

COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE GROUP – 27 NOVEMBER 2025

Present:

Cllr Karen Rowland	Lead Councillor for Environmental Services & Community Safety, RBC (Chair)
Umi Abdulmutlawib	RBC
Hayley Berrington	Deputy Head West Berkshire Probation Delivery Unit
Sarah Gardner	Community Safety, RBC
Michael Greenway	OPCC
Matt Golledge	Interim Assistant Director, Planning, Transport & Public Protection, RBC
Zoe Hanim	Prevent/Channel Lead, RBC
Kathy Kelly	Designated Head of Safeguarding Adults Berkshire West, BOB ICB
Cath Marriott	Consultant
Jo Middlemass	Community Safety and Enablement Manager, RBC
Gail Muirhead	Royal Berkshire Fire & Rescue Service (RBFRS)
Carly Newman	Young Voices (for items 7-10)
Lara Patel	Executive Director of Children's Services, RBC
Rachel Spencer	RVA
Cllr Terry	Leader, RBC
Melissa Wise	Executive Director of Social Care and Health
Nicky Simpson	Committee Services, RBC

Apologies:

Sally Andersen	RBC
Ollie Foxell	RBC
David Grayson	RBFRS
Bryony Hall	RBC
Alastair Harsant	RBC
Colin Hudson	Thames Valley Police (Vice-Chair)
Stephen Leonard	TVP
Amanda Nyeke	RBC
Matt Pearce	RBC
Emma Tompkins	TVP

1. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 25 September 2025 were agreed as a correct record.

2. PREVENT UPDATE

Zoe Hanim gave a presentation giving an update on recent Prevent activity against the 2025-26 Prevent Action Plan's objectives and key actions.

It was suggested that a Task and Finish Group should be set up under the Prevent Management Board to look at community communications, involving key representatives with influence. The Task and Finish Group could look at best practice and what worked well elsewhere, put together a skeletal plan for the Management Board to look at, possibly in January 2026, and then come back to the next CSP meeting, or to a future meeting if necessary. Gail Muirhead and Rachel Spencer expressed interest in being involved.

AGREED:

- (1) That the progress against the 2025-26 Prevent Action Plan be noted;**
- (2) That Zoe Hanim contact Matt Golledge about getting feedback from staff in partner organisations about how reporting was working;**
- (3) That Zoe Hanim have further conversations with Rachel Spencer about how to make it clearer how to make Prevent referrals;**
- (4) That Zoe Hanim and Jo Middlemass set up a Task & Finish Group under the Prevent Management Board to look at community communications, to include key representatives with influence, including Rachel Spencer and Gail Muirhead, to look at best practice and what worked well elsewhere, put together a skeletal plan for the Management Board to look at and come back to a future CSP.**

3. DOMESTIC ABUSE UPDATE

a) Domestic Abuse Partnership Board Review

Cath Marriott gave a presentation on the progress of the review of the Domestic Abuse Partnership Board (DAPB). She stated that a workshop had been held on 25 November 2025, including to make decisions on the Terms of Reference, but there had been poor attendance, with only nine attendees, from only four out of the 11 organisations, so the meeting had not been quorate.

The presentation covered the decisions progressed, the Board's improvement journey, next steps, critical success factors, the importance of using theory of change and use of the MoSCoW tool to support decision-making and prepare an implementation plan, inputs/activities/outputs/outcomes/impacts, mechanisms of change, assumptions, risk factors and mitigations. Critical success factors were listed as:

- Renewed commitment to DAPB attendance, engagement & clarity
- Some front-loaded effort (eg Extraordinary Board and/or Workshop)
- Intentional use of proposed tools and frameworks
- Pace of activity and communication

It was noted that the proposal was to have quarterly DAPB meetings with check-ins in-between, and attendance at both these meetings and any extraordinary boards or workshops was important. It was suggested that the lack of attendance might be due to lack of clarity about why people were there, so it was suggested that something be prepared for the DAPB Chair to share with partners to set out the expectations of those attending the Board, in order to encourage commitment and attendance (whilst noting that this should not put pressure on those agencies who *had* attended).

Support was expressed for development of an implementation plan using the suggested tools.

AGREED:

- (1) That Jo Middlemass, Cath Marriott and Melissa Wise and Lara Patel work together to prepare something for the DAPB Chair to share with partners to set out the expectations of those attending the Board in order to encourage commitment and attendance;**
- (2) That Jo Middlemass and Cath Marriott produce an Implementation plan from the Review to take to the DAPB;**

- (3) That Jo Middlemass and Cath Marriott bring a report to the February CSP on progress.**

b) Domestic Abuse Update & Domestic Homicide Review

Umi Abdulmutwalib submitted a Domestic Abuse highlight report and outlined the latest situations with progress on two DHR cases, A and G, explaining that the procurement process for a Chair for the DHR for Case A was under way and that a queried DHR for Case G was being explored by a Scoping Review on 8 December 2025 to understand whether it met the criteria for a DHR or DARDR. A recommendation on Case G would be put to the CSP virtually in the new year, as the CSP was not meeting until February 2026.

AGREED:

- (1) That the report and position be noted;**
- (2) That Umi Abdulmutwalib/Sarah Gardner provide a virtual update to the CSP in the new year from the Scoping Review for Case G.**

4. OPCC & PARTNERSHIP FUND UPDATES

Mike Greenway (OPCC) submitted a report and gave a presentation on recent OPCC activity including the Community Fund and Partnership Fund, a Vehicle Crime Campaign and a PCC Video.

He highlighted the 13 November 2025 Government statement about a series of police reforms, one of which was the abolition of the PCCs. The current PCC would serve his term until 1 May 2028 and the PCC role was likely to transfer to regional mayors, or possibly Local Authority-led Policing Boards.

Mike stated that there had been recent work to show the geographical area of the Community Fund and Sarah Gardner could share this.

Sarah Gardner submitted a Partnership Fund Highlight Report, which had been circulated after the main agenda despatch, and gave a presentation summarising the highlight report and listing five proposed future projects in Reading: Commissioning a DHR for A; PSPO implementation costs; strengthening security infrastructure for Reading Refugee Support Group; CSP communications campaigns; and Upskilling CSP Officers. Updates on two of the seven projects were not included in the highlight report and would be included in the next report.

Jo Middlemass reported that the highlight reports would enable CSP to look at the impact of the projects, for accountability, and to focus on where impact was not being made. It was intended to invite partners working on the projects to the CSP to explain their project's impact.

AGREED:

- (1) That the reports and updates be noted;**
- (2) That Sarah Gardner share the recent work on the geographical area of the OPCC Community Fund.**

5. READING PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER (PSPO)

Sarah Gardner gave a presentation on the progress of the Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO). The PSPO had been agreed at the Policy Committee on 17 November 2025, and would tackle specific ASB around begging, street drinking, anti-social use of e-bikes and e-scooters, and dog control and fouling. The timetable for implementation was:

- Education Phase - from 5 January 2026
- Publicise Order - by 28 Feb 2026
- Soft Launch of PSPO – aim to go live 2 March 2026
- Full Implementation of PSPO - 24 March 2026

A Project Implementation Board had been set up and would meet on 1 December 2025 to plan the implementation including signage, advertising, communications, resources, and the education/engagement ahead of the launch. A Partnership Fund bid had been drafted for submission to the OPCC to cover the costs of implementation and an update on the Project Implementation Board's plan would be brought to the next CSP. It was also intended that quarterly updates would be submitted to the CSP to monitor progress of use of the PSPO, with the first quarter update planned to come to the September CSP.

AGREED:

- (1) That the position be noted;**
- (2) That an update be given to the next meeting on the Project Implementation Board's plan for the PSPO implementation.**

6. SAFER STREETS UPDATE

In Colin Hudson's absence, Mike Greenway gave a verbal update on Safer Streets, explaining that this was a Home Office initiative through local police forces, providing hotspot patrolling, with a model similar to the Summer Safer Streets campaign, based on information on hotspot and tension areas, street crime and begging. A winter campaign was being prepared and Colin Hudson was putting together a local plan for the West Berks CPU to feed into the overarching plan.

AGREED:

- (1) That the position be noted;**
- (2) That Colin Hudson be asked to provide a written update to the CSP on Safer Streets.**

7. PARTNER UPDATE - YOUNG VOICES

Carly Newman gave an update on recent Young Voices activity, including:

- Work with TVP on "It does matter" material to educate and empower victims to report non-contact sexual offences
- Work with Reading Buses and the Oracle on training for drivers and security guards to be safe trusted adults
- Work with the ASB team on material for the ASB awareness week
- Work with the Fire Service on communications and content for safe community events to celebrate the end of the academic year, the dangers of arson and ways to donate school books
- Work with Nicki Watts on AI
- Partnership work with the Prevent team

The Annual Young Voices Safety Summit had been held in the previous week to link to World Children's Day, with 160 attendees, including young people, professionals, schools and Local Authorities. The summit had looked at real world and online safety and the interplay between the two, looking at what adults needed to know and to ask.

The themes had been informed by responses to the safety survey on the top issues affecting young people and had formed the focus of the day: exploitation, VAWG, bullying and hate crime, and reporting of crime. The summit had involved:

- Space for intergenerational learning
- Stalls from partners for young people to engage with during the day
- Opportunities to attend three or four workshops, including three drama-based and one led by TVP about reporting crime.
- VR head-sets showing the experiences of exploitation of a 13-year old girl, and opportunities for intervention
- A Forum theatre piece about VAWG and opportunities for intervention
- How to define, respond to and navigate bullying and hate crime
- Round table and panel discussions

The event had been very successful, with positive feedback from attendees, with the first review held on 26 November 2025 to collect feedback and learning.

AGREED: That the position be noted and Young Voices be congratulated on the successful Safety Summit.

8. OTHER PARTNER UPDATES

No further updates were given and the Chair made the point that if the partner updates agenda item wasn't going to achieve what was wanted, it needed to be reviewed.

AGREED: That the Partner Update agenda item be reviewed.

9. THAMES VALLEY POLICE STATION MOVE

It was reported that the formal opening of the new police station would be on 9 December 2025, but it would be helpful to have an update from Emma Tompkins. There was some information on the TVP Facebook page, but residents had been asking about how to get there if they needed to go to the police station.

Gail Muirhead reported that the local town centre police teams would have an office base in the Fire Station, without public access.

AGREED: That Jo Middlemass and Sarah Gardner get further details on the police station move and information for the public on how to get to the new station, and work with the RBC media team to be able to field questions and put out information to the public.

10. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meetings for 2025/26 would take place on:

19 February 2026.
16 April 2026

All meetings start at 9.30am, venue to be confirmed.

(The meeting closed at 11.51 am)