

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to Public Protection Policy Development and Review Panel

Date **8 March 2016**

Report of: **Director of Planning and Regulation**

Subject: **COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE**

SUMMARY

This report provides members of the Public Protection Policy Development and Review Panel with an overview of the work undertaken by Fareham's Community Safety Partnership and the partnership's performance to date.

RECOMMENDATION

The Panel is requested to note the performance and progress made by Fareham's Community Safety Partnership and the risks and challenges it faces in the future.

INTRODUCTION

1. Fareham's Community Safety Partnership is a long-established and very successful Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership. It was set up under section 5 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to reduce crime and disorder in the borough of Fareham. The Partnership is made up of "responsible authorities" together with invited members. The responsible authorities have statutory duties on the Partnership and are Fareham Borough Council, Hampshire County Council, Hampshire Constabulary, Hampshire Fire Authority, Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service, The Probation Trust and Community Rehabilitation Company and Fareham and Gosport Clinical Commissioning Group. Invited organisations include Fareham Local Children's Partnership, The Youth Offending Team, Neighbourhood Watch, Magistrates Court and Southern Domestic Abuse Forum

AIM AND PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP

2. The aim of the Partnership is to develop and build upon partnership working between all agencies in order to create a safer Fareham by reducing crime and disorder, including the fear of crime and contribute to making Fareham a safe place to live, work and visit. The importance of the Partnership is reflected in the Council's corporate priority, a safe and healthy place to live and work.

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

3. The Police and Crime Commissioner, Simon Hayes endorsed the Partnership saying "I've been very impressed with Fareham's Community Safety Partnership; the different agencies are working together with one purpose. The work that's done is innovative and successful to protect the residents from harm. there are social problems that need to be addressed in the community in Fareham and the CSP supports people, addresses those problems and tries to reduce reoffending".

POLICE AND CRIME PLAN

4. The PCC's Police and Crime Plan focuses on four key priority areas that are designed to cut crime, protect the public and make communities safer. The PCC's four priorities are:-
 - Improving frontline policing;
 - Supporting victims and witnesses
 - Reducing crime and anti-social behaviour;
 - Reduce re-offending.
5. Fareham's Community Safety Strategy incorporates the above priorities and ensures that the Partnership delivers outcomes based on them.

POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

6. Alongside the relationship that councils have with PCC through the Community Safety Partnership, they have a direct role in holding commissioners to account. A

Police and Crime Panel (PCP) has been established in Hampshire to scrutinise the PCC and support him in the effective exercise of his functions.

7. Councillor Trevor Cartwright is the Council's representative on the Police and Crime Panel and Councillor Mrs Marion Ellerton appointed the deputy. This arrangement provides the Community Safety Partnership and the Council with a direct link.

The Police and Crime Panel's main responsibilities are to:-

- Require the commissioner or a member of their staff to attend the panel to answer questions;
- Appoint an acting commissioner if the commissioner were to resign or be dismissed;
- If considered appropriate and necessary veto the PCC's proposed precept;
- If considered appropriate and necessary veto the PCC's proposed appointment of a Chief Constable

Councillor Cartwright has been instrumental in ensuring proactive scrutiny has been carried out in relation to Child Sexual Exploitation, Mental Wellbeing, Victims and Witnesses, Youth Offending and Rural Crime.

HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT COMMUNITY SAFETY ALLIANCE

8. The Police and Crime Commissioner has set up a Community Safety Alliance at the beginning of 2015 so that he can engage with Community Safety Partnership Chairmen and Community Safety Managers to raise emerging issues and risks faced by the Partnerships and work together to resolve them. The group meets quarterly and is represented by Councillor Trevor Cartwright who is supported by the Community Safety Manager.

PARTNERSHIP ACTION GROUP

9. The Community Tasking and Co-ordinating Group (CTCG) and the Anti-social Behaviour Panel were both multi-agency groups which discussed individuals and locations separately. After consultation with Partners both groups were merged so that victims, offenders and problematic locations were discussed together on a monthly basis. This group (Partnership Action Group - PAG) also keeps track of our nominal and risk trackers so we always know our most vulnerable residents and can ensure adequate support is in place. Membership of the PAG is not exclusive; however, agencies are brought in if they are required and actions set accordingly. The PAG is jointly chaired by the District Commander and the Community Safety Manager.

CRIME REDUCTION STRATEGY 2014-2017

10. Fareham Community Safety Partnership's latest Strategic Assessment identified 5 main areas of concern. Priorities that were identified and subsequently included in the current Strategy are:-
 - **reducing and preventing anti-social behaviour**

- **violent crime (including domestic abuse)**
- **reducing crimes related to alcohol and drugs**
- Criminal damage and arson
- **preventing and reducing reoffending**
- **public reassurance and community engagement**

All of these priorities with the exception of criminal damage and arson are being carried forward to this year's community safety plan and are cross referenced with the Police and Crime Plan priorities. Partner agencies are currently adding their initiatives to the 2016 action plan.

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner has worked with community safety managers to commission a countywide analyst function which will produce a strategic assessment that will help all community safety partnerships confirm their priorities.

REVIEW

11. A review of the Partnership's effectiveness, priorities, membership and purpose will be discussed throughout the coming year.

FAREHAM & GOSPORT DOMESTIC ABUSE FORUM

12. Fareham & Gosport Domestic Abuse Forum was delivered jointly with Gosport Community Safety Partnership and delivered actions that were identified under the violent crime priority. A review of the Forum was carried out by both Fareham and Gosport community safety partnerships and it was agreed that Southern Domestic Abuse Service would be invited to the respective CSP meetings and the Domestic Abuse Forum would be disbanded.
13. The Community Safety Team attends MARACs - (Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences) to discuss high level domestic abuse perpetrators and victims and provides the link between this meeting, the PAG and safeguarding.

FAREHAM SUPPORTING FAMILIES

14. The Senior Responsible Officer for Fareham's Supporting Families is the Council's Community Safety Manager, who sits on the Fareham Local Children's Partnership (LCP) Strategic Board, to which the Senior Responsible Officer, reports. This also provides a key link into the Community Safety Partnership to ensure a joined up and co-ordinated approach. Fareham has joined the Supporting Families Co-ordination Group and the newly formed Early Help Hub which meets each week.
15. The programme targets families with problems relating to crime, education and unemployment, domestic violence, children that require help and health issues. Families have plans which set out what the key worker or lead agency will do and what the family will do. The programme looks to ensure that children attend school regularly, parents are provided with training so they can get back to work, there are

lower levels of crime and anti-social behaviour and that families work better as a unit, able to look after and support each other.

16. Fareham Supporting Families has engaged with 62 families during phase 2 of the Programme. Community Safety lead on 32% of these families. The criteria breakdown is available on the attached document [Appendix A](#)

DOMESTIC HOMICIDE REVIEWS

17. Since April 2011, Community Safety Partnerships have been responsible for undertaking domestic homicide reviews. A clear process has been drafted and contacts made with organisation leads. The Partnership is clear about the procedure and steps to take if a domestic homicide review occurred in Fareham and the community safety manager is currently working with the Police and Crime Commissioner to ensure that a Countywide approach is taken and template and processes aligned throughout Hampshire.

PREVENT

18. The Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 contains a new duty on specified authorities to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism. The government has produced guidance for specified authorities, which they must have regard to when complying with the duty. The duty applies to bodies which have significant interaction with people who could be vulnerable to radicalisation. This ensures that the duty is proportionate. These include schools, local authorities, police forces, some NHS bodies, further and higher education providers, prisons and young offender institutions and providers of probation services. As a District Council, we have an important role to fulfil to ensure that none of our buildings (including our community centres and or our housing stock) are used by extremist groups to promote terrorism.
19. The Community Safety Manager has undertaken the Home Office WRAP Training and will deliver safeguarding training to frontline staff, Councillors and head teachers of Fareham Schools and Colleges. The Partnership Action Group will discuss referrals and refer high risk cases to Hampshire's Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub.
20. Counter Terrorism Local Profile prepared by the Police has identified areas for community safety partners to deliver and is co-ordinated in a concise Action Plan which looks at delivering training, updating our safeguarding policy and procedures, ensuring the Council's community buildings are being let appropriately and an engagement plan highlights any emerging community groups. There is also requirement for emergency planning and community safety to work closely.

MODERN DAY SLAVERY

21. The Modern Slavery Act 2015 gave public authorities a new duty to notify the Home Office about suspected victims of modern slavery or human trafficking. Slavery exists in the South East and across all other parts of the UK and involves children and adults. Concerns will be reported through the Council's existing safeguarding process. More information for staff about identifying signs of potential slavery is being incorporated into a new Safeguarding Children and Adults Policy currently in development.

COMMUNITY SAFETY INITIATIVES

22. The Taxi Marshal Scheme is delivered within Fareham's town centre to support the Night-Time Economy in Fareham primarily on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays and is tasked to work with Police and Licensing. The role is undertaken by a security firm and it provides detailed daily reports which are reported at the monthly Partnership Action Group.
23. SNAP discos are held at Ferneham Hall and attract a large number of young people on Friday nights throughout the year. The Events Team deliver this on behalf of the Community Safety Partnership and there is regular attendance from Fire Service, Police, Youth Services, Councillors and volunteers ensure that this event happens in a safe environment. The Community Safety Partner Agencies provide educational awareness on subjects such as firearms and knife crime, drugs and alcohol, sexual health, skin protection, cycling safety and fire safety.
24. The Community Safety Team delivered an extremely successful summer diversionary programme "Access All Areas" from Monday 27 July to Wednesday 12 August 2015 at venues throughout Fareham and Winchester. First Bus and Stagecoach provided free transport during the events, Asda, Tesco and Sainsbury's provided free cakes, water and refreshments. Community Clubs such as Fareham Heathens, Music Fusion, No Limits, Motiv8, Y Services, Seafarers Sailing Club, Fareham Rotary Club, Phoenix Driver Training and Crofton Bowling were also involved. Fareham delivered the scheme for £9,000 which was £5,000 less than the previous year due to community groups providing their services for free. It is hoped we can build on the positive relationships we have built up. The Events team will deliver Access All Areas on behalf of the Community Safety Partnership in 2016.

BUDGET, FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS, CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

25. The Community Safety fund is now held by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire and Community Safety Partnerships, along with community groups and voluntary sector organisations, can bid for this money. The Police and Crime Commissioner has set in place a strategy which stipulates that any successful bid will have an effective project plan in place, along with an evaluation and a link to one of the PCC's priorities identified within the Police and Crime Plan.
26. Fareham's Community Safety Partnership was successful in obtaining funding to the sum of £21,000 to deliver Access All Areas in 2015 jointly with Winchester Community Safety Partnership and reduced anti-social behaviour by 8% during the summer months.
27. Fareham's Community Safety Partnership has also been granted funding in relation to Taxi Marshals (£19,000), Mediation (£1,750), victims of Anti-social behaviour (£9,000).
28. Fareham Community Safety Partnership also hold £10,000 to discharge our statutory function imposed by the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 to establish a Domestic Homicide Review should one need to be undertaken in Fareham.
29. The opportunity to work collaboratively with neighbouring CSPs has been progressed and Fareham works with Gosport with Young Fire Fighters Association. It is also delivering the Access All Areas 2015 with Winchester CSP. These collaborative areas of work confirm that efficiencies can be made in both time and resource.

RISK ASSESSMENT

30. The primary risks identified are reductions in staff resources for all partner agencies. We will all have to find different, more efficient ways of working.

CONCLUSION

31. The PCC has set out his funding streams and supports local delivery of initiatives to prevent and combat crime. It is therefore important that effective evaluation of successful initiatives is undertaken so that the PCC can see the benefit of local initiatives and the necessity for these to continue as this will be key to securing future funding streams.
32. We need to ensure that our local priorities have a direct correlation with the Police and Crime Commissioner's priorities.
33. Fareham's Community Safety Partnership is working collaboratively with Gosport Borough Council and Winchester City Council to ensure that efficiencies are made by delivering initiatives jointly whilst maintaining a reduction of crime in Fareham. Co-location of services is working well in Fareham and needs to be further developed inviting more agencies into the building. Innovative ways of working, including sponsorship and monitoring risks and performance, will ensure that the Partnership continues to progress. Fareham currently has the Community Rehabilitation Company, Youth Offending Team, Integrated Offender Management and the Transform Service co-located in the Civic Offices. It is hoped that the Police will shortly relocate in the Civic offices making partnership working easier and more efficient.
34. Ensuring that the residents of Fareham feel part of the CSP and contribute to reduction in Crime is essential. Community engagement and empowering residents is a combined priority area for both Fareham CSP and the PCC. Letting residents know how to report crime, access local crime statistics and take part in community safety initiatives and consultations. Sharing of information between partner agencies, mainstreaming community safety within Fareham Borough Council will also ensure that all Officers and Councillors know what the Partnership priorities are and how together they can impact positively upon them.
35. Fareham remains a safe place to work, live and visit; however, the Partnership cannot be complacent and must ensure that all initiatives are evaluated and it can prove that its intervention does make a difference.

Background Papers:

None.

Reference Papers:

None.

Enquiries:

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