



<b>REPORT TO:</b>	Performance Monitoring Panel
<b>DATE:</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> November 2023
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Crime and Disorder Report
<b>PURPOSE:</b>	To provide Members with an update on Community Safety Partnership work at a local and county level.
<b>KEY DECISION:</b>	N/A
<b>PORTFOLIO HOLDER:</b>	Councillor Tracey Carter (Portfolio Holder for Communities and Operational Housing)
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	Emily Spicer, Assistant Director - Wellbeing & Community Leadership
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<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	All Wards
<b>EXEMPT REPORT?</b>	No

## **SUMMARY**

This report provides an overview of the work currently being undertaken by the South & East Lincolnshire Community Safety Partnership at a local level, the Safer Lincolnshire Partnership at County level, along with information on CCTV across the partnership and Anti-Social Behaviour activity in South Holland. The report recommends that the contents are noted, and additional areas of focus are considered for inclusion in future reports.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. That the content of the report be noted
2. That Members consider areas of focus to be included in future reports, including exploring opportunities to assist with complex cases
3. That going forward, the panel agree to an annual report in May/June which can provide annual data from the previous financial year

## **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. The content of the report is noted to ensure that members are up to date on the current work being undertaken.
2. The Focus of future updated provides members an opportunity to advise of area of work they require more detail on.
3. An annual report would align with the annual reports for both CCTV and the Safer Lincolnshire Partnership providing members with a timely update

## **OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

1. Do Nothing

## **1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) were established under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. A CSP is required for each local government area, bringing the police, local authorities, fire and rescue, health, and probation to formulate strategies for the reduction of crime.
- 1.2 Locally, the South & East Lincolnshire Community Safety Partnership (SELCSP) is an informally merged partnership administered through the South and East Lincolnshire Council's Partnership (S&ELCP), covering Boston Borough, East Lindsey, and South Holland.
- 1.3 At a county level, there is an informally merged countywide partnership known as the Safer Lincolnshire Partnership (SLP), administered by Lincolnshire County Council.
- 1.4 South Holland District Council currently discharges its statutory duties for reducing crime and disorder through the above partnership in conjunction with the operational activities such as CCTV and ASB investigation work.
- 1.5 This report will provide an overview of the work of the local SELCSP and the county SLP. The report also provides summary data in relation to Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) and Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) across the partnership area.

## **2. SOUTH AND EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTENRSHIP**

- 2.1 The SELCSP aims to combine knowledge, powers and expertise to reduce anti-social behaviour, crime and the fear of crime in South and East Lincolnshire, to ensure it remains one of the safest places to live, work and visit.
- 2.2 SELCSP is a partnership made up of the following organisations:
- Boston Borough, East Lindsey and South Holland District Councils
  - Lincolnshire County Council (Community Safety Team, Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership, and Public Health)
  - Lincolnshire Police
  - Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue
  - Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
  - The Probation Service
  - Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
- 2.3 Non-statutory agencies also contribute to the work of the partnership including housing associations, HMP North Sea Camp and the voluntary sector (e.g., Just Lincolnshire). The SELCSP works closely with the County SLP and supports its priorities.
- 2.4 The SELCSP has a Community Safety Strategy for 2022-2025 to demonstrate the work of partners at the sub-regional level. The partnership has a working action plan for each financial year that the strategy covers. For copies of the current plan for 2023-24 please see Appendix A.
- 2.5 The 2023-2024 identified priorities are presented below along with some key actions undertaken in South Holland during this year.
- 2.6 **Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)**
- 2.7 Anti-Social Behaviour Awareness Week – 3<sup>rd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> July 2023. A county wide communications campaign took place during the week with aims to raise public awareness of what constitutes ASB, the importance of reporting ASB and who to report it to as well as promoting the ASB Case Review (formerly known as the Community Trigger). Messages were shared via social media by key agencies involved in tackling ASB.
- 2.8 Community Trigger Re-launch - The Anti-Social Behaviour Case Review allows victims of persistent ASB to request a formal review of their case, where the local threshold is met. A standalone countywide policy and procedures document was produced to ensure that we are providing a service that is based on best practice. This work was undertaken with the charity ASB Help who provide advice and support to victims of ASB. The new policy was launched in November 2022 and work continues to promote the Case Review. Further details can be found on the website [Anti-Social Behaviour Case Review \(Community Trigger\) - South Holland District Council \(sholland.gov.uk\)](https://www.sholland.gov.uk/anti-social-behaviour-case-review-community-trigger) which also includes data on the number of requests received for the last financial year (12 between April 2022 and March 2023). To date this financial year South Holland District Council has received 4.
- 2.9 Graffiti removal - Work is ongoing in South Holland to ensure the swift removal of graffiti on privately owned buildings to improve local areas.

## 2.10 **Hate Crime**

2.11 Hate Crime Awareness Week 14<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> October 2023. Annual campaign to raise awareness of what hate crimes are and how to report. Promotion of Victim Support as the new provider of support for victims of hate crimes and hate incidents in Lincolnshire. South Holland District Council used social media to promote Hate Crime awareness during that week.

2.12 Lincolnshire Police have agreed to sharing data on Hate Crimes on a quarterly basis (to include outcomes), which will assist in monitoring the type of issues occurring within our districts. Information will be monitored to identify any trends across the partnership area.

## 2.13 **Safer Streets & Night-Time Economy**

2.14 To create a Safer Street Zone as part of the funding received from the Governments Safer Street Fund, the community can now see green signs with QR codes within Spalding town centre that link directly to South Holland District Council's website. The website provides an explanation of the zone. A map is also being created so that members of the public can see the areas that are covered by CCTV.

2.15 Promotion of StreetSafe - This is a service for anyone to anonymously tell the police about public places where they have felt or feel unsafe. This might be because of environmental issues, e.g., street lighting, abandoned buildings or vandalism. It could also be because of some behaviours of people in the area, e.g., being followed or verbally abused. Agencies have been promoting the use of this to encourage its wider use as the information is fed into problem solving and crime reduction work.

## 2.16 **The Safety of Women and Girls**

2.17 16 Days of Action – 25<sup>th</sup> November to 10 December 2023. It is a national campaign that aims to raise awareness and call for changes to end violence against women and girls. The campaign covers all forms of violence such as domestic abuse, sexual assault, child abuse, trafficking and forced marriage.

2.18 Safer Streets Round 4 funding – A variety of work is continuing utilising the safer streets 4 funding including the Community/volunteer CCTV operators where one Police volunteer works one day a week to assist with administrative duties including CCTV reviews. Just Lincolnshire are also working on their Community ambassador programmes / awareness raising about Anti-Social Behaviour / reduce barriers to reporting ASB & Violence Against Women & Girls.

2.19 A useful briefing covering violence against women and girls can be found in Appendix B.

## 2.20 **Vulnerability and Safeguarding**

- 2.21 Mate crime - Following concerns from residents in Spalding, South Holland District Council applied to the courts and was successful in obtaining injunctions against 4 due to their behaviour towards vulnerable residents. Social media was used to promote the Injunctions as well as raise awareness around mate crime.
- 2.22 Dementia Bands - A pilot project, led by the OPPC aimed to protect vulnerable people living with dementia by giving them a wristband that stores the contact details of the wearers next of kin, enabling the police or public to quickly access their next of kin's details and contact them. This project is now countywide and requests are now taken at [www.lincs.police.uk/hp](http://www.lincs.police.uk/hp) Funding was given by the Viking link project in April 2023 to be able to widen to the whole county.
- 2.23 Appointment of Domestic Abuse Officers across SELCP - New roles introduced across the South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership to support staff in identifying Domestic Abuse and undertaking the necessary steps to safeguard and support victims. One officer is based at each council. Initial training has taken place in South Holland for Housing and Community Safety officers to ensure all staff have a basic awareness with risk assessment training planned for early November.

### **3. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

- 3.1 South Holland District Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Officer works in partnership with Lincolnshire Police, Housing Associations, and other agencies to tackle ASB. Officers follow the guidance set out in the Countywide procedures for tackling ASB in Lincolnshire, which details the tools and powers brought in by the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. The full act can be accessed here:  
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2014/12/contents/enacted>
- 3.2 An incremental approach is used to give advice and encourage people to stop the ASB before considering more formal (legal) methods. People are provided with support, guidance and signposting to other organisations who may be able to help, where applicable.
- 3.3 Information on enforcement action taken to tackle ASB in South Holland is included in Appendix C.
- 3.4 The team has seen an increase in the number of complex cases where the alleged perpetrators have challenges with misuse of drugs, alcohol and either diagnosed or undiagnosed challenges around mental health. South Holland District Council facilitate two multi agency meetings monthly.
- Anti-Social Behaviour Risk Assessment Conference – this meeting is multi agency and is in place to reduce risk for the cases of anti-social behaviour.
  - Vulnerable Adult Panel – this meeting is multi agency and is in place to problem solve cases where individuals are at risk of homeless and/or have drug and alcohol misuse that are impacting their ability to maintain a tenancy
- 3.5 Further work can be explored to consider options available to help improve outcomes for complex cases, including external funding opportunities for intensive support roles.

3.6 The Community Safety Team are working with the software provider for its case management system to generate maps which display where reports have been received and where. An example of a map can be seen in the picture below at 3.7.

3.7 The map highlights reports that have been received for Q1 (although not all reports have pulled through).



#### 4 Community Warden Role

6.1 Key work undertaken has included:

- Proactive patrols in known hot spot locations.
- Enforcing the Public Space Protection Order in Spalding Town Centre
- Reactive patrol resulting from direct reports of anti-social behaviour.
- Liaising with businesses to request removal of graffiti and enforcing where needed utilising the ASB, Crime and Policing Act 2014.
- Responsible for managing cases where incidents have taken place in a public place.
- Proactive contact with all parish councils to understand any issues in their area.
- Reviewing CCTV footage for reports received into South Holland District Council

#### 5. CCTV

##### 3.8 CCTV Report 2022 -2023

3.9 This is an examination of data collected by the CCTV department for the areas of Boston Borough Council, East Lindsey District Council and South Holland District Council. North Kesteven data is included for the area of Sleaford. This data is collected and studied in order better understand the performance and achievements of the CCTV control room but is clearly not (nor indeed intended to be), a full picture of criminal activity within the areas

it covers. The full report is included in Appendix D however the following provides an overview.

4.1. **CCTV Data** - The data relates to the period between 01/04/22 and 31/03/23. Within this time-period CCTV operators have:

- Recorded **15,310** Daily log entries.
- Completed **1160** incident records which includes
  - **587** East Lindsey camera area incidents.
  - **366** Boston camera area incidents.
  - **128** South Holland camera area incidents.
  - **79** North Kesteven camera area incidents.
- CCTV contributed to **329** arrests which includes
  - **165** East Lindsey camera area arrests.
  - **92** Boston camera area arrests.
  - **46** South Holland camera area arrests.
  - **26** North Kesteven camera area arrests.
- Produced **398** pieces of evidence for Police / Court use.
  - **120** for the East Lindsey area.
  - **161** of these for the Boston area.
  - **81** for the South Holland area.
  - **36** for the North Kesteven area

4.1 A point previously raised by the Performance Monitoring Panel has been answered within the report on page 6. It states that incidents are often covered by more than one camera in order to follow proceedings or cover the incident from multiple angles for better evidence capture. Therefore, adding up the columns will produce a number higher than the total number of incidents logged.

4.2 A copy of the CCTV data broken down into arrests, evidence, reviews and incidents for each of the three areas covered in South Holland for Q1 and Q2 has also been provided. Please see Appendix E. A detailed analysis of the whole year and will be provided in the next report.

4.3 Below are some example cases of where CCTV has been used to assist with investigations:

- Lincs Police shared details of an individual with CCTV. The control room were able to locate them, and Police were directed to be able to carry out the arrest.
- CCTV is used to help locate vulnerable persons.
- CCTV operator identified an incident that escalated into an assault. Control room contacted Lincs Police and several officers sent to the location. As a result of this, three individuals were arrested and taken into custody.
- SHDC officers utilise CCTV when approaching a group or individuals where they could be at risk. CCTV are able to monitor the interaction which provides reassurance to officers and individuals are notified of this which acts as a deterrent.
- CCTV used extensively for local murder

- CCTV in Hall Place and Castle Sports used by Neighbourhood Policing Team to build evidence for Community Protection Notice and subsequently a Criminal Behaviour Order for a perpetrator of Anti-Social Behaviour
- CCTV used for public safety at the Spalding Flower Parade
- CCTV assisted Lincs Police in being able to prove an alleged kidnap was not a kidnap

## **5 NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING**

5.1 Following changes made within Lincolnshire Police which have an impact on Neighbourhood Policing. A 'Neighbourhood Policing Commitment Booklet' has been released which outlines the Force's strategy and commitment for 2023. A copy can be seen in Appendix F

## **6 PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER (PSPO)**

6.1 The Spalding Town Centre Public Space Protection Order is currently in place until 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023. The following activities are offences within the PSPO:

- failure to comply with an officer's request to stop drinking alcohol in a public space
- spitting saliva or any other product of the mouth on to the ground
- dropping litter
- urinating or defecating.

6.1 A public consultation is taking place on the PSPO in November to obtain the opinions of those that live, work and visit the area to consider extending the PSPO until December 2026. Consultation will also include key stakeholders.

6.2 A separate consultation will take place for a new PSPO which would prevent people feeding the pigeons in Spalding Town Centre. The consultation for this PSPO is likely to begin in January/February 2024.

## **7 SAFER LINCOLNSHIRE PARTNERSHIP (SLP)**

7.1 A report has been produced by Zoe Walters, Interim Business Manager at the Safer Lincolnshire Partnership to provide an overview of the partnership and its activity, please see Appendix G.

## **8 CONCLUSION**

8.1 This report has outlined the work carried out by both the local South and East Lincolnshire Community Safety Partnership and the county Safer Lincolnshire Partnership. The report also provides enforcement data in respect of ASB, and CCTV data across the South and East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership.



## **EXPECTED BENEFITS TO THE PARTNERSHIP**

The report provides an overview of the work undertaken to support the Council's statutory duty under s17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

It supports an increased understanding and awareness of the partnership working taking place in the districts.

## **IMPLICATIONS**

### **SOUTH AND EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCILS PARTNERSHIP**

Should further work be required within the Community Safety and Enforcement Team, workforce capacity would need to be considered further.

## **CORPORATE PRIORITIES**

The area of work detailed in this report supports the following corporate priorities:

- South Holland District Council – 'Your Place' and 'Your Health and Wellbeing'

## **STAFFING**

None

## **WORKFORCE CAPACITY IMPLICATIONS**

None

## **CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

The statutory duties required of CSPs, as set out in the Crime & Disorder Act 1998, are met through working with the County SLP which works as a combined area for Lincolnshire.

## **DATA PROTECTION**

Data Protection will be dealt with under the partnership's information sharing agreements.

## **FINANCIAL**

External funding has been granted through the government Safer Streets Fund which will support the Safer Streets and Safety Against Women and Girls priorities. Further funding opportunities will be sought wherever possible to support delivery of the Community Safety strategy. That aside, delivery will be managed from existing partner commitments and resources

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

All risks will be managed as part of the strategy and action plan development as appropriate.

## **STAKEHOLDER / CONSULTATION / TIMESCALES**

Consultation has been undertaken with the relevant Portfolio Holder and with key officers (Corporate Management).

## **REPUTATION**

It is important that the councils demonstrate their commitment to dealing with community safety issues and responding to local concerns. The Community Safety Strategy will have a positive impact on the reputation of the S&ELCP as it shows our dedication to improving the safety and wellbeing of our local communities.

## **CONTRACTS**

None

## **CRIME AND DISORDER**

South Holland District 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. Changes to this legislation were brought in through the Police and Justice Act 2006, with subsequent regulations coming into 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. This report evidenced compliance with the Acts and the regulations

## **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY/ HUMAN RIGHTS/ SAFEGUARDING**

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. This is also subject to regulation under RIPA and CCTV Codes of Practice.

## **HEALTH AND WELL BEING**

Work carried out to reduce crime and disorder within the district and to support those that are affected helps to improve the health and wellbeing of those residents.

## **CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

None

## **LINKS TO 12 MISSIONS IN THE LEVELLING UP WHITE PAPER**

### **MISSIONS**

**This paper contributes to the following Missions outlined in the Government's Levelling Up White paper.**

<b>Health</b>	By 2030, the gap in Healthy Life Expectancy (HLE) between local areas where it is highest and lowest will have narrowed, and by 2035 HLE will rise by 5 years.
<b>Wellbeing</b>	By 2030, well-being will have improved in every area of the UK, with the gap between top performing and other areas closing.
<b>Pride in Place</b>	By 2030, pride in place, such as people’s satisfaction with their town centre and engagement in local culture and community, will have risen in every area of the UK, with the gap between the top performing and other areas closing.
<b>Crime</b>	By 2030, homicide, serious violence, and neighbourhood crime will have fallen, focused on the worst-affected areas.

## ACRONYMS

**AGM** – Annual General Meeting

**ASB** - Anti-Social Behaviour

**CCTV** - Closed Circuit Television

**CPG** - Core Priority Group

**CSP** - Community Safety Partnership

**DHR** – Domestic Homicide Review

**LDAP** – Lincolnshire Domestic Abuse Partnership

**SELCSPP** - South and East Lincolnshire Community Safety Partnership

**S&ELCP** - South and East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership

**SLP** - Safer Lincolnshire Partnership

<b>APPENDICES</b>	
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Appendices are listed below and attached to the back of the report: -	
APPENDIX A	Community Safety Strategy Action Plan 2023-24
APPENDIX B	7 Minute briefing Violence Against Women and Girls
APPENDIX C	ASB in South Holland
APPENDIX D	Annual CCTV Report 2022-23
APPENDIX E	SHDC Parishes CCTV Performance Data Q1 and Q2
APPENDIX F	Neighbourhood Policing Commitment Booklet 2023
APPENDIX G	Safer Lincolnshire Partnership Report

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

No background papers as defined in Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the production of this report.

**CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF THIS REPORT**

A report on this item has not been previously considered by a Council body

**REPORT APPROVAL**

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