

Cambridge Community Safety Partnership

- 17 October 2019
- 10:00-12:03
- Parkside Place Community Fire Station Cambridge

MINUTES

Board

Debbie Kaye (Chair)	Cambridge City Council (Community Services)
Clare Cook	(Bedfordshire, Northamptonshire, Cambridgeshire & Hertfordshire Community Rehabilitation Company Limited (BeNCH CRC Ltd))
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Claire Richards	Cambridgeshire County Council
Lisa Riddle	Cambridgeshire County Council
Nick Skipworth	Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Members

Lynda Kilkelly	Cambridge City Council (Community Services)
Adam Ratcliffe	Cambridge Business Against Crime (CAMBAC)
Leigh Roberts	Cambridgeshire County Council Research Group
Louise Walker (Minutes)	Cambridge City Council (Community Safety Team)

In Attendance

Alasdair Baker	Office of The Police and Crime Commissioner
Paul Rogerson	Cambridgeshire Constabulary
Dave Sargent	Cambridgeshire County Council
Rachel Speechley	Cambridgeshire County Council
Nikitta Vanterpool	Cambridgeshire County Council
Katherine Webb	Cambridgeshire County Council Research Group

1. Welcome, housekeeping, introductions and apologies

- 1.1 The Chair, Debbie Kaye, welcomed everyone and thanked Edward Miller and the Fire & Rescue Service for hosting the meeting. It was noted that Alasdair Baker was attending on behalf of Ray Bisby (Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner). There were two attending members of the public.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from Board Members; Jessica Bawden (Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group) and Maggie

Page (Cambridgeshire & Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust), Members; Adrian Boyle and James Morgan (both Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust), Matt Quinn (British Transport Police), Michelle Reynolds (University of Cambridge), Susie Talbot (Cambridgeshire County Council Public Health Commissioning) and David Walmsley (Anglia Ruskin University).

2. Presentation: Think Communities and Place Based Boards

- 2.1 Nikitta Vanterpool provided a presentation on the work being carried out in the county on Think Communities and Place Based Boards. She explained that the key principles are to provide places with freedom and autonomy to deliver, to have a common understanding of the place and shared vision for change, shared measurement and accountability, understanding and coordinating the activity happening in the place, clear trust and continuous communication, and shifting the focus to identify, relationships and information from structure, policy and procedure.
- 2.2 Claire Richards asked for clarity about Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) and Place Based Boards. Also she asked how this would work with the different district policy committees and strategies as well as democratic structures. Claire Richards said that Place Based Boards would change the function of Area Committees so that there would need to be further consultation. Debbie Kaye asked how elected Ward Councillors, who have much local knowledge, would input into Place Based Boards to ensure local outputs with the importance of clarifying accountability. Nikitta Vanterpool responded that these areas are still being explored and the different challenges such as at district level and how to build on what works well. Alasdair Baker said that there are opportunities and that these different areas would need to be worked through.
- 2.3 Leigh Roberts suggested exploring what is most valuable and how relationships are developed with Elaine Matthews, Cambridgeshire County Council Strengthening Communities Service Manager, who runs Parish events. Debbie Kaye responded that early conversations were already being held with Elaine Matthews and asked about the plans for consultation in Cambridge City, which does not have parishes. Nikitta Vanterpool responded that a Parish Conference was being held soon and that they were thinking of having a road show to go round the county and that Cambridge City Area Committees could be included as part of this.
- 2.4 Lynda Kilkelly asked about the concept to bring all the work together and whether there would be themes devised as part of the journey. She suggested that themes could share practical methods, which have worked in other areas, such as tackling issues like isolation and how these have been funded. Nikitta Vanterpool responded that this work started a year ago and that it has kept growing with the need to ensure that it achieves. She said that they have

been looking at key areas such as Think Communities prototypes. An example is that as a pilot, Huntingdonshire will be looking at health to learn locally and may be able to solve complex issues to share.

- 2.5 Debbie Kaye summed up the view of Cambridge City Council of support for Think Communities and that it is important to build on the existing strong relationships in the city rather than to discard them. She asked organisations to discuss internally how this will work and to identify a senior leader to work with the county.
- 2.6 The Chair thanked Nikitta Vanterpool for her presentation and it was agreed for the presentation to be circulated to the CSP. Action point 10/01

3. Pre-advised questions from the general public

- 3.1 There were no pre-advised questions.

4. Minutes of 2 July 2019 meeting: Agreement

- 4.1 The Minutes of 2 July 2019 meeting were agreed and would go forward for publication.
- 4.2 Claire Richards asked for a further update about Whitworth House. Lisa Riddle responded that the position noted in the Minutes had not changed.

5. Action points: Review

- 5.1 All Action points from the previous meeting were discussed and closed.
- 5.2 Louise Walker provided an update on the previously funded Community Safety Partnership (CSP) projects as funding is not available this year:
- a) *Safe Refuge – Nightlite led by Cambridge Street Pastors*
Due to prudent management of funds, and generous donations from churches, individuals, the Cambridge BID, charities and colleges; they have enough money to maintain the funding of the door staff for 2019/20. The project has been based in St Columba's Church but due to renovation works was required to move out in June 2019 for about 18 months. Many options for alternative venues were explored and Cambridge City Council very kindly agreed the free use of Hobbs' Pavilion on Parker's Piece.
 - b) *Care Venue Project led by St John's Ambulance*
First Aid assistance and cycle responders will continue to run on key Saturday nights such as Halloween Saturday and New Year's Eve, which is being funded internally this year. They will be based in Cambridge City Council's Hobbs Pavilion with the Safe Refuge Project for 2019/20.
 - c) *Healthy Relationships Project led by Centre 33*
Centre 33 delivered Healthy Relationship Workshops in the city secondary

schools. They do not have any specific funding to deliver these workshops in schools currently.

d) *Child Sexual Exploitation Drama Performances*

The previous drama performance provider has not received any bookings from city schools yet. These were previously funded to be performed to coincide National Child Exploitation Awareness Day on 18 March.

e) *Taxi Marshals led by Cambridge Business Against Crime (CAMBAC)*

Adam Ratcliffe, Manager of CAMBAC, reported that they still had a short fall in funding for the December provision to be able to respond to the significant rise in footfall during the festive period and were seeking alternative funding streams. Alasdair Baker said that he would resend Adam the details of a Peterborough Police contact who had secured funding from the Peterborough City Council Licensing Authority to fund a taxi marshal scheme each payday weekend and all weekends in December for the foreseeable future there.

Action point 10/02

6. Update on Transformation Topic Serious Violence: Young People and Knife Crime, including on Operation Carmel

6.1 The Chair reported that following the County Community Safety Workshop, hosted by the CSP in June, Transformation Topic meetings had been held to discuss how organisations can work together effectively with clarity around their roles and responsibilities. It was noted that as the County Safeguarding Children's Board and Child Criminal Exploitation Group are working on a strategy and delivery plan, the CSP were awaiting for the outcome due to be signed off by the Safeguarding Children's Board in November.

6.2 Dave Sargent, Safeguarding Children's Board, provided an update, explaining that with changes in ways of working Rob Hill, Assistant Director Public Protection at Peterborough City and Cambridgeshire County Councils, now represents CSPs on the Board. Working with the Education Safeguarding Team, the County Safeguarding Children's Board is currently looking to produce a County Lines and Gangs package for all schools under a "universal offer". They will work alongside other partners and this will complement the work of the Healthy Schools Service. They have a countywide teacher training event on 25 November where they hope to finalise what will be available and within the last month they have presented to over 120 school leads as part of their CPINS training (child protection network). He said that in the event of a critical incident occurring in an area where there is a school such as a stabbing, it is expected that the police will offer community reassurance and that it would be beneficial for wider partnership involvement in any presentation to the school or community.

6.3 Nick Skipworth asked how social media was being monitored and what was in place as a partnership approach for associates of young people involved in criminal activity. Dave Sargent responded that they were reliant on partners to

monitor social media and that a recent government funding bid had been unsuccessful to able to develop this work. Paul Rogerson reported that a Transforming Lives Project, working with young people locally, will be delivered from Christmas following a successful pilot in Huntingdonshire. The CSP noted that other funding bids will be developed in the future.

- 6.4 Nicky Massey asked about work in schools as children are becoming desensitised and suggested a survey for children to listen and understand their concerns and why some are joining county lines gangs. She asked about having a social media campaign on county lines and also asked if independent schools are involved. Dave Sargent responded that all schools, including language schools, are involved and that messaging needs to be within PSHE lessons, with only an enhanced offer to schools with an emerging issue. Dave Sargent said that he would raise the idea of a children's survey at the schools training event on 25 November.
- 6.5 Rachel Speechley, County Council's Safer Relationships For Exploited Children (SAFE) Team, explained the work of the team, which are funded for a year by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPPC)'s from the Home Office Early Intervention Youth Fund of £384,431. The SAFE Team work with Early Help and Social Care focusing on young people at moderate or significant risk of exploitation, working with the child and their families. She added that other organisations such as Cambridge United Community Trust and Romsey Mill are looking at providing other activities for young people. Mark Freeman commented that there would need to be investment to make communities resilient as previously funded county youth work would have supported the universal work required.
- 6.6 Paul Rogerson provided an update on Operation Carmel explaining that as cuckooing of vulnerable people's homes was being tackled that the public were seeing more drug dealers on the streets. He reported that the police have been working with Elected Members and Council Officers on target hardening in particular areas to improve street lighting and fencing as well as collating intelligence. He said that the activity is a partnership approach rather than police intervention. Claire Richards conveyed her thanks to Paul Rogerson and his team on their work.
- 6.7 The Chair thanked everyone for their contributions. She asked Lynda Kilkelly and Leigh Roberts to discuss updates for the CSP with Rob Hill at the Community Safety Officer Group, which he chairs, as there has not been a link yet with the CSP, and perhaps to invite him to a future CSP meeting. She also asked for the Police and Crime Commissioner to give support to the CSP's work once there is more clarity. Action point 10/03

7. Verbal Updates from Priority Lead Officers:

7.1 CSP Priority: Safeguarding people against violence and exploitation

Nick Skipworth, Priority Lead Officer, provided a verbal update and reported

that Operation Carmel is a significant part of addressing issues to safeguard people. He said that there were challenges with young people trying to emulate the county lines business model and trying to protect associates from exploitation. He reported that some children as young as twelve years old are involved in criminal offences and that the Police are looking at intelligence to be able to work with individuals.

7.2 CSP Priority: Identifying and responding to vulnerable locations

Nick Skipworth, Priority Lead Officer, provided a verbal update. He reported that the police are still finding modern slaves in different locations such as sex workers. He reported on the constant demand level to keep drug dealing under control and the huge amount of work to tackle addiction. Nick Skipworth suggested that it could be beneficial to have a public campaign linking buying drugs to county lines to raise awareness.

7.3 Priority: Domestic abuse

7.3.1. Lisa Riddle provided a verbal update on the Cambridgeshire Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Report and also the Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (DASV) Delivery Board, which she attends on behalf of the CSP. Key items were that the DASV strategy is being developed and daily MARACs (Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences) are being examined. She said that Rob Hill, Assistant Director at Peterborough City and Cambridgeshire County Councils, is developing a proposal for statutory bodies to fund Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs) after April 2020. Nicky Massey expressed that nationally the timescale for completing DHRs needed to be overhauled.

7.3.2. Louise Walker reported on the activities of the Cambridge Community Forum on Domestic and Sexual Violence /Abuse chaired by Executive Councillor Nicky Massey. A Forum meeting had been held on 13 September with a presentation on the charity Diverse's Consent Campaign, which is supported by Cambridgeshire Constabulary, and a presentation on the replacement of local Safeguarding Children's Boards by Lorraine Parker, National Policing Coordinator Multi-agency Child Safeguarding Reform and Former CSP Chair. Louise Walker said that there will be a Domestic Abuse Conference held in the Guildhall on Monday 25 November to mark White Ribbon Day and the United Nations International Day for Eliminating Violence Against Women, which starts 16 Days of Action to 10 December - Human Rights Day.

8. Domestic Homicide Review Action Plan Verbal Update

8.1 Lynda Kilkelly provided an update that the action plan for the Cambridge Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) has been completed apart from two actions, which are on the County DASV Delivery Plan. The report has been published together with the letter from the Home Office on [Cambridge Community Safety Partnership](#).

9. Countywide Strategic Safety Board Verbal Update

9.1 The Chair noted that the updates had already been provided during the meeting.

10. Any other business

10.1 Alasdair Baker asked the CSP to promote the [Police and Crime Commissioner's Youth and Community Fund](#), which has grants available up to £3,000.

10.2 Adam Ratcliffe reported that following the assessor's visit on 26 July, Cambridge City has been successfully awarded [Purple Flag status](#). Cambridge would now join the 70 other Purple Flag towns and cities, demonstrating that the city is welcoming for all generations during the evening and night time economy. Adam Ratcliffe added that Cambridge has been put forward for a national award as the assessors had been impressed with the submission.

11. Key messages from the meeting to share with our organisations and the public

11.1 The Chair summarised the key message to be shared from the meeting:

The need to promote connectivity such as the CSP with Rob Hill and the Child Crime Exploitation Group as well as the need to access good quality data.

11.2 The Chair thanked the Board and Members for their contributions and the meeting was closed at 12:03.