

Present:

Cllr Sophia James (Chair)	Lead Councillor for Neighbourhoods & Communities, (RBC)
Cllr Jo Lovelock	Leader, RBC
Penny Jones	Thames Valley Police
Anthony Brain	Community Safety Manager, RBC
Cath Marriott	Policy Development, Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner (OPCC)
Jo Middlemass	Anti-Social Behaviour Team Leader, RBC
Clare Muir	Policy and Voluntary Sector Manager
Carol Kelly	Chair, Berkshire Bench
Rebecca Lindsay	National Management Trainee, RBC
Sarah Gee	Head of Housing & Neighbourhoods, RBC
Vicky Rhodes	Strategic Lead for Early Help, RBC
Melanie Smith	Head of Berkshire, National Probation Service
Simon Hill	Committee Services, RBC

Apologies:

Cllr Liz Terry	Lead Councillor for Children, RBC
Cllr Tony Page	Deputy Leader, RBC
Kathryn Warner	Communities Manager, PACT
Nicola Bell	Manager, Willow Project

1. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20 September 2018 were agreed as a correct record.

2. PREVENT DUTY UPDATE

Clare Muir submitted a report giving an update on the implementation of the Prevent duty in Reading. The report summarised the role of the Prevent Management Group (PMG) and Channel Panel, set out the key areas of the Reading Prevent Action Plan, and provided information on the government's revised Contest Strategy.

The meeting discussed the update and the points raised included the following:

- The number of Prevent referrals in Reading continued to be very low;
- Staff in Children's Services and Education should receive Prevent training;
- The PMG would consider how the prevent element of cybercrime strategy could be strengthened;
- A schools survey a few years ago had provided useful data.

AGREED:

- (1) That the report be noted;

- (2) That Vicky Rhodes check the take-up of Prevent training in Children's Services and Education and whether there were any plans for the schools survey to be run again.

3. CRIME PERFORMANCE

Anthony Brain presented the crime performance report as at the end of September 2018.

Anthony explained that the rate of all crimes had increased by 12% year-on-year, and the rate of British Crime Survey crimes had increased by 9%. Burglary had gone down by 6% year-on-year but wounding had increased by 26%, and was now the highest in the Thames Valley.

Anthony noted that the rate of violent crime had increased since TVP had changed their recording procedures following HMIC inspection. Cath Marriott further explained that alongside new recording arrangements there was also now a higher rate of recording in institutions where incidents of violence had previously been tolerated as being 'part of the job'. Notwithstanding these two factors a genuine increase in violent behaviour had also been observed. Anthony tabled a police analysis of violent crime which set out information on crime types, the age of suspects and 'hot spot' locations around the borough.

The presentation also covered the current situation relating to drug-related crime and modern day slavery.

AGREED: That the presentation be noted.

4. REVIEW OF PARTNERSHIP

Sarah Gee introduced a workshop to review the role and work of the Partnership. She noted that a periodic review was helpful to refresh partnership working, and recognised that the churn of personnel and leadership and pressures on partner organisations presented a challenge to continuing to work in partnership.

Sarah noted that it was a statutory requirement to have a CSP, and that certain partner organisations were statutory partners, but that within those requirements the CSP could consider whether they had the correct membership and seniority. Sarah also outlined the local context for community safety and the potential emerging priorities, for further discussion at the workshop.

AGREED: That the outputs of the workshop be reported to the next meeting.

5. DATES OF FUTURE MEETING

The remaining meetings for 2018/19 would take place on:

Thursday 31 January 2019

Thursday 25 April 2019

All meetings at 9.30am.

COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE GROUP - 15 NOVEMBER 2018

(The meeting commenced at 9.30 am and closed at 10.30 am)