



Thurrock Community Safety Partnership

Strategic Board meeting minutes

20 June 2024

2pm to 4:30pm

Chair: Jenny Barnett, Chief Superintendent, Essex Police.

Objectives and decisions:

- to be updated on incidents of note and crime performance
- to sign off TCSP Terms of reference
- to review and approve information sharing protocol
- to be appraised of progress regards delivery of priorities 24/25
- to receive a presentation on Think Families

Attendees and apologies

Statutory

Name	Organisation	Attendance
Jenny Barnett, Chair	Chief Superintendent, Essex Police	Attended
Michael Dineen, Vice Chair	Acting Director, Counter Fraud, Community Safety and Resilience, Thurrock Council	Attended
Martin Lucas	The Probation Service	Attended
Cllr V Holloway	Councillor representative, Police Crime Panel	Apologies
Cllr S Panjala	Councillor representative, CSP	Apologies
Anthony Atkin (TA)	District Commander, Essex Police	Attended
Russ Freeman	Essex County Fire and Rescue Service	Attended
Emily Lawrence	Integrated Care Board	Attended

Non-statutory

Name	Organisation	Attendance
Howard Oldstein	Savills	Apologies

Ewelina Sorbjan	Assistant Director – Housing Management, Thurrock Council	Attended
Clare Moore	Head of Youth Offending Service and Prevention, Thurrock Council	Attended
Helen Forster	Head of Public Health, Thurrock Council	Attended (in part)
Mark Tebbs	Thurrock CVS	Attended
Aliyah Monroe	Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)	Apologies
Malcom Taylor	Adults, Housing and Health, Thurrock Council	Apologies
Simon Bell	Chair of Thurrock Association of Secondary Schools (TASS), education lead	Attended (in part)
Greg Myddelton	Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (PFCC)	Apologies
Bosa Osunde	Head of Social Work Support	Apologies
Sharon Stoltz	Director of Public Health	Attended

Ex-officio

Name	Organisation	Attendance
Michelle Cunningham	Community Safety Partnership Manager	Attended
Samantha Sparks	Community Safety Partnership Apprentice	Attended

Items discussed

Ref.	Item
1	Introduction and apologies
1.	Attendees and apologies – as above. Confidentiality and Disclosure was shared.
1.2	Items for urgent 'any other business'. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offender accommodation, Martin Lucas • Code of Ethics, Tony Atkin
2.	Minutes
2.1	Minutes from 21/03/2024. Agreed as true copy with no amends.
2.2	Outstanding actions. MC provided updates against the action log.
2.3	Matters Arising. None noted.
3.	Voice of our Communities
3.1	Businesses MC, in Howard's absence, updated that there has been a homeless person at Lakeside who is from another borough, the police are currently addressing this. Pub watch at Lakeside was launched earlier this week.
3.2	Education/ young people – Simon Bell SB discussed how since Easter young people in Tilbury have a growing concern regarding quadbikes being driven on pavements. Another growing concern was how again since Easter refillable vapes are being filled with cannabis, this is not just in Tilbury but across the borough. And this has been a concern with young people and headteachers. MD added that a vape shop had been closed recently in Grays for selling to young people and discussed how this was a priority for the trading standards team. TA brought up how the issue of quadbikes was not isolated to just Tilbury and discussed the work carried out by Op Caesar. In Tilbury the police are encouraging businesses to increase CCTV and surveillance and to work with the Police to tackle the issue. MC said that Community Health Champions had raised similar concerns from a school and had asked for communication out to parents. MC suggested that a letter regarding vapes would be better coming from Public Health.

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	<p>SS would be happy to write a letter to schools which can be circulated to the parents but she stressed that there is a broader issue here regards sales and that it linked to the tobacco programme. MC is to work with SS and children services to draft this letter.</p> <p>MD brought up how while it is good that there is a lot of focus on secondary school children, there should also be a focus on primary school children as well. While secondary school children know what vaping is and the harm it can cause, primary age children may find them lying about at home and pick them up because they look “pretty”. JB agreed with this and said it would be a good idea to get in earlier with children around smoking and vaping.</p> <p>MT offered to work with SS to reinforce the message regarding vapes to schools.</p> <p>JB asked about the community and awareness. SS responded they were developing in line with the tobacco alliance approach, but that it also needs a grass route approach to tackle misinformation that is out there and need to get better at collecting intelligence from our communities and targeting through trading standards activity. They will link to our substance misuse service to see what information they have</p> <p>JB said police looking at how can get into young people earlier, using analysis of data to address cultural norms and try to prevent, but need to be able to replace what they are doing positively. Needs a focus on particular families and schools.</p> <p>SB agreed that secondary schools are very responsive but that often those norms and behaviours are set before then so primary is key.</p> <p>He added that on a positive, schools hadn’t previously known links to CPT but now had those links and noted a big up tick in response from officers over the last 6 months.</p> <p>SS advised everyone if the funding we have from Sport England for a Place Based Partnership. This provide an opportunity to bid to develop place based sport.</p> <p>ML said he was supportive of this after seeing impact I Basildon parks. He added they are further along and maybe able to learn from them.</p> <p>TA said looking to bring in premier league kicks and would be linking to Olive Academy to partner</p> <p>MC added there has also been some funding from DP World for youth activities across Thurrock</p>
3.3	<p>Community and Voluntary – Mark Tebbs</p> <p>MT updated that the Free Ports had announced a grant programme. There are going to be multiple £50,000 projects and £120,000 for skills and employment. In autumn it is being publicised to networks.</p> <p>MT is to share the e-mail with MC so it can be passed on to all the partners.</p>
3.4	<p>Community – Cllrs</p> <p>No concerns to raise</p>

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4.	Performance and Incidents of Note
4.1	<p>Report of District Commander – Tony Atkin.</p> <p>TA discussed the highlights of the performance report. Reported crime has reduced by 6.6%, over the last 12 months in Thurrock there have been 15,782 crimes, which is the lowest it has been in five years. There has been an increase in robbery of 3.2%.</p> <p>Residential burglary has seen a decrease of 4%. At community forums, vehicle crime is a topic that brings up a lot of questions, however theft of motor vehicles has seen a decrease of 4.6%, which is a reduction of 46 vehicles being stolen over the year.</p> <p>MD questioned whether burglaries are predominantly not for goods, but for vehicles, and do they get double counted because the item being stolen is the vehicle. TA stated that yes Op Millenium burglaries are being double counted because the keys are being stolen from the home, and then the vehicle is being stolen. He added that a spike in this type of crime has been seen in Stanford Le Hope.</p>
4.2	<p>ECFRS Performance report – Russell Freeman</p> <p>RF discussed the highlights of the performance report. There have been 300 total incidents in this quarter, which is a drop of 12.3%. Fires formed 82 out of the 300 incidents, which is a drop of 12.7%. Of these fires, accidental fires are down by 36% and deliberate fires have seen no change. Grays Thurrock is the highest ward with 43 incidents, but that is down 12.5% from last quarter. Orsett ward is slightly up, Tilbury Riverside has had no change and Grays Riverside is down by 6.5%.</p> <p>RF also brought up how there has been a lot more home fire safety checks and targeted intervention carried out across the Borough. RF suggested that every new occupier in Thurrock should be given an induction pack, which should include telling the occupier that a home fire safety check needs to be carried out.</p> <p>ES picked up as an action to work on this suggestion with MC.</p> <p>RF said he was due to meet with housing managers to look at how develop fire checks. 50 were completed last quarter.</p> <p>MT said he would be happy to target an email to groups working with those more vulnerable e.g. disability, elderly and to support fire access into those groups. RF welcomed this opportunity.</p>
5.	Police, Fire Crime Commissioner Update
5.1	<p>PFCC Update</p> <p>Greg Myddleton had sent in his apologies to the meeting, so Michelle Cunningham gave the update on his behalf.</p> <p>The first update was the Roger Hirst has been re-elected as the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner and is currently redoing his police and crime plan. There are a lot of meetings being set up so members of the Board can have their input. MC is to circulate these invites after the meeting so that members can pass these along to their teams for meetings that are relevant to them.</p>

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	The second update is that the PFCC is going to be announcing more funding opportunities. Shortly they will be launching the 2024/2025 Community Safety Development Fund, there will be further details on this coming shortly on the PFCC website and social media. MC will send the details over to MT so they can be included in the newsletter.
6.	Delivering Safer Communities – Michelle Cunningham.
6.1	Terms of reference for the CSP Board These were signed off with the following amends: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrated Care Board, not Body • Place overview and scrutiny not corporate • CM requested check now Youth Justice Service not Offending Service
6.2	Information Sharing Protocol No amendments to be made as there have been no changes or updates in the past year, however, have been recommended to obtain up to date signature list. MC to circulate to all statutory partners to get signatures.
6.3	CSP Induction Pack – information The Community Safety Partnership Induction pack has been created and sent out to new members. MC asked for feedback from new members on the induction pack for if changes need to be made.
7.	Agency updates
7.1	Probation reset – Martin Lucas ML shared a power point about the Probation reset with members and discussed highlights. The Probation reset was released in April this year and is currently in the implementation period. By the 1st of July the new measures will be in place. Probation will be deprioritising contact towards the end of people's sentences so that resources can be focused at the start of the sentences. The reason for this change is that, if work is completed at the earliest opportunity, it is more likely to be successful than if it is spaced out over a long period of time. There have also been some changes to the length of time that someone can be recalled into prison and there have been some changes to home detention curfews that more people have become eligible for. One of the biggest issues Probation has at the moment is recruiting and retaining staff. At the moment there are 40 probation officer vacancies, which is roughly about half of the officer's probation should have. He also said looking at plans to alleviate prison overcrowding. As ML is leaving his role, JB thanked ML for all his work and continued support over the years.
7.2	Think Family – Clare Moore CM shared a power point with the members and discussed the highlights. Think Family went live on the 1st of April 2022 and restructured some of the teams within children's social care. The aims and objectives of Think Family is to take a whole family

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	<p>approach. There is obvious concerns around safeguarding children but taking that whole family approach when looking at families will better encourage them and coach them into providing safe parenting. There is also a focus on increasing support and engagement with fathers. Assessments have been tailored to support parents with learning disabilities and special needs.</p> <p>Think Family also provide interventions for those who are on the edge of care, this refers to children who live at home but are at risk of exploitation, criminality and going missing. Parents don't feel that they can keep them safe anymore and are asking the local authority to take them into care. Care is not the best outcome for children unless it is crucial, therefore Think family work with the family and young person to keep them at home safely.</p> <p>In the first year Think Family received 42 referrals for parenting assessments, 65 family network meetings, and 151 referrals for parenting intervention. Think Family receive an average of 16 referrals a week. Due to there not being many court proceedings, Think Family are promoting children remaining in the family as often as possible.</p> <p>JB asked what support there is for parents and siblings of those who are on the edge of care and is there any more than can be done to help them. CM said that they use a solution focused system and call upon a network. This network is not always necessarily a network of family and friends. Other agencies will be looked at for support if there are mental health needs, drug and alcohol misuse or child exploitation.</p> <p>CM concluded with that there was a gap in activities for young people.</p>
8.	Priority updates – Michelle Cunningham
8.1	<p>Reduce harm to and safeguard victims from Hate Crime</p> <p>MC had shared report in advance and offered to take any questions, of which there were none</p>
8.2	<p>Engaging with residents to tackle community based anti-social behaviour and safeguard victims – report attached.</p> <p>MC had shared report in advance and offered to take any questions, of which there were none.</p>
9.	Greater Essex Drug and Alcohol Partnership – Helen Forster
9.1	<p>There have been a number of providers across the mid and South Essex with regard to drug and alcohol services that have been struggling to get people into their books, therefore struggling to engage with clients to meet the numbers in treatment.</p> <p>A major concern is that across all of the three areas, the government grant is ending in March 2025. There is hope there will be a 10-year drug strategy and the funding will be able to continue. The next focus meeting will be on drug related deaths on 09/07/2024. Locally, there are new providers integrating our children and adult substance misuse service. There is Open Road for young people (up to 29) and Forward Trust for adults, both are settling in very well. She added they are also linked to the sexual health services.</p>

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	<p>A gambling harms working group is being set up.</p> <p>HF commented on how well a job trading standards are doing with closing vape shops that are selling illicit vapes in the area.</p>
10.	Future agenda items – see <i>below</i>.
11.	Any other business
11.1	<p>To promote link to: Community Safety Survey</p> <p>MC promoted the Community Safety Survey link to the members and asked if anyone wants anything else from the September away day then to make her aware.</p>
11.2	Prevent Assurance – letter shared for Board members information.
11.3	<p>ML brought up how offenders coming out of prison still had no access to accommodation and asked for any thoughts how this can be improved and support these people to get accommodation.</p> <p>ES said that we are facing the biggest national crisis in terms of housing, and how it is ultimately supply and demand.</p>
11.4	RF brought up that CSP away day on the 19th of September will now be at Orsett Fire Station rather than Corringham Fire Station.
11.5	<p>TA asked MC that at the next meeting could an item be added to the agenda. It will be a presentation around the new change and implementation of the Code of Ethics within policing.</p> <p>TA will send the PowerPoint to MC.</p>

Meeting closed at 4:45pm.

Future meetings

Meeting dates, 2pm to 4:30pm	Forward Plan / Priorities for Discussion
19 September 2023	<p>Away Day to review the partnership focus</p> <p>Priority reports: DA and VAWG</p> <p>Code of Ethics presentation</p> <p>Youth Justice Plan – Clare Moore</p>
12 December 2023	<p>Priority reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing Serious Violence

Forward plan

Priority	Meeting	Lead
1. Breaking the cycle of Domestic Abuse	September 24	Ewelina, Jo, Sheila Michelle
2. Reduce harm to and safeguard victims from Hate Crime	June 24	Terry
3. Engaging with residents to Tackle Community based Anti-social Behaviour and Safeguard victims	June 24	Terry, Ewelina, Michelle
4. Preventing Serious Violence	December 24	Mike
5. Tackling disproportionality in relation to Violence Against Women and Girls	December 24	Ewelina, Jo, Sheila Michelle
Update on response to Duties		
Reducing Reoffending	December 24	Martin and Clare
Prevent	March 25	Michele Lucas
In addition		
Information sharing Annual Review	June 24	Michelle
Review of Terms of Reference	June 24	Michelle
Priorities draft agreement	December 24	Michelle
Strategic assessment – sign off	March 24	Michelle
Delivery plan – sign off	March 24	Michelle
Community Drug Partnerships (CDP): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft delivery plan Report to Board 	To be confirmed, dependant on Greater Essex CDP	Sharon Stoltz