

EXETER STRATEGIC BOARD

Date: Thursday 20 June 2019
Time: 5:30pm
Venue: Rennes Room, Civic Centre, Paris Street, Exeter

Members are invited to attend the above meeting to consider the items of business.

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Membership –

Exeter City Council

Councillors Bialyk, Ghusain, Pierce, Sutton and Williams

Devon County Council

Councillors Hannaford, Leadbetter, Ackland, Asvachin, Prowse, Atkinson, Aves, Brennan and Whitton

Agenda

Part I: Items suggested for discussion with the press and public present

1 Election of Chair and Deputy Chair

The office of Chair and Deputy Chair alternates between the County Council and City Council, with the previous year's Deputy becoming Chair the following year. Last year, the Chair and Deputy were Devon County Council and Exeter City Council Members respectively.

2 Apologies

3 Minutes of the Meeting held on 26 November 2018

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4 Items requiring urgent attention

5 Youth Strategy and presentation by the Exeter Members of the Youth Parliament

6 Exeter Strategic Board - Future Way Forward for the Board

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7 **Feedback from Member representation**

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(a) Community Safety Partnership – Executive Group

Minutes of the meetings held on 16 January and 23 April 2019.

8 **Dates of Future Meetings**

Thursday 19 September 2019

Thursday 14 November 2019

Thursday 30 January 2020

Thursday 18 June 2020

Thursday 17 September 2020

Date of Next Meeting

The next **Exeter Board** will be held on Thursday 19 September 2019 at 5:30pm.

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EXETER STRATEGIC BOARD

Monday 26 November 2018

Present:-

Councillor Leadbetter (Chair)

Councillors Ackland, Atkinson, Aves, Bialyk, Edwards, Hannaford, Prowse, Sills, Sutton and Whitton.

Also Present

Programme Manager – Communities, Communities and Commissioning Manager and Democratic Services Officer (Committees) (HB)

Also Present

Councillor John Hart – Leader – Devon Community Council.

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APOLOGIES

These were received from Councillors Sutton and Thompson.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 JUNE 2018

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 21 June 2018 be taken as read, approved and signed by the Chair as correct.

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EXETER YOUTH FORUM - PRESENTATION BY FORUM MEMBERS

The Chair welcomed Nathan McCabe, Participation Team Leader, Young Devon, Cassie Brennan, Participation Lead Worker, Young Devon, Kian Leeper, Marie Moustache and Emily Stanley of Exeter Youth Voice to the meeting. They spoke to the attached presentation highlighting the following:-

- the involvement in the Respect Festival;
- participation in a Freshers Fair at Exeter College over two days; and
- a Question and Answer Session with City and County Councillors supported by Ben Bradshaw MP.

The following responses were given to Members' questions:-

- the Forum currently comprised seven members which it was shortly hoped to increase to 15. The age range of Forum members were 14-20 with the age range of those the Forum was seeking to engage ranging from 13 to 21;
- the Forum was looking to hold recruitment events at different communities in Exeter and to use social media as a forum for connecting to young people;
- a further goal was to create an online document of all activities for young people in Exeter to show things to do and places to go; and
- there had been much interest in Young Devon at the Respect Festival and Respect was an area the Forum was passionate in and would be working further in this area.

Responding to Members' suggestions, the Forum would look to work to connect

with Community Associations and the Devon Youth Parliament as well as working alongside the County and City Councils.

Members thanked the Young Devon representatives for a comprehensive, informative and interesting presentation.

RESOLVED that the Community Programme Manager make recommendations to the next Board meeting on future support for the Exeter Youth Voice programme.

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COUNCILLOR JOHN HART, LEADER, DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL

The Chair welcomed Councillor John Hart, Leader of Devon County Council, who spoke on the future direction and plans of the County Council in light of Government policy and continued cuts to local government funding.

He highlighted some of the issues:-

- there were huge financial pressures on the Council, with a current anticipated deficit of £10 million out of a £1.3 billion budget;
- budget pressures included an increase in the Minimum wage bill from £11 million to £21 million in two years, continued increase in people over the age of 65 and associated costs of support with 52% of the adult services budget committed to disability issues and increasing challenges within the children's service with the cost of a single child in care being £5,000 per week;
- the County was looking to increase its budgets for Children's Services and Adult Services;
- the County would benefit from a £18.75 million increase in its highway maintenance budget from Government a value for money approach to continue where 20% of the County's roads are used by 80% of Devon's population;
- general reduction in complaints including letters from MP's, including those relating to pot holes;
- since 2009, the County Council had invested £1.2 billion in the County's infrastructure and to help achieve savings the council's work force having been cut from 9,000 to 3,800;
- it had been a policy decision to retain the farm estate and, with a £4 million investment since 2009, its value had increased from £10 to £80 million for its 9,900 acres of farm estate.

He responded as follows to Members' queries:-

- recognise concerns regarding the change in youth service provision particularly in the West Exe area and the need for safety works to a retaining wall in Exwick, noting that the local County Councillor would pursue the latter issue;
- the County subsidises bus travel for seniors but unfortunately the Government resists a £10 per annum bus pass charge in spite of a £30 charge levied for rail passes. The County has also contributed significantly to Exeter's cycle network; and
- the County had always followed a prudent investment policy. Any issues on this matter could be raised at through appropriate channels at the County Council such as the Scrutiny process.

Other issues raised with Councillor Hart included school provision in general in the

County and specific areas of Exeter including Monkerton and south west Exeter, the Business Rates Retention Scheme pilot and the likely impact of the new Business Rates regime and the forthcoming vote on Brexit.

The Chair thanked Councillor Hart for attending.

14 **EXETER BOARD GRANTS - UPDATE**

Dawn Rivers updated the Board on progress with the Crowd Funding pilot. To date, £5,000 had been awarded against two projects that had raised a total of £13,876 so far. The Crowdfund pilot was funded through joint Devon County Council Devon Communities Together and City Council funding.

RESOLVED that a further report be submitted to the January Board meeting.

15 **FUNDING SUB GROUP - MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 NOVEMBER 2018**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Funding Sub Group meetings held on 7 November 2018 be noted.

16 **FEEDBACK FROM MEMBER REPRESENTATION ON MULTI AGENCY GROUPS**

Exeter Community, Health and Wellbeing Board

The Board noted the minutes of the meeting held on 10 July 2018.

Community Safety Partnership – Executive Group

The Board noted the minutes of the meeting held on 4 July and 10 October 2018.

17 **DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

The following dates of future Board meetings were noted, all commencing at 5.30pm in the Civic Centre.

Thursday 31 January 2019
Thursday 20 June 2019
Thursday 19 September 2019
Thursday 14 November 2019
Thursday 30 January 2020
Thursday 18 June 2020
Thursday 17 September 2020

(The meeting commenced at 5.30 pm and closed at 7.15 pm)

Chair

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EXETER STRATEGIC BOARD 2018/19

Terms of Reference

Following a review of the work of the Exeter Board, established originally in 2012, it will be renamed as the Exeter Strategic Board and from November 2017 it will be re-focused to enable members to work together in a more strategic and structured way on issues that are not covered in other fora.

As a joint County and City Council committee, the Exeter Strategic Board will provide a forum for County and City Councillors to work together on common Exeter City issues that could not be dealt with by either body in isolation and are not the focus of other committees.

The core membership of the Exeter Strategic Board will be the nine County Councillors for Exeter and five members of the City Council. Representatives from the voluntary, business, health, police, further and higher education, inter-faith communities, community representative and others will be invited to assist the Board as appropriate. Associate members will be invited to participate in Board events when the themes under debate are of relevance/interest to them.

On an annual basis the Exeter Strategic Board will be provided with a strategic analysis setting out needs and issues facing residents to assist Members in agreeing an annual work programme based around key strategic themes of mutual interest or concern that are not dealt with in other fora. The Board will agree the allocation and mechanism for the deployment of the Exeter Board Grant funding in line with the agreed strategic priorities.

The Annual Work Programme will be shared with Associate Members, Community Groups and Special Interest Associations to enable them to identify areas of work they would wish to contribute to through at the themed workshop.

The Exeter Strategic Board will meet four times a year, once for the strategic needs analysis and then for three themed workshops on the topics set out in the annual work plan. Associate Members, Community Groups and Special Interest Associations will be invited to participate in workshops where it makes sense to do so.

The Chair/Deputy Chair of the Exeter Strategic Board will alternate yearly between the City and County Council.

The Board's terms of reference are:

- To share data and information about strategic issues affecting the city.
- To identify an annual work programme around key strategic themes of interest to both City and County Councillors that are not the focus of other groups or committees.
- To take an analytical, evidenced based approach to the examination of the key themes/issues with the aim of identifying priorities for joint action.
- To make recommendations to the City and County Councils about policy or practice that could have a positive impact for the city including opportunities for joint action.
- To contribute to effective partnership working across the City.
- To support and engage with communities and neighbourhoods in identifying priorities and finding ways to meet local needs.
- To enable groups and communities to influence and shape local public services and strategies.
- To allocate community funding to projects of community or citywide relevance.

Membership

Following the formation of the Board in July 2012, it was agreed to invite representatives from the voluntary, business, health, police Further and Higher Education inter-faith and cathedral communities to participate. The full list of associate members is set out below:-

Associate Members

Phil Atwell (Exeter University), Sara Bond (Exeter Chamber of Commerce), Simon Bowkett (Exeter CVS), Gillian Champion (Exeter sub-locality of the Eastern Region New Devon CCG), Superintendent Sam De Reya (Devon and Cornwall Police), The Dean (Exeter Cathedral), Jude Taylorson (Faith Groups), John Laramy (Exeter College), Diana Moore (Exeter Community Forum), Suzanne Tracey (RD & E)

In light of the new terms of reference, it is not proposed to invite some of these groups who have held an associate member place, such as Police, CCG/ Exeter CVS, the University, Exeter College and Co-Lab as they work in other partnerships with the Council such as the Community Safety Partnership, or their remit has changed.

A revised list of Associate members is proposed who will receive minutes but not be invited to meetings. They will, however, be invited to take part in themed meetings as agreed for the annual work programme. These associate members are strategic partners and/or have a role in representing different interest groups in the city. They will include:-

Devon Community Foundation	Martha Wilkinson
Exeter Community Forum	Diana Moore
Exeter Community Initiatives	Steven Chown
Active Devon	Matt Evans
Interfaith Group	Jude Taylorson
Exeter Communities Together	Faith Stafford (BME Groups)
LGBTQ	Alan Quick

Board Members are invited to support the way forward and to suggest any other Associate Members.

COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP - EXECUTIVE GROUP

Wednesday 16 January 2019

Present:-

Jo Yelland (Chair)	- Exeter City Council
Superintendent Matt Lawler (Deputy Chair)	- Devon and Cornwall Police
Louise Arscott	- HM Prison & Probation Service
Councillor Philip Bialyk	- Exeter City Council
Simon Bowkett	- Exeter CVS
George Crossland	- Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
Councillor Peter Edwards	- Exeter City Council
Jim Laker	- Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service
Simon Lane	- Exeter City Council
Jeanie Lynch	- DSVF Forum
Melinda Pogue-Jackson	- Exeter City Council
County Councillor P Prowse	- Devon County Council
Julie Richards	- Safer Devon Partnership
Lisa Rutter	- Devon Youth Service - Exeter, East & Mid Devon
James Tisshaw	- Devon County Council Childrens Services
Gary Thompson	- RD&E NHS Foundation Trust
Jo Quinnell	- Exeter City Council

Apologies:-

Simon Arliss	- Devon & Cornwall Police
Dave Passmore	- Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service
Janet Quinn	- Devon County Council Trading Standards
Gill Unstead	- Public Health Devon
Lisa Vango	- Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner

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MINUTES OF LAST MEETING - 10 OCTOBER 2018

The minutes of the last meeting held on 10 October 2018 were agreed.

Superintendent Lawler updated the meeting as a result of media reporting that had occurred on 14 January relating to an Exeter man appearing in court charged with offences under Terrorism legislation.

No further details of the case nor evidence were shared, but Superintendent Lawler confirmed information already in the public domain as a result of media reporting. Key stakeholders had been briefed and joint messaging and a media strategy was in place. Further court hearings were planned, and therefore further media reporting was expected in response to those hearings.

The meeting then discussed its existing activity, responsibilities, and plans around information sharing, Counter Terrorism Prevent duties, and community tension and reassurance. In the short term Superintendent Lawler asked partners to share any information they may have around community impact as a result of media reporting. There were no further requests from the police for partners at this stage, but an undertaking was given to share further information and work with partners on the issues that arise when it was legally able and appropriate to do so. A similar update would also be provided to the Safer Devon Partnership in due course.

It was noted that a Prevent partnership meeting would be held in the near future which would work to raise further awareness by looking at workforce development and competency framework.

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ACTION LOG

The Action Log was discussed and updated and comment was made on the following:

CSP/023/18 – Information to be collated and circulated to Gary Thompson re signposting for homeless. Issues were still being experienced at the RD&E, and a request was made for an up to date summary report of where security officers can signpost rough sleepers.

Agreed that Simon Bowkett would send a list of contacts to Gary Thompson.

CSP/008/18 – Consider how the North Devon suicide prevention pilot had been rolled out and discuss at a future meeting whether this could be replicated. A training session was being undertaken on 17 February 2019 on how this may work and what the toolkit will look like.

Agreed that Melinda Pogue-Jackson provide an update at the next meeting.

All other actions were discharged.

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ELECTION OF CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIRS

Jo Yelland was elected as Chair and Superintendent Lawler and Dave Passmore elected as Deputy Chairs.

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COLAB CONTRIBUTION TO CSP INCLUDING UPDATE ON COUNTY LINES DIVERSION PROJECT AND FEMALE OFFENDER STRATEGY - SIMON BOWKETT AND JEANIE LYNCH

County Lines Diversion Project

Simon Bowkett provided some background to CoLab Exeter, which is a cross agency hub. Many people who they work with engage in a particular service, but CoLab enables these services to be knitted together.

A trend is emerging nationally around children and young people, but the street attached community are also subject to exploitation by county lines groups. Julian House workers have also noticed unexplained assault injuries.

Funding received from the Home Office was used to employ a custody liaison/arrest referral worker, particularly in relation to county lines activity. Confirmation had now been received from the Home Office that funding would not be renewed past 31 March 2019.

The post had started in early October 2018, and data was circulated at the meeting relating to gender, age, reason for referral, local connection, substance misuse and accommodation outcome. The post had proved effective with the limited housing options available in the city.

Young Devon, Esther House, Gabriel House and the Night Shelter had experienced issues with young people in their projects that were caught up in county lines activity.

Exeter City Council continued its support with the street housing service. However, Teignbridge would continue this service in-house and East Devon were pulling their outreach services altogether for 2019/20. The outreach team would be reduced to three roles. Some of that capacity had benefitted Exeter, and a meeting would be held with the Business Development Manager at Julian House to discuss and explore options. It was suggested that other circumstances, such as care leavers, could be factored in to particular services as this may allow access to other avenues of funding.

Julie Richards advised that funding was committed for a project under the Safer Devon Partnership to lead on children's services with care leavers, which is due to commence imminently. This will involve stakeholders to gain an understanding of their experience in transition from childhood to adulthood. A business case will be developed to inform future decisions.

Concerns were also raised around those young people aged 16-17 in supported accommodation for just three days per week in regards the level of engagement, MACSE data and intelligence around this. Simon Bowkett would feed back concerns to Julian House.

A data lead in CoLab would be funded by Lloyds Bank Foundation, and it was anticipated that any data extracted would be able to make the 'spend to save' case for any potential future funding opportunities.

Female Offender Strategy

Jeanie Lynch reported on the Female Offender Strategy which was doing some active targeting through county lines, and gave a presentation on Women in the Justice System 2019.

Further comments were made on the presentation as follows:

- The Ministry of Justice are looking to introduce residential units for women, the nearest likely to be Plymouth to cover the Devon and Cornwall area.
- From 1,300 visits to CoLab per month, 40% of footfall was from women, rising from just 24% in 2016.
- A six week programme to support women onto the next stage of their development was being established.
- Funding had been awarded through the Police and Crime Commissioner for three part-time project workers across three centres for the Health Pathfinder project.
- Potential £130,000 funding from the National Probation Service and Ministry of Justice to make enhancements to the CoLab building to include a women only space for gender sensitive work.
- £5,500 funding had been received for a six month research project, Out of the Shadows, focussing on adult women engaged in the sex industry or who have been victims of sexual exploitation.
- 'My Money, My Life', a financial abuse project to be undertaken.
- Examples of successes were given.

The November Safer Devon Partnership meeting held a discussion on trauma and adversity and the role of individual organisations and partners. There was not sufficient time to explore in detail at the meeting, but a trauma seminar had been organised for 13 February 2019 to explore and understand how it manifests, how it impacts on the community and individuals. All partners with an interest were invited to attend. The Safer Devon Partnership would be the correct vehicle to take it forward in a cohesive way.

Data relating to sexual exploitation was a gap for police intelligence and understanding, and any interaction from Jeanie would be welcomed to help inform.

The government would be consulting around shorter sentencing, and the Partnership could make contributions to that consultation around stability of funding available for it to work. Reference was made to low level offending and the cost of bringing people to court, with a preference of instead having a conditional licence for offences such as a requirement to engage with the women's project for a period of time. If people are kept out of custody, this may have a better effect with diversion. Any missed opportunities to be fed to Matt Lawler.

There was potential to link up with the Magistrates AGM and also suggested that criminal justice colleagues have a one hour slot on a future agenda.

It was recognised that a meaningful difference can be made to individuals with a number of small steps over a period of time. However, there is a need to provide security, and a longer term strategy and funding around these issues was essential for this to happen.

5 **PRIORITIES 2019/20 - MATT LAWLER (REPORT TO FOLLOW)**

The Priorities and Action Plan for 2019 was circulated with the agenda.

Each priority was agreed, and further comments were made on the following:

Priority 1 – Domestic and Sexual Violence and Abuse

Objective 4 – Support children affected by domestic violence.

It was suggested whether there should also be a focus on adults which could build on the Female Offender Strategy reported earlier in the meeting.

Agreed that adults would be included in this objective.

Objective 6 – Improve referral rates from black and minority ethnic residents.

A specific project was being undertaken with Splitz who are engaged with a number of community workers, including the mosque. A toolkit would be pulled together to assist in talking about DSVVA. Community champions were also being developed.

Priority 2 – County Lines and Dangerous Drugs Network

Objective 7 – Improve public awareness of County Lines and the signs of vulnerability.

An exploitation web resource would be rolled out which was a good way of raising awareness.

Agreed to include support of the web resource in the Action Plan.

Objective 8 – Improve intelligence sharing across partners/public.

Concerns were raised around barriers to share information at a strategic level. The difficulties over data sharing was recognised and work was ongoing at the Safer Devon Partnership around strategic intelligence sharing with an overarching

information agreement. Although partners were more nervous about sharing information in relation to GDPR, the message is to continue sharing information.

It was anticipated that Devon would lead the way with a web based process. A working group would be devising a one stop shop encrypted on the police website which enables other organisations to report concerns. Intel would be submitted via drop down menus so information would not be held on email servers and would get over the challenge of some firewalls which tend to stop some information getting through due to the language used.

Objective 10 – Improve links with hotels/businesses to identify risks.

EBAC were looking at introducing a safe places scheme which was for children and vulnerable adults, particularly the elderly, who were victims of cuckooing. Retailers are be able to identify signs, but do not know how to progress, and this will aid help. A specialist problem solver at the police was working on this, but will take some time before it becomes operational.

Reference was made to Domestic Homicide Reviews. One case currently under review with the Home Office was an employee of a small hotel in Exeter. Other employees had been aware of issues with the victim, and if this had been escalated, the victim may have been deemed high risk and appropriate support put in place. One of the recommendations is about raising awareness with hotels/small businesses so that employees can better identify the signs. Once the report has been signed off by the Home Office, it would be submitted to the CSP for information.

Priority 3 – Locality based anti-social behaviour problem solving

Objective 12 – Identify those areas of the city particularly prevalent to anti-social behaviour (inc. seasonal) and provide bespoke prevention plans.

This is a joint exercise with the City Council and Police, with other partners being brought in when appropriate. Tamsin Williams at the Police was leading on this.

It was reported that a lottery bid had been submitted to change the landscaping of the Sidwell Street/King William Street alleyway.

It would also be useful to have an update on Cathedral Green anti-social behaviour issues at the next meeting.

Agreed to include Cathedral Green, Sidwell Street/King Williams Street activity in the Plan and to provide an update at the next meeting on Cathedral Green issues.

Objective 14 – Improve safety in the night time economy.

A meeting had been arranged for 6 February to discuss the re-establishment of the Help Zone.

General Comments

Julie Richards suggested that the Action Plan should in some way refer to Prevent as this was a statutory duty for most organisations. It was therefore suggested that an introductory paragraph is included in the Action Plan that it does not reflect the totality of the work of the Partnership or its members.

A revised Priorities and Action Plan will be attached to the minutes.

Agreed that:

- (1) Superintendent Lawler amend the action plan as discussed; and
- (2) The CSP agrees the action plan as amended.

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ACTIVITY AGAINST PRIORITIES 2019/20 (REPORT TO FOLLOW)

Public consultation on closure of toilets

Reference was made to the proposals to close a number of public toilets in Exeter which are no longer considered fit for purpose. These include those that are in the wrong location and attract serious and repeated anti-social behaviour, including drug use and vandalism. Evidence had been gathered to support this. As a consequence, it was likely that activity will be displaced.

A discussion took place on safe disposal of needles and access to needle exchange.

It was suggested whether a safe disposal scheme could overcome this difficulty. However, it was noted that a pilot had been undertaken in recent years in three locations in the city where there were known problems, but this did not prove particularly successful. It was noted that as part of the needle exchange, a box is provided which can fit into a pocket, although it was understood that some design changes were being considered.

Agreed:

- (1) All partners of the CSP to be sent a copy of the public consultation on closure of toilets
- (2) Subject to timeframe, further discussion to be held at the next meeting for a collective CSP response and individual representation.

Mapping

Superintendent Lawler displayed an initial heatmap on crime/harm in the city from a police only perspective, which identified where offences occurred.

Of particular interest is the Polsloe Road/Old Tiverton Road route into the city centre.

The Police will start to trial GPS tracking to be more directive in hotspot patrolling in future. This will enable them to match existing patrolling with these areas and explore other options to improve visibility and tasking of police resources in the right place at the right time.

There is more analytical work to do. Some data work is being undertaken at Exeter City Council, looking at certain housing types which would be mapped to identify any correlations. Data on arson is also available.

Concern was raised on how other organisations data is fed in, as in order to be responsive there is a need to know where the activity is and to ensure information is passed to other relevant organisations. Superintendent Lawler advised that they are not at that stage yet, but there is a need to get consistency with different mapping software used across organisations.

The Chair informed the Partnership that any concerns or issues from partners were welcome to be proposed for discussion at future meetings.

A request was made that an update on the MACSE be presented to the next meeting.

7 **CURRENT EXTERNAL FUNDING BIDS - MELINDA POGUE-JACKSON**

A table of current Community Safety related bids was circulated for information.

Other organisations were encouraged to feed in any other bids they were working on which is linked to the CSP to help identify any opportunity for joining up.

8 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Premier League Kicks

A question was raised around Premier League Kicks and whether the CSP would be looking to support a holiday programme as this was a particularly difficult time for some families.

The CSP had contributed to Premier League Kicks in 2018 towards the start up of a third location in Beacon Heath. It has not yet been announced by the Police and Crime Commissioner what, if any, funding would be available to the CSP for the next financial year.

Data

Reference was made around data and the lack of connection on an operational level. The Youth ASBAT meeting would be discussing this which would be fed into the July CSP meeting on the overall strategic data. It was noted that Inspector Simon Arliss is the link between the CSP and the ASBAT.

A Devon-wide meeting of child social care colleagues and the Safer Devon Partnership was taking place on existing arrangements.

Questions were also raised around feeding in of information from the MACSE.

Agreed that Chairs of the CSP sub-groups provide a report to Executive Group meetings to ensure that communication channels are open.

Knife Crime

Lisa Rutter requested that knife crime is included on a future CSP agenda due to an increase in carrying of knives by young people.

(The meeting commenced at 9.30 am and closed at 12.00 pm)

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COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP - EXECUTIVE GROUP

Tuesday 23 April 2019

Present:-

Jo Yelland (Chair)	- Exeter City Council
Simon Arliss	- Devon & Cornwall Police
George Crossland	- Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
Councillor Peter Edwards	- Exeter City Council
Angela Holloway	- Community Rehabilitation Company
Simon Lane	- Exeter City Council
Jeanie Lynch	- DSVF Forum
Andrew McNeilly	- Exeter Business Against Crime (EBAC) Partnership
Melinda Pogue-Jackson	- Exeter City Council
Dave Passmore	- Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service
Gary Thompson	- RD&E NHS Foundation Trust
Tamsin Williams	- Devon and Cornwall Police
Dave Turner	- Devon and Cornwall Police
Simon Aston	- Exeter Cathedral
Jo Quinnell	- Exeter City Council

Apologies:-

Superintendent Matt Lawler	- Devon and Cornwall Police
Louise Arscott	- HM Prison & Probation Service
Julie Richards	- Safer Devon Partnership
Lisa Rutter	- Devon Youth Service - Exeter, East & Mid Devon
James Tisshaw	- Devon County Council Childrens Services
Gill Unstead	- Public Health Devon

9 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING - 16 JANUARY 2019

The minutes of the last meeting held on 23 April 2019 were agreed.

10 ACTION LOG

The Action Log was discussed and updated and comment was made on the following:

CSP/008/18 – A briefing session on the North Devon suicide prevention pilot had taken place involving external organisations and businesses. This session provided an understanding of the pilot, but training sessions would need to be purchased for staff. Melinda Pogue-Jackson advised that she felt this was costly and included a large amount of work, and related more to safeguarding issues for individual agencies rather than a CSP issue, particularly as this was not within the CSPs current priorities. This would be kept under review when the next CSP Action Plan was being considered.

CSP/005/19 – The issue of the closure of public toilets had been referred back to Scrutiny Place Committee on 26 April 2019. It was noted that discussions were taking place at CoLab with regards possible alternatives for the street attached.

CSP/006/19 – The Terms of Reference for the Missing & Child Sexual Exploitation Forum (MACSE) was in the process of being revised. A review of membership

would be undertaken to involve members at a more senior level to enable tasking to take place within organisations. There would be a focus on perpetrators and individuals of concern and more emphasis on prevent rather than wrap-around care. In addition, the Adolescent Pathway would be launched in September, and it was suggested that changes to the MACSE and other related issues could be discussed as a whole at the October meeting.

Agreed that:

- (1) The MACSE and other related issues be discussed at the October 2019 meeting; and
- (2) the CSP Management Group discuss MACSE and youth related issues in the intervening time.

CSP/009/19 – An update on knife crime (Operation Sceptre) was circulated as part of the Police & Sub-Group reports, but would also be part of the discussion in October 2019 as a high proportion was youth related.

11 **UPDATE AGAINST ACTION PLAN AND REPORTS FROM CHAIRS OF CSP SUB-GROUPS**

The update report was circulated with the agenda and Inspector Simon Arliss provided further detail as follows:

Operation Flotilla

With partners, the Police were continuing to engage locally and broadly in the city, particularly with those who are socially isolated.

Youth matters

There is not a 'gang' issue currently in Exeter, but the ASBAT and police are not complacent. This issue would feed into the October CSP meeting.

Operation Sceptre

An encouraging test purchase operation had taken place which was led by Trading Standards. Out of 15 visits, only one pair of shears was mis-sold. A letter had been sent to retailers and efforts would be made to continue to educate. Targeted intelligence is being used, and stop searches are taking place where appropriate.

Project Servator

This is a tactic to deploy highly visible policing to disrupt counter terrorist threats in London and has been used as part of policing activity in Exeter.

Protest Activity

The Police are legally bound to facilitate protests and continue to assess, and where possible communicate with event organisers regarding routes, intents etc as well as taking into consideration tensions/the impact on commuters and businesses.

Simon Lane reported on the following:

Anti-Social Behaviour Action Team

15 cases had been successfully concluded over the last three months. Housing Associations were taking a very proactive approach, and a collective piece of work was ongoing with regards to cuckooing to stop repeats occurrences.

Exeter Business Against Crime (EBAC) Partnership

Networks were now in place to be proactive, and suspicious behaviour was being reported well.

Jeanie Lynch referred to the useful and efficient system that is in place which had resolved some serious issues at CoLab and wished to pass on thanks to EBAC members.

The Partnership was growing stronger, with more members and radios. There is some under-use of the DISC system, in particular with the night time economy, but they are utilising the radio system well.

Exeter Alcohol, Violence & Night Time Economy

Best Bar None were now in year 5 of the scheme.

It was noted that Simon Lane had been nominated for a national award for his outstanding contribution to Best Bar None and the CSP commended this recognition.

Domestic and Sexual Violence and Abuse

Melinda Pogue-Jackson reported that as a result of GDPR, an exercise was undertaken requesting confirmation from those who wished to remain on the mailing list. 60 people had confirmed, but are still not attending meetings. Service providers also cover more than one area of Devon so are invited to other forums. As a result of the low turnout, a review was being undertaken.

In the meantime, there would be a focus on campaigns such as 16 Days of Action. A meeting was scheduled for June to discuss how to make these meetings more effective, with a possible proposal for East and Mid Devon, Splitz and Devon Rape Crisis to combine meetings.

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CATHEDRAL GREEN UPDATE - SUPT MATT LAWLER

An update on Cathedral Green anti-social behaviour matters had been requested at the last meeting when discussing priorities due to the number of issues last year.

The CSP welcomed Simon Aston, Cathedral Floor Supervisor, to the meeting who voiced the Cathedral's desire to have an enhanced place in the community and to be a welcoming place for all. Unfortunately last summer saw some undesirable and disruptive behaviour, particularly in the evenings. Although fantastic efforts are being made, tough action needs to be taken to ensure the area remains a nice place to visit for all.

Recent demonstrations had taken place within Cathedral grounds and Bedford Square as these are focal points in the city. However, it was advised that the Cathedral must take a neutral position and a gathering is welcome, but they do not

wish for protests to take place on the Cathedral's private land.

Where protests escalate into serious disorder, the Police can intervene and communication is key.

Andrew McNeilly advised that a briefing note had proved extremely helpful which was used to communicate to their team, including when and how to deal with any issues which had enabled them to be in a clear position.

Some events are referred to the Exeter Safety Advisory Group but often timescales of protests do not necessarily allow time to hold a meeting.

It was confirmed that there were no cases of CSE in the Cathedral Green area currently.

Agreed that Dave Turner, Police Neighbourhood Team Sergeant, would also speak to Guildhall and Princesshay about similar issues.

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COUNTY LINES - INSP SIMON ARLISS

Simon Arliss reported on the current position of County Lines.

County Lines Class A drug consumption/dealing remains an issue in Exeter.

A threat assessment is produced on a quarterly basis, and there are currently 16 active county lines in Devon and Cornwall, with 15 emerging lines (6 or 7 active in Exeter).

Up to April 2019 54 of the suspects arrested had been remanded in custody.

One emerging trend was youths involved in drugs, but not necessarily county lines; youngsters are selling cannabis to buy cocaine for their personal use.

The Police are seeing an ongoing use of children out of force, and an increase in females in relationships with males involved in county lines (coercive control) to fund partners habits.

The CSP can assist by continuing to report intelligence via Partner agency information sharing form on the following link <https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/pais>

In addition, the Home Office County Lines guidance booklet is particularly useful. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/criminal-exploitation-of-children-and-vulnerable-adults-county-lines>

There is a Home Office requirement to run an Intensification Week for county lines which will take place on 13-19 May – please see attached document for partnership action.

The Partnership activity is coordinated by the Devon Drugs Network, and Simon Arliss is the CSP representative. A list of core members was circulated for information. CSP updates will be a standing agenda item on the Dangerous Drugs Network meetings.

The RD&E have around 9,000 staff plus 2,000 in the community, and information could be fed through the news bulletin so any concerns could be fed back through Gary Thompson to report.

It was also noted that work with victims of financial coercion had referenced organisations such as foodbanks and the church as people that they found they could talk to.

Agreed that:

- (1) Management Group produce some wording regarding contributions to Intensification Week for members to circulate within their organisations;
- (2) the work with victims of financial coercion to be forwarded to the Chair of the CSP to assist with the specification for advocacy work.

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HELPZONE - SIMON LANE

Meetings were proceeding to discuss the re-establishment of the Helpzone which had been set up to reduce A&E admissions over the weekend in terms of late night entertainment activity, education and safeguarding.

South West Ambulance Service had successfully carried out a pilot around 2.5 years ago. Of those seen, 60% needed some medical attention, of which only 6% needed to be moved further on to A&E. The Helpzone was located at the church in Mary Arches Street. South West Ambulance Service could not maintain the service levels due to a shortage of paramedics, and at that time another medical solution could not be found.

Supt Matt Lawler was leading on this with a view to sharing between the Ambulance Service, RD&E and the Clinical Commissioning Group.

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EXPLOITATION TOOLKIT OVERVIEW - MELINDA POGUE-JACKSON

Melinda Pogue-Jackson reported on the Exploitation Toolkit which had been developed by the Devon Anti-Slavery Partnership and was launched in April.

<https://www.preventingexploitationtoolkit.org.uk/>

This toolkit does not include information on domestic and sexual violence as there is already a good established reporting mechanism in place.

The toolkit is primarily targeted at professionals.

The website takes through an explanation of exploitation and provides information on the various forms it takes and why some people are more vulnerable.

The reporting page is split into two sections – where someone has concerns about someone's safety or welfare, and if someone has information or suspicions about exploitation. This only covers Devon, but discussions are underway for the areas of Torbay, Plymouth and Cornwall. A safeguarding referral flowchart provides guidance on how to report concerns over someone's safety and welfare.

Information can be reported via the link to the Devon & Cornwall Police Partner Agency Information Sharing Form.

A guidance and support section is also available to give advice on identifying exploitation, talking to and supporting people you are concerned about, and taking action.

Members of the CSP were encouraged to share this information within their own organisations, and details would also be sent to councillors and would be communicated in an upcoming briefing following local elections.

The use of the website would be measured, and considerations had been given to demand on services as a result.

Agreed that the promotion of this website to be included as an action for Intensification Week.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Jeanie Lynch reported that she was at the early stages of a survey/research into the health, safety, support and other needs of adult women working in the sex industry in the Exeter area.

It is anticipated that there will be an opportunity to do a series of online interviews, followed by one to one confidential interviews with women directly as the project develops.

Agreed that Jeanie would update the CSP on the project as it progresses.

(The meeting commenced at 9.30 am and closed at 10.50 am)