



REPORT TO: COUNCIL

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OUTSIDE BODY: NORTH DEVON & TORRIDGE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

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1. ACTIVITY

1.1 The North Devon & torridge Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is made up of statutory partners including North Devon Council, Devon & Cornwall Police, The NHS, Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. There are also non-statutory members such as North Devon Against Domestic Abuse and North Devon Voluntary Services.

1.2 The CSP meets on a quarterly basis.

2. PURPOSE

2.1 The purpose of The Partnership is to bring local key agencies together to deliver multi-agency solutions by pooling resources, expertise and experience.

2.2 Involvement in the CSP helps North Devon Council's corporate priority of "Becoming Focused on Delivering the Best for All Our Citizens".

3. ACHIEVEMENTS

3.1 Safer Streets Bid

3.1.1 The CSP played an important role in the successful bid to HMG Safer Streets Fund. Activities included Street Marshalls in Barnstaple who patrol 7 days a week, as well as Marshalls attached to Fever Nightclub who operate after the club closes to help people leave safely.

3.1.2 Other activities included in the project are:

- By-stander training to increase safety of women and girls
- Self defence training for Petroc students
- Improved CCVY coverage and street lighting

3.2 Serious Violence Duty

3.2.1 The CSP has been part of Devon wide planning for our new duty to prevent serious violence. Our focus is violence amongst under 25 year olds and as part of this we are developing a programme for local schools to be delivered to 12 year olds.

3.3 Prevent

3.3.1 The partnership contributed to the production of the Devon Counter Terrorism Local Profile. An officer now attends the monthly Channel Panel which attempts to divert referred individuals away from terrorism.

3.4 Trauma-Informed Work

3.4.1 The CSP continue to have a focus on Trauma-Informed practice. Two officers have been trained to deliver inputs to others. We are working with local organisations to increase awareness of this in North Devon.

3.5 Bitesize

3.5.1 Following the end of covid restrictions, work has started on reintroduction of our popular Bitesize training series. It is likely that the first session will focus on illegal loaning by loan sharks.

3.6 Sub-Groups

3.6.1 The CSP continue to attend and contribute to the following Devon groups:

- Serious Violence Delivery Group – Chaired by the Police & Crime Commissioner
- The Devon & Torbay Prevent Partnership
- Devon Domestic Abuse Partnership Board

3.6.2 In addition, the North Devon & Torridge CSP have the following sub groups that meet on a quarterly basis.

- Road Safety
- Sexual Violence & Domestic Abuse Forum
- Anti-Social Behaviour Steering Group

4. THE FUTURE

4.1 By working together, the CSP allows for coordinated responses to local crime and disorder issues. North Devon remains one of the safest places to live in England, and joint working helps to maintain this.

4.2 The Council has a Statutory Duty to work together with partners to reduce crime, or the fear of crime in our local area.