Cambridge Community Safety Partnership

- 11 February 2020
- 10:00-11:30
- Committee Rooms 1 and 2, The Guildhall Cambridge

Minutes

Board

Debbie Kaye (Chair) Cambridge City Council (Community Services)
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Louise Walker (Minutes) Cambridge City Council (Community Safety Team)

1. Welcome, housekeeping, introductions and apologies

- 1.1 The Chair, Debbie Kaye, welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were no attending members of the public.
- Apologies were received from Board Members; Jessica Bawden (Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group), Clare Cook (Bedfordshire, Northamptonshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire Community Rehabilitation Company Limited (BeNCH CRC Ltd)), Edward Miller (Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service), Maggie Page (Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust) and Claire Richards (Cambridgeshire County Council). There were apologies from Members; Matt Quinn (British Transport Police), Adam Ratcliffe (Cambridge Business Against Crime (CAMBAC)) and David Walmsley (Anglia Ruskin University), and also the Acting Police and Crime Commissioner, Ray Bisby.

2. Pre-advised questions from the general public

2.1 There were no pre-advised questions.

3. Minutes of 17 October 2019: Agreement

3.1 The Minutes of 17 October 2019 were agreed and would go forward for publication.

4. Action Points: Review

- 4.1 All action points from the previous meeting were discussed and closed.
- 4.2 The Chair asked Louise Walker to advise Rob Hill of the next Cambridge Community Safety Partnership (CSP) meeting date. Action point 02/01

5. Update on Transformation Topic Serious Violence: Young People and Knife Crime, including on PCC project funding

- 5.1 The Chair reported that a second funding bid had been submitted to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC), explaining that the delay with the first submission had been due to awaiting the finalised Countywide Child Exploitation Plan to avoid duplication. The OPCC has responded that they would like further detailed clarification, for example how the CSP will work with partners such as the Youth Offending Service.
- 5.2 Vice Chair, Lisa Riddle, provided the background to the CSP county lines bid and explained that the CSP wish to take a universal approach, rather than duplicating targeted work such as by the County Council and Police, and that this would link to the work of Think Communities. The potential funding would be £24k a year for two years until March 2021. The project would start in Cambridge and could be scaled up to be shared across the county. Public consultation online and face to face with young people, parents, businesses and the wider community would identify need.
- 5.3 Mark Freeman reported that the first submitted funding bid included creating a separate website, which was essential to be able to engage with a wider audience. He provided the example of Southend See The Signs Campaign's website, which had removed all cookies to enable anonymous reporting, and said that using social media is effective in wider engagement. Susie Talbot reported that the Southend Campaign is led by their Council's Children's Services so is integrated with other established channels and monitored. The Chair said that the OPCC could not currently consider a separate website due to the cost and that links could be provided such as to Fearless, a website for young people operated by Crimestoppers, where information can be shared 100% anonymously. Nicky Massey asked how the CSP will gain data to be able to evidence success if it provides a webpage with links to other websites and Leigh Roberts responded that this is an ongoing issue in prevention work.

5.4 The Chair summarised that the CSP would need to address the points raised by the OPCC to be able to resubmit a bid to receive any funding.

6. Verbal Updates from Priority Lead Officers:

6.1 CSP Priority: Safeguarding people against violence and exploitation

- 6.1.1 Nick Skipworth, Priority Lead Officer, provided a verbal update on successful organised crime disruption. He reported that linked to county lines, there had been 122 arrests since January 2019, £55,405 worth of Class A drugs, £61,982 seized in cash and 42 visits in Section 8 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act, which gives the police statutory protection to enter and search premises for evidence. He explained that Operation Carmel continues and that issues are taken to the City Council led Problem Solving Group. He explained that there has been some scoping work around cuckooing in hostels to understand issues to be able to raise awareness and prevent crime.
- 6.1.2 Susie Talbot asked about a joined-up approach to work in hostels, which often house vulnerable people with mental health, alcohol and drug issues, and the support available for them to be able to retain their housing. Lynda Kilkelly explained that the Problem Solving Group identifies many vulnerable people and connects with other housing providers to support people being exploited.

6.2 CSP Priority: Identifying and responding to vulnerable locations

- 6.2.1 Nick Skipworth, Priority Lead Officer, provided a verbal update. He said that the Police are working with the community and partners such as Cambridge City Council on environmental visual audits to address issues such as with lighting and graffiti. The Police are still using the Cambridge Harm Index, which looks at indices to define harm for example with crime types and impact. The Police look at an index of people to provide insight into individuals for offender management and victims of harm.
- 6.2.2 Lisa Riddle asked if there were any issues with Airbnbs. Nick Skipworth responded that the most frequent issues were around organised prostitution.

6.3 Priority: Domestic abuse

6.3.1 Lisa Riddle provided a verbal update on Cambridgeshire Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (DASV) Partnership's Q3 Report and highlighted trial changes in the MARAC (Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference) process such as the threshold being increased, which will be reviewed at the end of March 2020.

- 6.3.2 Nicky Massey asked about East Cambridgeshire domestic abuse repeat rate of incidence as it was higher than other districts. Action point 02/02
- 6.3.3 Louise Walker reported on the successful Cambridge City Council Domestic Abuse Conference held at 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. She explained that the Cambridge Community Forum on Domestic and Sexual Violence / Abuse, chaired by Executive Councillor for Community Safety Nicky Massey, held a meeting with a guest speaker from Cambridge Rape Crisis Centre during Sexual Violence Awareness Week 3-9 February. She reported that Cambridge City Council has been successfully accredited by the Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance (DAHA) and that some of the work will be used as examples of good practice for other housing providers across the UK.

7. CSP Priorities 2020-2021: Agreement

- 7.1 The Chair, Debbie Kaye, spoke to the report. The Board agreed for the CSP Chair or Vice Chair to lead the Multi-Agency Steering Group with oversight of the Business As Usual Operational Groups and the Transformation Topic.

 Action point 02/03
- 7.2 The Board agreed that the two CSP Priorities for 2020-2021 would be
 - Safeguarding young people against violence and exploitation
 - Listening to community needs and responding together to reduce harm
- 7.3 Mark Freeman asked about the Lead Officer for the Priority: Listening to community needs and responding together to reduce harm, being the Police rather than the County Council who lead the Think Communities work. Nick Skipworth replied that the Police aim to prevent crime and use public consultation to take issues to the Problem Solving Group (PSG) so are already at the heart of this work. Lynda clarified that historically the PSG is a case management group with professionals using their expertise to focus on individual cases and hot spot areas. She explained that the day to day case work is huge and not yet broadening out to what the community can do and if it did, that work would need to be re-managed as well as public expectation. Leigh Roberts reported that the PSG in South Cambridgeshire is trialling their meetings with different parts to discuss individual cases and more generally about communities. Lynda Kilkelly said that she would discuss the Cambridge PSG with Inspector Paul Rogerson. Action point 02/04

8. Community Safety Plan 2020-2021

8.1 The Chair spoke to the Plan, which was agreed by the Board and would include information about the Business As Usual Operational Groups.

9. Partnership Terms of Reference - Agreement

9.1 Louise Walker spoke to the revised Terms of Reference, which lay out the expectations of the Board and Members as a strategic, not an operational, Partnership. The Terms of Reference were agreed by the Board.

10. Domestic Homicide Review Action Plan Verbal Update

- 10.1 Lynda Kilkelly reported that the County Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) Action Plan had been completed, shared with partners and approved by the Home Office. She explained that the Home Office is changing its guidelines, which will take time before publishing. Currently they are giving verbal guidance on whether a DHR should be carried out, which includes avoiding duplication of previous findings. The two DHRs that the Cambridge CSP were about to carry out have now been re-considered for investigation by Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust (CPFT) and the Safeguarding Board and are therefore on hold for now in line with Home Office guidance.
- 10.2 A county wide procedure for funding and carrying out DHRs has been developed and will be presented by Rob Hill to the Countywide Community Safety Strategic Board for approval.
- 10.3 Leigh Roberts asked about a potential challenge with the new county approach. Lynda Kilkelly explained that the individual CSP Chairs have responsibility to decide whether the CSP undertakes a DHR and have to write to the Home Office providing reasons if a DHR is not carried out.

11. Countywide Strategic Safety Board Verbal Update

11.1 Lynda Kilkelly and Leigh Roberts provided updates about the meetings held on 23 October 2019 and 23 January 2020.

12. Any Other Business

12.1 The Chair asked the CSP members to share with their networks the public consultation: Police facilities in Cambridge and on the outskirts of Cambridge. She explained that the response would be from individual CSP members rather than a collective CSP response. Action point 02/05

13. Key messages from the meeting to share with our organisation and the public

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

Think Communities can be viewed in different contexts such as

- The need for design to be meaningful and accessible
- To work together with communities using an asset-based approach
- 13.2 The Chair thanked the Board and Members for their contributions and the meeting was closed at 11:30.