

COMMUNITY POLICY & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP PRIORITIES REPORT 2018- 2021

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Reason for Report: To ensure that the PDG has oversight of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) priorities and the planned activities of the partnership for the coming year. To acknowledge the revised change in structure to the CSP.

RECOMMENDATION: To note the priorities of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) and planned activities within the partnerships priorities and action plan for 2018-21 and the proposed new structure of the CSP.

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 Priority 3 Community. The CSP works directly with local partners and the wider community 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. The reviews 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 CSP for the purposes of reducing crime and disorder. The 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 CSP in respect of failing to meet statutory duties.

Equality Impact Assessment: The 2018-21 Plan has had an equality impact assessment (EIA).

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 and Disorder Act 1998 and is a multi-agency group working together to reduce crime and disorder.
- 1.2 The formal operating structure of the CSP has been under review, with a proposed new structure agreed at a CSP meeting held on 11 October 2018. The revised structure has a smaller, strategic CSP Board that directly oversees the delivery of the CSP Action Plan, acting as a 'check and balance' mechanism, with a wider Operational Delivery Group that will deliver the day to day activities within the plan. The wider group will also contribute to the annual review of the priorities and action planning year on year.
- 1.3 The CSP will still be scrutinised through each Council's respective Scrutiny Committee via an annual report. The Police and Justice Act 2006 requires the local authority to put in place a method of scrutinising the manner in which the CSP functions. Every local authority must have in place a committee with the power to review and scrutinise the actions of the CSP and its functionality.
- 1.4 The principal purpose of this report is for the Community Policy and Development Group to look at the planned activities for the CSP going forward.

2.0 Priority Areas

- 2.1 The partnership has considered the latest Devon Strategic Assessment and a consultation workshop was held on 26 July 2018 as 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)
- 2.2 The focus has been 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.
- 2.3 The Strategic Assessment provided for all Devon Districts and overseen by the Safer Devon Partnership indicated seven areas of high level threat across the county. These are:
 - Dangerous Drug Networks – County Lines
 - Child Sexual Exploitation
 - Domestic Abuse (including Sexual Violence)
 - Problem Drinkers
 - Problem Drug Use
 - Modern Day Slavery
 - Terrorism, Radicalisation and Extremism

Moderate level threat included:

- Anti-social Behaviour (ASB) & Criminal Damage
- Fraud & Cyber Dependent Crime
- Hate Crime

2.4 Whilst ASB overall was considered as a moderate threat in Devon, within the East & Mid Devon communities, feedback is that it is a high priority for residents that can lead to the fear of crime if not addressed in a timely manner. Both criminal damage and public order offences have risen by up to 29%, equal to 1,835 offences in the year 201617. Generic incidents have remained fairly static at 3,444. Data given here are across both East & Mid Devon Districts combined.

3.0 Partnership Funding and Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHR)

- 3.1 The annual grant from the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner (OPCC) for 2018-19 remains unchanged from 2017-18, at £12,500.
- 3.2 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 £10,500 for this financial year.
- 3.3 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.
- 3.4 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.
- 3.5 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.
- 3.6 A new spending plan for 2018-19 will be agreed by the CSP as part of the review of the CSP and the updated CSP plan as discussed above.

4.0 Action Plan 2018-21 - Year One

- 4.1 Annex 1 provides the details of the projects and work planned for this financial year and the resulting likely outputs and actual outcomes. This is a working document and additional project work will continue to be added and completed during the first and subsequent years of the Plan.

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>.

East & Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership

Priorities & Action Plan for 2018-21



Budget allocations are subject to change and agreement via the CSP Management Group and identification of suitable project work from partner agencies throughout the year.

Priority 1 –Vulnerability & Exploitation of residents Link to Strategic Assessment – High level threats. County Lines & Dangerous Drugs Networks; CSE; Domestic & Sexual Abuse; Problem Drinkers; Problem Drug Use, Modern Slavery & Trafficking; Terrorism, Radicalisation & Extremism – Prevent.									
Objective	Activity	Outcome	Measure of success	Responsibility	Start date	End Date	Project Costs	Added Value	CSOs Update
To protect people with vulnerable characteristics from exploitation and abuse by raising awareness amongst practitioners and the community when appropriate	Raise awareness of taxi drivers of certain types of vulnerable persons by providing 'bite size' training sessions for taxi drivers re CSE, modern day slavery etc.	Taxi Drivers are better informed of the issues, what to look out for and how to report a situation of concern.	Number of taxi drivers attending the sessions. Training has been made mandatory as part of licence conditions from 2019.	Mid Devon and East Devon CSOs & Licensing Teams	01/07/18	31/03/19	£300 (OPCC and £300 from EDDC) MID £350 OPCC est		
	Raise Awareness of County Lines amongst practitioners & professionals by circulating information from the County lines Strategy Group & the intel submission form.	Increased awareness amongst professionals and raised intel submissions.	Number of times that information is circulated to professionals Types of awareness raising used Increase in number of intel submissions to police.	Mid Devon and East Devon CSOs	01/04/18	31/03/19	No direct cost		JR to liaise with Police NH Sgts to progress this further in Mid Devon. 15/10/18 Tiverton Town Centre Task & Finish Group to tackle actual and perceived drug activities in town centre. JR to coordinate.
	Develop and launch a vulnerability response model for all partner agencies in order to support those at greatest risk from County Lines.	The needs of people vulnerable to forms of exploitation are considered before police or other agencies take enforcement action.	Model developed and used by all CSP agencies	Police	01/04/18	31/3/19	£0 direct development costs		JR & Insp Bradford developed this but 'stalled'. Insp Groves was to progress. Raised at CSP 11/10/18 and to re-send to Ruth Bailey & Matt Lawler for assessment & authorisation to distribute. JR sent to above 11/10/18 Vulnerability Response model CL v
	Raise awareness of on-line exploitation & grooming by circulating information about social media trends to practitioners and members of the public .	Communications strategy in place Practitioners and public better informed	Social Media App issues monthly Newsletter circulated to practitioners via CSP networks.	Mid Devon and East Devon CSOs	01/04/18	31/3/19	£0 direct costs		
	Bitesize training sessions for Practitioners to	Practitioners are more aware of local issues and	No. of workshops held No. of practitioners who	Mid Devon and East Devon CSOs			£800 est from each district		JR contacted Ken Lamont who suggested DI Adrian Hawkins may be the best point of contact. No response

Priority 1 –Vulnerability & Exploitation of residents

Link to Strategic Assessment – High level threats.

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Objective	Activity	Outcome	Measure of success	Responsibility	Start date	End Date	Project Costs	Added Value	CSOs Update
	inform and upskill on topics linked to the CSP priorities including County Lines, CSE, DVSA, and Modern Slavery.	make informed decisions and actions as a result.	attend				For room hire and speaker costs		so chased 16/10/18. Ruth also contact Zac at Childrens Soc about possible CSE Workshops but would need to be commissioned in and we need to identify a target group. Can link all new trained staff and raise awareness of the Exploitation webpages when they are launched.
	Provide Internet Safety Awareness session at Littleham (Exmouth) Primary School.	To better Inform the students and parents and carers.	1.No of students at the Sessions 2. No of parents/carers at Sessions	East Devon CSO	01/04/18	30/06/18	£123.75	Parents, staff and pupils received direct and relevant input they would not have had without this funded project.	Yrs 3 & 4 ages 7-9 = 48 pupils Yrs 5 & 6 ages 9-11 = 49 pupils Adults 5 parents 3 staff. Total 97 children & 8 adults plus 7 more adults who were in with the hall with the children.
	Raise awareness of drug issues with children in local schools through the Theatre for example Solomon Theatre group presentation of Gemma's Wardrobe .	Children are more aware of the dangers of drug use and links to county lines networks.	Number of performances Number of children who had raised awareness.	Mid Devon CSO	01/05/18	30/06/19	£2010 OPPC	Both Mid Devon Schools – Cullompton CC and Tiverton HS were able to use this performance as part of a wider school initiative around Personal Safety and support pupils during and post event.	Chased THS for feedback. Cullompton Community College – 130 Yr 9 pupils attended. The performance was part of a whole package of input from school based around Personal Safety Day in June. School nurse had a notable increase in self referrals for support.   Cullompton ComColl THS Feedback.docx Feedback.docx
	Promote Hate Crime Awareness Week 13-20 Oct 2018.	Raised awareness of MDDC staff and members and visitors to Phoenix House by use of displays, internal news items and social media.		Mid Devon CSO	08/10/18	22/10/18	£0 direct costs	Staff and members more aware to take knowledge into communities. Displays in public area at Phoenix House and newsletters.	
	Promote SDP funded Web-Resource explicitly developed around exploitation and aimed at practitioners.	Practitioners and staff have a 'go to' point of reference regarding all forms of exploitation, with references and referral information.							
To support and promote the Counter Terrorism PREVENT agenda	Engage with Devon and Torbay PREVENT Partnership and participate in identified local activities.	Universal approach to the PREVENT work across East & Mid Devon that dovetails into wider county work.	Noted attendance at meetings and local activities generated.	PREVENT lead officers.	11/10/18		£0 direct costs		
	Take account of new PREVENT duty Toolkit @ Sept 18.	Each LA is compliant with latest guidelines.	Self-assessment completed and noted.				£0 direct costs		

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	Review of current arrangements for engaging with elected members in leadership roles, including: - Ensuring a CTLP briefing is provided for Elected Members - Ensuring that designated Elected Members are proactively involved in PREVENT Policy-setting, delivery and communications.	Members are more informed and aware of local vulnerabilities.	Briefing sessions held and appropriate communications shared.				£0 direct costs		
	Venue Hire and IT Policies Review expectations of compliance and good practice activity in relation to own organisation (p. 23 of Toolkit).	The LAs will have compliance with national expectations.	Policies in place.				£0 direct costs		

Priority 2 – Reduce the Impact of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

Link to Strategic Assessment – Moderate level threat.

Emerging Threat - Youth Gangs

Objective	Activity	Outcome	Measure of success	Responsibility	Start date	End Date	Project Costs	Added Value	CSOs Update	
	Reduce the impact of antisocial behaviour on local communities	Resolve neighbour disputes by funding the Devon Mediation Service to allow 'free referrals' from Police and local ASB Officers.	Neighbour disputes are successfully resolved informally	Reduction in the number of neighbour disputes that escalate to formal involvement No of referrals to the Devon mediation service Number of cases successfully resolved informally	Mid Devon and East Devon CSOs	01/04/18	31/03/19	EAST £500 OPCC MID £500 OPCC		To add updates from DMS when available. Police are the biggest referrer to DMS in the area.
	Review existing delivery mechanisms for a coordinated response to ASB from partner	The CSP has a clear model to support vulnerable young people and adults in order to prevent the escalation of	Draft options report produced for decision by the CSP	Mid Devon and East Devon CSOs					At CSP Mtg 11/10/18 agreed to working group. Inc Ruth Bailey & Ian Flett due to risks of exploitation.	

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	agencies.	ASB that can be used across the area							
	Working with local partners to reduce anti-social behaviour caused by young people in key locations over the summer holidays.	Reduction of asb in Cranbrook Reduction of ASB in Connaught Gardens, Sidmouth	No of sessions held. Number of Individuals engaged	East Devon Community Safety Officer	16/07/18 17/08/18	03/09/18 31/08/18	£546 (OPCC) £360 (OPCC)	In both areas the reports to the Police of anti-social behaviour has decreased.	At Cranbrook a total of 93 contacts were made with young people over a 5 week summer holiday period by Youth Genesis. These were in different areas of the town. Funding has been obtained by Youth Genesis to keep this outreach work going for another 12 months. At Sidmouth the outreach took place on 2 Friday evenings and 1 Saturday evening in August. A total of 35 contacts were made with young people. (East Devon District Council also funded private security in the locations).
	Support young people to attend an adventure programme to prevent their involvement in ASB.	Young people that attend the programme no longer get involved in ASB type activity	Number of young people that attend the programme Number and type of activities	East Devon Community Safety Officer and EDDCs Youth Development Officers	01/09/18	31/12/18	Total £500 (£250 OPCC & £250 EDDC)		
	Support SPACE to provide positive activities to engage those at most risk of ASB involvement over the summer holidays.	Reduced reports of ASB activities in the Tiverton Town and surrounding areas.	No of individuals engaged	CSO	20/06/18	01/09/18	£650 OPCC		
	Raise awareness of ASB with practitioners through supporting the YIT Speech & Language conference.	Devon Practitioners trained to understand links to poor communication skills and ASB	No of practitioners who attend	CSO	?	?	£0 direct cost? £? Refreshment Costs?		JR chased Jan at YIT on 16/10/18
	Investigate the possibility of creating a local CCTV hub to better cover Tiverton Town Centre and possibly incorporate other MD town systems.								

Priority 3 – Community Resilience

Link to Strategic Assessment

High level threats - County Lines & Dangerous Drugs Networks; CSE; Domestic & Sexual Abuse; Problem Drinkers; Problem Drug Use, Modern Slavery & Trafficking; Terrorism, Radicalisation & Extremism – Prevent.

Moderate level threats – Fraud & Cyber Crime; Hate Crime

Lower level threats – Acquisitive Crime; Reducing Reoffending; Suicide Prevention

Objective	Activity	Outcome	Measure of success	Responsibility	Start date	End Date	Project Costs	Added Value	CSOs Update
To assist local communities in accessing services and develop resilience	Hold a CSP Annual Conference for public and professional engagement	To better inform members of the public and staff from a number of different agencies of the issues relating to Adverse Childhood Experiences to encompass Child Sexual Exploitation, Modern Slavery and County Lines	Number of attendees	Community Safety Officer	11/04/18	11/04/18	Contribution to refreshments and venue hire £206 (OPCC)	The CSP met our obligation to consult with the community and this event included practitioners and members of the public.	On 11/4/18 over 100 people including members of the public, representatives from a number of different agencies and elected members attended
	Increase knowledge of healthy relationships amongst secondary school students. SPLITZ to deliver workshops for students and teachers	Better informed students and teachers trained to deliver this information directly.	Number of sessions held in each school Number of persons attending sessions	Community Safety Officer	01/09/18	31/03/19	EAST £2500 (OPCC) MID £2500 split funded (£1250 OPCC & £1250 MDDC Grant)		CSOs to obtain update from Splitz on schools covered.
	Provide an event for young people at Ottery St Mary Skatepark	Improve community cohesion	Number of young people attending the event. Type of Activities Provided	Community Safety Officer	15/09/18	15/09/18	£150 (OPCC)		
	Organise a local team of young people to attend the Devon Youth Games	Improve community cohesion and giving young people from challenging backgrounds the opportunity to compete.	Number of Young people in attendance	EDDC Youth Development Officers			£200 (EDDC)		
	Prevent/reduce thefts of purses from handbags by distributing lanyards that attach to the purse and the handbag to elderly people free of charge.	Raise awareness of theft from handbags and reduce the thefts of purses in towns	Number of lanyards & posters distributed to charity shops Reduction in thefts of purses	Community Safety Officer	30/06/18	01/09/18	£390 (EDDC)		
	Increase resilience and self-esteem for children living with DVSA by running a 4 week course in Primary schools where staff have	The children will be able safely challenge their own perceptions of boundaries and explore feelings and behaviours.	Ten self-esteem sessions run at primary schools in Mid Devon. Ten school staff to be trained to deliver these sessions in the future.	Splitz	01/04/18	31/03/19	£2500 split funded (£1250 OPCC & £1250 MDDC Grant)		CSOs to obtain update from Splitz on schools covered.

Priority 3 – Community Resilience

Link to Strategic Assessment

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Moderate level threats – Fraud & Cyber Crime; Hate Crime

Lower level threats – Acquisitive Crime; Reducing Reoffending; Suicide Prevention

Objective	Activity	Outcome	Measure of success	Responsibility	Start date	End Date	Project Costs	Added Value	CSOs Update
	been able to identify that there may be DVA within the family								
	Improve awareness with Event Planners of drugs issues through the Circulation of information relevant to event via the Safety Advisory Group.	For event planners to have raised awareness of any drug taking at events so that this is reduced locally	No of Event Planners Informed and how.	SAG Chair/CSO	01/04/18	31/03/19	No direct cost	Event planners have information on current drugs being sold with images of what to look out for.	
	YSmart Training for Schools.	Improved knowledge of teaching and support staff in schools regarding current drug trends and support available to young people.	No attending the event from East & Mid Devon area	CSOs	8/10/18	01/01/18		Fund places at £65 per place for staff and practitioners in our area.	CSOs to publicise locally. JR raised with schools in Mid and via PCSOs.