

Minutes

Thurrock Community Safety Partnership Strategic Board
24 September 2020
2pm to 4:30pm
Teams Meeting

1. Introductions and apologies

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Julie Rogers (JRo) – Chair	Director of Environment, Highways and Counter Fraud, TBC	Attended
Craig Saunders – Vice Chair	TC/Superintendent, Essex Police	Attended
Cllr R Gledhill	Portfolio Holder	Apologies
Cllr J Redsell	PCP Member	Attended
Richard Melton	T Supt Essex Police	Apologies – covered by Paul Austin
Paul Austin	Acting District Commander	Attended
Stuart Hooper	Essex Police T/DCHSUPT	Attended
Tony Clark	ECFRS	
Justin Benson-Ryal	ECFRS	Apologies – covered by Russ Freeman
Russ Freeman	ECFRS	Attended
Cheryl Wells	Emergency Planning and Resilience	Attended
Michelle Cunningham	Thurrock Community Safety Partnership	Attended
Caitlin Gibson	Thurrock Community Safety Partnership	Attended
Ian Wake	Director Public Health	Attended
Bosa Osunde	Safeguarding Adults	
Malcolm Taylor	Children’s Services, TBC	Attended
Clare Moore	Strategic Lead, CSC	Attended
Natalie Davison	CRC	Attended
Katie Castle	CRC	Apologies – covered by Natalie Davison
Kev Malone	Public Health / Thurrock DAAT	Attended
Darren Kristiansen	Adults, Health and Commissioning	Attended in part
Carol Hinvest	Assistant Director, Housing	Attended
Shirley Kennerson	NPS	Apologies
Karen Grinney	NPS	Attended
Howard Oldstein	Intu	Attended
Jason Read	YOS	Apologies
Steven Mayo	CCG	Attended

1.1 Attendees were reminded of confidentiality and disclosure agreement Julie Rogers

1.2 Items for urgent AOB

1.2.1 Concerns regards COVID compliance Howard Oldstein

HO reported concerns at Lakeside in relation to breaches of rule of 6 CS informed that the police approach is similar to March, using 4 E's but gearing up to reach last E, enforcement, much quicker than previously which may involve issuing FPN tickets.

They have restarted their coronavirus response, with patrols of open spaces, licensed venues, retail, etc. and ensuring hotspots for ASB are monitored. Despite faster escalation to the enforcement element, police will not be able to attend every report of mask wearing breaches and those causing issues will take priority.

HO added he has concerns of abusive behaviour from customers and being seen to be racist when challenging COVID breaches in Lakeside. The most difficult time to police Lakeside is 4-7pm when the school day is over with people causing trouble, hanging around and mask issues. We need to make retailers and Intu staff feel safe and secure so HO requested a bigger police presence to make it clear to people that police are around and added his Intu team needs support and back up.

Paul Austin agreed to check Op Tallah response plans in regards to Lakeside and update Howard next week. PA advised that reporting is key so police can focus work around hot spot areas.

HO to create list of schools with students causing issues for MC to share with police.

SM advised that Grays town centre has been a concern this week as well as Lakeside, especially as South Essex College has reopened. He asked if enforcement powers were the same for under 18s and added behaviour of college students is concerning.

CS advised powers are the same for all ages, can apply FPN to groups of more than 6 but the most difficult area to enforce is school aged children.

Students are allowed to be in groups of more than 6 in school, but when they leave the school gates they are technically breaking the law. Police are not going to be singling out those groups as trying to have proportionate response.

If there is blatant disregard e.g. groups of 6+ hanging around 2 hours

after school and not considering rules, then will be enforcing more. Police writing to Essex schools to broach subject of groups of 6 with children and how they should be behaving when leaving school.

CM asked if we can do work with young people in Lakeside and Grays town centre - can be done through police and Inspire detached youth workers.

PA updated CYP officers are already engaged but their primary focus is in schools. If there are regular offenders from certain schools, CYP's will speak to schools to address specific issues. PA will be getting PCSO's involved in working with children.

MT said Schools want police coming back in to engage with students. He has been communicating with schools as whilst they have staggered start times, children are still being dropped off when it suits parents so may be congregating. Children are in larger bubbles in schools so don't see difference in continuing that larger bubble outside of school – no difference practically but legal implications. Going to link in with head teacher's meetings and will communicate COVID concerns to head teachers.

Cllr Redsell commented that it is always busy 4-7pm at Lakeside regardless of COVID pandemic.

2. Minutes

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| 2.1 | <u>Minutes from 25/6/20</u>
Approved as a true record | Julie Rogers |
| 2.2 | <u>Outstanding Actions</u>
Updates are recorded on action log | Michelle
Cunningham |
| 2.3 | <u>Matters Arising</u>
Draft MACE plan | Clare Moore |

CM introduced the multi-agency child exploitation plan which is based on the Southend, Thurrock and Essex new Child Exploitation Plan. CM said there was a comment made that there was nothing specific about gangs, but response is that it covers all child exploitation. Any comments to be sent to Clare.

3. Performance

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| 3.1 | <u>Essex Police Crime Performance Report</u>
There has been a decreasing trend of offending. However an increase in ASB has been seen due to COVID breaches being recorded as ASB on | Craig
Saunders |
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the police system.

As lockdown has relaxed, crime has slightly increased again but it is difficult to predict trends due to the changing restrictions.

Cllr Redsell requested an insight into reports of car crime coming through.

PA said increase is not reflected in statistics, however everyone staying at home limits the opportunity for house burglaries, so acquisitive crime offenders turning to vehicle theft, saw slight increase in commercial burglaries at beginning of lockdown.

3.2 Incidents of note:

Op Exchange - tragic death of 15 year old boy at Lakeside Aqua Park CS commended response from partners in dealing with incident. JRo as gold commander for incident echoed CS thanks and hoped that all involved had received appropriate support, including Intu staff.

Cllr Redsell asked if we are looking at any security regarding the water and lake at Lakeside, especially at night.

HO advised that some extra security from Aqua Park and Intu have been placed in the area. Aqua Park will be dismantled over the winter, the last weekend being 26/09/20 and will be returning next spring/summer.

CW informed that Nick Singleton was creating a report of the incident and risk from a Fire Service perspective. RF to link in with other services to ensure that preventative work is not duplicated.

4. **Police, Fire, Crime Commissioner Update**

Cllr Redsell

4.1 Police and Crime Panel

The Police and Crime panel have not met for a while due to COVID but have a meeting scheduled in October. A working group has been set up to look at the budget for police and fire. The panel still scrutinise, with some work around motorbikes ongoing at the moment which is being followed up with Roger Hirst

The strategy, reviewed and refreshed due to no elections this year, is now in the public domain.

5. **Violence and vulnerability**

5.1 Annual Public Health Report – agree way forward to discuss report MC has scheduled a separate meeting to review Ian Wake's APCR.

Michelle
Cunningham

- 5.2 Ports and Modern Day Slavery and Human Trafficking Stuart Hooper
SH provided a confidential update to the board.
JRo thanked SH for his work and attending to brief the CSP

6. Community Engagement and Visibility Paul Austin

6.1 Town Centre Team

Since the last meeting, it has been the 1 year anniversary of TCT's. PA thanked the Council for the opportunity to expand this from January to Tilbury and Purfleet. Since town centre teams launched, in Thurrock there have been 75 arrests, 65 specialist ops, 150 stop searches and 264 engagements with businesses or residents. During that time, they attended over 400 incidents.

In the last 2 weeks, £160,000 of goods were recovered in Purfleet and work has been taking place to target 5 prolific offenders. 4 people were arrested for a GBH that happened in South Ockendon and they also made an arrest in relation to a young person causing nuisance to Grays High Street shops.

Currently much of their work is in relation to Op Tallah.

There is still work to be done to perfect the visibility of Town Centre Teams. Lots of engagement opportunities were planned but now paused due to rule of 6.

JRo informed that an update on the TCT will be going to CGS O&S, which Cllr Redsell now Chairs.

Questions raised around how we recognise what a 'town centre' is to know where to place officers.

PA informed that Grays and Tilbury TCT's are the busiest and they are looking into gathering a narrative of what work the TCT's are doing to show how funding is being used.

JRo – there has been some good work around broadening one of the TCT's areas to include another hot spot.

Cllr Redsell noted that some residents don't report things they witness or hear of because they don't think it will make a difference. She said that 101 is still an issue and that the PFCC was aware of her concerns.

PA said there are some issues with 101 service, including being put on hold, so encouraging the use of a new quick online service to report crime and issues in order to keep 101 lines free for those who are unable to report online.

JRo welcomed the work of the TCT and for the positive joint enforcement in relation to the Grays PSPO.

7. Counter Extremism and Terrorism

- 7.1 Prevent Terms of Reference (ToR) – Sign off Carol Hinvest
MC reviewed ToR for Prevent Strategic Board in light of changes in

membership and added Cheryl Wells as Vice Chair.

The Terms of Reference have been updated to take into account things the Home Office expects, what we need locally and to reflect our priorities.

Work around getting Health services involved has been a challenge, but now we have the right health professionals linked with this group.

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- 7.2 Situational Risk Assessment Michelle Cunningham
MC talked through the high level situational risk assessment which is a confidential document and requested teams reflected in their action plans.

8. Delivering Safer Communities

- 8.1 Strategic assessment and priorities proposal 21/22 Michelle Cunningham

This will be a light document of 4-5 pages including a high level overview of crime, caveated with COVID restrictions, and an overview of priorities.

MC suggested that priorities stay the same as this year as we haven't had the opportunity to tackle some of our priorities due to COVID-19.

YOS data won't be updated as this years included the latest data available.

We would like to see some drug profiling from KM to be included and it may be worth trying to include something on mental health and how it manifests in the community relating to crime and disorder.

3 emerging problems that need focus and possibly funding are:

1. ASB and cruisers - need to justify reviewing PSPO
2. Fly tipping
3. Metal theft

The risk assessment and PESTELO needs to be updated and a request for approval was made to extend priorities and commit to provide data requested.

IW mentioned concerns around secondary prevention in the APHR action plan; we often intervene too late so want to look at early intervention techniques for young people.

There is a small cohort of YOS prolific offenders in tertiary prevention that need some work but stated that the enforcement offer was strong.

A detailed analysis was undertaken of what is offered but no gaps were found regarding what they can do.

There had been some really good work with early years so when that cohort moves through we should see some improvement.

Agreed to ensure that the recommendations within IW report be reflected in the Strategic Assessment and Delivery Plan.

MC informed us that last year, some work was conducted with schools

which resulted in the identification of 20 individuals causing issues. Some work was carried out with these individuals resulting in decreased ASB levels in the 2 areas where the schools were located.

8.2 Consultation on H&WB Strategy

Darren
Kristiansen

5 year Health and Wellbeing strategy was launched in July 2016, which links into a larger group with other partners e.g. BTUH and HM Prison and Probation. It captures action taken by Thurrock Council and partners and the strategy should be embedded into every day work of partners at all levels.

Had just started doing some work in Grays when COVID-19 hit.

The refreshed strategy reflects lessons learnt from COVID-19 and categorises them into 6 domains.

The Health and Wellbeing strategy framework is being finalised.

Request for all board members to consider the strategy domains and if anything needs adding advise DK.

Cllr Redsell commented that it is good to see passion for people and there has been some good work around getting people out exercising in Blackshots.

There are some larger scale issues around older people who are on their own getting back out to libraries, etc. DK said that one of the key priorities of this strategy is to reduce social isolation and loneliness which are both continued priorities.

COVID-19 has had a huge impact on leisure activities and it will be more difficult going into winter as people won't spend as much time outside.

Cllr Redsell also raised worries around elderly people being scammed and raising awareness of this.

DK has marked this as a potential priority to look at what we can do.

SH noted that effective sharing of information across partners is key.

DK noted all comments and task and finish group will decide which priorities will be taken forward.

8.3 EU Exit

Cheryl Wells

CW provided an update to members

SH and CW to have follow up discussion outside of meeting regarding this

8.4 CCTV Report – sign off

Carol Hinvest

CSP oversee the monitoring of the CCTV policy in relation to sharing of images.

This is monitored through CSP Locality Action Groups.

The policy allows partners to use CCTV to identify individuals but this hasn't needed to be used yet.

This will be tabled at Cleaner, Greener and Safer Overview and Scrutiny

on 01/10/20.

Dulal representing paper at CGS O&S, MC also attending.
Report Agreed.

8.5 Impact of COVID ALL

KM is working with IW leading the vulnerable communities and high risk settings COVID hub, and supporting colleagues covering schools and workplaces.

PA says there is a possibility of more unlicensed music events, especially around Halloween and bonfire night, possibly in industrial venues such as warehouses.

JRo questioned how Remembrance Sunday will go ahead.

Also concerns around where people will go when the pubs close at 10pm and mustn't be complacent to this.

CW added that the government steer remains to work remotely where possible and therefore need to bear in mind that meetings will remain as virtual.

9. **Finance Update** Michelle
Cunningham

Currently all CSP funding has been allocated.

Now starting to see some underspends in relation to training being delivered virtually. This has allowed the exec to provide additional funding for Op Caesar, although this has now ended, as well as supporting a Police led operation around the emerging cruiser issue in W Thurrock.

We are still looking at how to allocate the VVU funding received in line with Essex work streams and there is £10k to contribute to delivery of the APhR recommendations.

10 **Future Agenda Items** ALL

See table below

Separate meeting date scheduled for Ian Wake to present APhR 10/11

11 **AOB**
Nothing further to that raised at the start of the meeting.

Meeting Dates:2020	Items for Discussion
Thursday 10 December 2pm to 4:30pm	Priority 1: Violence Against Women and Girls Priority 4: Re-offending Priority
18 March 2021	Strategic Assessment Delivery Plan 2021/22 & Priorities Priority 3: Local Community and Visibility

10 June 2021

Priority 5: Counter Extremism progress
Information Sharing protocol review
Priority 2: Hate Crime