

Open Report on behalf of Pete Moore, Executive Director of Finance and Public Protection

Report to:	Community and Public Safety Scrutiny Committee
Date:	14 October 2015
Subject:	Lincolnshire Community Safety Partnership Priority Areas Update

Summary:

This report provides an update on the Lincolnshire Community Safety Partnership (LCSP). This includes the priority setting process, structure of the LCSP and progress highlights for each of the priority areas.

Actions Required:

Members are invited to comment on the contents of this report and the progress of the priority areas.

1. Background

1.1 Structure of Lincolnshire Community Safety Partnership (LCSP)

- 1.1.1 Community Safety arrangements in Lincolnshire were restructured over four years ago to create an informally merged Community Safety Partnership for the county. Voting members come from the eight councils, Clinical Commissioning Group, Community Rehabilitation Company, Fire & Rescue, Police, Police & Crime Commissioner and National Probation Service. There are in addition several non-voting attendees representing the local Community Safety Partnerships, Prisons, Magistrates Court, Local Criminal Justice Board, National Offender Management Service and the chairs of the priority Strategic Management Boards. Since the restructure, attendance at the quarterly meetings has been consistently high.
- 1.1.2 Most of the LCSP's priorities are supported by a Strategic Management Board (SMB). These multi-agency boards, led by different partners, are responsible for developing and actioning delivery plans, and reporting progress back to the LCSP on a quarterly basis. The reports focus on current challenges and risks which will impede progress against the delivery plan and the support of the strategic LCSP is sought to unblock any issues. Please see Appendix A for an illustration of the LCSP's

structure.

- 1.1.3 The partnership provides an opportunity to share good practice, discuss further opportunities for joint working and to challenge the way we do things. There is now a standing agenda item for 'Cross Cutting/Emerging Issues' under which themes identified as common to a number of SMBs or local CSPs can be discussed and addressed.

1.2 Setting Priorities

- 1.2.1 The LCSP priorities are set through a robust process that includes a comprehensive strategic analysis of crime, anti-social behaviour and other community safety issues (this is produced by the Police and Lincolnshire County Council but with the input of a wide range of partner agencies) and a priority setting event which facilitated a healthy debate and thorough examination of the recommendations contained within the strategic assessment.
- 1.2.2 In 2015/16 the partnership moved from a one year to a three year cycle in recognition that re-visiting strategic priorities each year has undermined the partnerships ability to take a longer term, more sustainable, approach in tackling significant underlying issues across the county. The LCSP also challenged its own approach to priority setting and set itself criteria when considering each issue; do we add value as a partnership?; do we together make a difference?; do we recognise and tackle the emerging?; do we tackle the cause and prevent more?; do we increase effectiveness and efficiency?; is this a single agency issue?; and, lastly, if we don't tackle it who does?
- 1.2.3 Following the process described above, the following priorities have been agreed by the LCSP for the period 2015-18:
- Anti-Social Behaviour and Hate Crime
 - Domestic Abuse
 - Reducing Offending
 - Serious & Organised Crime
 - Sexual Violence
 - Substance Misuse

Serious and Organised Crime and Sexual Violence were added as new and developing priorities for the Partnership during the last review. The LCSP also keep a 'watching' brief on Road Safety (a 2014/15 priority), acknowledging that this area is well resourced and managed through the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership.

2. Priority Area Updates

2.1 Anti-Social Behaviour and Hate Crime

Incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) continue to decrease. The Safer Communities Service currently commission two services supporting victims of ASB; the vulnerable victim service and mediation for cases of neighbourhood dispute. The service will be carrying out an evaluation of the provision in the next couple of months.

In relation to hate crime, the Safer Communities Service has produced a report mapping the prevalence of hate crime/incidents in Lincolnshire. The final report includes a series of recommendations all of which were agreed by the Hate Crime Delivery Group and will be built in to the partnership delivery plan.

2.2 Domestic Abuse

The Safer Communities Service has produced a strategic overview of domestic abuse in Lincolnshire, describing and explaining, where possible, both the current picture and longer terms trends. Having presented this to the Domestic Abuse Strategic Management Board, a task and finish group has been established specifically to look at the recommendations and agree any resulting activity. The service has also commissioned Lincolnshire Partnership Foundation Trust (LPFT) to develop a strategy aimed to reduce both the frequency and severity of domestic abuse incidents focusing on an intervention aimed at perpetrators.

On 29 September 2015, 150 front line staff from local agencies and charities gathered to learn more about domestic abuse and discuss how to make improvements and provide the best, most appropriate service. Discussions focussed not only on how to help the victim of the abuse but also the other family members who may be suffering including children and elderly relatives, and how we can work together to challenge those who are being abused.

2.3 Reducing Offending

The Reducing Reoffending Strategic Management Board (SMB) has had a refocus and has been renamed as the Reducing Offending SMB. This has enabled the group to secure increased partnership engagement with a greater focus on a holistic approach which addresses family, early intervention and is driven by innovation and best practice. The SMB are currently considering a briefing paper produced by the Safer Communities Service regarding the methodology behind a proposed local reoffending rate calculation. Once agreed and implemented the figures produced will enable the SMB to target interventions more effectively.

2.4 Serious & Organised Crime

A local Serious and Organised Crime profile has been developed with good partner input. The feedback on the profile from the Home Office is very positive. An action plan has been generated following production of the profile. At a practical level there is an exercise to share specific information on two Organised Crime Groups, one from the north of the County and one from the South. This has picked up some valuable additional intelligence from partner agencies and the next step is to plan joint intervention activity.

2.5 Sexual Violence

The Safer Communities Service has commenced work on the production of a sexual violence profile. Having been identified as a priority following the 2014 strategic assessment due to an increase in volume, it was recognised that more detailed analysis is required to understand where to focus activity. Once we are further down the line in the production of the profile, partnership support will be required to direct the product and deliver on any recommendations.

2.6 Substance Misuse

There are a number of projects recently commenced having been commissioned by the Safer Communities Service. These include the Blue Light Street Outreach Workers who will coordinate a support package for the Blue Light clients including organising multi-agency meetings in order to produce an action plan to address the barriers preventing them from accessing treatment. The principle aim of the Blue Light Project is to reduce the burden treatment resistant drinkers have on public services. Alcohol Concern are also delivering Blue Light training to front line practitioners. To date, over 150 individuals have been trained which includes a number of 'train the trainers' therefore resulting in wider dissemination into partner organisations. A further two more dates are yet to take place.

3. Consultation

a) Policy Proofing Actions Required

n/a

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Lincolnshire Community Safety Partnership Structure Diagram

5. Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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