

COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE GROUP - 19 SEPTEMBER 2019

Present:

Bhupinder Rai (Chair)	Thames Valley Police
Cllr Jason Brock	Leader, RBC
Cllr Raj Singh	Councillor, Kentwood Ward, RBC (Observer)
Sally Anderson	Commissioner, Drugs and Alcohol, RBC
Nicola Bell	Manager, Willow Project
Anthony Brain	Community Safety Manager, RBC
Gina Carpenter	Service Manager, Early Help, Brighter Futures for Children
Geoff Davis	Head of Operations, Thames Valley CRC
Carol Kelly	Chair, Berkshire Bench
Sarah Gregory	Berkshire Fire & Rescue Service
Darran Hill	Thames Valley Police
Sam Mortimore	Berkshire Fire & Rescue Service
David Munday	Consultant in Public Health, RBC
Zelda Wolfe	Assistant Director of Housing & Communities, RBC
Julie Quarmby	Committee Services, RBC

Apologies:

Cllr Sophia James	Lead Councillor for Neighbourhoods & Communities, RBC
Cllr Tony Page	Deputy Leader, RBC
Cllr Liz Terry	Lead Councillor for Children, RBC
Teresa Gravett-Smith	Adult Safeguarding, RBC
Catherine Marriott	OPCC
Jo Middlemass	Anti-Social Behaviour Team Manager, RBC
Vicky Rhodes	Strategic Lead for Early Help, RBC
Kathryn Warner	PACT

1. INTRODUCTION OF NEW CHAIR

Bhupinder Rai, Thames Valley Police, was introduced as the new Chair of the Community Safety Partnership Executive Group.

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 25 April 2019 were agreed as a correct record.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Community Safety Plan 2019-22 - Mission Statement

Further to Minute 3 of the meeting held on 25 April 2019, Anthony Brain presented the amended Mission Statement for the Community Safety Plan 2019-2022 for consideration by the Group:

“We will continue to make Reading a safer place for those who live, work and visit here through a reduction in crime and disorder.

We will do this by:

- Focusing on early intervention within those communities most at risk;
- Protecting those most vulnerable to crime or risk of exploitation;
- Focusing on tackling the greatest harm.”

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AGREED: That the Community Safety Plan 2019-22 Mission Statement be agreed.

4. YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN

Further to Minute 4 of the meeting held on 25 April 2019, Gina Carpenter submitted the final Youth Justice Plan 2019/2020 which had now been amended as discussed by the partner agencies and signed off by the Management Board on 31 August 2019.

AGREED: That the final Youth Justice Plan 2019/2020 be noted.

5. PRIORITY SUB-GROUP ACTION PLANS

(a) Violent Crime

Chief Inspector Darran Hill, Thames Valley Police, submitted the Reading CSP Serious Violence Strategy 2019, which covered the following four areas:

Prevent: including diversion activities, engagement with schools, multi-agency problem solving, better use of data and better messaging.

Pursue: which covered bringing offenders to justice, identifying children committing criminal offences and diverting/safeguarding, early identification of locations, better intelligence gathering and better use of Closure Orders.

Protect: by creating a hostile environment for gangs, Multi-Systemic Therapy, better use of the National Referral System and better use of Child Protection Proceedings.

Prepare: Training and learning opportunities, surveys, minimising risk when children are missing and targeted mentoring.

(b) Class A Drugs

David Munday, Consultant in Public Health, RBC, submitted the Class A Drugs Strategy which set out what was already being done by the Council's Wellbeing team, and proposed that a Sub-Group of the CSP be set up to focus on actions within Priorities 1 and 3 of the plan which addressed Prevent, Pursue, Protect and Prepare themes. The strategy also set out suggestions for how this could work and measures of success.

(c) Adult Exploitation and Modern Slavery

Nicola Bell, Willow Project, submitted the draft Reading Modern Slavery and Exploitation Plan 2019 for consideration. The Plan sought to set up a multi-agency group to provide a co-ordinated approach to address the issue of modern slavery and exploitation in the area, by raising awareness as they related to Reading amongst partners and the wider community and providing strategic direction for operational activity amongst partners.

The plan set out the following four priorities for the multi-agency group:

- Victim identification and care;
- Law enforcement and criminal justice;
- Partnerships;
- Private sector engagement.

The Executive Group discussed the Strategies and Plan, and the following points were raised:

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- Whilst the Strategies and Plan covered separate areas, they were closely inter-linked;
- Partnership working was key to delivery of the Strategies and Plan. It was important to ensure that each of the partner organisation's representation on the Sub-Groups was at the appropriate level and that data could be shared easily;
- Partners need to communicate clearly with the public to ensure that information flowed well in both directions;

AGREED: That the Violent Crime Strategy, Class A Drugs Strategy and Adult Exploitation & Modern Slavery Action Plan be noted.

6. OTHER CRIME PERFORMANCE

(a) BCS Comparator

Anthony Brain submitted the crime performance report as at the end of July 2019. For all British Crime Survey crimes there had been a 2% year-on-year decrease.

(b) Burglary

For burglary there had been a 25% year-on-year decrease which had led to an improvement in the position within the Most Similar Group of CSPs (MSG).

(c) Violent Crime

There had been a 25% year-on-year increase in violent crime, and Reading's performance remained average amongst the MSG.

AGREED: That the position be noted.

7. FUTURE ITEMS

AGREED: That the following item be considered at the next meeting of the Community Safety Partnership Executive Board:

- Out of Court Disclosures.

8. DATES OF FUTURE MEETING

Future meetings for 2019/20 would take place on:

Thursday 14 November 2019;

Thursday 6 February 2020;

Thursday 23 April 2020.

All meetings start at 9.30am in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices.

(The meeting commenced at 9.30 am and closed at 11.40 am)