

COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP - EXECUTIVE GROUP

Wednesday 22 July 2015

Present:-

Superintendent Keith Perkin	- Devon & Cornwall Constabulary
Karime Hassan	- Exeter City Council
Nicola Channon	- Safer Devon Partnership
Nigel Deasy	- Devon & Somerset Fire and Rescue Service
Councillor Peter Edwards	- Exeter City Council
Robert Norley	- Exeter City Council
Melinda Pogue-Jackson	- Exeter City Council
Lisa Rutter	- Devon Youth Service - Exeter, East & Mid Devon
Gill Unstead	- Public Health Devon
Amanda Kilroy	- Exeter CVS
Mike Hamilton	- Community Rehabilitation Company
Mike Anderton	- Legacy Leisure (Min. No. 19)
Denise Dearden	- Trading Standards (Min. No. 20)
Karen Devaraj	- Citizens Advice Bureau (Min. No. 20)
Jo Quinnell	- Exeter City Council

Apologies:-

Simon Bowkett	- Exeter CVS
Simon Lane	- Exeter City Council
Simon Perkins	- Probation
County Councillor P Prowse	- Devon County Councillor

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MINUTES OF LAST MEETING - 29 APRIL 2015

The minutes of the last meeting held on 29 April 2015 were agreed.

Updates on actions were reported as follows:

Strategy, Action Plan and Communications Strategy

Karen Mandefield and Simon Lane would update the Group at the next meeting regarding the refresh of the webpage. Karen would report on the plan for how the website works as an annex to the Communications Plan.

Supt Perkin had met with Harry Mottrem, Express & Echo to discuss raising the profile of the CSP, and work would be done around the Rugby World Cup and Freshers Week.

The minutes of the last meeting had been made publicly available.

Domestic, Family & Sexual Abuse

At the Forum on 14 May discussions had been held on events taking place in the city during 16 Days of Action Against Violence Against Women and Reclaim the Night. The Action Plan will be presented to the Forum and also to the next CSP.

Alcohol, Violence and the Night Time Economy (EVANTE)

A letter to licensed premises regarding freshers week is being drafted this week.

Police visits to the Help Zone had been re-established.

Finance Update

The CSP had match funded £300 to Crimestoppers.

19 PRESENTATION - LEGACY LEISURE PROJECT WITH OFFENDERS - MIKE ANDERTON

The Chair welcomed Mike Anderton to the meeting to give a presentation on the Legacy Leisure Project with offenders.

Mike gave an overview of the project and advised that following submission of the application in June 2015 to Sport England, early indications were that the first year of funding would be granted.

This project is aimed at individuals who had never participated in sport activities partly due to financial restrictions. After the initial eight sporting activity sessions, two months of free membership will be received to help sustain it. A specific membership had been created at 60p per day, or £4.20 per week to try to make it as accessible as possible.

The pilot will initially run for a year. The total project cost is £30,000, £10,000 of which will be funded by Sport England, with the remainder in kind from Legacy Leisure. It is anticipated that the project will commence in October depending on funds being released.

After the first year of the project an application for five year funding will be submitted to include an increase of sites to be used. This project will be based at Clifton Hill.

Turnaround will also offer participation through Probation for individuals at risk of reoffending. Education will also be a part of the project, with a range of agencies attending all sessions for signposting on home life, financial issues etc. A prison officer will also attend.

Exeter University will carry out research on participation rates and the impact of this.

Mike Hamilton enquired whether attending the sessions will be a specific requirement of release conditions; if so enforcement issues need to be addressed. There may also be some reluctance if it means a return to prison for non-attendance, ie a breach of that requirement.

Mike Anderton advised that they had been in contact with HMP Exeter and the current thinking is that the Governor would be asked to authorise attendance as part of the release conditions. Mike Hamilton expressed concern that if it is compulsory to attend the sessions, it was likely to increase the number of people returning to prison as although they may not be reoffending, a number of people will breach that condition. Mike Hamilton will engage with relevant stakeholders regarding the compulsory element.

Amanda Kilroy referred to the benefits of the scheme and whether the research will also take into account other activities which may be attributing to any reduction in repeat offending rates or general crime rates, and how to identify how this scheme in particular was making a difference. It was noted that work was already being

undertaken with RISE, and the application was always evolving to take into account other areas that can be linked. It would be shown as a contributing factor alongside other schemes.

The pilot will only take place for Exeter Prison and from referrals from Probation as this is categorised as a resettlement prison. Eastwood Park Prison and Channings Wood will not be part of the pilot.

In answer to a question, it was noted that a reoffender costs the system approximately £48,000 per year, and therefore £30,000 for the pilot was a good return on investment. The Board felt that there needs to be some understanding of what success looks like.

There are links with the Exeter Health & Wellbeing Board and Active Exeter project. The Board felt that it was beneficial to reach these hard to reach groups, with links to support agencies.

It was agreed that:

- (1) Mike Hamilton progress further discussions around the compulsory element of the condition;
- (2) quarterly reports of the project would be presented to the CSP; and
- (3) a further presentation would be given in nine months for a progress report.

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DOORSTEP CRIME - PRESENTATION FROM DENISE DEARDEN (TRADING STANDARDS) AND KAREN DEVARAJ (CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU)

Denise Dearden from Trading Standards and Karen Devraj from the Citizens Advice Bureau attended the meeting to give a presentation on community safety issues.

National Scams Awareness Month is held in July each year with a different theme each week.

Only 10% of cases get reported. Work is being undertaken with Social Services and pop up shops in banks had been well received. Royal Mail are legally obliged to post any mail, but are able to identify targeted addresses and can point Trading Standards in the direction of any potential scam victims.

A promotion event will take place at Central Library on 24 July in the Business Hub. Some stock of leaflets had been given to mobile libraries.

Consumers need to contact Citizens Advice via the Consumer Direct telephone service. However, if it is a live incident and an emergency, Trading Standards can be contacted.

Denise advised that they had jurisdiction in Devon and Somerset. Consumer issues make up around 6-10% of work, but there are many hidden scams that they are unaware of.

A discussion was held on how to promote the issues. Schools and colleges could be a useful source to tap into or even through social media as students could pass information on to parents/grandparents. Denise advised that they had difficulty getting to schools in the past.

Lisa Rutter referred to the Countess Wear Youth Club where work could be undertaken to educate young people to talk to grandparents. Denise would let Lisa

have some literature.

Age UK can provide help for people who maybe had not had the experience of dealing with paperwork and bills before. In addition, some feel it is rude to put the phone down on someone.

Nigel Deasy advised that the Fire Service carry out prevention visits and engage with a number of public providers and he could look into providing prevention advice with vulnerable people.

An online training course is available for care workers on the website which aims to help recognise scam activity.

There could also be a potential link with the ICE project.

Karime Hassan advised that visits are undertaken to council housing stock and he would explore whether this could be part of the conversation with tenants.

Leaflets could also be made available at ECC Customer First and via the Twitter account.

Cyber Crime is included in the review of the PCC Plan. The Safer Devon Partnership is reshaping its direction to a vulnerability agenda. Priorities are evidence based and focussed on emerging threats and concerns and the more hidden crimes that are increasing. There will also be links with Operation Jessica work in North Devon.

Supt Perkin advised that there are a number of agencies that can support this work and questioned whether it could be made as a workstream of the CSP. The Board agreed with this proposal.

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VICTIM SUPPORT REPRESENTATION

A request had been received from Victim Support to sit on the CSP Executive Group.

Discussion was held on whether the Executive Group was the right forum for Victim Support as there are other organisations offering a similar service.

Exeter CVS sit on the group as a third sector agency and is also part of the Safer Devon Partnership, and any issues can be directed through that organisation which will also strengthen links.

In addition, if any particular issues needed to be discussed, Victim Support can always be invited to a meeting to discuss.

It was **agreed** that Melinda Pogue-Jackson report back to Victim Support on the outcome of discussions.

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EAST & MID DEVON CSP ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2015

A discussion was held on the possibility of holding a conference or other event to raise the profile of the CSP.

Thought needs to be given on who the conference is targeted at – other agencies or the public.

This could provide an opportunity to publicise local stories and for people to see how the sub groups join up with the Executive Group. There is a need to celebrate what the CSP is achieving and to communicate that.

There was a clear appetite to hold an event, but it was a big commitment and someone would need to be identified to coordinate. This was an opportunity to promote and to provide reassurance to the public and a wider audience to understand what is going on.

Low key events may do just as well, such as the Countess Wear 100 Club or pop-up events.

It was **agreed** that Robert Norley and Melinda Pogue-Jackson would meet to discuss options and models and would report back to the next meeting.

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POLICE AND CRIME PLAN 2015 REFRESH

Nicola Channon reported that there is a big shift from moving from the burglary-type crimes to vulnerability type of crime.

Work was being undertaken on the Peninsula Strategic Assessment priorities in advance of the PCC elections to provide candidates with evidence based priorities.

There would be two peninsula wide priorities which all CSPs will sign up to – alcohol & substance misuse and domestic violence & sexual assaults. Locally, CSPs can develop their own priorities under that.

The Devon Strategic Assessment will also focus on particular priorities, of which reoffending will be included. Vulnerability is included as this is an emerging theme, to include scams, CSE, modern slavery.

The documents will be signed off in November, and will be presented to the CSP before that time.

It was suggested that a presentation could be given to the next meeting on CSE and/or modern slavery.

Discussion was held around cyber crime and analysis of data and how to find a solution. An example was given around data analysis at universities to inform which students were vulnerable, by extracting data on any reduction in library usage, social clubs etc.

Supt Perkin would speak to Denise Dearden and invite her to sit on this Group as Chair of the Vulnerability/Cyber Crime work stream.

It was noted that Simon Lane had been tasked to raise awareness of CSE and modern slavery through the hotel industry and other businesses. This also included the taxi trade and was now included in the knowledge test.

Perception of safety would be a strand of work through the ICE Programme as part of the community resilience and prevention policy. There would be an asset based community development approach, how community connector roles identify needs on the ground and how to collect and share awareness. People feel safe if they know who they can go to.

24a Reoffending - Keith Perkin

Supt Perkin reported that he had met with Mike Hamilton and Gill Unstead regarding mental health and reoffending. Discussions had been held over the proposals for Wat Tyler House and a representative would be invited to the October meeting to provide an update.

Restorative Justice

The Devon Reducing Reoffending Group had met on 16 June.

Nicola Channon reported that this was a victim led group. Victims of crime are contacted and are given the opportunity for a restorative justice approach. The process of this is some contact with the perpetrator either through letters or a meeting. There were a number of trained volunteers to facilitate this across Devon.

The numbers were not huge at present, but it was hoped to get case studies and to get the capacity to build on the project further.

This related not to the scale of the crime, but the impact of the crime and is also about reducing reoffending as perpetrators come to understand the impact of their crime. The circumstances would need to be right for the perpetrator.

Louise Daley is doing some awareness raising with leaflets, newsletters and websites and there will also be a pop up shop in East and Mid Devon over the summer.

Amanda Kilroy offered a guest spot on the CVS Radio which was welcomed.

Community Payback

The criteria for Community Payback was work for which someone else does not get paid to do and is for voluntary or non-profit making organisations.

Geraldine Ford who was leading the programme would be invited to the next meeting to give a presentation and to see if the CSP could make better use of Community Payback.

The police had good data relating to repeat offending and repeat locations. Neighbourhood teams were being asked to identify repeat victims

A CRC update would also be provided at the next meeting. Mike Hamilton advised that the CRC provided supervision for those serving under 12 months and tend to the most persistent offenders. It was also expected that they would place an assessment induction team into Wat Tyler House.

24b Domestic Family & Sexual Abuse - Melinda Pogue-Jackson

Melinda Pogue-Jackson reported that a draft work plan had been produced and would be brought to the next CSP meeting.

A workshop on children and young people would be held at the next Forum meeting on 30 September to find out what services are available and to work out where the gaps are in Exeter.

The Devon Domestic and Sexual Abuse Alliance is carrying out some research and the results from the Exeter Forum will feed into that group.

16 days of action against violence against women will take place in November which will involve promoting and awareness raising. Leaflets will be produced to identify different events happening around the City.

Gill Unstead reported that she had attended an information evening at the Innovation Unit in June where they were looking at doing commissioning differently, particularly related to alcohol and domestic violence services at a strategic level, but not taking it away from a local level.

24c Anti-Social Behaviour - Robert Norley

Robert Norley reported that the Anti-Social Behaviour Action Team had conjoined with the City Centre Issues Group as there was an amount of overlap on issues such as graffiti, flyposting and discarded needles. The operation of both forums would be reviewed.

A Community Protection Notice (CPN) had been used in relation to flyposting. All businesses had been advised that if promoters desist they would look to serve a CPN. Two establishments had been served with a fixed penalty notice of £100. They have 21 days to pay. It was hoped that this will make a marked difference.

Work had been undertaken with Crimestoppers in identifying tags and using ways of 'shopping' the tagger. They are building up a library of tags and can offer a reward. Lisa Rutter advised that some were tagging as groups.

As part of a pilot, sharps disposal points will be placed in hotspots - Riverside arches, public toilets in Blackboy Road and Northernhay Gardens. It was anticipated that the pilot would commence following the Rugby World Club as the fanzone will be located in Northernhay Gardens. Potential users will be informed and posters will be placed in pharmacies.

Community Trigger was introduced last year to tackle issues around harassment. The first Exeter case had been received and a multi-agency group was reviewing the case material and will shortly be making recommendations to Robert Norley and Keith Perkin, as per the adopted procedure.

24d Alcohol, Violence and the Night Time Economy - Robert Norley

A meeting of EVANTE was held on 20 July. The new BID Manager would be invited to be a member of the Group now that he is in post.

The Best Bar None scheme had been introduced and was the fastest growing scheme of its kind in the country. 43 licensed premises are going through the process, some of which had already been signed off.

The board that runs the scheme involves the PCC, University, Police and Trading Standards. Enquiries had been received from other areas on the success.

Premises had taken the scheme on board and are taking the initiative to support the street marshal scheme to assist with dispersal. There were also links with the taxi marshal scheme which had been piloted in Sidwell Street - one of the marshalls was moving to Fore Street at the busiest time and would be extending to other busy times such as Sundays before Bank Holidays.

The Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) is a tool which had been introduced to control anti-social behaviour within the public arena. The priority issues for Exeter included consumption of intoxicants (alcohol, drugs and new psychoactive substances), street urination and defecation, aggressive groups and rough sleeper paraphernalia, eg cardboard and mattresses needing to be removed by 6am.

Police intelligence has been bolstered by Exeter City Council Control Room logs and information from residents and traders will be collected by way of a survey. The proposed scheme would go to the September Committee cycle, followed by a public consultation period and then a report to Council for approval. It was anticipated that a PSPO would be achievable before the end of the year.

A pilot was also about to take place with breathalysers at nightclubs in relation to refusing admittance to those already intoxicated (eg from pre-loading). Although there is some national chain sensitivity around their use, a number of premises in Exeter were willing to trial it.

The Work Plan was being drafted and would be reported to the next CSP meeting.

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FUNDING MONITORING

It was clarified that the £1,000 additional grant received from Devon County Council was from Public Health Devon for the Best Bar None scheme. This would be re-worded to make clear.

Nicola advised that £20,000 would be received from Safer Devon, £10,000 of which will be for anti-social behaviour and £10,000 for local projects. In addition, Safer Devon also has a pot of money for emerging themes.

Keith Perkin advised that a bid for £2,000 had been submitted for CCTV at Argyll Mews. This was a private building leased to the Council for prolific offenders and there had been a decline in the level of acceptable behaviour.

There would however be further costs of £75 per year plus the broadband fee. Keith Perkin would forward details to Mike Hamilton and Robert Norley for information.

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CRIME FIGURES - KEITH PERKIN

Keith Perkin reported that overall crime for the last 12 months had seen a reduction of 4.9%. Victim based crime had reduced by 6.7%. Also of note, shoplifting had reduced by 13% - 2 or 3 individuals now have banning orders in place so this may have had a significant effect on the reduction.

The issue of violence needed further attention.

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SAFER DEVON PARTNERSHIP - NICOLA CHANNON

This had been covered earlier in the meeting.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Pete Edwards agreed to provide verbal feedback from this meeting to the Exeter Board on 30 July.

The date of the next meeting was noted.

(The meeting commenced at 9.00 am and closed at 12.20 pm)