

COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE GROUP - 22 APRIL 2021

Present:

Nick John	Thames Valley Police (Chair)
Cllr Jason Brock	Leader, RBC
Cllr Tony Page	Deputy Leader, RBC
Cllr Adele Barnett-Ward	Lead Councillor for Neighbourhoods and Communities
Cllr Raj Singh	Observer, RBC
Jo Middlemass	Community Safety and Enablement Manager, RBC
Kelly Reed	Thames Valley Police, Victim Reduction Unit (VRU)
Trip Pannu	Thames Valley Police, Victim Reduction Unit (VRU)
Zelda Wolfle	Assistant Director of Housing & Communities, RBC
Catherine Marriott	Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner
Kirsten Carr	Consultant, Brighter Futures for Children
Vicky Rhodes	Director of Early Help, Brighter Futures for Children
Clare Muir	Policy & Voluntary Sector Manager, Reading Borough Council
Meradin Peachey	Director of Public Health, Berkshire West
Jeanie Herbert	PACT
Sally Andersen	Senior Wellbeing Commissioning Manager for Drugs & Alcohol, RBC
Matt Lo	Anti-Social Behaviour Officer, RBC
Melanie Smith	Probation Service
Julie Quarmby	Committee Services, RBC

Apologies:

David Munday	Consultant in Public Health, RBC
Nicola Bell	Manager, Willow Project
Lou Everatt	Thames Valley CRC
Giles Allchurch	Brighter Futures for Children
Deborah Glassbrook	Director of Children's Services Brighter Futures for Children
Chris Juden	Reading Magistrates
Donna Gray	Safeguarding Children, Brighter Futures for Children
Lynne Mason	Quality & Monitoring Officer, RBC

1. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12 November 2020 were agreed as a correct record.

2. TERMS OF REFERENCE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Jo Middlemass, RBC, submitted draft updated Terms of Reference and Responsibilities for the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Executive Group, which had not been updated since 2015. Jo explained that the updated Terms of Reference were more specific to the Executive Group and that she had also drawn up a structure chart to clarify the way the different groups and sub-groups related to each other. The Group discussed the draft terms of Reference and suggested amendments including:

- The minutes were to continue to be submitted to the Housing, Neighbourhoods and Leisure Committee for information;
- Comments had been received from members who were unable to attend;
- It might be better to have a three-yearly Community Safety Plan, which would be reviewed annually;

- Progress on KPIs and crime statistics to be reported via the CSP Performance Group, which would be reinstated;
- There was a long gap between this meeting and the next. Jo Middlemass was trying to set up an additional meeting during June or July 2021.

AGREED:

- (1) Jo Middlemass to amend the Terms of Reference as discussed;
- (2) Julie Quarmby to circulate the amended Terms of Reference and the Structure Chart with the minutes;
- (3) Jo Middlemass to liaise with the Chair, Councillors and Committee Services with regard to setting up an additional meeting during June or July 2021.

3. ATTENDEES AND MEETING EXPECTATIONS

Nick John reported that attendance at future meetings would consist of the core members, with representatives of other agencies being invited to attend as and when required. This would ensure that the Executive Group carried out its decision-making functions

AGREED: That the position be noted.

4. FUNDING

Jo Middlemass reported that, following the election of a new Police & Crime Commissioner in May 2021, it was likely that there would be changes to the way that Community Safety Partnerships would be funded from the next financial year. Catherine Marriott, Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner added that she would be contacting all of the Thames Valley Community Safety Partnerships as she had further information on funding. The Partnership noted that there was a risk that funding could be reduced, and mitigations measures would need to be put in place.

AGREED: That the position be noted.

5. CSP PLAN UPDATE AND DELIVERY GROUP UPDATES

Jo Middlemass reported that the CSP Plan was being updated and would be submitted to the next CSP meeting. She added that the Delivery Group Chairs would be reporting to the Performance Group, with highlight reports being submitted to the Executive Group.

Sally Andersen reported that the Council had been awarded £327k public health funding for work focusing on crime and drug-related deaths. She would submit further information to the next meeting of the Executive Group. Zelda Wolfle suggested that the Performance Group could also look at producing a list of possible future projects that could be brought forward as and when funding streams became available, given that there was often a very short turnaround time for such bids.

AGREED:

- (1) That the position be noted;
- (2) That Jo Middlemass set up a meeting with Delivery Group Chairs to discuss their roles within the Performance Group.

6. PREVENT UPDATE

Clare Muir, Policy & Voluntary Sector Manager, RBC, submitted a report which provided an update on the implementation of the Prevent duty in Reading, including key developments in the delivery of Prevent and the statutory Channel Process. The report also set out the latest available national and regional data about Prevent and the local risks identified in the Counter Terrorism local profile produced by the Counter Terrorism Police South East.

The report explained that under the Prevent Duty the local authority was required to co-ordinate a multi-agency Prevent partnership. The Reading Prevent Management Group (PMG) was created in March 2015 under the strategic oversight and scrutiny of the CSP and involved active and regular contact between health, education services, police, probation and local authority Prevent leads, who acted as single points of contact. The local authority was also required to chair a statutory Channel Panel, which was multi-agency and linked to the local Safeguarding Board as required. It met monthly to consider cases of individuals assessed as being vulnerable to radicalisation and referred by Counter Terrorism Policing for an early intervention and support. This was a voluntary process which requires the consent of the individual to be supported. The work of this panel was distinct from managing individuals who pose a terrorism risk and require management by the police.

The report also set out the latest national Prevent and Channel developments which included:

- Changes to how meeting and sessions were operated due to the Covid-19 pandemic;
- New Channel Duty Guidance and the need to provide an annual assurance statement, which had been completed by 31 March 2021;
- The introduction of Police-Led Partnerships to manage individuals for whom Prevent relevant issues had been identified, but who were not suitable for Channel;
- Changes to Channel case management, moving the co-ordination of Channel cases from the Police to local authorities;
- New training courses for Channel Chairs and members;
- The annual update of the Counter Terrorism Local Profile in September 2020, which led to updates in the Prevent Action Plan, communications and training plans;
- Update on national data for 2019/2020 showed an increase of 10% on the previous year, with most referrals coming from the Police of the Education Sector.

Claire Muir added that it was difficult to give data on a local basis, as there were restrictions in place due to data protection legislation, plus the numbers involved were small and there was a risk that individuals might be identified.

AGREED:

- (1) That recent developments for the delivery of Prevent and the statutory Channel Process be noted;
- (2) That the latest information and data about Prevent and the risks identified by the Counter Terrorism Local Profile be noted.

7. YOUNG ADVISORS GROUP

Kelly Reed and Trip Pannu (VRU) gave a presentation on the Young Advisors Group initiative that had been trialled by the Mayor of London's Office, and which could be used in Reading to engage young people. They explained that the initiative involved a diverse group of young people aged 16 to 24 who would engage with local agencies when youth input was required for a 12 month period. The young people would be identified from target groups and supported

through the application process. In return they would be paid a living wage and receive training, and also gain experience and confidence which would help them in the future.

Trip Pannu explained that the scheme in London had had several successes including engaging with young people around Black Lives Matter, policing of young people and stop and search, and improvements in local open spaces to make them less attractive to drug dealers. Trip added that the VRU had spoken to partners and businesses who had been generally supportive of the initiative.

The Group discussed the presentation and raised the following points:

- Funding sources for the project;
- A Panel would need to be set up to steer the initiative;
- Any initiative would have to be set up carefully, with appropriate governance and oversight, as failure of the project would be worse than not doing it at all in terms of building relationships with young people;
- It would be helpful to find out what issues young people were concerned about now, then formalise those involved into a Youth Advisor Group.
- More information on total costs, funding, ensuring appropriate representation on the Group and governance.

AGREED:

- (1) That the presentation be noted;
- (2) That Kelly Reed report to the next meeting of the CSP with greater detail on how a Young Advisors Group could be operated in Reading.

8. ROUGH SLEEPERS OUTREACH PROJECT

Sally Andersen, Senior Wellbeing Commissioning Manager for Drugs & Alcohol, RBC gave a presentation updating the Group on the Rough Sleepers Outreach Project. The presentation covered the following areas:

- The Rough Sleepers Drug & Alcohol Treatment Grant 2021-21;
- The Outreach Team;
- Context, including funding and proposals;
- Purpose of the Funding (continuity of care, access and engagement and resilient and sustainable models of care;
- Outreach Team objectives;
- Staff Structure;
- Model (service user pathway);
- Themes and Project Deliverables.

The Group discussed the presentation and noted that outcomes should be measured in the longer-term, not just a point of entry. The project plan would need to clarify the links into the work being carried out by the Street Population Group, including begging, street drinking and open-air drug taking.

AGREED:

- (1) That the position be noted;
- (2) That quarterly update reports be submitted to the Executive Group.

9. ONE READING CHILDREN & YOUNG PERSON'S PARTNERSHIP EARLY HELP STRATEGY

Vicky Rhodes and Kirsten Carr, Brighter Futures for Children, gave a presentation on the Early Help Strategy 2021-2023. The presentation covered the following areas:

- What had been achieved to date with the One Reading Partnership trauma informed approach;
- Improved outcomes for victims;
- The principles behind the strategy;
- Data and needs analysis;
- Priority areas for 2021-23, including Under 5s, Young Persons and Adolescent Risk and a consistent approach to mental health and emotional well-being.
- Links to other strategies.

Kirsten Carr explained that the key priorities for the Young Persons and Adolescent Risk strategy covered the prevention of sexual exploitation, missing young people, youth knife crime and serious youth violence. She added that the One Reading Adolescent Risk Strategic Group had been set up to oversee the governance in these areas. There were clear links with the Serious Violence Strategy Group and the two bodies would work closely to reduce duplication and improve outcomes.

AGREED: That the position be noted.

10. OPCC UPDATE

AGREED: That Catherine Marriot, OPCC, circulate a written update to the Executive Group.

11 DATES OF FUTURE MEETING

Future meetings for 2020/21 would take place on:

16 September 2021

11 November 2021

3 February 2021

21 April 2022

All meetings start at 9.30am, venue to be confirmed. Jo Middlemass would liaise with Committee Services to check whether a meeting could be added in June or July 2021.

(The meeting commenced at 9.30 am and closed at 12.02 pm)