

**SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
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COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT

Cabinet Member(s): Cllrs Colin Slade & Margaret Squires
Responsible Officer: Simon Newcombe, Group Manager for Public Health and Regulatory Services

Reason for Report: To ensure Scrutiny has oversight of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) and has the opportunity to review the activities of the partnership during 2017-18.

RECOMMENDATION: To note the progress of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) in delivering activities against the partnerships priorities and action plan for 2017-18 and the on-going process of developing new or revised priorities going forward.

Relationship to Corporate Plan: The priorities of the CSP and the activities undertaken as part of the action plan compliment the ambitions of the Corporate Plan. In particular this activity contributes to the priority of Community. The CSP works directly with the wider community, youth groups and local partners to ensure the district is a safe place to live, work and visit.

Financial Implications: There are no direct financial implications as a result of this report aside from highlighting potential ad-hoc costs arising from Domestic Homicide Review responsibilities as set out below. Funding for the Partnership is provided by external grant and the details of this are outlined in Section 3.0 of the report.

The CSP are legally responsible for the delivery of Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHR) under the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004. Until recently this activity was absorbed at county level without any direct financial contribution by local CSPs. They will continue to be coordinated and delivered on a county basis through the Safer Devon Partnership, however all CSPs have now agreed to contribute £2,000 of their grant in 2018-19 towards the cost of undertaking these reviews. Further details of this are also provided in Section 3.0 of the report.

Legal Implications: The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 makes it a statutory requirement for the police and local authorities to engage with partners to form a community safety partnership for the purposes of reducing crime and disorder. The 1998 Act places a legal responsibility on the partnership to consult with the community on the priorities it has set and to inform them of progress against the action plan. The Act also requires the partnership to carry out a Strategic Assessment of the area which is used to inform the partnership priorities and is now responsible for conducting Domestic Homicide Reviews.

Risk Assessment: There is a risk to the Council if it does not engage with the partnership in respect of failing to meet statutory duties.

Equality Impact Assessment: The 2017-18 plan did not have an equality impact assessment (EIA). However, all CSP Plans from 2018 onwards will include an EIA for consideration before adoption and implementation.

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The East & Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership (CSP) has been formed in order to meet our statutory duties under the Crime & Disorder Act 1998 and is a multi-agency group working together to reduce crime and disorder.
- 1.2 The formal operating structure of the partnership is currently under review. There have been a number of changes recently including the current chair being reassigned leaving a vacancy. The role of chairing the partnership can be met by any of the statutory partners within the partnership and most recently this function has been carried out by the Police service.
- 1.3 The Terms of Reference, frequency of meetings, wider membership of the steering group and the position of chair are all under review, with a view to reinvigorating the partnership and the action plan during 2018-19.
- 1.4 The Police and Justice Act 2006 requires the local authority to put in place a method of scrutinising the manner in which the partnership functions. Every local authority must have in place a committee with the power to review and scrutinise the actions of the CSP and make recommendations about how it functions. The East and Mid Devon CSP is scrutinised through each Councils Scrutiny Committee and this report forms part of that annual scrutiny.
- 1.5 Based on this responsibility, the principal purpose of this report is for the Scrutiny Committee to look back at the activities that have been undertaken by the partnership in 2017-18 and review these against the action plan. The report also looks ahead at the process and emerging detail regarding new or revised priorities for the CSP going forward.

2.0 Priority Areas

- 2.1 The priorities of the East and Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership for 2017-18 were as follows:
 - Anti-Social Behaviour
 - Domestic and Sexual Violence and Abuse
 - Scams and Online Safety
 - Substance Misuse
 - Crime Prevention
 - Child Sexual Exploitation
 - Modern Day Slavery
 - Preventing Violent Extremism
 - Hate Crime
- 2.2 These priority areas were set out in the CSP Plan for 2015-18 as updated by the findings of the Devon Strategic Assessment 2016-17. The assessment is commissioned annually by the Safer Devon Partnership.
- 2.3 Under the review of the partnership set out above, the partnership is currently considering the latest Devon Strategic Assessment and there is a planned wider stakeholder consultation workshop in July 2018 which will help shape new or revised priorities for the CSP in the future.

- 2.4 The consultation workshop will include a priority setting exercise considering current activities and opportunities under three broad headings:
- Exploitation and Vulnerability (typically hidden crime)
 - Anti-social Behaviour (more overt crime and disorder)
 - Community Resilience (forward looking/building prevention)
- 2.5 The focus will be on deriving activities and outputs which are; evidence based, focussed on prevention, informed by information sharing between partners and ultimately where the CSP (and therefore its partners) can add clear value.
- 3.0 Partnership Funding and Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHR)**
- 3.1 In the financial year 2017-18 the Community Safety Partnership was awarded a £21,000 grant from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) via the Safer Devon Partnership. This was split equally between East and Mid Devon.
- 3.2 The grant funding is conditional on the partnership having an agreed spending plan which is aligned to the priorities of the partnership.
- 3.3 In accordance with the funding agreement the grant for 2017-18 was spent on the activities detailed in Annex 1.
- 3.4 The grant from the OPCC for 2018-19 remains unchanged from 2017-18. A £2,000 contribution towards the costs associated with Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHR) has been 'top sliced' resulting in Mid Devon receiving a grant of £11,000 for this financial year.
- 3.5 A DHR is a multi-agency review of the circumstances in which the death of a person aged 16 or over has, or appears to have, resulted from violence, abuse or neglect by a person to whom they were related or with whom they were, or had been, in an intimate personal relationship, or a member of the same household as themselves.
- 3.6 Whilst DHR will continue to be co-ordinated at a county level through the Safer Devon Partnership and supported by the 'top sliced' funding, it's likely that CSP partners including Mid Devon will be required to host and provide additional practical support to any DHRs required in our area. Nonetheless, such reviews are characterised by a lack of predictability/relative infrequency and any additional financial costs are likely to be low. Consequently, it has been agreed that any expenditure which cannot be met from the 'top sliced' funding will be supported by general reserves rather than setting funds aside in the base budget which may not be required.
- 3.7 In addition to the OPCC grant as set out above, MDDC provide an annual grant of £4,750 to support CSP activities in the district and those funds are used to help deliver the variety of projects outlined in Annex 1.

3.8 A new spending plan for 2018-19 will be agreed shortly as part of the review of the CSP and the updated CSP plan as discussed above.

4.0 **Activities and Outcomes for 2017-18**

4.1 Annex 1 provides details of the projects funded during the year and the resulting outputs and outcomes.

4.2 These outputs and outcomes highlight the added value of the CSP activities in addressing the key crime and disorder priorities locally.

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Community Safety Plan for 2015-18
<https://www.middevon.gov.uk/media/114390/csp-plan-2015-18-for-website.pdf>.

Annex 1

East and Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership Priorities and Action Plan for 2017/18

Priorities	Activity	Aims	Measures and Progress	Outputs	Spend	Outcomes
Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)	<p>Early identification, early intervention, targeted activity and Identify persistent and resistant cases</p> <p>Promote and support multi agency working</p>	Reduction in Anti-Social Behaviour	Number of warning letters issued and successful outcomes.	<p>21 ASB Warning letters issued</p> <p>4 Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABCs) Issued</p> <p>1 Civil Injunction obtained</p> <p>9 Community Protection Notice (CPN) Warning Letters & 2 Community Protection Notices issued.</p> <p>1 Neighbourhood Contract signed</p> <p>Monthly Youth ASB meetings are held with partners to discuss preventative actions.</p>		<p>ASB warning letters assisted in reducing ASB by individuals as only 4 progressed to ABCs. Only one progressed to court during the year, but other cases were prepared. Of the 9 CPN warning letters only 2 cases resulted in an actual CPN being issued both of which were complied with.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood contract resolved the dispute.</p> <p>22 young people have been discussed at these meeting and preventative measures put in place. (8 x Crediton area, 1 x Cullompton area, 13 x Tiverton area)Several referrals made to the Youth Intervention Team.</p>

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	Use of ASB powers/legislation	To robustly tackle ASB within communities and send a strong message to individuals that ASB will not be tolerated.	Number of times powers used	The first Civil Injunction in Devon was awarded to MDDC by courts in April 2018 CPNs – see above	£151	ASB in Tiverton significantly dropped as a result
	Contribution towards Mediation Services in Mid Devon	To provide an early intervention service to residents to help resolve neighbourhood and community disputes	6 cases have requested mediation support from the Mid Devon area.	2 ongoing cases, 2 resolved, 2 frank conversations and views exchanged.	£500	6 cases of where neighbours have been in dispute have received support to stop the situations escalating further
	Supported Youth Activities	Young People in Tiverton have positive activity keeping those at risk of ASB occupied during holiday periods.	SPACE youth services provided targeted activities.	Engagement with individuals at high risk of causing ASB.	£640	A core group of individuals were kept occupied. Positive messages about behaviours delivered.
Alcohol and Substance Misuse	Promote 'Last Orders' productions in schools	Reduction in alcohol and drug related incidents	Number of plays performed and number of pupils in attendance	Tiverton High School - Approximately 250 year 8 students attended.	£1125	The message reinforced as part of PSHE curriculum during development day. 2 disclosures made as a result of the performance.
	Rethink Your Drink. Alcohol Concern resources	To provide advice and support to those with alcohol related issues	To offer an accessible medium of support	Documentation and scratch cards purchased and distributed via the CSP networks	£40	Raised awareness by distribution of the 500 scratch cards to those that may not even be aware their alcohol consumption is becoming a problem.

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Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence	Attendance/support for DSVSA forum and support DSVSA forum priorities	Increased reporting of domestic and sexual abuse offences	Number of meetings to support extending DVSA information	<p>Four DVSA Forum meetings have been held in East & Mid Devon to enable practitioners to network and exchange best practice.</p> <p>Splitz attended the CSP annual conference to network and inform practitioners.</p>		<p>Practitioners are kept informed of changes to legislation, services and have planned activities within their organisation based on priorities</p> <p>Information was provided to practitioners, professionals and members of the public on the impact of DVSA.</p>
	Support national campaigns and local activity e.g. November awareness Week and 16 days of action	Increased awareness of the issues.	Number of campaigns supported and detail local inputs	16 Days of Action promoted locally through social media and via CSP networks who could spread information further.		Members of the community and professionals were made aware and had opportunity to attend information and awareness raising events.

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	Argos till receipts campaign to advertise SPLITZ (Devon Domestic Abuse Services) & Devon Rape & Sexual Abuse Services	To make information of support service widely available to those that may not be aware of what abuse is or be in a position to research help and support.	Number of till receipts issued at Argos shops in Tiverton and Honiton	Campaign ran from mid-Oct 2017 through to mid-Jan 2018 totalling 8 weeks. Rolling out in the Tiverton Argos store, alongside Honiton and two Exeter stores. Estimated 23,000 receipts issued in Tiverton and total of 49,000 across both East & Mid Devon stores	£1202	23,000 (est) residents in Mid Devon had information freely available to them with helpline numbers for both service providers. At this point, whilst enquiries to these services have increased neither has been able to report it is as a result of this campaign.
	Delivery of 'Bite Size, workshops for practitioners	To upskill professionals regarding the impact of DVSA on families and children. Delivered by SAFE.	Number of workshops held and number of attendees	6 x workshops with 30 delegates registered for each. All over subscribed.	£1000	Children's 'workforce' is upskilled. Excellent feedback from delegates at end of sessions.
	To print a self-help booklet to support victims of sexual abuse	To better support survivors	To deliver a printed document that is distributed across the East & Mid Devon area	The Sexual Abuse Self Help Guide was produced by Devon Rape Crisis and Sexual Abuse Services	£500	Another 'tool' is available to support survivors of sexual abuse.
	To deliver self-esteem sessions for pupils by Splitz.	To support children where self-esteem is low due to family backgrounds which may include domestic abuse and	Number of children who receive empowerment and self-esteem tools.	Two courses delivered to up to eight children per session and one member of staff who is then upskilled to deliver future sessions.	£500	Children and teachers are empowered and build resilience. 16 children supported and 2 staff members trained.

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		substance misuse				
Child Sexual Exploitation	Promote 'Chelsea's Choice' production in secondary schools	Increased reporting of child sexual exploitation	Number of plays performed and number of pupils in attendance	Tiverton High School Approximately 250 year 8 students attended. The message reinforced as part of PSHE curriculum during development day.	£1055	250 students more aware. 2 disclosures made as a result of the performance.
	Internet safety training for parents and teaching staff at Mid Devon Primary Schools to raise awareness Adult awareness raising sessions hosted at MDDC.	Awareness raising of Social media, gaming and the internet to children, young people and adults As above	Number of attendees at each training session As above	6 Primary Schools visited. Presentations to yrs 5 & 6. Two sessions held at MDDC for staff, elected members and staff from partner agencies	£2218	588 Pupils received internet safety advice and support. 87 Parents attended parents briefing sessions. 50 adults attended sessions held at MDDC.
	Funding to provide free training offered to MDDC taxi drivers, coordinated by the licensing team.	To raise awareness of the CSE issues amongst drivers so they might be able to better notify and report suspicious activity they come across.	The number of taxi drivers who engage with the training option.	Licensing offered a choice of four sessions to taxi drivers to attend a CSE information session delivered by a professional trainer.	£700	73 drivers (55%) of all taxi drivers in Mid Devon have now attended the training provided.
Modern Day Slavery	Raising awareness of modern slavery	Increased	Detail work carried out	All MDDC staff		MDDC Group Managers and

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	<p>Promote and instigate training for key staff</p> <p>Promote the 'Be Curious' campaign</p> <p>Partnership working to identify local issues</p>	<p>reporting of modern day slavery</p> <p>Joint Operation, including MDDC Staff</p>	<p>Number of staff attending training</p> <p>Where promoted</p> <p>Raise awareness of potential issues with local employers.</p>	<p>received copy of the Be Curious flyer. All Group Managers had information provided by Safeguarding lead officers</p> <p>Joint operation held in Autumn 2017.</p>		<p>staff more aware of the issues and how to spot potential issues within the community.</p> <p>Several business premises visited to give advice to employers re: modern slavery. One young woman found at a nail bar in Tiverton, suggested she had been kidnapped from her home country and forced to work here.</p>
Crime Prevention	<p>Purchase of crime prevention equipment e.g. rape alarms, padlock alarms. Multi Agency working Use of Community messaging</p>	<p>Early identification of crime trends</p> <p>Reduction in crime</p> <p>Reduced fear of crime</p>	<p>Detail equipment purchased</p> <p>Detail work carried out</p> <p>Number of messages sent</p>	<p>200+ padlock alarms were provided to vulnerable property owners or repeat victims.</p> <p>Personal alarms, handbag bells and purse cords provided to the community.</p>	£400	<p>Properties now 'target hardened' as result of padlocks.</p> <p>Conversations with members of the public when providing other items, to provide advice, hence increased local resilience to crime.</p>
	<p>Raising awareness within schools of the impact of crime.</p>	<p>Young people more aware of impact of ASB and criminal behaviour.</p>	<p>To engage with children in the school setting to provide information on the impact of crime from both perpetrator and victims views. About making choices.</p>	<p>'BTheChange' Schools Project Pilot. Delivered in Cullompton Community College to all Yr 7 year group.</p>	£250	<p>All Yr 7 pupils received input in smaller groups. Experienced the first hand experiences of individuals who had been in the criminal justice system and impacts on their life.</p>

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	Junior Life Skills Event (CSP Funded Venue)	Multi agency input to share key life learning skills around behaviour, fire safety, health, healthy living etc	Delivery of the Life Skills event, coordinated by Tiverton Police Team.	This multi-agency day was offered to all Mid Devon Primary Schools for all year 6 pupils. Ten primary schools participated over the five day event with approximately 100 pupils attending each day	£400 (includes other room hire fees for other community events held throughout the year)	500+ children received direct input from agencies of relevant life skills as they are about to move into secondary education. Raised awareness of crime prevention and issues around antisocial behaviour.
	BeTheChange	Reduction of Reoffending by mentoring	No of individuals supported and who do not reoffend.	Support BeTheChange project working with first time offenders in custody	£500	First time offenders in Mid Devon supported. Exact figures not known at this point
	Target hardening of work vans carrying equipment.	To improve security of business/work vans in Mid Devon by holding an event and encouraging local businesses to attend.	Number of businesses, vans and equipment 'marked' in order to reduce likelihood of theft from vehicle.	Property was marked with DNA and registered with the police.	£1000	Many local businesses attended and benefited from property marking including MDDC vehicles and equipment.
Scams and Online Safety	See CSE above re safety for young people.					
	Keeping children safe on line and giving parents guidance.	Parents and pupils have a regular message on safety.	Engage with pupils and parents to raise this issue. Willand School Safe Social Media Project.	Engagement with all of the children at the school giving save messages to children and parents via their contact books, posters,	£250	Project completed in conjunction with D&C Police Media Team. Co-funded with 'CrimeBeat'.

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	Link with national campaigns and those promoted via Trading Standards	Distribute messages via CSP networks.	Staff, practitioners and community have raised awareness.	banners and sessions throughout the year. Social media messages shared.		Increased use of social media and messages shared with communities.
Hate crime and Extremism	Promote the 'Be Curious' campaign	Increased awareness of staff	Distribution of the Be Curious cards to staff	All Mid Devon DC staff received the cards		Staff aware of contact numbers to report concerns.
				Total spend	£12,431	