

## **LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY BOARD**

**20<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2020**

### **LSCSB UPDATE: OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER**

#### **Background**

1. The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) through its office (OPCC) has a range of responsibilities including the following:
  - Overall responsibility for “the totality of policing”, which includes:
    - Providing strategic direction for the work of the police in consultation with the public;
    - Developing and delivering a Police and Crime Plan, through which to provide the strategic direction;
    - Holding the police accountable to the public for their efficiency and effectiveness;
    - Holding and setting the police budget and overseeing the whole estate;
  - Commissioning a range of services, including victim services;
  - Funding services and responsibilities, including community safety partnerships;
  - Providing some oversight and direction for the criminal justice system as a whole.
2. The final element is probably less well developed than the others, reflecting the complexity of the criminal justice system, but this is a very clear ambition of the current PCC.
3. On top of this, in order to deliver the Police and Crime Plan, the PCC needs to influence a range of services that have an impact on crime and other harmful behaviours. These services include health, drug and alcohol treatment, employment services and many others. There is a particular focus in the current Police and Crime Plan on the long term prevention of harmful behaviours, and this is most specifically seen in the recent development of the Violence Reduction Network.
4. In order to achieve the wide ranging and long term elements of the Police and Crime Plan the PCC provides the leadership for the Strategic Partnership Board within LLR and for the East Midlands Criminal Justice Board.

## Notable developments and challenges:

### Past Year

5. Key developments over the past year have included:

- The establishment of a Violence Reduction Network (VRN) for the whole of LLR. The VRN has now prepared its initial Strategic Needs Analysis and draft Response Plan, which are key requirements for the Home Office grant. These documents will map out the direction of VRN work over the coming year. The VRN has been invited to apply for funding for a second year of operation, although the intention is that the VRN will continue operating until its objectives have been met.
- The reconfiguration and management of the Strategic Partnership Board and related sub-groups, particularly the development of a Prevention Board and the establishment of People Zones across the area. At its latest meeting on 14 January 2020 the SPB Executive Board identified certain priority harmful behaviours to target in addition to serious violence, which is already the focus of the VRN. These additional behaviours are: domestic violence, serious crime arising from specific traveller sites, behaviours arising from the night time economy, behaviours arising from substance misuse, behaviours arising from mental ill-health, missing people, exploitation of vulnerable people. The meeting added cyber-crime/fraud and gang related behaviour. The SPB Executive Board will undertake Deep Dive exercises on each of these behaviours in turn, with the aim of agreeing a future plan that will be taken to SPB for approval. The first of these sessions will focus on missing children.
- The development of the East Midlands Criminal Justice Board.
- The latest Community Safety Partnership (CSP) forum took place in Melton and agreed arrangements for the data packs for CSPs and for reporting arrangements. The notes are attached as an **appendix**.
- The development of a commissioning strategy and undertaking new commissioning initiatives in collaboration with partners, particularly in areas such as domestic and sexual abuse services.
- The establishment of a forum for the development of a long term strategy on mental health, which will now be addressed as part of the reconfiguration and management of the Strategic Partnership Board.
- The development of a project for enhancing employment opportunities for ex-offenders.
- The maintenance of a programme of community engagement across the area.

- The stimulation of community led initiatives across the area via the PCC Prevention Fund.
- The delivery of a campaign on modern slavery.
- Support the development of a revised operating model within the police.
- Work closely with the Ministry of Justice to establish a revised model and local oversight for delivering probation services and other services commissioned on a national basis.

### **Coming Year**

6. The principle aim of the coming year is to embed the approach to the long term prevention of harmful behaviours across the area, working closely with partners in criminal justice, health, local authorities, including public health and others. This includes the further development of the Violence Reduction Network, People Zones and new initiatives particularly focussing on local communities.
7. The PCC has agreed to fund three initiatives to enhance this approach. These are:
  - An updated version of People Zones drawing on a revised model and funding to establish a core role;
  - A programme to enable the development of community leaders across LLR;
  - A programme to establish multi use games areas (MUGA) with supporting activities.
8. The details for each of these are being worked out and will announced as soon as possible.
9. Alongside this the PCC aims to enhance its collaborative working with partners, particularly community safety partnerships and other inter-agency collaborative forms of working.
10. The other main area of development is to enhance the level of community engagement, including engagement with young people and particular groups across the area.

### **Key issues for partnership working or affecting partners**

11. Most of the work of the OPCC aligns with Community Safety Partnerships and therefore it is important to ensure our agendas are linked and regularly shared. For instance there is clearly a CSP role in relation to the work of the Violence Reduction Network and we are establishing a series of forums to explore this further. We have had similar discussions in relation to the work of SPB and the development of People Zones.

**Recommendations for the Board**

12. The Board is asked to note this report.

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**Appendix**

CSP Chairs Network Meeting notes - 24/01/20