

Thurrock Community Safety Partnership

Thurrock Community Safety Partnership Board meeting minutes 21 March 2024 2pm to 4:30pm

Chair: Jenny Barnett, Chief Superintendent, Essex Police.

Objectives and decisions:

- to be updated on incidents of note and crime performance
- to approve annual report 2023/24 for publication
- to sign-off Strategic assessment 2023 and delivery plan for 2024/25
- to sign-off the Prevent Strategy 24/27
- to sign-off Thurrock's response to the Serious Violence Duty

Attendees and apologies

Statutory

Name	Organisation	Attendance
Jenny Barnett, Chair	Chief Superintendent, Essex Police	Attended
Michael Dineen, Vice Chair	Acting Director, Counter Fraud, Community Safety and Resilience, Thurrock Council	Attended
Martin Lucas	The Probation Service	Apologies
Michelle Fraser	The Probation Service	Attended
Cllr G Collins	Councillor representative, Police Crime Panel	Apologies
Anthony Atkin (TA)	District Commander, Essex Police	Attended
Mark Eaglestone	Group Commander, Essex County Fire and Rescue Service	Apologies
Cheryl Wells	Head of Community Safety, Emergency Planning and Resilience, Thurrock Council	Attended
Margaret Allen	Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board (ICB)	
Cllr Jefferies	Portfolio Holder, Thurrock Council	Apologies
Russ Freeman	Essex County Fire and Rescue Service	Apologies

Non-statutory

Name	Organisation	Attendance
Howard Oldstein	Savills	Attended
Ewelina Sorbjan	Assistant Director – Housing Management, Thurrock Council	Attended
Clare Moore	Head of Youth Offending Service and Prevention, Thurrock Council	Apologies
Helen Forster	Head of Public Health, Thurrock Council	Attended
Mark Tebbs	Thurrock CVS	Apologies
Shelia Coates	SERICC	Apologies
Aliyah Monroe	Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)	Attended
Malcom Taylor	Adults, Housing and Health, Thurrock Council	Apologies
Simon Bell	Chair of Thurrock Association of Secondary Schools (TASS), education lead	Attended
Greg Myddelton	Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (PFCC)	Apologies
Jo Broadbent	Director of Public Health, Thurrock Council	Apologies

Ex-officio

Name	Organisation	Attendance
Michelle Cunningham	Community Safety Partnership Manager	Attended

Items discussed

Ref.	Item
1	Introduction and apologies
1.1	<p>Attendees and apologies – as above.</p> <p>Concerns raised regards attendance and noted that the board were not quorate (4 out of 6 statutory partners to be present).</p> <p>Items for sign off to be shared after the meeting with statutory partners and chair agreed to draft a letter to encourage representation at appropriate level.</p> <p>Confidentiality and Disclosure was shared.</p>
1.2	<p>Items for urgent 'any other business'.</p> <p>None requested.</p>
2.	Minutes
2.1	<p>Minutes from 07/12/2023.</p> <p>Agreed as true copy with no amends.</p>
2.2	<p>Outstanding actions.</p> <p>MC provided updates against the action log.</p>
2.3	<p>Matters Arising.</p> <p>None noted.</p>
3.	Voice of our Communities
3.1	No concerns raised by representatives for discussion.
4.	Performance and Incidents of Note
4.1	<p>Report of District Commander – Tony Atkin.</p> <p>TA went through highlights of performance on report shared and highlighted large reduction in robberies recently in particular at Lakeside, our hot spot area, through Op Step being run.</p> <p>MD added that the PFCC visited to look at Op Dial to see improvements and also to see work of the Transport Safety Officers and thanked those officers who attended and supported.</p> <p>TA through the PFCC have also secured request from Roads Policing for Laser cam 4 cameras to provide additional response to car cruisers.</p>
4.2	<p>ECFRS Performance report.</p> <p>Due to an urgent operational matter ECFRS were not in attendance to provide this update</p>
5.	Police, Fire Crime Commissioner Update

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5.1	<p>PFCC Update.</p> <p>Greg Myddelton gave apologies and confirmed no issues to raise.</p>
5.2	<p>Police Fire Crime Panel.</p> <p>Apologies tendered</p>
6.	Delivering Safer Communities – Michelle Cunningham.
6.1	<p>Overview of CSP legislation.</p> <p>MC asked members if there was any aspect of the legislation that we felt weren't fulfilling or could be improved.</p> <p>MC suggested that a self-assessment is shared with partners to rate.</p> <p>JB agreed with this proposal and requested September meeting be all day for presentations looking at best practice and for partners to reflect on the board and refocus it.</p> <p>MD agreed that this would be a good way forward.</p> <p>CW suggested a review of attendees was required.</p> <p>JB to contact statutory partners to improve attendance and look at how engage non-statutory partners.</p>
6.2	<p>Annual report 23/24 to sign-off.</p> <p>Members queried the action taken to address modern day slavery and what could be done.</p> <p>ES requested refresher training for traveller liaison officers and HF added those engaging through public health partner days.</p> <p>TA asked what partnership work was in place. MC explained that the partnership meetings which include Port of Tilbury Police had been cancelled, TA said he would follow this up.</p> <p>Members felt that foodbanks were a potential gap and HF added opportunity through the pharmacist they had commissioned at Tilbury foodbank.</p> <p>JB requested a working group be established to target activity for the year.</p>
6.3	<p>Funding report to PFCC 23/24 to sign-off.</p> <p>MC shared the funding report required by the PFCC in respect of our grant funding. No questions raised.</p>

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6.4	<p>Strategic Assessment to sign-off.</p> <p>MC explained there were 3 versions and she had shared the executive summary which will be published.</p> <p>MF flagged a concern regards the fixed cohort data. MC requested to review and discuss with MF before publication</p> <p>ES requested that MC attend the housing managers meeting and present this data alongside perception data.</p>
6.5	<p>Delivery Plan 24/25 to sign-off.</p> <p>MC presented the delivery plan</p> <p>JB asked for more information in relation to fire home safety visits, who referred, how many had been carried out and ES asked in relation to HMOs.</p> <p>Requested for this to be an action to increase within the delivery plan.</p> <p>ES said that for housing there had been person centred fire risk assessments and that they now had a panel for complex cases.</p> <p>JB thanked MC for her work on these documents. MC said this was a partnership effort and that Priscilla Tsang the VAWG coordinator had pulled together the priorities in relation to DA and VAWG and she would be missed. The chair requested that formal thanks to Priscilla be noted</p> <p>All documents to be recirculated to statutory partners for sign-off.</p>
7.	<p>Agency updates</p>
7.1	<p>Items by exception. None raised,</p>
8.	<p>Priority updates</p>
8.1	<p>Prevent Strategy – Cheryl Wells.</p> <p>CW provided an overview to the prevent strategy which was agreed with no amends.</p>
8.2	<p>Prevent Terms of reference – Cheryl Wells.</p> <p>The board approved the change of name to the Prevent Delivery Group.</p>

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8.3	<p data-bbox="244 159 1066 197">Serious Violence Action Plan – Michelle Cunningham.</p> <p data-bbox="244 237 1474 309">MC provided an overview of Thurrock’s serious violence action plan in response to the new Serious Violence Duty.</p> <ul data-bbox="244 349 1474 969" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="244 349 1390 421">• The board agreed request to be made to the Health and Well-being board for overall governance. <li data-bbox="244 421 1474 492">• The board requested that the 3 key measures be baselined and measured against a benchmark. <li data-bbox="244 492 1417 674">• ES raised the issue of placements into the Borough and explained that London Councils had a bilateral agreement to commit to sharing which was within the statute as good practice and guidance, however failure to do so had no consequences. MC was requested to expand on the gap identified and why this was important to address. <li data-bbox="244 674 1474 745">• JB requested acknowledged the volunteer police cadets as an offer which included 25% from vulnerable cohorts. <li data-bbox="244 745 1461 969">• The board queried why this was only a 1-year plan as would take longer response and offences needed to be tracked over a period. MF said this was also asked at the Violence and Vulnerability round table she had attended and that it aligned to the Essex Strategy which was 1 year due to being difficult to plan longer when the police and crime plan was due for a refresh and this also aligned with National priorities and the funding. <p data-bbox="244 1010 1442 1048">MC requested to look at including longer term aims in line with the H & WB strategy.</p> <p data-bbox="244 1088 1166 1122">All documents to be recirculated to statutory partners for sign-off.</p>
9.	Greater Essex Drug and Alcohol Partnership
9.1	<p data-bbox="244 1193 1442 1301">Helen Forster provided an update in relation to the SETDAP board which police and probation had attended alongside all 3 upper tier authorities but highlighted a lack of representation by ICB.</p> <p data-bbox="244 1346 1487 1453">Locally HF updated that an all-age service had been commissioned with Forward Trust taking over from Inclusion on 1st April as our new providers and that Open Road will be providing the young persons service as part of that.</p> <p data-bbox="244 1498 986 1532">She said a priority going forward would be outreach.</p>
10.	Any other business
10.1	Future Agenda Items – amended and agreed as below.
10.2	JB acknowledged this was Cheryl Wells last meeting and tabled formal thanks saying she had been an absolute star and thanked her for her support and input and commitment. CW responded with thanks to everyone for their support.

Meeting closed at 4:25pm.

Future meetings

Meeting dates, 2pm to 4:30pm	Forward Plan / Priorities for Discussion
21 March 2024	<p>Strategic assessment – sign off.</p> <p>Delivery plan – sign off.</p> <p>Prevent Strategy – sign off.</p> <p>Serious Violence Duty:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essex wide strategy for information • Local delivery plan – sign off
20 June 2024	<p>Information sharing Annual Review.</p> <p>Review of Terms of Reference.</p> <p>Priority reports.</p>
19 September 2023	Away Day to review the partnership focus
12 December 2023	<p>Priority reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preventing Serious Violence • DA • VAWG

Forward plan

Priority	Meeting	Lead
1. Breaking the cycle of Domestic Abuse	September 24	Ewelina, Jo, Sheila Michelle
2. Reduce harm to and safeguard victims from Hate Crime	June 24	Terry
3. Engaging with residents to Tackle Community based Anti-social Behaviour and Safeguard victims	June 24	Terry, Ewelina, Michelle
4. Preventing Serious Violence	December 24	Mike
5. Tackling disproportionality in relation to Violence Against Women and Girls	December 24	Ewelina, Jo, Sheila Michelle
Update on response to Duties		
Reducing Reoffending	December 24	Martin and Clare
Prevent	March 25	Michele Lucas
In addition		
Information sharing Annual Review	June 24	Michelle
Review of Terms of Reference	June 24	Michelle
Priorities draft agreement	December 24	Michelle
Strategic assessment – sign off	March 24	Michelle

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Delivery plan – sign off	March 24	Michelle
Community Drug Partnerships (CDP): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft delivery plan • Report to Board 	To be confirmed, dependant on Greater Essex CDP	Jo Broadbent