

Minutes

Thurrock Community Safety Partnership Strategic Board
18 March 2021
2pm to 4:30pm via Teams Meeting
Chair: Julie Rogers

1. Introductions and apologies

Statutory

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Julie Rogers (JRo) – Chair	Director of Environment, Highways & Counter Fraud, TBC	Attended
Stuart Hooper (vice chair)	Essex Police T/DCHSUPT	Attended
Cllr R Gledhill	Portfolio Holder	Attended
Cllr J Redsell	PCP Member	Attended
Richard Melton	District Commander	Attended
Tony Clark	ECFRS	Attended
Cheryl Wells	Emergency Planning & Resilience	Attended
Katie Castle	CRC	Apologies
Natalie Davison	CRC – covering Katie Castle	Attended
Karen Grinney	NPS	Apologies
Lucy Peck	NPS - covering Karen Grinney	Attended
Stephen Mayo	CCG	Attended

Non Statutory

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Jo Broadbent	Director Public Health	Apologies
Bosa Osunde	Safeguarding Adults	Apologies
Malcolm Taylor	Children's Services, TBC	Attended
Clare Moore	Strategic Lead, CSC	Attended
Kev Malone	Public Health / Thurrock DAAT – covering Jo Broadbent/Will Johnston	Attended
Will Johnston	Public Health	Apologies
Howard Oldstein	Centre Director, Lakeside shopping centre	Apologies
Jason Read	YOS	Apologies
Greg Myddleton	OPFCC	Attended
Kristina Jackson	CVS	Apologies
Sheila Coates	SERICC	Apologies
Ranjit Praim-Singh	DWP	Apologies
Leisa Lovatt-Pasterfield	DWP - covering Ranjit Praim-Singh	Attended

Ex Officio

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Michelle Cunningham	Thurrock Community Safety Partnership	Attended
Caitlin Gibson	Thurrock Community Safety Partnership	Attended

Additional invitees

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Donna Burnett	ASB Officer Thurrock CSP	Attended
Jo Davies	ASB Manager	Attended
Suzanne Parson	Hate Crime Officer, Essex Police	Attended
Lauren McSpadden	Hate Crime Coordinator Victim Support	Attended
Paula Watts	Highways	Attended

1.1 Attendees were reminded of confidentiality and disclosure agreement

1.2 Items for urgent AOB – none

2. Minutes

2.1 Minutes from 10/12/20 Julie Rogers
Approved as a true record and agreed to publish

2.2 Outstanding Actions Michelle Cunningham
Updates are recorded on action log

2.3 Matters Arising
None

3. Performance

3.1 Essex Police Crime Performance Report – attached **RESTRICTED** Richard Melton

Thurrock is in a good place with regards to crime reduction and satisfaction

COVID has had a national impact on crime reduction

Crime down 18% on this time last year which is a significant decrease:

- Violent crime down 6.5%
- Sexual offences down 4.1%
- Robberies down 15%
- Theft, burglary and vehicle theft all down 33%
- Criminal damage down 28%
- Racial and religious offences down 6%

Crime is at a decade long low

With regards satisfaction there has been an 18% decrease in those that think ASB has become more of a problem in last quarter, down to 23% of those asked

We have seen a 45% increase in ASB (1925 more incidents)– all COVID breaches are recorded as ASB incidents

ASB is mainly composed of COVID breaches and nuisance motorbikes
Insp Terry Fisher is reviewing nuisance motorbike plans known as Op Caesar - looking at target hardening, prevention and funding

Cllr Redsell requested to speak to RM offline regards the issue

Cllr Redsell – need to move quicker and utilise local residents and councillors who observe nuisance motorbikes. Seem to be seeing and hearing a lot about vehicle crime but not reflected in this data

RM – may be local anomalies and small pockets of these offences but year on year vehicle crime has decreased overall

Relaxing of Lockdown

Concerns that as weather gets warmer and pubs and bars start to open up we may see a significant increase in violent crime

Businesses want to recoup lost income so likely to have longer opening hours

Year on year data shows decrease in violent crime due to lockdown but majority of incidents for this year are likely to occur during the summer months

Plans are in place and there is a sharing of best practice across the force with

central funding for:

- Still a requirement over the next 2 months to police the COVID restrictions despite the easing
- 6 additional officers across the west
- 3 will be specific to Thurrock with 1 at Lakeside to specifically deal with COVID breaches
- violence suppression budget for Thurrock to provide additional policing during evenings
- 7 officers across the west, 3 dedicated to Thurrock on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings and later into the nights to show visible policing

In addition there will be joint community safety patrols with enforcement teams, checking licensing, etc.

Would look to use dispersal orders if anything is looking likely to happen

Separate funding for Op Sceptre to address gangs and knife crime

Extra officers allow police to carry on with business as usual to deal with the regular calls as well as issues arising from lockdown lifting,

Concerns that there will be attempts by criminality to retake the streets

As lockdown lifts, there is potential for gangs and county lines to try to re-establish their areas

C17 gang has been suppressed to the point where they are a minimal threat to the community

G9 gang is emerging which is slightly concerning and it is clear that they

are trying to reintroduce street drug dealing – mapping exercises are taking place and police working closely with YOS

Safer Streets bid is underway which could hopefully lead to a significant uplift in CCTV for the area

11/06-11/07 European Cup finals to be aware of

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| 3.2 | <p><u>Essex Police Perception Data</u> – attached
Satisfaction risen over quarterly assessments
Surprising as have had to police and enforce the lockdown
Moves from community based policing to policing on behalf of the government
Confidence in local policing has increased by 17% taking us to 70% from 53%
Highlights importance of uniformed policing presence
Residents of Essex want to see visible policing more than most other areas
17% increase in residents believing that police do a good job in Thurrock</p> | Richard Melton |
| 3.3 | <p><u>Incidents of note:</u>
Blackshots Park stabbing 15th March 2021 involving 2 teenagers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An early arrest has been made and perpetrator charged and remanded • Victim has life changing but not life threatening injuries • High visibility policing in area to reassure the community • There will be a rapid review to identify any lessons to learn <p>JR requested any learnings be brought back to this Board for info regards any lessons learnt and if any gaps are identified
LM – Victim support have 2 CYP colleagues who can provide support to victim and family members if the victim is willing
Cllr Redsell thanked Mr Melton for his quick response to meet this morning and provide reassurance</p> | Richard Melton |
| 3.4 | <p><u>Situational briefing: Organised Immigration Crime (OIC)</u>
A briefing report in regards to organised immigration crime was shared</p> | Stuart Hooper |
| 4. | Police, Fire, Crime Commissioner Update | |
| 4.1 | <p><u>PFCC Panel update</u>
Meetings have been focused on funding and precept.
Panel is seen as one of best in area as it is open and transparent as well as being inclusive of the fire service</p> | Cllr J Redsell |
| 4.2 | <p><u>OPFCC briefing – shared</u>
PURDAH will impact amount of publication, media messages, engagement activities etc
Confirmation that the grant to CSP's will remain the same this year</p> | Greg Myddleton |

Much work was unable to happen in 20/21 financial year due to COVID, especially as schools and community groups have been shut
Agreed to carry forward any funding left in PFCC CSP budgets into the new financial year

Looking to reopen community safety development fund in next financial year

VVU published their annual report – lots of positive work included. This was shared with the Board

Supporting work around incoming Domestic Abuse Bill, working through SETDAB to ensure well positioned to respond to the requirements of the Bill

Working with sexual abuse strategic partnership regards Sarah Everard murder

MC – have previously produced briefing for potential PFCC candidates, do we need to do something like this?

GM – Have produced information pack regards police and fire

Returning officer at Colchester will be able to provide information on who the prospective candidates are – currently 4

5. Priority 3: Identify and Tackle Anti-Social Behaviour

5.1 Report of TBC Housing ASB and Safeguarding Manager

Jo Davies

Refreshing housing ASB strategy

Aiming to look at activity that is not necessarily criminal but is antisocial
Non-criminal behaviour can have significant impacts on individuals and the community

Use PIE model (Prevention, Intervention and Enforcement)

Prevention is about working with partners to take a neighbourhood based approach to ensure access to information and signposting for individuals into support services

Strategic approach is to intervene in cases to prevent them escalating or occurring in the first place

Important to listen to victim/local communities and ensure we provide wrap around services

Also support perpetrators who are vulnerable – seeking to change behaviour which often includes getting them involved with relevant services

Enforcement action has always been robust - actively seek to use tools and powers available

Look to engage perpetrators positively in terms of support e.g. if they have an addiction, ensuring they get help from the relevant service

Provide victim support directly to residents through Housing Safeguarding team

Visiting vulnerable individuals outside of office hours when it may be more convenient and/or they may be at increased risk and also conducting safeguarding patrols

Keen that strategy demonstrates the good work already done with

community safety partners and also highlights that this work can't be done without support from residents and community stakeholders
Looking for sign off from the CSP Board with any comments on what else could be included

Cllr Redsell – tend to want to use residents who are victims too often, may be putting themselves at risk by providing information to professionals and then having to live in close proximity to perpetrators.

Need to look at other approaches to ensure they are protected

JD – have recently changed sensitive lets. Not within policy but now considering whether areas, neighbours, blocks etc have suffered ASB in the past and review whether any complex needs of an applicant may cause these issues to flare

Cllr Gledhill – need to be looking at our approach to individuals who are constantly victims of ASB

We need to be telling success stories on behalf of victims who can't and won't be identified to reassure residents that we will take action on complaints. Need to publicise outcomes.

JD - When we get positive outcomes, local press are good at promoting the good work that has been done

Cllr Redsell – there are no local printed newspapers that are distributed to elderly residents who aren't online so may be an opportunity to use members to share success stories

JR – we have a holistic approach so that when one team's enforcement powers end, another service can step in

JD – recently got Housing Noise Officer role signed off and they will be working with the noise team to ensure we have support for council tenants

5.2 Report of CSP ASB Officer

Donna Burnett

Investigates cases and complaints where complainants and perpetrators are not in council housing and takes cases from owner occupiers, rental tenants and housing association residents

- From Jan 20 – Dec 20, issued 2 CPW's, 23 noise nuisance warning letters, 6 safeguarding referrals, 2 complex ASB case review, 2 cases referred for restorative justice
- Case studies included in the report
- There are 2 PSPO's in Thurrock - 1 in Grays High street, renewed April 20. 52 FPN's and 119 warnings issued to the public linked to breaching the PSPO
- West Thurrock PSPO for cruisers expires December 2021 - will be gathering evidence to renew
- Monitor and target harden hotspots for nuisance motorbikes,

- traveller encampments and fly tipping
- Increase in domestic noise during COVID – little action can be taken
 - Looking to update Thurrock website to provide information on reporting
 - Looking at reviewing how ASB case reviews are undertaken in 2021/22
 - Further exploring use of Xantura to assist with evidence gathering
 - Working closer with LAC to increase and improve resident engagement
 - Difficult to obtain evidence relating to possible dogs PSPO
 - Working with Essex Police Business Crime Unit in Grays and Purfleet

CLlr Redsell – can start using councillors to promote and gather evidence
DB will be contacting Cllrs regards dog fouling

CLlr Gledhill – fantastic work, especially around traveller sites and
Section 59 nuisance motorbikes

MT – have we linked with Olive Academies around excluded students
etc?

MC – concern regards information sharing and having multiple schools
in the same discussions so Olive had to be removed from discussions
that Gateway were involved with

Pupils travel in from all different areas to go to school so pupils from 2
different schools could live in the same areas

MT, MC and CM to pick up outside of the meeting regards GDPR issues

5.3 Report of District Commander

Richard Melton

Conducted post implementation review of Town Centre Team Police
including the Council funded 4 additional TCT officers
Stanford Le Hopes Town Centre Team boundary extended by 1.7 miles
to include Corringham

5.4 Response to Motorbike nuisance

Paula Watts

PW explained her role in managing public bridleways and explained the
legal restrictions in limiting access. Mostly council land so public have
right of way

Bridleway 112 from Daneholes to Orsett is an issue as difficult to restrict
access there. Legitimate users of these trails rightly raise concerns.
Support will be gratefully received and is happy to be part of a working
group around the issue.

JR – stressed need to look at every opportunity and angle to address
the problem

CLlr Redsell – most routes used are council owned

There were some barriers on the A1089 but they were removed and

recently a child was knocked over there
Riders use Hangmans Wood, Chadwell, etc to enter Blackshots field
MC - Environmental engagement team are engaging with land owners as it is costing them to repair broken fences, etc
Cllr Gledhill – PSPO’s could be used just for specific hotspot times for ASB
Cllr Redsell – were talks with land owner at Buckingham Hill Road previously around using some land specifically for these bikes to have an area to ride but public liability was too expensive – could be looked into again
MC – PSPO looked at before but wasn’t realistic to enforce

RM – TF to bring ideas on nuisance motorbikes to next meeting

6. Priority 2: Reduce Harm to and Safeguard Victims of Hate Crime

6.1 Essex SHCP Presentation

Lauren
McSpadden

Presentation delivered on the work of the Strategic Hate Crime Prevention Partnership who deliver on the Essex Hate Crime Prevention Strategy

Formed in 2018 in response to the Government’s Hate Crime Action Plan

LM to send Update report to MC/CG to be shared with minutes

JR – stressed important to help people realise they are a victim of hate crime

6.2 Thurrock Update

Suzanne
Parson

SP outlined her role as Hate Crime Officer and shared local data

- Attends Independent Advisory Group to share data specific to Thurrock
- South Ockendon data showed 140% increase which was investigated at incident level – no concerns were identified
- Attends new Fairness and Equality Challenge panels
- West LPA has higher proportion of race/religious hate crime compared to other LPA’s but was looked into and showed that West LPA had significantly more BAME residents
- 9 Hate Incident Reporting Centres and 222 Hate Crime Ambassadors in Thurrock
- Hate crime booklet for victims has been recently updated
- Creating pack for teacher/leaders of groups to help them to inform and educate those they come into contact with
- Google Doc link with all relevant information shared with ambassadors
- National Hate Crime Awareness week was promoted virtually

7. Priority 5: Counter Extremism & Terrorism

7.1 Situational Risk Assessment

Michelle

- Situational risk assessment was shared and Board updated that the National Threat level has decreased to substantial from severe
WRAP Prevent training now includes section on hate crime
Les Billingham is picking up Chair of Prevent as Carol Hinvest has moved on
Cunningham
- 7.2 Protect Duty Protect Duty - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
Agencies advised of need to response to consultation
Michelle
Cunningham
8. **Priority 1: Update on Violence Against Women and Girls**
Revised Terms of Reference – attached for SIGN OFF
Revised terms of reference shared for Boards consideration.
The DA Bill requires a local partnership board to deliver duty in relation to safe accommodation
Proposal to amend current remit of existing VAWG group to include safe accommodation
JR - Approved
Michelle
Cunningham
9. **Priority 4: Update on Tackling Offending**
DAAT Report
Report shared
New format, feedback requested– **ALL to feedback on this format**
Looking at working toward Criminal Justice treatment intervention team within police and probation – possible funding for 3 staff for the team
Proposal to be submitted by end of March
Due to receive around £200,000 - significantly more than expected
Possibility of alcohol tags aswell - trialled in Wales
Kev Malone
- Cllr Redsell – how will the rest of the funding be spent?
KM – set guidance on how funding is used, split between those leaving prison and those at risk of criminality in the community
Also want to support a special medical detox programme
- Cllr Redsell – any possibility for apprenticeships?
KM – on a one year funding cycle so difficult to bring in apprentices but young peoples' services do have apprentices
- Cllr Gledhill – when will alcohol tags be introduced?
ND – date for rollout of Alcohol Monitoring has yet to be agreed
10. **Delivering Safer Communities**
10.1 Strategic Assessment – attached for SIGN OFF
Lighter document at 44 pages due to lack of comparable data
Priorities are remaining the same
No risk matrix due to data impacts from the pandemic
Plan to hold an event in September/October to consult widely with partners, including voluntary sector, so we have a full refresh of priorities
Michelle
Cunningham

for 22/23

Aligns well with focus of Health and Wellbeing Strategy priorities
Parts in green will be redacted and will not be going out publically

Recommend that strategic assessment and delivery plan shouldn't be made public until after the election

Cllr Gledhill requested promote the outcomes achieved too address ASB

MC to liaise with Jo Davies over inclusion of outcomes

JD – achieved first possession on basis of domestic abuse so good to include this

APPROVED

- 10.2 Delivery Plan – attached for SIGN OFF Michelle Cunningham
ALL to provide comments by 1st April and then another 2 weeks for amendments and sign off
 MC to make some amendments regards VAWG section after Sheila made some valid points for inclusion with regards to sexual violence and abuse

 Cllr Redsell – needs to be more work on HMO's as comes up at planning and housing – need to link with members more on what HMO's are and where they are located
 MC – Dulal Ahmed has created some training on HMO's so can look at building in for June to go to members as well
- 10.3 COVID recovery plan - including Violence and Vulnerability plan Stuart Hooper
SH to take away to pick up as a sub-group piece of work
RM to continue liaising with SH and MC
11. **Finance Update** summary report including VVU funding Michelle Cunningham
 Order placed today for personal attack alarms
 All funding spent with the exception of the £10,000 underspend for gangs
 Underspends on training as moved online and money reallocated to ASB
 Full report will be written for PFCC at end of financial year and shared with this group for information
 £30,000 of DAAT funding allowed Dulal to take forward work regards HMO's and offenders leaving prison
 Funding for reachable, teachable moments through YOS from the VVU funding
 CM – decided to use additional funding to invest in current staffing so it is sustainable going forward. Reachable moments is the time where a young person is reachable and teachable e.g. when they are arrested in police custody, injured in hospital, in trouble at school that could lead to exclusion. Ceryl has made links with police custody, hospitals etc to be alerted at whatever time of day or night so she can go and sit with young

people to begin meaningful work at an earlier stage
£19,000 for Well Homes to work with vulnerable families moved into Thurrock from outside of the borough; supporting them with healthcare and other local services. Specific worker within Well Homes starting in April.

Early Prevention in schools and use of Dot Com hasn't happened so hopeful to progress this from September

10. Future Agenda Items

ALL

See table below

11. AOB

Reports for info attached:

- Annual report of VVU
- NPS Data

Richard Melton has been successful in promotion process, not yet sure if will be remaining local

Meeting Dates 2pm to 4:30pm	Items for Discussion
10 June 2021	Contribution to H&WB Strategy 21/26 – Darren Kristiansen Link to Brighter Futures Priority 2: Violence and Vulnerability – gang related violence Feedback from Insp Fisher on approach to nuisance motorbikes Youth Justice Plan refresh 21/24
23 September 2021	Priority 5: Counter Extremism progress Information Sharing protocol review
16 December 2021	