

**CHARNWOOD COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP
THURSDAY, 23 JANUARY 2020 AT 1.30PM
IN COMMITTEE ROOM 1, CHARNWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL OFFICES,
SOUTHFIELD ROAD, LOUGHBOROUGH**

PRESENT:	Councillor Deborah Taylor (Chair)	Charnwood Borough Council
	Rob Mitchell	Charnwood Borough Council
	Mark Botte	Leicestershire Police
	James Thomas	Leicestershire Police
	Namita Patel	Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service
	Emerson Carroll	Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service
	Liz McDermott	OPCC
	Andy Rhodes	Loughborough BID
	Carly Turner	Leicestershire County Council
	Geoff Feavyour	Loughborough University
	Caroline Morris	Turning Point
	Julie Robinson	Charnwood Borough Council
	Tim McCabe	Charnwood Borough Council
	Allison Fadesco	Charnwood Borough Council
	Leye Price	Charnwood Borough Council
	Vikash Mistry	Charnwood Borough Council
	Sally Watson (minutes)	Charnwood Borough Council

The Chair informed the group that the Community Safety Partnership had been shortlisted as a finalist in the Police and Crime Commissioner's Safer Community Celebration Awards. The Partnership had been recognised for its outstanding contribution in support of the Police and Crime Plan. The awards ceremony was to take place on Thursday 30th January 2020.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the following partnership members:

Andy Daybell	Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service
Ed Rodgers	Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service
Maddie Clay	Leicestershire Probation Service
Peter Singleton	Turning Point
Steve McCue	West Leicestershire CCG
Victoria Charlton	OPCC

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th October 2019 were reviewed and approved. Updates were given as follows:

- The Charnwood Drugs Forum had been established and an update was provided in item 7a on the agenda for this meeting.

- There had been a week of Police intensification undertaken in October in response to County Lines criminality. This was led by Leicestershire Police HQ and was considered to be a success.
- The Chair had expressed concerns regarding the lack of attendance of some partners at the last meeting. Following this, a letter was issued to all partners emphasising the importance of attendance at all meetings. Attendance had improved at this meeting, although there was no delegate from West Leicestershire Clinical Commissioning Group, following apologies from Steve McCue, or from the Probation Service, following apologies from Maddie Clay. The Chair emphasised that the absence of partners from the Probation Service and West Leicestershire CCG would be detrimental and would prevent the group from working to its full capacity. Partners were again reminded that presence from all partners was vital at every meeting. Rob Mitchell was due to meet with the Chief Executive of West Leicestershire Clinical Commissioning Group and agreed to raise the concerns of the Partnership in the hope that the issue would be resolved.

AGREED 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.

3. ACTION LOG

Updates from the actions of the meeting held on 10th October 2019 were reviewed.

The annex for sex workers in Loughborough had made a positive impact on the community. It was reported that Turning Point were not supporting a needle exchange programme at the annex and this was causing an issue for service users.

AGREED 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.

4. PERFORMANCE UPDATE (A. Fadesco)

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

- i. Crime reductions included total crime (-7%), residential burglary (-25%), business and community burglary (-40.3%), theft from motor vehicle (-19.5%), shoplifting (-31.3%), robbery (-12%), cycle theft (-34.6%), antisocial behaviour incidents (-16.7%) and sentinel reports for antisocial behaviour incidents (-5.3%).

- ii. Increases in crime included theft of motor vehicles (+2.3%), violence against the person with injury (+5.7%), domestic related violence with injury (+3%) and hate crime (+25.4%).
- iii. It was recognised that the work of the Partnership had a strong impact on the performance statistics outlined in the presentation. There was ongoing work to improve these figures further.
- iv. The data presented was positive and should be a reassurance to the public. Despite this, it was acknowledged by Inspector Botte that the public perception and fear of being a victim of crime had increased. There was a need for improved communication on the performance statistics produced by the Community Safety Partnership.
- v. The majority of hate crime was committed on licenced premises. There was an Officer at Leicestershire Police dedicated to working specifically with licence holders and it was identified that this Officer could be a useful resource in reducing hate crime.
- vi. Inspector Mark Botte believed that the statistics on antisocial behaviour were an accurate representation and that there were fewer antisocial incidents being committed, as opposed to a reduction in reporting.
- vii. There was an improvement in antisocial behaviour reporting on Sentinel.
- viii. Partnership working had helped to reduce begging in Loughborough, as incidents are resolved quickly and effectively. It was perceived that there were fewer incidents as a result of this.
- ix. Rob Mitchell felt that the performance framework could be modified to reflect the themes and priorities in the Corporate Plan 2020-24 in order to clearly demonstrate to residents how the objectives within the Corporate Plan were being delivered.

AGREED

- 1. That the information be noted.
- 2. That the Community Safety Partnership communicates the performance statistics where possible.
- 3. That Mark Botte liaise with the Licenced Premises Officer in the Police in order to establish potential ways to reduce hate crime.

5. LEICESTERSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE (N. Patel)

A presentation detailing partnership working with external agencies was provided. The following summarises the key points:

- i. All Firefighters at Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service had been trained as Community Safety Educators (CSEs) and were responsible

for providing home safety visits. There was also a team of dedicated Community Safety Educators performing this service.

- ii. Home safety visits were an opportunity to provide a wide variety of services, including advice, guidance, high quality referrals and signposting. In addition, Firefighters and CSEs would assist in any other safety measures where possible, such as moving furniture, fitting smoke alarms, window alarms, CO2 detectors and letterbox jammers.
- iii. The target service user was vulnerable members of the community, smokers, hoarders, those with language barriers and the over 75s.
- iv. Methods to increase engagement with the service included attending coffee mornings, church meetings, school visits and other community events, as well as holding market stalls and publicising on the internet and through partner agencies.
- v. The service was free but there was currently a long waiting list as referrals were assessed through a triage approach and the increasingly comprehensive visits took a long time.
- vi. It was requested that referrals were made only through the Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service website, as this ensured that sufficient information was registered in order for the referral to be triaged.
- vii. There were numerous ways that this service could be utilised by the Partnership. It was acknowledged that information on the Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service database could be effectively utilised by Leicestershire Police to identify potential vulnerable people. This could provide an opportunity to work more proactively to prevent problems. There were concerns regarding data sharing, but Inspector Mark Botte agreed to look into this.

AGREED

1. That the information be noted.
2. That Namita Patel share information to allow Partners to access the Home Safety service through the Democratic Services Officer.
3. 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.

6. WEST LEICESTERSHIRE CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP (S. McCue)

Steve McCue had sent apologies for the meeting and so there was no presentation delivered. This will be required at the next meeting of the Community Safety Partnership.

7. DELIVERY GROUP UPDATES

- (a) Strategic Group (T. McCabe)

An update including the Partnership Locality Fund 2019/20 was outlined. The following summarises the key points:

- i. The first Charnwood Drugs Forum had taken place on 12th December 2019, with the aim of increasing awareness of the Drugs Strategy amongst both statutory and non-statutory partners. The event was very well attended and received extensive coverage across social media.
- ii. The Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) was to cease in October 2020 and the Loughborough Central Delivery Group were tasked with reviewing evidence to consider if continuation is necessary and proportionate to tackle anti-social behaviour. There would be an update on the progress of this work at the CSP meeting in April 2020.
- iii. The Youth JAG had seen an increase in young offenders, and the cohort now contained 11 offenders. Seven of these had been considered 'extreme risk' and three of these seven cases were 13 years of age.
- iv. There were a number of themes acting as barriers to the effective performance of the Youth JAG. These were:
 - Centralised agencies holding meetings without consultation with partner agencies within the locality.
 - Centralised agencies making threshold assessments for the involvement of statutory agencies, without input of partners within the locality. This approach had often led to the fact that whilst the CSP had the youth case listed as High/Extreme risk, other agencies stated the case had not yet reached the threshold for statutory involvement.
 - A lack of an escalation plan in respect of the youth's offending, which has often led the youth to continue to commit serious offences, with a lack of apparent positive action being in place.
 - Lack of attendance from statutory partners.
- v. Some Youth JAG partner agencies were working subject to different agendas and had different priorities in place. This caused a disconnect in working practices. This was considered to be a leadership issue. There was a need for better collaboration and a clarification of aims. It was suggested that Charnwood Borough Council engaged leaders of the partner organisations in a meeting regarding the collaboration efforts of the Youth JAG.
- vi. The Partnership Locality Fund for 2019/20 was on track with no foreseeable concerns.

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

(i) An update of the JAG Delivery Group was provided.

- There were a number of areas that had experienced an increase in crime over the past year, including Anstey, Syston and Thurmaston, and in response Police Officers had been deployed in these areas.
- A new risk matrix that had been adopted by the Joint Action Group (JAG) and the People Zone sub-groups had seen a positive impact on the accuracy of how the risk of each case is graded and therefore how it is managed. All People Zone cases have been graded against this matrix.

(ii) A report on progress with the Partnership's Action Plan 2019/2020 was provided.

- Operation Lexical had been successful at this stage in terms of the partnership response to crime and student welfare.
- A Licenced Premises Officer had been appointed through the Charnwood Neighbourhood Team and would be working closely with the Loughborough Central Delivery Group Chair and the Loughborough BID to ensure a positive impact on the night-time economy is achieved.
- The Partnership was preparing for the release of Operation Lionheart offenders into the community and had measures in place to accommodate for potential issues.
- Since the last meeting of the Community Safety Partnership, there had been noticeable increase in participation of practitioners attending People Zone meetings. As a result, there had been a perceived improvement in partnership working across organisations.
- There was work required to improve the crime prevention agenda but overall, work against the Partnership's Action Plan 2019/20 was successful.

AGREED

1. That the information be noted.
2. That Rob Mitchell, through Julie Robinson, engaged leaders of the partner organisations in a meeting regarding the collaboration efforts of the Youth JAG.
3. That the joint Risk Assessment matrix, adopted by the Joint Action Group (JAG) and the People Zone sub-groups be circulated to the CSP by Allison Fadesco.

8. PARTNERSHIP STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP PLAN (T. McCabe)

- (a) The Partnership Strategic Assessment 2019-2020 was provided. The following summarises the key points:
 - i. The Partnership Strategic Assessment 2019-2020 utilised the SARA problem solving model (scanning, analysis, response, assessment).
 - ii. The themes addressed were Making Communities Safer, Protecting Vulnerable People and Improving Community Confidence, Engagement and Cohesion. These themes formed recommendations for the Community Safety Partnership Plan for 2020/21.
- (b) The draft Community Safety Partnership Plan 2020-2023 was provided.

The Police and Crime Commissioner had considered Charnwood as a locality eligible for a £500k Home Office funding bid, as a high crime area, along with a separate bid for Leicester City. The OPCC would be compiling the evidence and would be submitting Charnwood's bid directly in March 2020.

AGREED

- 1. That the information be noted.
- 2. That the Partnership agreed the Community Safety Partnership Plan 2020-2023.

9. TURNING POINT (P. Singleton)

- (a) A report detailing substance misuse trends was provided. The following summarises the key points:
 - i. There was a newly established group which was aimed at working people with addictions, which took place on a Monday evening.
 - ii. The Carpenter's Arms food bank had recently ceased operation, and this had had a significant impact on Turning Point's service users. Julie Robinson referred to the Charnwood Food Poverty Group, which was a new strategic initiative, supported by 32 local community-based organisations. The group aimed to strengthen provision for Charnwood residents struggling to access nourishing foods.
- (b) A geographical overview of referrals was provided.

AGREED

- 1. That the information be noted.
- 2. That Julie Robinson share information on the Charnwood Food Poverty Group with Caroline Morris.

10. LOUGHBOROUGH STUDENTS STREET SUPPORT SCHEME AND LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY UPDATE (G. Feavyour)

A report regarding Loughborough University matters including the Student Street Support scheme was provided. The following summarises the key points:

- i. Cycle crime remained high volume on the campus of Loughborough University.
- ii. There was an increase in burglaries at the beginning of the academic year and it was thought that one prolific offender was responsible for this increase.
- iii. Most complaints during the first term (October – December 2019) related to noise, although the Community Warden Team and partners had responded to reports of drug use, theft of a brush and bins being knocked over.
- iv. Ashby Road was the area with most noise complaints.

AGREED that the information be noted.

11. LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATE (C. Turner)

A report regarding Leicestershire County Council matters that impacted on Charnwood was provided following the meeting. The following summarises the discussion during the meeting:

- i. There was an ongoing change to the structure of the Community Safety Team at Leicestershire County Council, with a Community Safety Manager secondment opportunity and two new part time posts considered in the Impact Team.
- ii. There had been a number of 'Triple P' parenting events which consisted of small groups learning about different types of parenting.

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 2019/20

A report was provided to agree the Partnership's forward programme of work.

AGREED that the information be noted.

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ACTION LOG

Meeting Date	Action	Complete By
230120 Item 2	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.	Rob Mitchell
230120 Item 3	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.	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	That the joint Risk Assessment matrix, adopted by the Joint Action Group (JAG) and the People Zone sub-groups be circulated to the CSP.	Allison Fadesco
230120 Item 9	That information on the Charnwood Food Poverty Group is shared with Caroline Morris.	Julie Robinson