

COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE GROUP – 13 JULY 2023

Present:

Cllr Karen Rowland	Lead Councillor for Environmental Services & Community Safety, RBC (in the Chair)
Cllr Jason Brock	Leader, RBC
Cllr Liz Terry	Lead Councillor for
Jo Middlemass	Community Safety and Enablement Manager, RBC
Sarah Gardner	Community Safety Partnership, RBC
Emma Gee	Interim Executive Director of Economic Growth and Neighbourhood Services, RBC
Sally Andersen	Senior Wellbeing Commissioning Manager for Drugs & Alcohol, RBC
Joanne Anderson	Neighbourhood Initiatives Team Manager, RBC
Jill Marston	Senior Policy Officer, RBC
Jason Murphy	RBC
Emma Tompkins	Thames Valley Police
Anna Batty	Prevention Lead, Brighter Futures for Children
Stephen Leonard	RBFRS
Catherine Marriott	Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner
Kate Ferguson	PACT
John Ennis	Probation Service
Zoe Hanim	RBC
Jason Kew	?
Lara Patel	Brighter Futures for Children
Julie Quarmby	Committee Services, RBC

Apologies:

Steve Raffield	Thames Valley Police (Chair) (In the Chair)
Cllr Tony Page	Deputy Leader, RBC
Zelda Wolfe	Assistant Director of Housing & Communities, RBC
Melissa Wise	Executive Director of Social Care and Health
Carly Dagg	Probation
Donna Gray	Safeguarding Children, Brighter Futures for Children
Kathryn Warner	PACT
Natausha Vanvliet	PACT
Uri Abdulmutwalib	RBC

1. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20 April 2023 were agreed as a correct record. The Partnership noted that the new logo had been agreed and was being used.

2. YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN 2023-24 FOR CSP ENDORSEMENT

Anna Batty (Prevention Lead, Brighter Futures for Children) gave a presentation on the Youth Justice Plan 2023-24. She explained that, following the name change from the Youth Offending Service to the Youth Justice Service, a new independent chair, Michael O'Connor, had been appointed. The service aimed to be more child-led than previously. The presentation covered the achievements to date including parent-led support, a turnaround programme, amnesty art and the Young Person's court experience. The priorities in the 2023-24 plan focused on first time

entrants, disproportionality, the impact of serious violence and the participation and involvement of children, young people and their families.

The Group welcomed the plan, particularly the first two priorities which aligned with the wider CSP priorities. The level of first time entrants in Reading was higher than in comparative neighbour and South East authorities and often related to knife crime or illegal substances. Anna reported that she would discuss the possibility of introducing Operation Deter, which provided a YJT officer for young people in custody, with the OPCC.

AGREED: That Youth Justice Plan 2023-24 be endorsed.

3. COMMUNITY RIGHT TO REVIEW (ASB COMMUNITY TRIGGERS) REFRESH

Jason Murphy gave a presentation on the Community Right to Review, which covered the following areas:

- The procedure for the review;
- Who can request a review;
- What is being reviewed:
- The role of the Review Panel Chair;
- Membership of the Review Panel;
- The threshold to trigger a review;
- What is meant by "No Action".

The Group noted that these reviews had only happened sporadically over the past few years and that it could be difficult to find an appropriate person to act as Chair. Cath Marriott suggested that other CSPs could provide members or the Chair for Review Panels.

AGREED: That the presentation be noted.

4. CS FUND BIDS

Jo Middlemass submitted three bids for CSP funding for consideration:

- Specialist Youth Worker, Drug and Alcohol Service, delivering PHSE group work sessions within an educational setting on drugs and alcohol;
- Additional staffing to provide support for a project aimed at reducing secondary school exclusions;
- Criminal Justice Treatment Pathway, aimed at delivering services to individuals across the whole criminal justice pathway.

Jo reminded the Group of the recent reduction in funding allocation for Reading and the way that the Partnership funding bids would be allocated. The Group noted that funding for this financial year would be allocated as it had been previously, but that funding allocations for the next financial year would need to be discussed and agreed at a future meeting. Emma Gee noted that she would be discussing funding with Public Health colleagues as there could be occasions when Public Health initiatives were in receipt of CSP funding.

AGREED: That the bids be endorsed for onward submission to the OPCC for approval.

5. PREVENT UPDATE - CTLP RISK ASSESSMENT/READING'S PREVENT ACTION PLAN

Zoe Hanim and Jill Marston gave a brief presentation updating the Group on the key messages of the 2023 Counter Terrorism Local Profile (CTLP), the Reading context, the key objectives of the Local Plan and the key actions for 2023. These key actions included, an online safety campaign, a prevent survey, a resource pack, a Hate Crime Awareness week, conferences, community engagement work and a venue hire policy. The draft action plan, which was a work in progress, would be circulated to members of the Group.

AGREED: That the position be noted.

6. SERIOUS VIOLENCE DUTY UPDATE

Jason Murphy gave a presentation updating the Group on the achievements to date and future actions for the Serious Violence Duty, which was being delivered by the CSP and the OPCC. He explained that there was very limited funding, and Cath Marriott reminded the partners to submit full geographical and demographic (not personal) data as soon as possible to allow the funding need to be assessed and allocated correctly.

Jason also reported that the Armoured Heart sculpture had now been installed at the Oracle and that it was supported by a website that could be accessed by a QR code. He added that The Knife Crime Delivery Group would be working with schools and young people.

AGREED: That the position be noted.

7. COMMUNITY SAFETY SURVEY - LESSONS LEARNT, DATA UPDATE AND NEXT STEPS FOR APPROVAL

Jo Middlemass and Sarah Gardner updated the Group on key themes that had been noted following the latest Community Safety Survey. These included the need to engage better with young people, that older respondents tended to be more positive than young people, there was a need to improve community engagement and communications for future surveys. Young people had also commented that many of the questions in the survey were not relevant to them. The Group noted that there had been a short turnaround time for this Survey and that this had impacted on the ability to engage as fully as officers would have liked. Partnership support would be key to improving engagement in future surveys, which would be organised by the Communications Delivery Group. Jo Middlemass would talk to Cath Marriott about the feasibility of combining CSP and OPCC surveys.

AGREED: That the position be noted.

8. PARTNERSHIP NEWS

TVP FORCE REVIEW

Jo Middlemass gave an update on TVP Force Review. She explained that the five-area model had been agreed, and that Reading was in the Berkshire West Area. This area would be one of the last to be rolled-out, and it was hoped that this would mean that any teething problems had already been resolved by the other areas.

COMBATTING DRUGS PARTNERSHIP

Sally Andersen and Jason Kew reported that the Combatting Drugs Partnership would be implementing the actions arising from the Government report by Dame Carol Black. The aim was to break supply chains, educate young people and reduce drug use. The CDP would use a multi-disciplinary outreach model to improve referral pathways. The Group noted that there was a link between school exclusions and young people's involvement with drugs and exploitation and that the CDP could help to provide diversion and support as required.

SAFER STREETS 4

Sarah Gardner reported that they key achievements for Phase 2 of Safer Streets 4 to date included provision of personal consumables to support a campaign to raise awareness of violence against women and girls and designing out crime in the town centre hotspots by improving lighting and surveillance. Future priorities would include the launch of the town centre Safe Hub now that premises had been identified, further work to design out crime. Work would also be undertaken to evaluate the project and its legacy and on communicating the successes.

AGREED: That the position be noted.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Jason Murphy reported that there had been a request for a Domestic Violence Review and he was working with Surrey County Council to set this up.

Jo Middlemass reported that she was working with Zoe Hanim and Trip Pannu to set up a discussion forum for Community Cohesion and Prevent.

AGREED: That the position be noted.

10. DATES OF FUTURE MEETING

The next meeting for 2022/23 would take place on:

13 July 2023

14 September 2023

9 November 2023

1 February 2024 and

18 April 2024

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

(The meeting commenced at 9.30am and closed at 11.56am)