

COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE GROUP MINUTES - 13 APRIL 2016

Present:

Cllr Liz Terry (Chair)	Lead Councillor for Neighbourhoods, Reading Borough Council (RBC)
Steve Beard	Prevention Manager, Royal Berkshire Fire & Rescue Service
Anthony Brain	Community Safety Manager, RBC
Emma Burroughs	Reading Police, TVP
Rebecca Flynn	Service Manager, Safeguarding Adults, RBC
Cllr Jan Gavin	Lead Councillor for Children's Services and Families, RBC
Sarah Gee	Head of Housing & Neighbourhoods, RBC
Stan Gilmour	Reading Police, TVP
Gemma Graham	Policy Development Officer, OPCC
Liz Harrison	Chair, Berkshire Magistrates
Tina Heaford	Area Team Leader, Youth, RBC
Emily Marmion	National Management Trainee, RBC
Jo Middlemass	Anti-Social Behaviour Team Manager, RBC
Claire Muir	Policy and Voluntary Sector Manager, RBC
Cllr Tony Page	Deputy Leader and Police & Crime Panel representative, RBC
Hannah Powell	Senior Probation Officer, Probation CRC
Bindy Shah	Service manager, Early Help, RBC
Nicola Webb	Asst Chief Officer, National Probation Office
Lisa Wilkins	Troubled Families Project Manager, RBC
Peter Driver	Committee Services, RBC

Apologies:

Nicola Bell	Manager, Rahab Project
Geoff Davis	Probation CRC
Wendy Fabbro	Director of Adult Care and Health Services, RBC
Natausha van Vliet	Head of Communities Development, Alana House

1. MINUTES AND MATTER ARISING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2016 were agreed as a correct record.

Further to Minute 5, Anthony Brain reported that arrangements for the CSP's role as 'governing body' for the Troubled Families Programme would be considered once the programme structure was in place. Councillor Gavin noted that the Council would also receive reports to its ACE Committee, to provide democratic oversight of the programme. Anthony Brain agreed to report to the next meeting on the most appropriate way to manage the CSP's role.

2. DRAFT COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN 2016-2019

Anthony Brain submitted the draft Community Safety Plan for the period to 2019.

The new Plan set out the CSP's strategy, targets and aims for the next three years. These reflected the issues and priorities identified through the most recent annual Strategic Assessment. There were three overarching priorities identified in the Plan: Violent Crime, Exploitative Crime, and Vulnerable Communities. Multi-agency

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delivery groups would be established, each focusing on one of the priority issues identified within the Plan (Minute 3 below refers).

It was noted that in addition to the priority areas identified, all crime would continue be monitored by the CSP through regular Crime Figures reporting. This would enable any emerging trends or areas of concern to be considered and prioritised appropriately.

The role and variable activity levels of the NAGs were discussed. Councillor Terry was pleased to report that the NAGs meeting on 12 April had been well-attended, with groups from across Reading represented. With continued nurturing, the NAGs would play an important role in ensuring local residents' views and concerns were taken into account.

AGREED: That the draft Community Safety Plan 2016-19 be approved.

3. STRATEGIC DELIVERY GROUPS 2016-19

Anthony Brain presented a report on proposals for Strategic Delivery Groups, which would address the priority areas identified in the Community Safety Plan 2016-19. The following structure was proposed:

GROUP NAME	PRIORITY AREA	LEAD AGENCY (Chair)
Domestic Abuse Delivery Group and MARAC Steering Group	Domestic Abuse	Local Authority (Sarah Gee)
Violent Crime Delivery Group	Town Centre Violence (NTE) and Adult Sexual Violence	Thames Valley Police (Emma Burroughs)
Child Sexual Exploitation Group	Child Sexual Exploitation	Local Authority (dual reporting to LSCB) (Andy Fitton and Mark Spencer)
Adult Exploitation Delivery Group	Adult Exploitation and Modern Slavery	Voluntary Sector (Nicola Bell)
Vulnerable Communities Delivery Group	Prevent - Hate and Counter Terrorism	Local Authority (Anthony Brain)

The new Community Safety Plan suggested two further elements would continue to be important in delivering its aims: the Integrated Offender Management Delivery Group and the Drug and Alcohol Delivery Group. Anthony Brain advised that these

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were treated slightly differently in the report as they crossed over a number of the priority areas and were independent of the CSP.

It was noted that the IOM approach had seen very positive results by focusing effort on the small cohort of persistent offenders. The new delivery areas would identify new priority offenders. Stan Gilmour advised that each delivery group should emphasise turning round those individuals and getting them off the persistent offenders list.

AGREED:

- (1) That the proposed new delivery groups, priority areas, lead agencies and chairs be approved as set out above;
- (2) That the Chair of each Delivery Group report to the next meeting with their Group's approved action plan for delivery.

4. PREVENT UPDATE

Claire Muir presented a report on the implementation of the 'Prevent' duty in Reading. The duty to Prevent had been introduced through the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015, as part of the government's CONTEST strategy. Prevent had three specific strategic objectives:

- To respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism and the threat we face from those who promote it;
- To prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and ensure they are given appropriate support and advice;
- To work with sectors and institutions where there are risks of radicalisation that need to be addressed.

The CSP had agreed, in March 2015, to take strategic oversight and scrutiny of the implementation of the Prevent duty in Reading and this was now reflected in the CSP's terms of reference.

Claire Muir advised that a full risk assessment had been carried out in January and would be revisited during April 2016. Nationally, Reading was considered to be a 'normal' risk in terms of the risk and vulnerability from terrorism and was required to produce a proportionate Action Plan. This Plan was attached at Appendix 1 to the report.

The multi-agency Channel Panel had met to review six cases so far, where individuals at risk of radicalisation had been identified. Four of these cases were ongoing. The Prevent Management Group was meeting quarterly.

The Partnership discussed how Prevent was being delivered in schools. While it was known which schools had sent staff to attend training sessions, there was no record of how many other school staff had received training. It was acknowledged that there was some misgivings around this programme within the teaching profession but also noted that the Ofsted inspection regime included an assessment of Prevent delivery. Claire Muir advised that there was a tension between the autonomy of schools and

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the Local Authority's responsibility to ensure things were happening as required. The Inspection of the Local Authority's Children's Services included checking how many schools had Prevent training in place. This also applied to independent schools.

AGREED:

- (1) That the report be noted;
- (2) That it be noted that the delivery of the Prevent programme in schools was an area in need of development, and that the Chair follow-up on this issue.

5. READING YOUTH JUSTICE QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT

Bindy Shah submitted the Reading Youth Justice Quarterly Performance Report for 2015/16 Q3 (April to December 2015). The figures continued to reflect the national downward trend for youth crime. Reading's figures also tended to match or improve on those for the South East.

It was noted that custodial rates were very low, with only two reported during the period. This national trend had a perverse consequence for reoffending rates. The Youth Justice Board had now devised a new measure for reoffending rates to reflect the reducing cohort of offenders. The report showed that Reading was also in line with the national trend on this measure.

Bindy Shah reported that the Youth Offending Team would be subject to a 'Short Quality Screen' Inspection from 18-20 April 2016. The outcome would be reported in a letter to the YOT, published on the Ministry of Justice website.

AGREED: That the report be noted.

6. OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER UPDATE

Jemma Graham reported that the PCC Office was currently in pre-election purdah. Candidates for the PCC election had been declared, including the current office-holder and their details could be viewed on the 'Choose My PCC' website.

AGREED: That the report be noted.

7. CRIME FIGURES

Anthony Brain submitted the Crime Performance Report detailing crime figures as at the end of February 2016.

The figures showed a 5% increase in overall crime on baseline-comparison, with Reading remaining about average in the 'family group' of similar areas.

Burglary of dwellings had seen a 25% reduction in three years, placing Reading at the lower end and well below average for the family group.

Shoplifting had risen dramatically and had become a policing priority. This trend had begun to see a reduction in the last few months. It was a feature of Reading as a regional shopping destination that it was also a regional shoplifting destination.

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Violent Crime showed a 56% increase on baseline-comparison. This reflected a national increase, which could be a result of changes to the recording standard, over which the Thames Valley Police had no control. There had been a reduction in violent crime since summer 2015 and Reading remained relatively low in comparison to the family group.

AGREED: That the report be noted.

8. DATES OF FUTURE MEETING

The next meeting was due to take place on 4 August 2016.

AGREED: That, if possible, a new date be identified for the next meeting, preferably in early September.

(The meeting commenced at 9.30 am and closed at 10.37 am)