe Vassallo Allison Fadesco Claire Westrup Sally Watson (minutes)</p>	<p>Charnwood Borough Council (Chair) Leicestershire Police Leicestershire Police Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service OPCC OPCC OPCC Violence Reduction Network Falcon Centre Turning Point Loughborough University LLR integrated Care Board 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:

<p>Verity Graham Grace Strong Gurjit Samra-Rai Karey Summers Inspector Charlotte Dickens Jo Hewitt Graham SurrIDGE Andrew Staton</p>	<p>Charnwood Borough Council Violence Reduction Network Leicestershire County Council Charnwood Borough Council Leicestershire Police Leicestershire County Council – Public Health Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service Charnwood Borough Council</p>
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2 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

It was agreed that Gareth Harvey be appointed Vice-Chair of the Community Safety Partnership for this meeting. There were no expressions of interest for the Vice-Chair of the Community Safety Partnership for 2024/25. Community Safety Partnership members were asked to consider undertaking this role.

3 MINUTES

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

4 ACTION LOG

The action log was updated as follows:

<b>COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP ACTION LOG</b>		
<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Complete By</b>
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>Complete.</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>Complete.</i>	Gareth Harvey
18042024 Minutes reference 10	That an appreciative enquiry on the Student Street Support Scheme be submitted to the Community Safety Partnership in October 2024.  <i>This was due to be submitted by Giuseppe Vassallo at the October meeting of the CSP.</i>	Giuseppe Vassallo

## 5 2024/25 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 2023/24; Residential Burglary (+67.5%), Theft of Motor Vehicle (+12.4%), Shoplifting (+33.5%) and Robbery (+64.3%).
- ii. The following crime types had decreased in comparison to the same period in 2023/24; Total Crime (-4.5%), Burglary – Business and Community (-22%), Theft from Motor Vehicle (-19%), Cycle Theft (-47.5%), Violence Against the Person with Injury (-17%) and Sentinel Reports for Antisocial Behaviour Incidents (-7.5%).
- iii. There was a notable increase in Residential Burglary and the Police had plans in place to tackle this, such as maximising use of judicial powers and taking preventative measures. Weekly threat meetings were held to enable teams to look at emerging crime. Analysis had been undertaken on the types of residential burglary that had increased. There was a range of types of residential burglary, including insecure entries, forced entry burglaries and car key thefts. There had

been a small increase in residential burglaries in the Woodhouse Eaves area and larger increases in Sileby, Shepshed, Anstey and Mountsorrel. There was also an increase in Syston, and this was a standard item on the JAG agenda.

- iv. There had been a significant reduction in Burglary – Business and Community due to the work of security teams across the sector.
- v. There was an early release of prisoners scheme which started in September. It was anticipated that some of the prisoners would have been rehabilitated, but it was likely that some would not have. The Police would ensure that the offenders released from prison early would be monitored and the rehabilitative approach would continue once they were out in the community.
- vi. There had been work undertaken as part of the Ops Pioneer initiative, which looked to decrease Theft from Motor Vehicle offences. This had contributed to the decrease in this crime type. There had also been some cross border work in this area.
- vii. There had been an increase in Theft of Motor Vehicle crimes. The sample size was small, which made the increase appear more significant. The Police were using a range of tactics to reduce this crime type, including education in driving schools and prevention advice. This was also a standing item on the JAG agenda.
- viii. There had been a large increase in shop lifting and this was considered to be due to the cost of living crisis, opportunities to commit crime and an increase in crime reporting. The early release of prisoners scheme involved low level offenders and would likely include shoplifters. This may have an impact on the crime statistics for shoplifting in future months. The Police were working proactively to try to avoid an increase in shoplifting following the early release of prisoners by working on a problem management plan. The Loughborough BID was also working with local businesses to minimise shop lifting. Some prolific offenders had Criminal Behaviour Orders extended to include prohibition of shop lifting offences and the Police were pushing for the remand of prisoners where shoplifting crime had been committed. There were also standard items on the JAG agenda regarding shoplifting in specific areas of the Borough. Charnwood was slightly below the national average in terms of shoplifting statistics, as there had been an increase nationally.
- ix. The sample size for robbery crimes was small and so the increase in this crime type appeared to be larger. Work was being done locally to prevent robbery, which included a targeted approach and partnership working.
- x. Cycle Theft had decreased due to good partnership working and education. Loughborough University would provide information about cycle theft to new students and hold cycle registration events at the start of the new term. Some offenders committing cycle theft crimes may move on to commit more serious crimes. There were schemes in place, such as Go Getta, which may prevent a further generation of cycle theft offenders.

- xi. There was a decrease in domestic violence being reported. Police were making front line responses to domestic violence a priority.
- xii. The decrease in Sentinel reports was due to good partnership working and the early sharing of information. There were staff changes at the Council in anti-social behaviour teams and there were currently vacant posts, which was having an impact on the workloads of existing staff. There was a policy change at the Council which meant removing age restrictions from some properties. Some properties designated for 45+ age groups were no longer restricted. It was anticipated that this could cause some issues due to the clashes in lifestyles of tenants in these areas. The policy was to be rolled out gradually over time to minimise the impact.

**AGREED** that the information be noted.

## 6 2023/26 CSP PLAN UPDATE

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.

The report was outlined. The ASB Hub trial had not yet been reviewed. PS Rhys Barber agreed to enquire about this and bring an update to the CSP when appropriate.

The Public Space Protection Order in place was working effectively and there were discussions about extending this.

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

The report was outlined. The Chair stated that she was pleased with the work of the JAG.

### Strategic Priority 3: To Reduce Criminal Exploitation.

The report was outlined.

## **AGREED**

1. That the information be noted.
2. That PS Rhys Barber enquire about the ASB Hub trial and feed back to the CSP at the appropriate time.

## 7 CSP PLAN UPDATE

The CSP Plan, updated following the previous meeting, was introduced. Four of the KPIs had been changed following the previous meeting.

**AGREED** that the CSP Plan was ratified.

## 8 HOT SPOT POLICING

PS Rhys Barber provided information on Hot Spot Policing. The following summarises the discussion:

- i. Hot spot policing had been introduced four years ago and the process had recently changed. Previously, the Police had received approximately £500k in Home Office funding to target serious violence crimes, and spending was based on crime analysis. The Police applied for this funding on an annual basis and successful applications meant that additional officers could be deployed in priority areas using overtime.
- ii. The new process involved a retrospective funding bid. This meant that officers on usual operational duties were required to use a tracker to evidence when they had been working in hot spot areas. It was no longer possible to deploy additional officers towards hot spot areas and officers were often redeployed to other areas where there were incidents occurring.
- iii. There were four hot spot policing areas in Charnwood; Loughborough Town Centre (serious violence hot spot and anti-social behaviour hot spot), Lewis Road (Warwick Way) and the area around Morrisons in Loughborough.
- iv. The Loughborough Town Centre serious violence hot spot was between 10pm and 3am on weekends, which coincided with the night-time economy. The Loughborough Town Centre anti-social behaviour hot spot was from 4pm onwards and highest between 11pm and 1am and slightly higher at weekends. Officers were frequently deployed to this area.
- v. The Lewis Road (Warwick Way) hot spot policing area had high anti-social behaviour rates between 2pm and 4pm and a problem management plan was in place to address issues.
- vi. The area around Morrisons in Loughborough had experienced anti-social behaviour issues for some time. The hot spot was most problematic between 4pm and 5pm. This data on this hot spot did not comply with the three-year data analysis in the same way that the other hot spots did. It was noted that the anti-social behaviour in this area had improved. There had been a number of initiatives such as youth clubs and the Safer Streets project which may have had a positive impact on the anti-social behaviour in this area.

**AGREED** that the information be noted.

## 9 PARTNER UPDATES

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

- i. There was a drop-in centre support worker available at the Falcon Centre, and partners were encouraged to refer clients where necessary. The lunch time meal service was no longer being run due to a lack of funding.
- ii. There was a bin store project that required a Memorandum of Understanding to be signed by a representative at Charnwood Borough Council. It was agreed that the relevant officer would be approached regarding this.
- iii. It was highlighted that anyone working on Charnwood Borough Council land (eg. Community Payback groups) undertake a risk assessment before commencing work.
- iv. There was a two-week Crime Stoppers campaign on drugs and cocooning in progress and an update on this work would be provided at the next meeting of the Community Safety Partnership. A further campaign on Violence Against Women and Girls would take place in October. The OPCC was looking to increase engagement with campaigns and asked partners to support campaigns through communications channels.
- v. The OPCC had opened a Commissioner's Safety Fund for small grassroots projects, which would include Parish Councils.
- vi. There had been one-off top up grants across all existing OPCC funding offers.
- vii. There were two Open Days planned at Loughborough University before the start of term. University staff would be available to welcome and support new students during welcome week.
- viii. The Community Health and Wellbeing Partnership in Charnwood had been reviewed and attendance may change. The aim of the changes to membership was to strengthen the partnership working in the group and ensure the group was as efficient as possible.
- ix. Turning Point had made changes to the front-end team, to make it easier for clients to engage and progress further into the system. Previously, there had been a significant drop in engagement following the initial meeting. Analysis was being undertaken to find out why this might be and to overcome this.

## **AGREED**

1. That the information be noted.
2. That the relevant officer be approached to liaise with James O'Connell of the OPCC regarding the Bin Store Project.

## 10 VIOLENCE REDUCTION NETWORK

Shameera Zaheed Mandhu of the Violence Reduction Network delivered a presentation on an anti-violence campaign. The following summarises the key points:

- i. The aim of the campaign was to promote the message that violence had no place in communities, that violence was preventable and that everyone had a part to play to make a difference.
- ii. The campaign intended to increase awareness, collaboration and confidence in the collective ability to prevent violence.
- iii. The campaign would launch in December 2024 and Community Safety Partnerships would be provided with assets and resources to help communicate the campaign.
- iv. An educational package was being developed and would be delivered to organisations such as sports clubs and youth clubs. Shameera Zaheed Mandhu asked to meet with the Chair of the Community Safety Partnership to discuss the link between education and violence reduction. The Chair agreed to meet with Shameera and it was suggested that she also meet with Jenny Ardley of Loughborough University.

### **AGREED**

1. That the information be noted.
2. That the Chair meets with Shameera Zaheed Mandhu to discuss the link between education and violence reduction.
3. That Shameera Zaheed Mandhu liaise with Jenny Ardley of Loughborough University to discuss the link between education and violence reduction.

## 11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business to discuss.

## 12 FORWARD PROGRAMME

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

Gareth Harvey highlighted that his successor would begin in the role in late September 2024.

Upcoming meetings;

24th October 2024 (10am – 12pm)