

COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE GROUP - 3 FEBRUARY 2022

Present:

Steve Raffield	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
Sally Andersen	
Frances Martin	Executive Director etc, RBC
Carly Dagg	Reading Magistrates
Jaqueline Markie	Reading Magistrates?
Zelda Wolfe	Assistant Director of Housing & Communities, RBC
Catherine Marriott	Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner
Vicky Rhodes	Director of Early Help, Brighter Futures for Children
Sarah Gardner	Community Safety Partnership, RBC
Joanna Slotwinska	Housing Needs, RBC
Umi Abdulmutwalib	Community & Enablement Team, RBC
Joanne Anderson	Neighbourhood Initiatives Team Manager, RBC
Giles Allchurch	Youth Offender Service, BFfC
Becky Pollard	Consultant, RBC
Kathryn Warner	PACT
Julie Quarmby	Committee Services, RBC

Apologies:

Seona Douglas	Executive Director of Social Care and Health, RBC
Deborah Glassbrook	Director of Children's Services Brighter Futures for Children
Lynne Mason	Locality Team, RBC
Natausha Van Vliet	PACT
Donna Gray	Safeguarding Children, Brighter Futures for Children
Andrew Penrith	Thames Valley Police
Tracey Daszkiewicz	RBC

1. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2021 were agreed as a correct record.

2. COMMUNITY SAFETY FUND - PROPOSALS FOR BIDS TO THE OFFICE OF THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

Further to Minute 2 of the meeting held on 11 November 2021, Jo Middlemass, RBC, gave a presentation on the effects of the reduction in the Community Safety Fund allocation from the Police & Crime Commissioner (OPCC) for the period 2022-2015. The presentation covered:

- The risks to services including Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB), Community Safety, Drugs & Alcohol Services and to the non-statutory Youth Offending Services and Young Persons Substance Misuse Team as a result of the cuts;
- Proposals for bids to be submitted to the Community Safety Fund: these included reduced rate bids for ASB and adult Drugs & Alcohol and new bids for Rise Up and PHSE on drugs and alcohol in educational settings.

- The CSP to consider whether to buy into analytical support provided by the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner (OPCC).
- A further review of the CSP budget in November 2022 once the new Community Safety Plan had been drawn up.

CSP discussed the presentation and felt that as there was currently insufficient information regarding the analytical support available from the OPCC, it would be helpful to speak to the other Berkshire Unitary Authorities before reaching a decision on whether to buy in.

AGREED:

- (1) That the bids for funding be agreed;
- (2) That further consideration be given to buying-in to the analytical support offered by the OPCC;
- (3) That an update report on funding be submitted to the November 2022 meeting of the CSP.

3. COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT UPDATE AND PROPOSED TIME LINE

Jo Middlemass gave a presentation updating the Group on the progress of the CSP Strategic Assessment and Community Safety Plan, and the Serious Violence (SV) Strategic Assessment which would feed into it, together with the timelines for both.

Community Safety Plan Strategic Assessment & Proposed Timeline		Serious Violence (SV) Strategic Assessment & Proposed Timeline	
1 April 2022	Draft Strategic Assessment - review	1 April 2022	Initial draft SV Strategic Assessment
1 May 2022	First draft Community Safety Plan	1 May 2022	First draft SV Strategic Assessment
1 June 2022	Feedback from consultation	11 May 2022	Draft to SV Steering Group
		16 May 2022	Draft out for consultation
1 July 2022	Final draft Community Safety Plan	1 July 2022	Final SV Plan
14 July 2022 (tentative date)	Plan agreed by Community Safety Partnership	14 July 2022 (tentative date)	Agreed by Community Safety Partnership as part of Community Safety Plan
1 August 2022	Publish Community Safety Plan	1 August 2022	Publish as part of Community Safety Plan

The Group noted the timelines and suggested that the final Community Safety Plan should include data and analysis around health figures and make reference to the cuts in funding. Jo Middlemass would include a needs assessment around drugs and alcohol and ensure that the

funding related risks were addressed in the documents. Jo Middlemass also confirmed that she was trying to identify the right NHS contact to ensure that all partners were represented on the CSP.

AGREED:

- (1) That the timetables be noted;
- (2) Jo Middlemass and Steve Raffield to produce a comprehensive document setting out the risks to service delivery due to the reduction in Community Safety Funding.

4. COMMUNITY SAFETY SURVEY 2021 - RESULTS

Jo Anderson gave a presentation on the results of the Community Safety Survey 2021 which covered the following areas:

- The two-yearly Survey ran from 25 October 2021 to 3 December 2021;
- The top five Reading-wide priorities were drugs, parking issues, motorbike and vehicle nuisance, fly-tipping and burglary;
- There had been an increase in the perception of the level of crime with 49% of responders stating that it was high;
- The overall increase in crime was 4%, with the largest increase being in drug-related crime;
- Responders also felt that Anti-Social behaviour had increased, with key concerns being litter, drugs and motorbike and vehicle nuisance/noise;
- Additional questions and responses for CAP identified the two main areas of concern as vandalism and graffiti and youths hanging around public spaces;
- Next steps, including ensuring that reports were dealt with by the appropriate team and asking the Safer Neighbourhood Forums to decide their priorities over the next two years.

Jo Anderson also reported on the demographic of the people who had responded and confirmed that efforts would be made to encourage a wider demographic to engage in future surveys, and that it might be possible to cross reference this data with the responses to the latest annual resident's survey. The Group also felt that more could be done to communicate with residents and communities to enable them to report community safety incidents to the right department in the first instance and to publicise success stories and positive outcomes from the reports (you say, we do).

AGREED: That the results of the Survey be noted.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Steve Raffield reported that he was keen to ensure that the CSP had the right membership, worked to an appropriate Community Safety Plan, had effective delivery groups and followed best practice. He had therefore invited Cath Marriott (OPCC) to carry out a review of the Partnership.

AGREED: That the Cath Marriott carry out an informal review of the Community Safety Partnership.

AGREED: That the position be noted.

6. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Future meetings for 2021/22 would take place on:
21 April 2022

Julie Quarmby to circulate draft dates for 2022/23.
All meetings start at 9.30am, venue to be confirmed.

(The meeting commenced at 9.30am and closed at 10.45am)