

Community Safety Strategic Board

29th September 2015, 9.30 – 12.30, Police HQ, Hinchingsbrooke

Present:

Cllr Mac McGuire (Chair),
Sir Graham Bright, Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner
Dorothy Gregson, Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner
Nick Ball, East Cambs Community Safety Partnership
Philip Aldiss, South Cambs District Council
Maurice Moore, Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service
Laura Hunt, Cambridgeshire Constabulary (Huntingdonshire CSP)
Aaron Locks, Fenland CSP
Liz Bissett, Cambridge City Community Safety Partnership
ACC Mark Hopkins, Cambridgeshire Constabulary
Nicky Phillipson, Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner
Alison Hancock, BeNCH
Vickie Crompton, Safer Communities Partnership Team
Sarah Ferguson, Cambridgeshire County Council
Cllr David Oliver, Fenland CSP
Emma De Zoete, Public Health
Christina Strood, Office of Police & Crime Commissioner
Becky Tipping, Cambridgeshire Constabulary
Claire George, Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner
Tricia Ager, Safer Communities Partnership Team (Minutes)

Apologies

Tom Jefford
Dan Vajzovik

1.0	Minutes of last meeting and matters arising	
	The minutes of the meeting held on 10 th March were accepted as a true and accurate record.	
1.1	Actions: Item 2.1: VC to report to Community Safety Officer meeting that no feedback had been received from CSPs in relation to ASB - Item 3.0: MH to contact Dr Heather Strang to discuss Community Remedy governance sitting under the Out of Court Disposal Scrutiny Board – completed. MH advised that he had a conversation with Kevin Vanterpool & Dominic Hugh from a constabulary perspective in relation to the work around victims and witnesses with the criminal justice component of the community remedy work will feature into CJB. It is felt that there is a need to start debate around the ability to have an independent oversight of this as part of the out of court disposal scrutiny function. The work will be taken work forward if the group is in agreement – <u>All in agreement</u>	

	<p>Item 3.0: NP to discuss Community Remedy with Dominic Human and bring a paper to next board meeting – completed. NP & DH have done a round robin directly with CSP's.</p> <p>Item 4.0: TJ to take new Community Safety Agreement work forward – item on agenda.</p> <p>Item 5.0: NB to take Domestic Homicide Review work forward via the CSO group, with Peterborough being included in the new shared process – completed. NB advised the sample DHR guidance template from Suffolk was overhauled and a new document produced. This was sent to the DASV board for review and the document is now ready for adoption. As a point of note, Huntingdon has requested use of this urgently. NB to circulate DHR document widely to partners, including Peterborough</p> <p>Item 5.0: LB to raise issue of funding of DHR's at Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Governance Board – SF offered to lodge the item on the agenda of next DASV Board meeting.</p> <p>Item 7.0: NP to update Board at next meeting on mental health round table and concordat – NP advised Mental Health concordat work is being continued. A Mental Health Round Table was held in July, and the delivery groups are continuing with this work. The action plan is being looked at to see if it needs to be refreshed.</p>	<p>NB</p> <p>SF</p>
2.0	<p>Community Resilience</p> <p>SF gave a presentation on the work Cambridgeshire County Council is doing in relation to the work around building community resilience which is necessary to mitigate cuts to front line services.</p> <p>A draft Strategy has been produced identifying 6 main areas of focus:</p> <p><u>Councillors</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role as Community Leaders. Being the 'glue' in bringing people together and being an advocate for their communities. • Helping the flow of information between communities and the council. <p><u>Communication</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with local citizens as active co-designers and co-deliver support in their communities. • An honest conversation that provides a clear understanding of provision to be led by the public sector and by local communities. • Local people know how to contribute and where to go for help. <p>SF asked how this might resonate across the partnership and in particular within the context of community safety priorities, and if there is anything strategically the partnership can bring to bear on this agenda.</p> <p>Discussion ensued around providing a '1-Stop-Shop', identifying community resources and providing public accessibility. It was noted that there are currently some contact points running in supermarkets, and 1-stop-shops in Wisbech & March, with multi-agency hubs running in both Whittlesey and Chatteris. It was noted this provision is available in some locations however there is a need to duplicate this across the county.</p>	

	<p>It was suggested a single point of access could be through IT (public facing websites) as this would work more efficiently. GB said the Police call handling service is available 24/7 and this could possibly be linked into as a useful resource for local authorities.</p> <p>MH said, from a Partnership perspective, having a good communication strategy in place is Key and it would be a good investment of time & resource to be pro-active in terms of getting this into place quickly. Going forward, a debate is needed around resource prioritisation and the vulnerability of services.</p> <p>PA commented that it would be useful to be clear on the definition of communities, and also to have a clear 'product' list, what can/can't be provided.</p> <p>MMcG questioned how the vision of having 1-stop-shops can be achieved, how can CCC, DC's and Police be persuaded to join together in order to operate in this way, and how the conversation can be initiated to make it happen.</p> <p>GB commented that the role of the board is to make sure everyone knows what everyone else is doing. Through the board, members have the opportunity to link up and build on best practice, and that the dynamics of the board need to change to drive this agenda forward.</p> <p>DG suggested that CSP's let the board know at the next meeting how they have taken the strategy forward, in terms of what is different and how it is helping. SF advised she will have 1-1 meetings with district CEO's initially.</p>	
<p>3.0</p>	<p>Serious and organised crime profiles</p> <p>Becky Tipping was in attendance to provide an overview on the serious and organised crime profiles that have been produced.</p> <p>The National Organised Crime Strategy was published in 2013 which coincided with the formation of the National Crime Agency. The strategy set out a clear framework under the 4 P's model - Prevent, Prepare, Pursue and Protect, it is quite clear however this cannot be done alone but needs to be carried out with the aid of partners. From the strategy it made it clear that there was a need for the production of a Profile. The Home Office issued guidance on what the Profile should look like and whether this should be a force wide Profile or more local. The Key point is that it is not all crime but organised crime activity such as modern slavery/ human trafficking/ CSC/cyber- crime/ organised immigration/serious inquisitive crime/drug trafficking also features. The police recognise they need to engage with partners for more information.</p> <p>The Force Profile commenced at the beginning of 2015 and has now been finalised and produced. This is broken down into districts. Cross border/boundary work and information sharing will be carried out. District information will then feed into regional and national data. Within the profile there is a series of recommendations and a list of actions to work towards, together with case studies/examples of success.</p> <p>BT has visited all 5 CSP's to explain the proposed approach and look at how to agree the best way forward as a multi-agency action plan to tackle and prevent issues, and capture this within a multi-agency action plan. BT will also discuss with Peterborough. The</p>	

	<p>challenge is for all to agree, produce an action plan, and then move forward in terms of delivering against it. There is also a need to identify some key indicators so partners know what to look out for to increase the chances of the Police taking action against organised crime activity.</p> <p>Action: BT to provide an update on the Profile Action Plan in 6months</p>	BT
4.0	<p>Through the gate provision</p> <p>AH gave a presentation on behalf of BeNCH CRC which provided an overview of the service, clarifying what's the same and what's new. As part of the Transforming Rehabilitation and Offender Rehabilitation Act 2014 Through the Gate Services have been introduced enabling:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • statutory involvement with those "revolving door" cases; • a more coordinated approach to addressing risk and needs; • increased expectations in terms of compliance and engagement with relevant services/interventions; • a 12 month period in the community to monitor, address and support change, thereby reducing reoffending. <p>BeNCH CRC has linked up with a number of voluntary and charitable organisations to deliver integrated rehabilitation services in prisons and communities working in tandem to ensure services are delivered. Partners are: St Giles Trust, Ormiston Families, Bold Moves, Dawn Project, and Stepping Stones. There is a requirement for all prisoners to receive a resettlement and release plan, so once prisoners have gone through the gate work with them continues in terms of housing, finance, education and employment. The next step is to identify gaps. For all the benefits that the organisations bring there will always be gaps in provision that need to be addressed.</p> <p>AH was asked what the partnership can do to help. AH said there has been some discussion around having a launch event of the Supply Chain in each locality within the 4 counties, and felt sure that Cambridgeshire would welcome this.</p> <p>Action: AH to circulate Supply Chain brochure to group</p> <p>VC raised a concern around the reduction in staffing levels and the impact of this, specifically if there is no representation within the MASH. AH advised it is envisaged an initial central point of contact will be staffed to enable information to flow in and out, which means professionals can then be out in the field having informed conversations and be involved in decision making.</p>	AH
5.0	<p>Community Safety context including devolution</p> <p>GB advised that the OPCC will be taking over the administration of the Community Safety Board, and that the group would become a very broad meeting point. Cambridgeshire & Peterborough both have firm community safety foundations but there is a need to work together more efficiently. Due to the financial savings to be made, change is necessary and will be constant.</p> <p>DG presented the paper that had been circulated and highlighting the headlines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of strong partnership working 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aware of complex vulnerability • Increased intervention and integration • Efficient and effective criminal Justice System • Reductions in funding <p>Against this background the OPCC had been asked to look at devolution and how to work more closely together as partners and integrate management.</p> <p>DG said there is a debate at the Public Service Board over whether devolution affords additional powers from the centre, or if it is how we work ourselves more efficiently together. It is felt there are ways we can build on the good work already done together but also ways of becoming more efficient such as the management of the initiatives like CRC, Troubled Families, YOS and Prisons, whereby through devolution there can be integrated contract management.</p> <p>DG said we are currently at tipping point where we can continue as we have been doing or make changes. The Public Service Board will report to the Leaders Meeting and they will then decide whether the governance changes that are required to bring down the devolution offer are worth it.</p> <p>The recommendation is to recognise the work going on, but also to consider the additional powers. DG said key to the devolution deal is economic development.</p> <p>LB commented that it is recognised that devolution has momentum nationally but in order for growth to be maintained in Cambridgeshire it needs to continue to be an attractive place to live and work, which is something that isn't so obvious within the agenda. There is a need to look at both the successes and issues.</p> <p>GB stated it is necessary for a proposal to be drawn up to drive the agenda forward otherwise Central Government will impose something. There is more opportunity to drive things forward together by making everything joined up to ensure growth across the county.</p> <p>SF commented that it is first necessary to understand what is to be integrated, what the problems are to be solved, and what we want to do better. Although it is very attractive to discuss integration this could raise even more issues.</p> <p>PA said it might be more effective to join up key areas such as mental health and housing instead of trying to integrate everything.</p> <p>DG said the next step is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change the terms of reference of the group • Understand how the group can identify issues, understand problems • Look at the local Policing model • Have a dialogue after the comprehensive spending review • Have discussions together as services are transformed 	
6.0	<p>AOB</p> <p>There being no further items for discussion the meeting was closed.</p>	