

Minutes of the Crime and Disorder Joint Scrutiny Committee meeting held on Monday, 16 December 2019 in Council Chamber - Deanes, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council at 6.30 pm

Members of the Crime and Disorder Joint Scrutiny Committee in attendance:

Councillor R Gardiner	Basingstoke and Deane BC
Councillor P Miller	Basingstoke and Deane BC
Councillor M Taylor	Basingstoke and Deane BC
Councillor S Forster	Hart DC
Councillor P Wildsmith	Hart DC
Councillor A Crawford	Rushmoor BC
Councillor L Jeffers	Rushmoor BC

Also Present:

Councillor S Bound	Deputy Leader, Basingstoke and Deane BC and Chair of the Safer North Hampshire Strategic Community Safety Partnership (CSP)
Carrie Ryan	Community Safety Manager, Safer North Hampshire
James Knight	Community Safety Team Leader, Safer North Hampshire
Kirsty Jenkins	Head of Community Services, Hart DC
Sam Charlton	Community Wellbeing Manager, Basingstoke and Deane BC
Lieutenant Colonel Paddy Baine	Garrison Commander, Aldershot
Stuart Ratcliffe	Basingstoke District Commander, Hampshire Constabulary
Ryan Thurman	Group Commander for North Hampshire, Hampshire Fire and Rescue
John Halfacre	Hart and Rushmoor District Commander, Hampshire Constabulary
Jessica Berry	North Hampshire Clinical Commissioning Group and representing North East Hampshire and Farnham Clinical Commissioning Group

1/19 **Appointment of Chair**

Councillor Miller was elected as Chair for the 2019/20 municipal year.

2/19 **Apologies for absence and substitutions**

Apologies were received from:

Councillor P Collings (Hart)
Councillor M Smith (Rushmoor).
David Lipscombe – Community Safety Team Leader, Safer North Hampshire
Nerys Jones – Senior Probation Officer

3/19 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

4/19 **Urgent Matters**

There were no urgent matters.

5/19 **Minutes of the meeting held on 11 October 2018**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 October 2018 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

In response to a question relating to the minutes regarding street pastors in Basingstoke, the Chair of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) clarified that the minute related to a discussion about joint working with street pastors in Basingstoke being slightly different to that of street pastors in Hart and Rushmoor and how that joint working could be applied in Hart and Rushmoor to make improvements.

6/19 **Performance review of Safer North Hampshire Strategic Community Safety Partnership 2018-19**

The committee considered the report which provided an overview of the performance of the Strategic Safer North Hampshire Community Partnership.

The Chair of the CSP introduced the report and highlighted the timeframe and priorities of the review. He stated that priorities for 2018/19 were informed by issues identified in the Strategic Assessment 2017/18 and those priorities linked with the Police and Crime Plan priorities to work as a partnership rather than looking at the specific work of each partner. He stated that the report had been changed this year to provide partner priority feedback proformas which set out how each partner had contributed with the work they achieved against the Safer North Hampshire priorities which would assist the committee to scrutinise the partnership as a whole rather than individual agencies.

The committee discussed the Strategic Assessment 2018/19.

Comment was made that it was not clear how successful the 2018/19 strategy had been as whilst information had been provided to capture the work that had been undertaken there was no data for the later period. In order to scrutinise the whole cycle, the committee needed to know what the achievements were.

Officers clarified that the data was compared to during the 18/19 strategic assessment where it looked back and the 18/19 proforma was reviewed. It was suggested that it would be useful to provide an update on the data currently available compared to past data.

The Community Safety Manager explained the process for gathering and analysing the data from a broad range of agencies to inform the priorities of the CSP for the coming year where recommendations would be made on successes in the past.

She explained that it was the first year that the agencies had provided proformas which could be used to look back to measure outcomes and success and which could be used to inform the strategic assessment in future years and measure how successful it had been.

Comment was raised about the length of time that the data referred to and it was suggested that more recent data could be provided such as the monthly updates that each authority received for its area.

It was explained that a complete cycle of data capture, data review, assessing the priorities and review of the delivery was necessary to fully scrutinise the whole process. Officers agreed to investigate the possibility of an interim assessment that could inform the scrutiny of the full year cycle.

The Community Safety Manager explained that the assessment was a document that enabled a response to intelligence rather than any other means. The identified priorities year on year were similar. The monthly updates were a means to identify current trends that needed to be responded to. The Chair of the CSP suggested that data could be provided as part of the measurable outcomes on each of the proformas which would provide a trend and identify whether action that had been taken had an impact or a narrative to explain the data.

The committee discussed the proformas submitted by partner agencies.

Shared Community Safety Team

In response to a question regarding why different agencies had different measurable outcomes in relation to the same priority for example anti-social behaviour, the Community Safety Manager explained that whilst the ultimate goal was to reduce anti-social behaviour, there were many different ways to achieve that. Different agencies could complement the work of each other so they would have their own parameters to measure outcomes. The Chair of the CSP clarified that whilst reducing anti-social behaviour was a key piece of performance information, other data sets were also important to different agencies. The CSP had revised key performance indicators which they could be held accountable for rather than being measured against indicators they had no control over. He also explained that the three local authorities had different key performance indicators to measure the success of community safety in their own area.

The committee commented on anti-social behaviour in relation to the number of incidents that had been resolved, what measures were in place if an offender was released from prison and the relationship between housing associations, the CSP and the police regarding the reporting of anti-social behaviour.

The Community Safety Manager responded that anti-social behaviour reoffending was measured. In seeking a resolution there were a number of different measures that could be used to tackle the behaviour such as Public Space Protection Orders that could be used in conjunction with Community Safety Patrol Officers (CSPO) and town Rangers, and in some more serious cases, the Police would be involved.

The District Commander for Hart and Rushmoor stated that in Aldershot town centre there had been a level of criminality involving a small number of individuals some of which could be dealt with by patrolling officers or CSPO's through low level measures, but that others had to be tackled through partnership working to identify the main offenders and build cases to seek conviction through the court. Criminal Behaviour Orders could be obtained where appropriate for the most serious offenders. He added that the police would be aware and would have plans in place to deal with offenders released from prison.

With regards to the reporting of anti-social behaviour to housing associations and how they are involved with the CSP, the Community Safety Manager clarified that whilst they were not statutory members of the CSP, they were operational partners who work with the CSP on a daily basis and attend the CSP's vulnerability operational group (VOG).

The Chair of the CSP suggested it would be useful for the committee to have sight of the list of agencies involved on the operational group.

With regard to education in schools regarding alcohol related crime the Community Safety Manager clarified that they work with secondary schools and tertiary colleges. She also stated that it was difficult to engage with schools to discuss alcohol or substance misuse as the perception was that the school had a problem. Councillor Jeffers suggested that Rushmoor Healthy Living could be an option as a way to engage. The Community Safety Manager stated that a majority of the education work was established in schools in Hart however they would work in other areas if requested. She also confirmed that in addition to working with schools, roadshows were held in each borough.

Hampshire Constabulary – Hart and Rushmoor District

The District Commander provided an overview of the partnership working over 2018/19 to tackle key priorities. With regard to the information provided in the proforma he suggested that as it is looking back over the last year, completing the proforma closer to the period of review, such as in July, may be beneficial.

Councillor Forster commented that the format of the proforma was useful and that the information provided by the police could be circulated more widely to better inform the public. It was confirmed that the information was already publicly available on the internet. Members suggested that local authorities and councillors could help to raise visibility of the information to residents through signposting in its own publications, social media, tweeting etc.

Councillor Crawford commented that the content of the proforma was good and he would like to see the same level of reporting provided by all of the partners.

Hampshire Constabulary – Basingstoke District

The District Commander informed the committee that the current level of policing in Hampshire was under considerable strain and it would take some time to see the benefits of new recruits on the streets. It was important to understand what could be

achieved with the resources available. Councillors and local authorities could assist the police in the delivery of key messages and engagement with the public to highlight the current issues and prevention advice.

It was suggested that registering for Hants Alert was a good source of up to date information.

The Chair of the CSP added that councillors could play a big role in educating the public about how reporting an incident can make a difference to the intelligence and data for the police to build a case to make an arrest.

Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service

The Group Commander explained how the fire service supported the community safety work to achieve the overall priorities. In terms of resources, community safety was an area that was stretched. He regarded the fire services 'Safe and Well' visits as its primary role in relation to community safety which is where the fire service visits people at home to provide fire safety advice and the fitting of smoke detection and which has evolved over a period of time to asking other questions to enable referrals to be made to other partners that a resident may need additional help. He highlighted other areas that the service were involved with such as schools education, road safety and the Princes Trust. He added that data was available in relation to measurable outcomes should the committee wish to see it.

North Hampshire CCG and North East Hampshire and Farnham CCG

The Senior Commissioning Manager explained how, with regard to health and wellbeing there were lots of inter-dependencies across the CSP's priorities. She explained the work that the CCG had had been doing across different groups such as Making Every Adult Matter (MEAM), High Intensity User Group and VOG to identify gaps. In relation to violent crime she highlighted the work that the CCG and Police had been involved in with other groups looking at issues such as security in hospital and mental health. She also referred to the CCG's involvement with the police in 'Mutual Gain' which was about working in the community and getting the community to come up with ideas of how to reduce violent crime. She added that both CCG's had undertaken work regarding homelessness and had undertaken work with Inclusion to provide training to the Outreach Service regarding substance misuse.

In response to a question regarding sufficient resources to meet the demand for mental health services, the Senior Commissioning Manager explained that there were many work streams involved in mental health. There were people in crisis who attend the Emergency Department and it was important to case manage those individuals as there could be many factors contributing to their mental health. She also highlighted the importance of preventative services such as wellbeing centres and social prescribers who work in GP practices to signpost people to the right service for help. Mental health services were invested in annually but resources needed to be prioritised from crisis to preventative services.

Aldershot Garrison

The Garrison Commander explained the future accommodation model pilot which would result in the military community located in garrison areas reducing, with soldiers and their families moving into local communities. In relation to the strategic priorities, offending rates were low, however work was being done internally with information campaigns and where applicable testing regimes. He also highlighted the perception of lack of security as an issue and was introducing Garrison Commander drop-in centres where families could raise their concerns. A Neighbourhood Watch scheme was also being set up and the garrison magazine would contain a page on security as well as using social media. He added that a joint project with Rushmoor police would also be undertaken where the police would use the garrison radio to provide reassurance.

A regime of joint patrols between civilian police and the Royal Military Police had also had a positive impact on anti-social behaviour and broadened understanding between communities and enhanced resources available to local police.

Comment was made regarding the lack of response from some partners failing to return the priority proforma. The Community Safety Manager stated it was unacceptable and the Chair of the CSP would be sending letters to those partners. The Chair of the CSP stated that it was concerning that Hampshire County Council, a high tier statutory partner, had never attended a meeting of the partnership or made a submission.

In summary the committee agreed the following:

- The proforma was useful but additional information such as data and trends should be included in future, together with more information on what had or hadn't been achieved and some narrative to support that.
- It would be useful to provide details of the key performance indicators for each local authority.
- More information on area's that need to be improved, or gaps that need to be addressed and what the CSP is doing to address it.
- More information and a list of those agencies involved in the Vulnerabilities Operational Group.
- Concern regarding the lack of attendance and engagement of some partners, particularly high tier strategic partners.
- Encourage the promotion and signposting of police data to residents and registering to Hants Alert.
- For Councillors to promote communication and cascading of information through councillor and parish briefings and publications to residents.
- Local authorities to be encouraged to maintain, as much as possible, a consistent membership of the Joint Scrutiny Committee.
- Officers to investigate the possibility of an interim assessment that could inform the scrutiny of the full year cycle.

Resolved:

- 1) That the committee is satisfied with the performance of the Strategic CSP in relation to the discharge of its crime and disorder functions for 2018/19.
- 2) That the comments of the committee be considered by the respective councils.

The meeting ended at 8.38 pm.

Chairman