

Thurrock Community Safety Partnership

Strategic Board Meeting Minutes

12th December 2024

14:00 – 16:30

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Objectives and decisions:

- To be appraised of progress regards Re-offending Duty
- To discuss KPIs that are not on track
- Agree the high level priorities for 25/26
- To discuss the strategic risks for 25/26 and mitigating action
- Agencies to provide challenge and support needed

Statutory

Name	Organisation	Attendance
Michael Dineen, Chair	Acting Director, Counter Fraud, Community Safety and Resilience, Thurrock Council	Attended
Doug Charlton	The Probation Service	Attended
Cllr V Holloway	Councillor representative, Police Crime Panel	Apologies
Cllr S Panjala	Councillor representative, CSP	
Scott Egerton	Chief Inspector Essex Police	Attended
Anthony Atkin (TA)	District Commander, Essex Police	Apologies
	Essex County Fire and Rescue Service	
Zoe Knight	Integrated Care Board	Attended

Non-statutory

Name	Organisation	Attendance
Howard Oldstein	Savills	Apologies
Gloria Ighodaro	Chief Officer – Housing Management, Thurrock Council	Apologies

Clare Moore	Head of Youth Offending Service and Prevention, Thurrock Council	Attended
Mark Tebbs	Thurrock CVS	Attended
Malcom Taylor	Adults, Housing and Health, Thurrock Council	Attended
Simon Bell	Chair of Thurrock Association of Secondary Schools (TASS), education lead	Attended
Greg Myddelton	Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (PFCC)	
Bosa Osunde	Head of Social Work Support	
Sharon Stoltz	Director of Public Health	Attended 14:44
Rebecca Lawrence	Public Health	Attended in part
Gavin Dennett	Head of Service for Community Safety	Attended
Sheila Coates	Chief executive of SERICC	Apologies

Ex-officio

Name	Organisation	Attendance
Michelle Cunningham	Community Safety Partnership Manager	Attended
Michelle Hawkins Scribe	NATIS	Attended

Items discussed

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1	Introduction and apologies
1.	<p>Attendees and apologies – as above.</p> <p>Introductions were made around the room. Confidentiality and Disclosure was shared. SE noted thanks from Chief Inspector Jenny Barnett of the support she had from the Board during her time as chair</p>
1.2	<p>Items for urgent 'any other business'.</p> <p>None</p>
2.	Minutes
2.1	<p>Minutes from 19/9/2024.</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>Modern Day Slavery (MDS) Strategy document due to end in March 2025. MC gave an update of the MDS Strategy and raised the question: Do you want to make a recommendation for it to be refreshed and will require a decision of where it should go from here?</p> <p>MD: removing this as a priority of the CSP doesn't mean it still isn't a problem to deal with and there should still be a strategy in place. This issue has a humanitarian impact. MD agreed to drive with senior leadership and head of service. It is unacceptable to do nothing with it if do develop another strategy</p> <p>SE fully supportive from a policing perspective as a hidden and serious crime.</p> <p>MD asked about involvement of Gang Masters and said would link to them.</p> <p>Agreed that strategy to be in place but support of council required and matrix to be completed.</p> <p>ACTION: MC & MD to work on this for MD to take to Senior Leadership and to request a lead from Adult Social care to take this on.</p>
3.	Voice of our Communities
3.1	<p>Businesses no issues raised</p>
3.2	<p>Education/ young people – Simon Bell</p> <p>Raised concerns around mobile phone theft and the fact children are feeling less safe in larger open areas.</p> <p>MC Community Safety and local police are aware of the increase.</p>

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3.3	<p>CM has not seen an increase within the Youth Justice Service in relation to street robberies.</p> <p>MC to check with children and young people's officers for communication out to the schools including the mobile phone advice cards</p> <p>Community and Voluntary – Mark Tebbs Stronger Together has been refreshed and provides opportunity to maximise the voice of communities and requested an offline conversation to develop how this may look. MT, MC & MD to discuss how best to deliver the updates going forwards.</p>
3.4	<p>Community – Cllrs CP not present. MC shared a document with him around member enquiries which highlighted off road motorbikes as a concern and Corringham as an area.</p>
4.	<p>Key Performance Indicators</p>
4.1	<p>Report of District Commander – Tony Atkin. TA unable to attend. No comments were made regarding his reports which was shared with the group however any questions raised should be sent to MD. MD to discuss with TA.</p> <p>MD stipulated the focus should NOT be on what has been achieved but on where the gaps are and what is required to achieve results. SE echoed this and said there was a need to focus on getting messages out that make people feel safer.</p>
4.2	<p>ECFRS Performance report – No attendance</p>
5.	<p>Police, Fire Crime Commissioner Update</p>
5.1	<p>PFCC Update Greg Myddleton In GM absence MC shared the link to the new police and crime priorities and how mostly these related to Thurrock's draft.</p>
6.	<p>Delivering Safer Communities – Michelle Cunningham.</p>

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6.1	<p>Priorities to Agree Michelle Cunningham</p> <p>MC shared a report highlighting the current priorities and findings within the matrix and community safety survey and recommendation from Executive group that the priorities remain as is for 25/26 with the inclusion of off road motorbikes and fly tipping.</p> <p>ECFRS have followed up with a request for inclusion of vulnerable residents and inclusion of education and safe and well visits. MC proposed rewording of the hate crime priority to expand to all areas of vulnerability.</p> <p>MD stated he will have ownership and is happy to take this forward as it sits with him.</p> <p>SS Health & Wellbeing board agreed not to work on areas already being worked on. The H&W Strategy is vast and therefore duplication is evident.</p> <p>MD Michelle writes an annual report to overview and scrutiny, this could be shared with the H&W Board to reduce duplication. SS makes more sense allowing more time to work on areas that are not governed elsewhere. Agreed</p> <p>MC: highlighted some of the work going on around hate crime at present to raise awareness, the activity undertaken as part of National hate crime awareness week and the work the hate crime officer has been delivering in Treetops.</p> <p>MT: Like the refocus of hate crime to vulnerable people. P3 emphasis on all vulnerable people is a priority within our community. Hate and knife crime: deliver stay safe programmes within schools and to constantly raise awareness within the community. MT offered to support with lesson plan development.</p> <p>SS: Reassuring around work on hate crime but asked if Fire Service are linked into the ILT's. SS to send MC a SPOC to bring the two together.</p> <p>MT: Treetops, the young adults with moderate education, low level supervision, ensure that we are including the unseen disabilities that young adults have. Gateway have been very proactive and would recommend linking in with them.</p> <p>ACTION: MC to revise wording of hate crime priority and share with all to vote / comment on</p>

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6.2	<p>Risk Identification and Mitigation Michelle Cunningham</p> <p>MC presented the horizon scanning document noting that National threat has not been updated since 2023. Discussion on local threats:</p> <p>SS: Tobacco & Vapes bill going through. Once through will deliver a service plan. Substance misuse funding is ok, the funding that is in question is the supplementary drug assistance. We will need to be aware of the impact on the community if we were to lose that funding. Hoping to hear by Dec/Jan.</p> <p>DC: Early releases: Offenders are now coming out after serving 40% of their sentences as opposed to 50%. If Probations services are not involved, then other services are falling away. Accommodation is in low stock and should not be utilised instead of the services which are supposed to deliver this service. He updated CSAS3 process is still in place and there to provide support for those on release. Probation reset was now embedded. Agreed that the 3 risks highlighted for probation had been mitigated and could be removed.</p> <p>MD: the structure of the council is changing and will deliver a presentation at the next meeting but to reassure board will not impact on the CSP function</p>
6.3	<p>Making Thurrock CSP Excellent Mike Dineen</p> <p>Feedback from Safer Essex CSP Chair meeting: Harlow shared the work they were undertaking using the funding from the PFCC.</p> <p>We did not get the funding for the Transport Safety Officers extended but MD has asked for this to be reviewed.</p> <p>MC highlighted Thurrock had received funding in the past from the PFCC for Safer streets in Grays and has a draft bid for Safer Streets for Tilbury and is meeting with the regeneration team to see how take forward.</p> <p>MD added there will be a new ICT platform and a new way of reporting.</p>
7.	<p>Agency updates</p>
7.1	<p>Re-offending Duty</p> <p>DC to create a data sheet and narrative around violent offending to include Southend, Thurrock, Basildon & Essex to commence in 2025 A comparison to localised areas will be beneficial as well as within Thurrock. This will commence in 2025</p>
7.2	<p>Youth Justice Service - Clare Moore</p> <p>Data to show re-offending rates and the representative analysis around it. CM updated that MoJ funding for Turnaround programme will end in April 25.</p> <p>SS requested 2 page highlight report to include the yearly percentages.</p>

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7.3	<p>Prevent Duty: CTLP briefing - Michelle Cunningham</p> <p>MC outlined the latest Situational Risk Assessment from Dec 2024 briefing; the National Threat Level remains as Substantial meaning that an attack is LIKELY.</p> <p>For the CSP Board members MC provided confidential detailed risk assessment .</p>
8.	<p>Southend Essex and Thurrock Drug & Alcohol Partnership – Sharon Stolz</p> <p>SS said she would send MC the briefing document to add to the minutes but wanted to highlight the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • So we mentioned synthetic opioids earlier when we were looking at our priorities just to say that SET partners are working together to complete this synthetic opioid preparedness plan, which is something that's required by the combating Drugs Partnership. Once that plan has been completed then we can discuss whether you want that to come here so that the partnership are sighted on that plan. • We are in the process of reviewing the process for addressing drug related deaths. I think we need to be mindful of really capturing the learning of drug related deaths to try and prevent future deaths • Anti-social behaviour patrols have started which include substance misuse outreach workers. It's a little bit early I think, to know what impact Substance misuse outreach workers joining those patrols is having but it would be useful for the partnership to be sighted on that once we have some reports coming through around that • We are planning the local delivery plan. The only reason it's being delayed is we're hoping for confirmation of the funding, as we discussed earlier. It's being developed in partnership with the Fire Service, school nurses sexual health services, so that they can be a joined up approach to the prevention agenda in schools

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9.	<p>Agency Updates – Items by exception. MD noted dwindling attendees and wanted to reassure everyone, going to be working with Michelle and others to try and streamline some of the work that we're doing here and get the reports a little bit more pointy so that we can get through them quite quickly, not that I want to dismiss it. He said his aim really is to try and reduce all of the report and make this meeting a little bit more solution focused and then reduce the time, because 2 and half hours is too long for people to commit to it especially at this level.</p> <p><u>Integrated Care Body:</u> Zoe Knight</p> <p>ZK: also looking at vaping as a standalone project working with schools, but it's very much in the starting phase but I might be able to update you a bit more on that as we go further along.</p> <p>MD: So I think what I might try and plan is in relation to that to assist other agencies around the updates. I think if I can design a template to send around all of the organisations for an update and then that can just be simply a quick slide. And hopefully that way then it gives people a little bit of direction around what it is that we're after, because at the moment it's just left for you to update. Everyone's got one slide and it'll be it can be the most poignant messages that you want to get across to the partnership and I think that may be a slightly easier way of updating everybody.</p> <p>ACTION: MD generate a template so that people can give those kind of updates on a template.</p>
10.	Future Agenda items – see below.
11.	AOB

Meeting closed at 16:22pm.

Future meetings

Meeting dates, 2pm to 4:30pm	Forward Plan / Priorities for Discussion
March 2025	Strategic assessment including annual report – sign off Delivery plan – sign off Prevent Duty Update Update on Council structure to deliver on community safety
June 2025	Probation Performance report

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	September 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
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	Sharon Stoltz