

SOUTH HOLLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report of: Portfolio Holder for Communities and Facilities and Executive Director - Place

To: Performance Monitoring Panel Wednesday, 18 March 2020

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Subject Crime and Disorder Partnership Update

Purpose: To provide Members with an update on Community Safety Partnership work at a county and local level

Recommendation(s):

- 1) That the content of the report be noted
- 2) That Members consider areas of focus to be included in future updates

1.0 BACKGROUND

1.1 Performance Monitoring Panel request updates on partnership arrangements for Community Safety twice a year. An update on both county Safer Lincolnshire Partnership (SLP) work and local multi-agency work are provided.

1.2 The SLP continue to work on the four core priorities;

- Anti-social Behaviour
- Domestic Abuse
- Reducing Offending
- Serious and Organised Crime (Fraud and Modern Day Slavery)

1.3 Emerging issues were also identified that cut across the priority groups;

- Mental Health
- Substance Misuse
- Information Sharing

The SLP Strategic Board, core priority groups and overview and scrutiny committee meet quarterly. Key tasks and action plans are in place. Lincolnshire County Council's Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee also review the work of the partnership and sits as the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee for these items.

1.4 Key Updates

1.5 Progress on Core Priority Groups

1.5.1 Anti-Social Behaviour Core Priority Group (ASB CPG)

1.5.2 Fly-tipping campaign

The ASB CPG established a Fly-tipping working group in partnership with Lincolnshire Waste Partnership to roll out the SCRAP campaign in Lincolnshire and to further develop ways to tackle fly-tipping across the county SCRAP is based on an award-winning and successful campaign continuing to be developed by the Hertfordshire Waste Partnership. The campaign reminds people to check their waste is being taken away for disposal by a licensed carrier, either by asking to see a Waste Carriers Licence or by looking up the company on the Environment Agency website. All Lincolnshire's District Councils, the Environment Agency, Lincolnshire Police and Crime Commissioner are joining together to support the SCRAP fly-tipping campaign. South Holland District Council put out a press release in January and has been sending information via social media. The hashtags used as part of the campaign are #SCRAPflytipping #KeepLincolnshireClean.

1.5.3 Hate Crime Strategy

A Hate Crime or Hate Incident is any crime or incident which is perceived by the victim or any other person, to be motivated by a hostility or prejudice based on a person's race or perceived race; religion or perceived religion, sexual orientation or perceived sexual orientation, disability or perceived disability and any crime motivated by a hostility or prejudice against a person who is transgender or perceived to be transgender. The ASB CPG has reviewed the Hate Crime Strategy within Lincolnshire. Once a finalised version is agreed through the SLP Strategic Board, it will be circulated to officers and will be added to the Council Website. Reports relating to a hate crime or incident can be made to Lincolnshire Police on 101 or directly to Stop Hate UK on 0800 138 1625.

1.5.4 This core priority group has also revised the Lincolnshire Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy and Partnership Standard Operating procedures to ensure that a consistent service is received across the county and across agencies. It also has oversight, development, evaluation and development of the multi-agency case management system and of Anti-Social Behaviour Risk Assessment Conferences.

1.5.5 **Domestic Abuse Core Priority Group (DA CPG)**

1.5.5 Campaigns

A number of communication campaigns have taken place through the partnership; Lincolnshire Primary Foundation Trust led a campaign relating to coercive and controlling behaviour, 16 days of action took place which South Holland District Council took part by raising a white ribbon flag and sending out messages on social media. An awareness event for hairdressers and estate agents took place on 13th February to help support those that may have contact with victims of domestic abuse to understand the importance of their role to ensure confidentiality and where to obtain help.

1.5.6 Make a Change

Make a Change is a pilot project, developed by Respect, in partnership with Women's Aid, to deliver an early response to domestic abuse in Lincolnshire, creating opportunities for change for those who use abusive behaviours in their relationships. The pilot will run until June with a final Evaluation report to follow. Early findings are positive and evidence a need for an intervention that is proving effective as a county wide intervention.

1.5.7 This group has oversight and co-ordination of domestic abuse victim support services and of the Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC). It has reviewed the domestic abuse strategy and charter and co-ordinates Domestic Homicide Reviews.

1.5.8 **Reducing Offending Core Priority Group (RO CPG)**

1.5.9 Assisting Rehabilitation through Collaboration (ARC)

In 2016 ARC was launched in Lincolnshire, as a refreshed unique Integrated Offender Management 'brand', which emphasised a new enterprise and established clear differences against conventional offender management. For the first time the focus of concern was on the most prolific offenders in the county, regardless of age, gender or geography and regardless of the types of crime being committed. In Lincolnshire the partnership recognise that simply applying a 'catch and convict' type methodology with this cohort of offenders delivers limited results. It has become increasingly important to focus partnership attention not on the type of crime being committed, but on the persons involved and the underlying causes of their offending behaviour.

The Police Crime Commissioner and Lincolnshire Police agreed to employ four Support Workers, in addition to the current team, starting in December 2019. They are currently running a cohort of around 97 people. Next steps involve continuing to gather meaningful performance information that will evidence outcomes.

1.5.10 The group monitors the effectiveness of Community Resolutions and Joint Diversionary Panels, reviews the Reducing Offending Strategy and monitors the use of the Alcohol Abstinence Monitoring Requirements (Sobriety Tags) across the county.

1.5.11 **Serious and Organised Crime - Fraud and Modern Day Slavery**

1.5.12 Fraud Core Priority Group

1.5.13 Lincolnshire was chosen by the Home Office as one of two areas nationally to pilot a multi-agency safeguarding approach to financial abuse. This involves victim care organisations providing a level of care that addresses both immediate and longer term victim needs to mitigate the impact, and reduce the levels of repeat victimisation. The multi-agency model also trials greater information sharing between the police and victim care agencies to effectively identify vulnerable victims and disseminate prevention advice to reduce overall levels of fraud/financial exploitation. The Safer Together team went live on 1st July 2019, combining teams within Lincolnshire Police and Lincolnshire Trading Standards to work jointly on issues of scams, Op Signature and doorstep crime.

1.5.14 Modern Day Slavery Core Priority Group (MDS CPG)

1.5.15 As part of the task of identifying businesses involved in or at risk of modern day slavery, the MDS CPG has located the Slave Free Alliance which is co-ordinated by the Hope for Justice. The SLP is promoting the Slave Free Alliance to businesses who will supply them with the tools they need to make a commitment to their workforce with regards to modern day slavery.

1.5.16 The Council will be carrying out a health check by using the SLP's Modern Day Slavery Charter to see where further work is needed. This work will be coordinated by the Council's Safeguarding Operations Board.

1.5.17 These groups ensure the annual completion of the partnership Serious and Organised Crime local profile and raise awareness of the signs of Modern Slavery and fraud for frontline officers and within communities across the county. They also co-ordinate approaches to enforcement opportunities and ensure that vulnerable victims are identified and safeguarded.

1.6 Local Partnership Work and Initiatives

1.6.1 Operational Partnership Team (OPT)

1.6.2 Lincolnshire Police continue to work within the Community Safety and Enforcement Team. The following key benefits continue to be seen:

- Increased consistency and reduced duplication
- Improved timescales relating to the incremental approach
- Improved problem solving approach
- Training to Lincolnshire Police and SHDC departments to share learning
- Strengthened contacts between the Council and Lincolnshire Police
- Strengthened relationships with other agencies
- Joint press releases

1.6.3 Multi Agency Meetings

1.6.4 The Community Safety and Enforcement Team co-ordinate a four weekly basis an Anti-Social Behaviour Risk Assessment Conference (ASBRAC) where high risk cases are referred into. The team also leads a four weekly Vulnerable Adults Panel (VAP). The meeting produces clear action plans for how multiple agencies can support the most vulnerable in our community.

1.6.5 A pilot is due to commence in July which will introduce the Team Around the Adult (TAA). This will provide an escalation process from the VAP's for those cases where individuals need additional multi-agency support.

1.6.6 Safeguarding Awareness

1.6.7 As part of the Council's annual safeguarding awareness, the Safeguarding Operational Board have agreed 4 areas of awareness raising (pending confirmation from speakers). The sessions will take place in April/May 2020.

- Modern Day Slavery
- County Lines
- Scams/ Financial awareness
- Domestic Abuse

1.6.8 **Community Alcohol Partnership (CAP)**

1.6.9 The Community Alcohol Partnership launched in July 2019. Since the launch it and has carried out a key pieces of work:

- Promoting 'Challenge 25' which has involved providing education and training for licensees along with compliancy testing. Joint patrols were organised which involved Police, Schools, an SHDC Councillor along with an officer from the licensing team. The patrols allowed educational messages to be given to young people that were seen.
- The CAP has also promoted the use of the PASS approved ID (CitizenCard). This has been achieved through the schools.
- CAP and it's work has been publicised through the use of posters, banners and bollard covers. Work is underway to ensure that social media is used to help publicise both the work of the CAP along with key messages.
- Key messages are being delivered around alcohol use through the MAD days within the schools. Schools have also been offered through the CAP for a motivational speaker/songwriter to attend the school to speak directly to the students. This has already taken pace in one school with other schools looking at booking them for 2020.

1.7 **CCTV**

1.7.1 There are 25 cameras installed in the district as part of South Holland's CCTV Public Space Protection Scheme; these are located in Crowland, Holbeach and Spalding. The cameras are monitored by appropriately trained and authorised operators who liaise with local partners including Lincolnshire Police, Shopwatch, Street Pastors and the Council's Community Wardens.

1.7.2 The analysis reports for Quarter 1, 2 and 3 for 2019-20 can be seen in Appendix A, B and C. They detail the incident types for Spalding, Holbeach and Crowland with a further breakdown of incident types for each camera.

1.7.3 Appendix D outlines the number of incidents, arrests and evidence packs requested for each quarter. In total there have been 111 incidents recorded with 50 evidence packs produced and 32 arrests made. At present this data is district wide but further work has been requested for analysis by location.

1.7.4 Work has taken place over recent months to explore the information that Lincolnshire Police hold relating to outcomes following arrest. Through utilising the OPT, a process has been implemented which allows tracking of each incident. Some examples where CCTV has resulted in a positive outcome are detailed below. This work will be reviewed every quarter.

Spalding:

- Traffic Offence, received in court £220 Fine, £32 Victim Surcharge and £85 Costs
- Common Assault by 2 individuals, both pleaded guilty and received in court a Victim Surcharge of £32 and £80 fine

- Counterfeit Goods – CCTV picked up an incident and were observing live. Case referred to trading standards to investigate.

Crowland:

- Learner, with passenger and riding moped with no helmet. Individual was identified through CCTV. Individual dealt with through the Joint Diversionary Panel and given a community resolution.

Holbeach:

- Criminal Damage – Crown Prosecution Service advised for suspect to attend court. Outcome not yet known.

- 1.7.5 Work continues to ensure that both the service and data provided by CCTV is of an excellent standard. Key areas of work will focus on:
- Reviewing camera placement
 - Reviewing roaming settings for each camera
 - Work with the Continuous Improvement Team to explore possibilities of further analysis of the data provided by CCTV

2.0 **OPTIONS**

2.1 Do nothing

2.2 Note the contents of the report

3.0 **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)**

3.1 It is recommended that the contents of the report are noted and that members of the Performance Monitoring Panel have an update on work undertaken across the partnership.

4.0 **EXPECTED BENEFITS**

4.1 The report will give an overview of the work taken place to support the Council's statutory duty under s17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

4.2 It will support and increased understanding and awareness of the partnership working taking place in the district.

5 **IMPLICATIONS**

In preparing this report, the report author has considered the likely implications of the decision - particularly in terms of Carbon Footprint / Environmental Issues; Constitutional & Legal; Contracts; Corporate Priorities; Crime & Disorder; Data Protection; Equality & Diversity/Human Rights; Financial; Health & Wellbeing; Reputation; Risk Management; Safeguarding; Staffing; Stakeholders/Consultation/Timescales; Transformation Programme; Other. Where the report author considers that there may be implications under one or more of these headings, these are identified below.

5.1 Corporate Priorities

- 5.1.1 The area of work detailed in this report supports the Corporate Priority of Your Place under two key activities:

Work together with partners, businesses and local communities to re-establish the Pride in South Holland programme to improve the quality of public spaces to be cleaner, greener and safer.

Work with our partners such as Safer Lincolnshire Partnership and Parish Councils to reduce and prevent crime and anti-social behaviour, and protect the community and environment.

5.2 Crime and Disorder

- 5.2.1 The Council has a duty under section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to take steps to reasonably prevent crime and disorder in the district.

- 5.2.2 Changes to this legislation were brought in through the Police and Justice Act 2006, with subsequent regulations coming in to force in 2007. The regulations set out the minimum requirements for partnership working to ensure effective practice and that all partnerships deliver to a common standard.

- 5.2.3 This report evidenced compliance with the Acts and the regulations

5.3 Equality and Diversity / Human Rights

- 5.3.1 There are no direct implications from this report. It should be noted that CCTV surveillance techniques and investigations need to consider Article 8 of the Human Rights Act, which covers right to privacy.

5.4 Reputation

- 5.4.1 It is important that the council demonstrate its commitment to dealing with community safety issues and responding to local concerns.

5.5 Stakeholders / Constitution / Timescales

- 5.5.1 Multi agency work and stakeholder engagement is key to delivering against the core priorities.

6 WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED

- 6.2 Services are provided for all those living, working or visiting the district.

7 ACRONYMS

- 7.2 SLP Safer Lincolnshire Partnership

7.3	ARC	Assisting Rehabilitation through Collaboration
7.4	ASBRAC	Anti-Social Risk Assessment Conference
7.5	VAP	Vulnerable Adults Panel
7.6	CAP	Community Alcohol Partnership

Background papers:-

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Key Decision: No

Exempt Decision: No

This report refers to a Discretionary Service

Appendices attached to this report:

Appendix A CCTV Quarter 1 Report
Appendix B CCTV Quarter 2 Report
Appendix C CCTV Quarter 3 Report
Appendix D Performance Data