



To be submitted to the Council at its meeting on 17th December 2020

CRIME AND DISORDER COMMITTEE

5th November 2020 at 2.00 p.m.

Present:

Councillor Silvester (in the Chair)
Councillor Beasant, Sheridan, K Swinburn and Watson

Partnership representatives:

- Chief Superintendent Darren Wildbore (Humberside Police)
- Becky Bailey (Company Director - Humberside, Lincolnshire and North Yorkshire Community Rehabilitation Company Ltd)
- Lisa Hilder (North East Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group)

Officers in attendance:

- Spencer Hunt (Assistant Director of Safer NEL)
- Zoe Campbell (Scrutiny and Committee Advisor)
- Colin Lomas (Community Service Manager)
- Rebecca Freeman (Community Safety Partnership Co-ordinator Manager)
- Maureen Lee (Community Safety Analyst)

Also in attendance:

- Councillor Ron Shepherd (Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities)

CD.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received for this meeting from Councillor Woodward.

CD. 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received in respect of any item on the agenda for this meeting.

CD.3

JOINT STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE ASSESSMENT

The committee received a report and presentation that provided an overview of the findings from the Community Safety Partnership's (CSP's) Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment (JSIA), including performance data and emerging threats. The presentation covered the aims for 2017-20, funding, performance, overall crime across the wards, the different types of crime and emerging risks. Chief Superintendent Wildbore felt that the public consultation had been a success as it helped to gain an understanding of what the public thought the CSP should prioritise, with anti-social behaviour (ASB), drug related crime and alcohol related crime and disorder being the main ones..

Chief Superintendent Wildbore confirmed that consideration would be given to the following JSIA recommendations throughout the delivery of the 2020-2023 Partnership Plan:

- The development of a victim pathway to ensure that victim care retains appropriate focus within our strategic objectives.
- The coordination of CSP priorities with existing community cohesion work.
- The strengthening of the CSP's engagement with local communities.

The next steps were to refresh the partnership plan, revise the delivery mechanism and develop a performance framework.

The committee welcomed the presentation and queried if they could be provided with a list of the categories that were included under the title of anti-social behaviour.

Violent Crime - Members queried if postcode data was provided for those people who went to hospital with serious injuries as a result of violent crime. Chief Superintendent Wildbore explained that it was likely that violent crime would be a statutory responsibility in terms of reduction to the local CSP's and involve public health but he was unsure if the information was provided at postcode level. Members felt that hospitals should provide the data to allow the police and other agencies to be proactive in areas that were hot spots for violent crime. Mr Hunt explained that the suggestion built on a model that gave additional data around violent crime that people did not report to the police. He confirmed that despite previous requests for A&E data in relation to injury, no data had been provided.

Members queried how many people took part in the public consultation and how many from each ward. Chief Superintendent Wildbore confirmed he would provide this information to the committee following the meeting.

Preventing Violent Extremism – Members raised concerns around the lack of Prevent referrals to Channel. They questioned if the CSP were planning to do something different to get that back to a level of

anticipated prevent referrals. Mr Hunt explained that the data provided was up to the end of March 2020 and since March there were a number of referrals into Channel. Officers shared members concerns at the time and as a result a Task and Finish group was set up. The work of the group included self-assessments within schools, which provided a good level of awareness of their duties in relation to Prevent and the referral process. Agencies too were contacted, which confirmed that awareness was good. Mr Hunt reassured the committee that it was not awareness that was the issue it was just a period of reduced referrals. Schools would be invited to undertake a further self-assessment during 2021 and there remained an ongoing programme of training and awareness for agencies.

Dog Fouling - Dog fouling was mentioned in Humber talk and members were interested to know if it was a big issue, how much resource was being allocated and how many penalty notices were issued. Mr Hunt explained that in the absence of Environmental Enforcement at this meeting, this request for information could be included as part of the anti-social behaviour agenda item that was being presented to the Communities Scrutiny Panel on the 26th November 2020.

Drugs - Members welcomed the fantastic work that took place during Operation Galaxy. Members were concerned about the visible drug dealing that took place across the borough, particularly in local parks, and queried what was being done to tackle the drug dealing on the streets to catch and disperse people. Chief Superintendent Wildbore explained that the police needed to have intelligence from the public to direct police patrols and build up intelligence on hotspot locations. He confirmed that tackling drug supply was a priority, and that Humberside Police would act on any information to disrupt dealing.

Shop Theft - Shoplifting within local shops that were not part of the town centre was a concern to members and it was highlighted that they had reports from shop keepers about frequently low priced items being stolen. Members asked for reassurance on how it was being tackled and the support that was available for shop keepers. Chief Superintendent Wildbore confirmed that the tactical tasking and coordination group met on a monthly basis to assess the recent crime trends. If there were any trends of shop theft then that would be flagged up at the group, made a priority and referred to the local PCSO to liaise with shop keepers.

Drug Treatment - Members queried the drug and alcohol treatment; how much higher was it than the national average and had it increased from previous years and how many people were off drugs as a result. Mr Hunt suggested that this could be raised as an item to be included on the Communities Scrutiny Panel work programme.

Arson - Members explained they were aware of several alleyway fires due to a build up of rubbish and they queried how this was being reported. Chief Superintendent Wildbore confirmed from a police perspective they had multi agency meetings and a link with the fire

service to provide a multi-agency approach. Mr Hunt suggested to the committee that Mr Leake from Humberside Fire and Rescue Service be invited to a future Communities Scrutiny Panel meeting to address members concerns.

Noise - The number of noise complaints was queried in terms of how many came in versus the forms filled in online and was there a comprehensive collection of data. Mr Hunt explained that a review of the Council's approach to tackling noise issues was undertaken around 2017. He explained more emphasis was now placed on residents to take ownership and resolve with their neighbour in the first instance if it was safe to do so. This enabled the Enforcement Team to deal with more persistent offenders.

Neighbourhood Watch - Members were mindful of the funding changes to support Neighbourhood Watch. Mr Hunt explained to the Committee that a new multi-agency approach to supporting and developing Neighbourhood Watch was in progress. The Council's ASB Team were part of the new approach and would provide support around any ASB related issues to Neighbourhood Watch Groups.

RESOLVED –

1. That the report be noted.
2. That this committee be provided with a list of the crimes that were included under the title of anti-social behaviour.
3. That information on the number of people who took part in the public consultation and numbers in each ward, be provided to this committee.
4. That the Communities Scrutiny Panel include drug and alcohol treatment as part of its work programme.
5. That Mr Leake from Humberside Fire and Rescue Service be invited to a future Communities Scrutiny Panel meeting to address members concerns about arson and alleyway fires.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 3.44 p.m.