

**CHARNWOOD COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP  
THURSDAY, 6TH AUGUST 2020 AT 1.30PM  
MS TEAMS**

**MINUTES**

PRESENT:	<p>Councillor Leigh Harper-Davies (Chair)</p> <p>Councillor Deborah Taylor</p> <p>Insp Mark Botte</p> <p>Grace Strong</p> <p>Andy Daybell</p> <p>Chris Hedworth</p> <p>Ant Dales</p> <p>Manuel Alfonso</p> <p>Caroline Morris</p> <p>Julie Robinson</p> <p>Tim McCabe</p> <p>Allison Fadesco</p> <p>Vikash Mistry</p> <p>Sally Watson (minutes)</p>	<p>Charnwood Borough Council</p> <p>Charnwood Borough Council</p> <p>Leicestershire Police</p> <p>Violence Reduction Network</p> <p>Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service</p> <p>Leicestershire County Council</p> <p>Loughborough University</p> <p>Loughborough University</p> <p>Turning Point</p> <p>Charnwood Borough Council</p>
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The Chair introduced herself as the new Cabinet Lead Member for Community Support and Equalities.

1. INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES

The introduced themselves and confirmed that they could both see and hear the proceedings.

Apologies were received from the following partnership members:

Insp Matthew Oswin	Leicestershire Police
Andy Rhodes	Loughborough BID
Maddie Clay	Leicestershire Probation Service
Steve McCue	West Leicestershire CCG
Victoria Charlton	OPCC

2. TERMS OF REFERENCE

It was highlighted that there was an error in the Terms of Reference circulated which would require amendment. The first paragraph referred to the 'Antisocial Behaviour, Crime and Policing', and 'Act 2014' should be inserted here.

**AGREED** that the updated Terms of Reference be approved, subject to the amendment suggested.

As set out in the Terms of Reference, Chair and Lead Member for Community Support and Equalities, Councillor Harper-Davies nominated Councillor Taylor to Chair the Community Safety Partnership for the forthcoming year. Councillor Taylor accepted the nomination and agreed to Chair the remainder of the meeting.

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd January 2020 were reviewed and approved.

4. ACTION LOG

Actions of the meeting held on 23rd January 2020 were reviewed and updates were provided as set out in the table.

**AGREED** that the remaining actions be carried into the next meeting for completion.

Meeting Date	Action	Complete By
230120 Item 2	<p>That Rob Mitchell raise the concerns of the Community Safety Partnership with the Chief Executive of West Leicestershire CCG, with regards to attendance at meetings, and to emphasise the importance of attendance at every meeting in order for the Partnership to work at its full capacity.</p> <p><b>Update – the Leicestershire CCG was undergoing a significant restructure and it was anticipated that following the completion of this, there would be appropriate attendance at future Community Safety Partnership meetings.</b></p>	Rob Mitchell
230120 Item 3	<p>That representatives from Turning Point liaise with Inspector Mark Botte to identify a way to overcome the barrier regarding a needle exchange programme at the annex in Loughborough.</p> <p><b>Update- a meeting had taken place but it was decided a needle exchange programme was not possible due to practicality issues. There were other locations in Loughborough which did offer needle exchanges and service users would be advised to use these instead. A drop-in service at the Falcon Centre was also being planned for service users at the annex.</b></p>	Ins Mark Botte/ Caroline Morris/ Peter Singleton
230120 Item 4	That the Community Safety Partnership communicates the performance statistics where possible.	All partners
230120 Item 4	That Mark Botte liaise with the Licenced Premises Officer in the Police in order to establish potential ways to reduce hate crime.	Ins Mark Botte
230120 Item 5	That Namita Patel share information to allow Partners to access the Home Safety service through the Democratic Services Officer.	Namita Patel
230120 Item 5	That Inspector Mark Botte and Andy Daybell discuss the implications of data sharing in order to maximise the success of the home safety visits delivered by Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service.	Inspector Mark Botte/ Andy Daybell
230120 Item 7	That Rob Mitchell, through Tim McCabe, engaged leaders of the partner organisations in a meeting regarding the collaboration efforts of the Youth JAG.	Julie Robinson/Rob Mitchell
230120 Item 7	<p>That the joint Risk Assessment matrix, adopted by the Joint Action Group (JAG) and the People Zone sub-groups be circulated to the CSP.</p> <p><b>Update – this had been complete.</b></p>	Allison Fadesco
230120 Item 9	That information on the Charnwood Food Poverty Group is shared with Caroline Morris.	Julie Robinson

## 5. PERFORMANCE UPDATE (A. Fadesco)

It was stated that data packs based upon crime and antisocial behaviour had been prepared by the OPCC although there had been some discrepancies in the numbers. None of the information in the antisocial behaviour pack had been presented in the slides, although some of the data in the crime pack had been used to inform the presentation.

A presentation detailing Charnwood performance figures was provided. The following summarises the discussion:

- i. Increases in crime included violence against the person with injury (+52.2), domestic related violence with injury (+89.7%), hate crime (+30.4%), antisocial behaviour incidents (+60.6%) and Sentinel reports of antisocial behaviour incidents (+47.1%).
- ii. Crime reductions included total crime (-14.8%), residential burglary (-46.6%), business and community burglary (-38.2%), theft from motor vehicle (-32%), theft of motor vehicle (-8.1%), shoplifting (-33.2%), robbery (-62.5%) and cycle theft (-20.8%).
- iii. It was acknowledged that while a significant part of the report crime figures was likely to be as a result of Covid-19 and the implications of this, the work of the Partnership to reduce crime should not be overlooked, and had likely supported the reduction in some of the crime figures presented.
- iv. With regards to the significant increases in some crime figures, it was stated that as numbers were relatively low, a small number of individual cases would appear as a large percentage increase.
- v. There had been a change in the way in which stalking and harassment crime reporting was recorded and so the data available on these types of crime were obscure.
- vi. Drugs support providers Exaireo and the Falcon Centre had expressed concerns over a trend for service users to engage in forms of online support and also a trend in relapses during the Covid-19 period, during which time face to face support was not widely available.
- vii. It was noted that Loughborough University anticipated an increase in hate crime incidents following the return of international students in the new term. Leicestershire Police were aware of the potential implications and were working to ensure there were sufficient opportunities to report hate crime.
- viii. The Drugs Data presented was considered to be beneficial and it was suggested that this be included within the Performance Update at each meeting in order for the Partnership to easily compare the statistics to previous quarters.

### **AGREED**

1. That the information be noted.

2. That the Drugs Data be included in each Performance Update presentation in order to allow Partners to easily statistics to previous quarters.
3. That the presentation delivered be shared with the Partnership.

6. VIOLENCE REDUCTION NETWORK UPDATE (Grace Strong)

An update on the work of the Violence Reduction Network (VRN) with a particular focus on the Charnwood area was provided. The following summarises the discussion:

- i. The VRN was one of 18 force areas which had received funding to establish a violence reduction unit. The Home Office had provided a core function to offer leadership and strategic co-ordination to the local response to violence.
- ii. The VRN was currently focussed on the reduction of serious crime in public places, with an initial priority age group of under-25s, which was based on research and a focus on a life-course approach to preventing violence.
- iii. The VRN considered that the reduction and prevention of violence was universal and that all organisations had a role in achieving this.
- iv. Leicester City had been identified as the area requiring most violence prevention resources, although Charnwood had also been identified as a specific area of priority for the VRN. There was disproportionality which affected the Charnwood area, although it was stated that Charnwood did not have a significant issue with violent crime.
- v. It was anticipated that the Home Office would issue a Serious Violence legal duty which would be the responsibility of Community Safety Partnerships to manage, in conjunction with Local Authorities, health services and probation services, amongst others. The VRN was interested in supporting Community Safety Partnerships to develop local plans. An offer had been developed as outlined in point 4.4 in the report, although this was subject to change in order to reflect the need of the local community.
- vi. The VRN had not yet received feedback from the Home Office regarding performance against mandatory expectations. His was expected imminently.
- vii. The planned spend for the current year outlined in the report is subject to potential re-programming with considerations of the impact of Covid-19. The VRN would review the planned expenditure in September 2020 in order to assess this and ensure plans were deliverable.
- viii. The VRN was within the UHL emergency department, although there were relationships in development between further emergency departments across the County, including the Loughborough Urgent Care Centre.

- ix. A serious violence data pack had been prepared by the OPCC, which was separate from those received by the Council. It was anticipated that the data included within these packs could be collated and shared in a way that was accessible securely to all partners. Static reports would potentially be shared by the end of quarter two. An interactive dashboard would be developed to share live data, although there was no timeline for the availability of this as there were a number of security implications and issues to overcome.
- x. Findings from the Strategic Needs Assessment indicate that the group most affected by service violence were 15-19 year olds. In addition, it was recognised that the peak time for service violence was between 3-4pm, Monday to Friday.
- xi. The Youth Endowment funding allocated to some secondary schools in Charnwood was led by the County Council. School Liaison Officers had been recruited to four schools.

**AGREED** that the information be noted.

## 7. DELIVERY GROUP UPDATES

### (a) Strategic Group (T. McCabe)

An update including the Partnership Locality Fund 2020/21 was outlined. The following summarises the discussion:

- i. The localities with the largest violent crime rates were Loughborough East/Hastings (+113%), Barrow/Sileby (+58.2%) and Shepshed (+19%).
- ii. The enforcement of the civil injunction in Loughborough Town Centre was considered successful and had resulted in zero reports of beggars on the most recent enforcement date.
- iii. A night-time economy Covid-19 recovery plan had been developed using a joint approach.
- iv. The Public Space Protection Order of Loughborough Town Centre was out for public consultation, the results of which would be reviewed by the Scrutiny Commission and Cabinet in September. To date, the consultation had received 117 responses and would close on Friday 7th August 2020.
- v. There had been safety plans produced to support twelve vulnerable adults involved in the Adults at Risk Group (AARG). These safety plans different based upon the agencies involved in support, but would likely address mental health issues and civil injunctions against any perpetrators.
- vi. The Home Office Safer Streets initiative had awarded funding to the People Zones Bellfoundary division, equating to £550k.

Crime within this area was being managed effectively, with a decrease in residential burglary (-16%) and theft from motor vehicle (-53%).

- vii. There were issues with the co-ordination of the Youth JAG with regards to barriers, and it would be beneficial for the Community Safety Partnership to address these and identify solutions in the future.
- viii. Data collected suggested that there was a need for the Community Safety Partnership to deliver some training around risk management and the Sentinal case management system.

(b) JAG Delivery Group (Insp. M. Botte)

- (i) An update of the JAG Delivery Group was provided.
  - Within this reporting period, the Police had changed their reporting model, and were now locally based, focussing on local issues.
  - There was a suggestion that the Warwick way area be included within the Bellfoundary estate People Zone. The OPCC would be consulted on this.
  - The Charnwood Watch initiation funded by the Community Safety Partnership had had a positive impact on both burglary and the public perception of the Community Safety Partnership.
  - Neighbourhood Link was being promoted by the Police as a form of public engagement, and this was considered to be successful.
  - Under-reporting of shop theft was considered to be an issue. He Police had visited commercial premises in Loughborough in order to understand and overcome this issue. There had not been information to suggest this was an issue outside of Loughborough, although it was recognised that where there was an increase in thefts from one premises outside of Loughborough, it would be beneficial for the Police to make further visits to discuss the issue and offer advice.
  - The work undertaken by the Charnwood CCTV had had a positive impact on the prevention and detection of crime.
  - There had been notable reductions in crime in areas which had previously been highlighted as high-crime areas, specifically the Thurmaston and Syston areas. This was considered to be as a result of successful interventional Police work.
  - The Prevent project was problematic as information to the JAG was not forthcoming. This was an issue with the nature

of the project. Julie Robinson would enquire about the Prevent Steering Group meeting attendance in terms of a Charnwood Borough Council representative. Once this had been established, it was anticipated that issues relating to data and information sharing would be overcome.

- There had been an increase in the reporting of anti-social behaviour, although there was an issue with consistency, as different agencies were using different methods of reporting.
- There had been positive results following the work undertaken with regards to the Youth JAG. However, the individuals involved in this work were also being supported by other agencies which were often not present at Youth JAG meetings to update on progress. It was suggested that the way in which the Community Safety Partnership managed youth could be reviewed and developed, with a focus on prevention. Association mapping would be required, although the collection of data to allow this was problematic. Improvements in the participation from partners was key to progress the work of the Youth JAG, and there was an existing action for the Community Safety Partnership to encourage engagement from partners in order to fulfil this. This issue was complex and would require a separate meeting outside of the Community Safety Partnership to contextualise. Councillor Deborah Taylor stated that she would consult the relevant organisations on the issues and barriers which were preventing thorough engagement with the work of the Youth JAG.
- The number of individuals involved in the Adults at Risk Group (AARG) had been reduced in order to ensure the most effective support was provided to the most appropriate individuals.
- There had been a newsletter developed which was based on the Bellfoundary estate People Zone and distributed to all addresses within this area. The work undertaken in this area was considered to be positive and successful.
- Insp Mark Botte was the interim Chair of the Loughborough Central Delivery Group. The work that had been undertaken in terms of Covid-19 response, begging, antisocial behaviour and crime in general was considered to be successful.
- Operation Lexical had continued and was currently focussed on the new University term and the arrival of students in the coming weeks. The revised Student Support Scheme was now fit for purpose and ready for implementation in the new term.
- The Shared Youth Group had been successful, having received additional funding.

- He Chair thanked the Community Safety Partnership for their ongoing work during the Covid-19 pandemic.

(ii) Delivery Group Action Plans for 2020/21 were submitted for consideration and approval.

## **AGREED**

1. That the information be noted.
2. That the Delivery Group Action Plans for 2020/21 were approved and noted.
3. That Insp Mark Botte develops the process of theft reporting and reduction from commercial premises outside of Loughborough.
4. That a meeting take place with key partners and Officers to review the Youth JAG structure, to discuss solutions to the barriers experienced and to potentially establish new ways of managing youth crime.
5. That Councillor Deborah Taylor would consult the relevant organisations on the issues and barriers which were preventing thorough engagement with the work of the Youth JAG.
6. That Julie Robinson discussed the Prevent Steering Group meeting attendance with Rob Mitchell in order to establish a suitable delegate to attend.

## 8. TURNING POINT UPDATE (C. Morris)

A report detailing substance misuse trends was submitted. The following summarises the discussion:

- i. Following the Covid-19 pandemic, Turning Point were offering the majority of their services over the telephone, although some vulnerable service users were being offered face-to-face appointments, and the office was still open as usual.
- ii. There had been fewer referrals and fewer discharged service users since the previous reporting period, although this was considered to be the result of Covid-19.
- iii. The drugs supply chain had been consistent throughout the Covid-19 pandemic. The recorded incidents of Spice usage had decreased to the lowest level in 18 months.

**AGREED** that the information be noted.

## 9. LOUGHBOROUGH STUDENTS STREET SUPPORT SCHEME AND LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY UPDATE (A. Dales)

A report regarding Loughborough University matters including the Student Street Support scheme was submitted. The following summarises the discussion:

- i. Cycle crime remained the most prominent type of crime, although the actual numbers were considerably low.
- ii. Noise complaints had been low as expected until May-July 2020, at which time an anticipated spike occurred. This was due to students leaving their rented accommodation following the end of the academic year. This had been slightly more prevalent than in previous years and this was because the behaviour of new students had changed following Covid-19 lockdown.
- iii. By a considerable amount, Ashby Road had the most noise complaints (12), followed by Ashleigh Drive (4) and York Road (4).
- iv. The Student Union and the nightclubs within Loughborough remained closed and this was likely to have an impact on the behaviour of students. A number of plans were in place to help manage the new term safely following Covid-19, including engagement and communications with students. It was likely that the number of house parties would increase if nightclubs remained closed.

**AGREED** that the information be noted.

10. LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATE (C. Hedworth)

A report regarding Leicestershire County Council matters that impact on Charnwood was submitted. The following summarises the discussion:

- i. Street-based delivery had ceased from 18th March 2020 due to Covid-19. There was consultation with staff regarding risk assessments for a restart on 1st June 2020, with a greater focus on safeguarding young people and residents. Street-based work was now being undertaken in every district in Leicestershire.
- ii. The initial area of focus in Charnwood was to consult with partner agencies regarding the breach of Covid-19 restrictions.
- iii. An online offer was in development which would offer support to young people across Leicestershire. Additional information on this would be provided to the group by Carly Turner.
- iv. Partner information sharing had enabled the team to concentrate resources in the most appropriate areas in Charnwood in terms of reported breaches to lockdown. This included Mountsorrel, Quorn, Shepshed and areas within Loughborough.
- v. Advocacy and ongoing partnership work would continue including pilot joint-detached sessions with youth workers at the shared youth centre in Loughborough and promotion of remote support offers.

- vi. The Leicestershire County Council Community Safety team had undergone a review. The offer from the Community Safety Partnership team had changed and further information on this would be circulated to the group. The team retained a commitment to engage and assist Community Safety Partnerships across Leicestershire.
- vii. Partners at Leicestershire County Council were required to ensure information was supplied to the Youth JAG.

#### **AGREED**

1. That the information be noted.
2. That information regarding the development of an online service to support young people be communicated to the Community Safety Partnership.
3. That the update report be completed and circulated to partners.
4. That information on the Leicestershire County Council Community Safety team review and offer be circulated to the group.
5. That intelligence obtained by partners at Leicestershire County Council was supplied to the Youth JAG on a regular basis.

#### 11. POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER UPDATE (OPCC)

An update regarding the work of the OPCC that impacts on Charnwood was submitted.

**AGREED** that the information be noted.

#### 12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business for the group to consider.

#### 13. FORWARD PROGRAMME AND MEETING DATES FOR 2020/21

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

It was suggested that the Youth JAG be discussed as part of the Strategic Update item at the next meeting of the Community Safety Partnership.

#### **AGREED**

1. That the Partnership's forward programme of work be noted and updated in accordance with the decisions taken at the meeting;
  - That the Youth JAG be discussed in depth as part of the Strategic Update at the meeting of the Community Safety Partnership on 15th October 2020.

2. That meeting dates for 2020/21 be set as follows, with meetings to commence at 1.30pm and locations to be confirmed:

Thursday, 15th October 2020

Thursday, 21st January 2021

Thursday, 29th April 2021

Thursday 29th July 2021