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CRIME AND DISORDER SUB-COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Crime and Disorder Sub-Committee will be held as a Virtual – Online meeting on **WEDNESDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER, 2020 at 2.00 pm.**

Members of the Committee

Councillor Tucker (Chair)

Councillors Biederman, Bulled, Campbell, Cann, Chesters, Gubb, Henderson, Hunt, Luggar, Mack, Orange, D. Spear, L. Spear and York

AGENDA

1. Virtual meeting etiquette and procedure
Chair to report
2. Apologies for Absence
3. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 31st October 2019 (Pages 5 - 8)
(attached)
4. Items brought forward which in the opinion of the Chair should be considered by the meeting as a matter of urgency.
5. Declarations of Interests.
(Please telephone the Corporate and Community Services team to prepare a form for your signature before the meeting. Interests must be re-declared when the item is called, and Councillors must leave the room if necessary).
6. To agree the agenda between Part 'A' and Part 'B' (Confidential Restricted Information).

PART'A'

7. **Update on the North Devon and Torridge Community Safety Partnership**
(Pages 9 - 18)
Report by Environmental Public Health and Housing Manager (TDC), (attached)

PART 'B' (CONFIDENTIAL RESTRICTED INFORMATION)

Nil

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NORTH DEVON COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Crime and Disorder Sub-Committee held at Bideford Town Hall - Bideford on Thursday, 31st October, 2019 at 10.00 am

PRESENT: Members:

Councillor Tucker (Chair)

Councillors Mack, L. Spear and York

Officers:

Community Safety Manager (NR), Community Protection Officer (TB), and Corporate and Community Services Officer (AD).

6. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Biederman, Cann, Gubb, Orange and D Spear.

7. TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12TH FEBRUARY 2019 (ATTACHED).

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the meeting held on 12th February 2019 be noted.

8. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

There were no declarations of interests made.

9. NORTH DEVON AND TORRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

Chairman of the Community Safety Partnership gave the Committee a summary of the North Devon and Torridge District Council Community Safety Partnership Update report (circulated previously) as follows:

- The next annual review to set priorities for the Community Safety Partnership to focus on was to be held in January 2020 and elected Members were welcome to attend
- The Devon Strategic assessment was still outstanding but this would give the top 10 priorities for Devon and be a basis to work on in January 2020
- Funding for the partnership came from the Police Crime Commissioner's Office and as such it was hoped that priorities would

be aligned with their Office

- Every two to three months Partner Leads met to discuss priorities
- Within the two Local Authorities regular meetings took place
- The North Devon area is one of the safest areas to live nationally, it is thought that this is down to the hard working partnership
- Community safety not always rated highly enough against other priorities such as road deaths, drug activity and domestic abuse
- A Community Safety Partnership newsletter had been launched which would provide a twice yearly update on the work achieved by the Partnership
- Members were invited to attend Bitesize sessions which were a positive training session provided on topics such as Modern Day Slavery, County Lines and Terrorism
- The way crime was committed had changed over the last ten to fifteen years
- Unannounced visits had taken place at businesses implicated with modern day slavery practices and the employment of migrant workers
- Intensive focus had been made on County Lines building up intelligence which had helped to deter dealers moving into the area as it was unattractive for them to come to the area
- There had been successful raids made on House's in Multiple Occupation
- £100, 000 funding had been secured to help schools deliver the Personal, Social, Health and Economic programme
- Operation Snap had delivered road safety campaigns successfully, dash cam footage could be uploaded to the Police and used as evidence in road offences, a lorry advertising campaign promoting road safety and driving instructors received training on promoting client messages of road safety
- Street marshalling had been successful in helping reduce the number of incidents that the Police had to be called to deal with
- Reminders were to be sent out to Partnership members advising them to attend future meetings
- Links with One Northern Devon Healthcare meant the CSP were able to look at the causes of people committing crimes, building up a trauma informed knowledge base
- The priority setting meeting scheduled to take place in January 2020 would comprise of a half- day session looking at areas of concern and the second half of the day would focus on how to tackle these areas of concern

In response to a question about the lateness of bars and clubs opening and what could the Local Authority do Toby Davies replied that there was a lot being done and with the Licensing Officer now in place with the Police who would be working with premises the Licensing Committee would have to take hard hitting action with License Holders who infringed the conditions of their licence, street marshalling helped Police resources. It would need to be looked at whether reducing opening hours on licenced premises would adversely affect businesses.

In response to a question about Officers being trained to deal with more vulnerable members of the Community and the need for local Places of Safety Toby Davies replied that a significant demand was placed on the Police resources when dealing with mental health issues. The links with One Northern Devon helped to understand why offenders kept coming back to crime.

In response to a question about the need for a Place of Safety in North Devon Toby Davies advised that there was a crises café which was helping persons at risk. Using statistics didn't give the true picture of how often a place of safety might have been needed as other means of helping persons at risk such as Accident and Emergency were used.

In response to the lack of information in the annual report on suicide rates and the threat around terrorism Toby Davies advised that significant work was being carried out in the prevention of terrorism which could not be discussed and that elected Members had a community safety function and needed to ensure their voices were heard by lobbying the relevant organisations in connection with the risk of suicide and mental health issues.

In response to a question about whether he felt the area was out of step with licensing hours Toby Davies advised that this could be discussed at the priority setting meeting to be held in January 2020.

In response to a question about follow up help available for persons at risk Toby Davies advised that there were several organisations such as Integr8 and Clarity. As well as the Yellow Wellies, Farm Safety Foundation group specifically for Farmers.

In response to a question about the Community Psychiatric Nurse, the Community Safety Manager, North Devon, explained the post was full-time, and ran during office hours. It was attached to North Devon's enhanced Rough Sleeper service and in addition to this role there was a full-time specialist in drug and alcohol related problems who was able to recognise client's wider issues.

In relation to persons who do not speak English as their first language the Community Safety and Public Health Lead Officer, Torridge District Council advised that there were many mobile phone applications that could now translate spoken word and he would ensure Officers had software installed on devices.

In response to a question on Cyber bullying and education in schools Toby Davies advised that this was an area that could be looked into at the meeting to be held in January 2020. It was not currently a priority of the Community Safety Partnership. A Bitesize session had been held on the issue of cyber bullying. Any concerns regarding offensive behaviour online should be reported via email to 101@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk or telephone Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. Members could reassure public that behaviour was being monitored. The Youth Offending Team were working with youngsters diverting them away from following a criminal path.

Chair

The meeting ended at 11.30 am

REPORT OF Chair of the North Devon and Torridge Community Safety Partnership
To: External Overview & Scrutiny
Subject: Update on the North Devon & Torridge Community Safety Partnership
Date: 25th November 2020 **Reference:** CSP1

PURPOSE OF REPORT: To provide members of the External Overview and Scrutiny Committee an update on the work of the North Devon & Torridge Community Safety Partnership.

1. INTRODUCTION

The North Devon & Torridge Community Safety Partnership is a statutory body set up under sections 5-7 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. It is made up of representatives from several agencies involved with crime, disorder and community safety. There is a joint CSP board between North Devon and Torridge which meets on a quarterly basis. The current Chair of the board is Superintendent Toby Davies of Devon and Cornwall Police. Meetings are attended by the following agencies:

- Torridge District Council
- North Devon District Council
- Devon and Cornwall Police
- Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue
- Police and Crime Commissioner representative
- DCC Public health
- Together (drug and alcohol support services)
- Leesar (domestic and sexual violence support services)
- Probation services
- TTVS/NDVS (voluntary services)
- North Devon Healthcare Trust
- Elected members from TDC, ND and DCC

The current priorities of the CSP are:

Priority one: protecting the vulnerable

The broadest of our priorities focuses on crimes that often affect the most vulnerable in our society, for example: child sexual exploitation, modern slavery or radicalisation. With each we are fundamentally concerned with the impact on our communities.



Priority two: sexual violence and domestic abuse

A multi-agency approach to sexual violence and domestic abuse allows the victim to be at the heart of the service. DSVAs are commissioned locally and operate important provisions such as support and advice services, court located independent domestic violence advisors (IDVAs) and places of safety.

Priority three: substance misuse

Utilising a partnership approach to identify, support and tackle alcohol and drug related issues within our communities. We work with specialist drug and alcohol services (both commissioned and voluntary) which in turn work with both service users and their families in a range of ways to reduce harm and support recovery.

Priority four: emerging threats

To allow the CSP to respond quickly and effectively to new concerns, we review emerging issues in our communities and where necessary, will set up a specialist group from within our partners to work on a specific problem. Any of our partners can bring matters to the board for consideration and action.

Our CSP is represented on the Safer Devon Partnership Executive Management Group through our Chair. Some statutory functions of the CSP are delivered at regional level, such as the production of a Crime and Disorder Strategic Assessment, regional reoffending strategy development, and the management of Domestic Homicide Reviews. At a local level, the role of the board consists of setting and monitoring local priorities, overseeing the allocation of CSP funding by both authorities and maintaining an overview of issues affecting community safety in both districts.

2. REPORT

The Community Safety Partnership has been very active since our last report to the Scrutiny and we have faced many local challenges over a range of issues. Obviously 2020 has been dominated by COVID-19 which has given rise to additional challenges which has been met through the valuable contributions of the partnership. The following gives an outline of activities carried out:

- Up until March 2020 we were still delivering regular bespoke “bite sized training programmes” which were delivered covering a range of topics of interest and were well attended by both front-line partnership staff and by members. Topics covered to date include Cyber Safety & Scams, exploitation - modern slavery, 2019/20 update on County Lines, Prevent / Radicalisation, and suicide intervention. We are now developing a virtual platform so we can continue to deliver a 2021 programme of sessions. Invites for this training are publicised in the members briefing and attendance by members is very much welcomed.
- A suicide intervention tool kit has now been fully developed and is available to all front-line staff. All awareness raising and training for officers and managers has now been rolled out.



- Even though we continue to be affected by national restrictions as a result of our fight against COVID-19 Organised Crime Groups still find ways to adapt to these fast-changing restrictions and County Lines has still been a significant issue in both areas. We continue to promote the sharing of vital intelligence with our policing colleagues through the Devon & Cornwall Police's Partner Agency Information Sharing Form. In this regard North Devon & Torridge Community Safety Partnership continues to be the top partnership for all intelligence submissions to the Police's Force Intelligence Unit which evidences how well we promote community safety as a partnership. The Partnership have also funded the purchase of overt CCTV cameras that are now being used to protect the most vulnerable within our community from "County Lines" & "Cuckooing"
- The Partnership's involvement at the North Devon Crime and Disorder Sub Committee – the last meeting was held on 31st October 2019 and the Minutes of that meeting can be found here <https://democracy.northdevon.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=138&MId=118>
1 Topics covered included homelessness, alcohol misuse, sexual violence & domestic abuse, and road safety.
- Programmes funded by the CSP – Street Marshals Scheme (up until March 2020 as all night clubs closed due to COVID-19 Regulations), CCTV Cameras re County Lines disruption and detection, mediation services, crime prevention engagement tools, Call blockers – scams, delivery of a Trauma Informed Conference to partners, and support programmes to support victims of sexual violence and domestic abuse.
- CSP representation on the Devon Suicide Prevention Strategic Group
- CSP representation on the Devon Anti-Slavery Partnership (DASP) and the Migrant Workers Action Group (MigWag). Involvement in partnership action against local businesses implicated in modern slavery practices across both districts.
- CSP representation on both the Devon and Torbay Prevent Partnership and the Prevent and Education group.
- Safeguarding those in our community by Promoting Devon & Somerset Fire and Rescue's Home Fire Safety Visit Programme.
- Road safety has always been recognised as an 'emerging threat' in Torridge and North Devon and we are pleased that our partnership is now represented at the "Northern Devon Road Safety Forum" and regular meetings are held to discuss local issues. In addition, the CSP and OPCC are now fully supporting Devon & Cornwall Police's 'Operation Snap' in Northern Devon – this is allowing the public to upload dash cam footage of road traffic offences so that the police can take positive enforcement action.
- In January 2020 our CSP delivered an amazing "Trauma Informed Conference" to over 150 delegates from a variety of agencies including, police, education, fire, NHS - Mental Health Teams, district council front line staff and members. The conference had 3 key speakers and they covered a range of trauma related aspects including:



Looking at what Trauma is and how people are affected by it (e.g. psychological impact, brain development etc). How people are affected physically by sustained exposure to trauma and how that may affect them and their presentation.

We then covered HOPE. HEAL. RECOVER. Tackling Trauma Together. This looks at our response and how our actions can help/hinder a person, the hurdles we can experience and what we can do to help those people affected.

After looking at what Trauma is and how we can help a practical look at a charity that has invested in Trauma informed care and how that changes how they work, the areas in which they are working in and the successes they have had.

- During the summer of 2020 North Devon & Torrington Community Safety Partnership was successful in securing a bid with the OPCC to deliver a “Safer Summer Scheme” In Torrington, the scheme funded high visibility patrols in Bideford, Westward Ho!, Croyde and Woolacombe by SIA approved staff who actively engaged and supported the public in the prevention of anti-social behaviour related incidents and COVID related advice and guidance.
- In October 2020 the partnership also secured a bid with the OPCC to deliver a “Safer Towns Scheme” in Torrington and North Devon. This has meant we have secured outreach help for those who are homeless / street attached within Bideford. The bid also enabled us to commission DYS Space from our local Bideford Youth Centre to deliver a programme of youth engagement within Bideford. In North Devon, the fund has been used to buy pay points which will enable the public to easily donate to local homelessness charities
- The partnership has a statutory duty under the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime & Policing Act 2014 to investigate all Community Triggers within its district. The Community Trigger is a process for problem solving and finding solutions for any victim of anti-social behaviour, as well as providing a mechanism for multi-agency accountability which cannot be achieved through single agency involvement. Since our last report Torrington District Council have received 4 Community Trigger activations, however all 4 did not meet our local threshold for full evaluation and therefore each victim was contacted and offered alternative help and advice with the issues they reported.
- Since December 2019 our partnership continues to work closely with Devon Children & Family Partnership in the joint delivery of an Adolescent Safety Framework Programme. This programme will support children, young people, families and professionals across all partnerships to meet risks identified outside of the family environment that place young people at risk or compromise their safety. This includes risks caused by peer groups, exploitation, locations and persons of concern.

This pathway is designed to maximise the participation of the young person to focus on how the situation can be made safer with all agencies working together. There are also meeting formats for concerns regarding peer groups, Neighbourhood (Location) and School Context conferences. These will be facilitated by independent Safeguarding Chairs, Community Safety Partnership Chairs, Headteachers or Designated Safeguarding Leads respectively.

- The partnership in conjunction with our Police Partnership Team have recently developed an Anti-Social Behaviour Steering Group that will be focussing on engagement, educating, and supporting those in our community who are street



attached. This will focus on the behaviour of those individuals and assess the impacts of that behaviour on the public and local businesses. The group meet monthly and it is intended that this will involve local members and business representatives affected by anti-social behaviour within the community.

Crime statistics and emerging threats are reviewed at every CSP meeting the most recent meeting having just been held in October 2020. In terms of local crime, there has been a clear reduction in reported crime across all crime types however this has been down to COVID-19. It is worth noting that this is a national trend and not just isolated here in Devon & Cornwall. However, Northern Devon still remains one of the lowest crime areas in the country.

We continue to receive funding to our CSP from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, for which we are very grateful - this funding is vital to supporting the work of the CSP. The 20-21 Spending Intentions Plan, approved by the OPCC, is appended to this report.

3. CONCLUSIONS

We are pleased to report that the Community Safety Partnership remain active and committed to monitoring, supporting and promoting activities in a wide range of areas that impact on community safety in Torridge and North Devon. This is against a backdrop of dealing with our response to COVID-19 and the ever-reducing resources across all agencies as well as managing the changing threats and issues faced by our communities.

However, these challenges empower the partnership to maintain our work in an efficient and effective joined up manner. The CSP provides a basis for this approach and this is pivotal for community safety across Northern Devon.



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Community Safety Partnership Fund

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Spending Intentions Plan

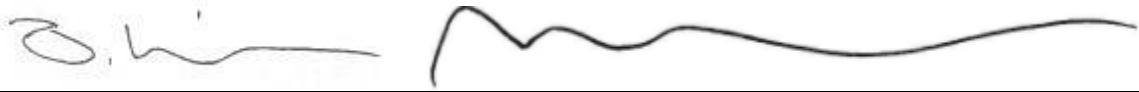
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North Devon and Torridge Community Safety Partnership				
Grant total: £25,000				
Project/Service/Pilot title and brief outline	Amount allocated £	How the outcomes will be measured	Police & Crime Plan priority?	Approved
Annual contribution to Northern Devon Community Mediation Scheme (Neighbour Dispute Resolution)	£2500	Northern Devon Mediation Scheme provide half yearly comprehensive reports of all referrals and outcomes which our reviewed by the CSP.	Yes priorities 1,3 & 4	
North Devon & Torridge Street Marshalls Scheme	£2500	Annual return made by the scheme which details incidents dealt with and reported by the Marshalls, report also monitors outcomes.	Yes priorities 1, 2, 3 & 4	

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SVDA (Sexual Violence and Domestic Abuse)	£3300	CSP to deliver Bitesize awareness talks to internal council staff and partner agencies. Promote and deliver work through our SVDA Forum which will focus on communication and perpetrator engagement / diversion. Outcomes measured through Bitesize feedback forms and SVDA Forum action trackers.	Yes Priorities 1, 2, 3, 4	
Road Safety	£1700	Raising awareness of road safety with young drivers through The Honest Truth Scheme to continue the delivery of community engagement projects. Promoting the development of Community Speed Watch schemes. Outcomes to be measured by CSP.	Yes Priorities 1, 2	
Community Engagement	£2000	Continue with Primary School engagement workshops delivered by PCSOs, and Integrated Offender Management Programmes to promote work within our communities to reduce re offending. All to be monitored by the CSP.	Yes Priorities 1, 2	
County Lines	£3000	Joint delivery of Devon & Cornwall Police's Intensification Weeks during the fiscal year. Also to continue to deliver Bitesize awareness talks to internal council staff and partner agencies. All to be monitored by Bitesize Feedback Forms and the CSP.	Yes Priorities 1, 2, 3, 4	
Crime Prevention	£2000	Raising the awareness of SCAMS with the elderly and the most vulnerable within our communities. Continue to deliver local roadshows to promote crime prevention. All to be monitored by Devon & Cornwall Police's Crime Prevention Officer who will update the CSP.	Yes Priorities 1, 2, 4	

Domestic Homicide Reviews	£2000	North Devon & Torridge Community Safety Partnership's contribution to DHR's Outcomes monitored by Safer Devon Partnership.	Yes Priorities 2, 3, 4	
Exploitation	£2500	Raising the awareness of Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking / NRM process with partnership front line practitioners through Bitesize sessions. Delivery and raising the awareness of Neighbourhood Context Meetings re the Adolescent Safety Framework Risk Pathways and Radicalisation / Extremism. Monitoring via Bitesize Feedback Forms and the CSP.	Yes Priorities 2, 3, 4	
Trauma Informed Approach	£3500	Delivery of a Trauma Informed Conference to strategic and operational Partners. Deliver Mental Health First Aid Courses to front line practitioners. Monitoring through conference and training feedback forms.	Yes Priorities 1,2,3,4,5	

Signature	
Name (printed)	Janet Williams (TDC) & Natasha Rowlands (NDDC)
Position	Community Safety and Environmental Health Managers
Date	18/03/2020

Notes:

- **The Police & Crime Plan Five Priority Areas are:**
 1. **Connecting Communities and Policing**
 2. **Preventing and deterring crime**
 3. **Protecting people at risk of abuse**
 4. **Supporting victims and witnesses and helping them to get justice**
 5. **Getting the best out of the police**