

**TITLE: EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP (ECCSP) UPDATE**

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**1.0 ISSUE**

1.1. To receive a progress update from the Chair and Vice Chair of the ECCSP.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATION(S)**

2.1. To note the report at Appendix 1 from the Chair and Vice Chair of the ECCSP.

**3.0 BACKGROUND/OPTIONS**

3.1. Community safety partnerships (CSPs) are made up of representatives from the 'responsible authorities' which are the police, fire and rescue authorities, probation service, local authorities, and health. The responsible authorities work together to protect their local communities from crime and to help people feel safer. They work out how to deal with local issues like antisocial behaviour, drug or alcohol misuse and reoffending.

3.2. CSPs are scrutinised by crime and disorder overview and scrutiny committees. Under the 2006 Police and Justice Act, councils are under an obligation to allocate this function to one of their committees.

3.3. ECDC's Operational Services Committee is the scrutiny committee for the ECCSP.

3.4. The ECCSP Terms of Reference requires that either the Chair or Vice Chair of the ECCSP provides an update to Operational Service Committee twice a year, for scrutiny purposes.

**4.0 ARGUMENTS/CONCLUSION(S)**

4.1. The ECCSP's Chair and Vice Chair have prepared the report at Appendix 1.

**5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS / EQUALITY IMPACT STATEMENT / CARBON IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

5.1. There are no additional financial implications arising from this report.

5.2. Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) not required.

5.3. Carbon Impact Assessment (CIA) not required.

**6.0 APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 – Chair/Vice Chair’s update report.

Background Documents:

None.

## **EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP (ECCSP)**

### **Update Report to ECDC Operational Services Committee Meeting on Wednesday 31 January 2024**

#### **Rationale**

CSPs are scrutinised by crime and disorder overview and scrutiny committees and that under the 2006 Police and Justice Act, councils are under an obligation to allocate this function to one of their committees. The ECDC's Operational Services Committee is the scrutiny committee for the ECCSP.

This report will be presented to the Committee by Dr Zoe Hutchinson, Deputy Chair of the ECCSP.

#### **Author**

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#### **Report**

This report updates the Operational Committee on its recent Partnership Board meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023, monitoring of the first two quarters of the Action Plan, and a number of current activities taking place.

#### **Meeting held on 6 December 2023 (minutes are available if required)**

The revised Terms of Reference were agreed outlining the required attendance of both statutory and non-statutory partners with their named representatives for the current year.

The Partners welcomed the news that the new Head of Service for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Probation Service had been contacted and was keen to engage. They are a statutory partner. It was also agreed that the Cambridgeshire County Council Officer for the Armed Forces join the Board as a non-voting member.

The first two quarters of the Action Plan were reviewed. Discussions on overlap with other existing Partnerships who may have similar priorities and targets took place and it was agreed that collaboration would be desirable and more efficient and effective. Progress on this and the actions recommended will be reported at the March meeting.

Discussions and research had been taking place on the most effective use of the resources that are available to the CSP Board for the next 2 years. It was agreed that these be channelled into funding the further contract of the Community Safety Support and Anti-Social Behaviour Officer. It was also agreed to continue to commission the Strategic Assessment for the following year. This provides the evidence used to create the Action Plan.

The Problem Solving and Delivery Groups were working well raising issues and identifying collaborative solutions for these. The Problem Solving Group had a high level of attendance from the schools and agencies, which was facilitating multi-agency solutions which were

proving to be effective. In addition to the current Task and Finish Group working on Youth Provision, based on evidence, the Delivery Group had set up an additional Task and Finish Group to work on the identified spiking of anti-social behaviour in Ely and Littleport. This Group will also include representatives from the Town Councils which is a new approach. It was agreed that working with representatives from the local parish and town councils was vital in ensuring agreed and sustainable outcomes.

Our PCC officer had successfully obtained grants from the OPCC's fund, eg tool marking kits for the Police, CCTV for Cheveley Parish Council, a community safety pack for Burwell etc. Other bids are in the pipeline. Bids are identified locally and progressed through the PCC officer. The regular CSP Newsletter to all agencies and parishes advertises these opportunities.

The newly launched Stopwatch initiative to combat shop lifting and encourage reporting to the Police has been extremely successful with most of the shop keepers in Ely now fully engaged and part of the 'What's App' communication group. This is now being rolled out to the other parishes. The Police require a greater level of reporting to provide the statistics required to respond and identify themes and local activity. A greater level of local collaboration between our shop keepers has been a positive outcome.

The recent Community Safety Forum in Isleham was well attended and a multi-agency action plan produced. A forum for Fordham is now in the planning.

**Case study examples of other activities being undertaken by the Team and Partners (not covered in the minutes).**

- After concerns of ASB, drugs, knife crime, and county line fears in Burwell, work is taking place with Burwell Parish Council and CCC to support positive youth engagement and youth provision. The CSP team are supporting the Parish Council who are holding an evening for young people to listen to what the youth would like to see, their interests, areas they feel unsafe and why. The team have connections with some young people and their parents, so will use this to encourage their attendance and introduction to their councillors. The team can facilitate ideas that they know have worked in other areas and find any funding available to support an action plan.
- The CSP has put in a funding application to the OPCC for after school diversionary activities (focusing on Littleport) to reach older and hard to reach youths. This is specifically concerned with deterring serious violence such as knife crime and access to county lines operators.
- The Connections Bus has been commissioned for 24 weeks at Burwell recreation ground (an ASB hot spot).

The CSP is exploring ways of how to effectively raise awareness of campaigns focused on addressing domestic abuse and serious violence against women and girls.

- The next phase of Eyes and Ears training will be rolled out in collaboration with VCAEC.

**For information**

- The Action Plan is on the ECDC website.
- ECCSP now has Twitter and Facebook accounts which are operated via our PCC officer who works with the ECDC Communications Team. Positive stories or issues of concern can be submitted to her for consideration and uploading, [jo.andow@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:jo.andow@eastcambs.gov.uk).
- The next meeting is on Tuesday 5 March 2024. Councillors are welcome to attend as observers. Please request an invitation from Emma Graves, [emma.graves@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:emma.graves@eastcambs.gov.uk).

