

# **CONNECTING THREE RIVERS (LSP & CSB)**

## **NOTICE AND AGENDA**

For a meeting to be held on Thursday, 12 December 2024 at 10.00 am in Penn Chamber, Three Rivers House, Rickmansworth, WD3 1RL.

Members of the Local Strategic Partnership Board:-

Councillors:

Stephen Giles-Medhurst (Chair)  
Andrew Scarth

---

*Joanne Wagstaffe, Chief Executive  
Wednesday, 4 December 2024*

1. **WELCOME, INTRODUCTION & APOLOGIES**
2. **NEW TERMS OF REFERENCE** (Pages 3 - 8)
3. **ELECT NEW CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**
4. **MINUTES AND ACTIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING** (Pages 9 - 14)
5. **OPEN FOR CONTRIBUTIONS**
6. **COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS**  

Engaging under-represented communities on the topic of climate change.
7. **CONNECTING THREE RIVERS FUND ALLOCATION**  

Allocation presentation to finalise spend.
8. **COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICE**  

A presentation from Herts Mind Network.
9. **COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATES** (Pages 15 - 18)
  - i. Police and Crime Commissioner – verbal update
  - ii. County Community Safety Unit

**10. LOCAL CRIME TRENDS OVERVIEW FROM  
HERTFORDSHIRE CONSTABULARY**

**11. DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

19 March 2025

18 June 2025

25 September 2025

11 December 2025

**General Enquiries: Please contact the Committee Team at  
[committeeteam@threerivers.gov.uk](mailto:committeeteam@threerivers.gov.uk)**

## Connecting Three Rivers (LSP and RAG) Terms of Reference

### 1. Purpose of the Group

Connecting Three Rivers merges the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) and Responsible Authorities Group (RAG). The group works to improve the quality of life for the people of Three Rivers by working in partnership to create a district:

- ... that is inclusive and where people feel they are welcome and belong
- ... where local infrastructure supports healthy lifestyles and addresses health inequalities
- ... where our residents are supported and feel safe.
- ... that takes action to mitigate and adapt to the climate emergency
- ... where our local businesses are beneficial to and benefit from local people.

Connecting Three Rivers works in partnership to formulate and implement a vision for the district through the Community Strategy.

Connecting Three Rivers works in partnership to formulate and implement a Community Safety Action Plan on an annual basis.

Connecting Three Rivers encompasses the Community Safety Partnership, including the Community Safety Coordinating Group (Joint Action Group), Anti Social Behaviour Action Group (ASBAG), South West Herts Youth Action Panel (SWHYAP).

Additional sub-partnerships of Connecting Three Rivers includes Three Rivers Information Partnership (TRIP), Families First Partnership, Youth Strategy Partnership and pre-determined Task Groups.

### 2. Objectives

In order to achieve the above Connecting Three Rivers will:

- Be an inclusive body of organisations / groups, representative of all sectors which have a focus in Three Rivers.
- To have a statutory function in addressing community safety issues.
- Review information sharing protocols between partners.
- Provide sponsorship for CSP members recommending CCTV deployment.
- Hold meetings that invite partner organisations beyond the membership of the Board.
- Identify and agree outputs and outcomes that reflect local needs and service priorities and focus on those that require a partnership approach.
- Review the annual Strategic Assessment to determine Community Safety Priorities.
- Work in partnership to ensure local people are offered and able to access services.

- Provide leadership and act as a voice for the people and communities of Three Rivers.
- Consult and engage with communities in a meaningful and inclusive manner.
- Work with existing partnerships, to improve collaboration, add value and avoid duplication.
- Identify and secure resources to progress the priorities
- Respond collectively to new and emerging needs within the community
- Ensure compliance with national legislation and statutory requirements.
- Agree the Community Safety Plan annually, as proposed by the Community Safety Coordinating Group.
- Develop a Community Strategy every 5 years. The current strategy will expire in 2028.

### 3. Membership

There will be a maximum of 25 Board members, with an attempted balance in terms of partner representation between Private, Public and Voluntary sectors.

Members of Connecting Three Rivers are expected to attend meetings on a regular basis. Membership is set at Senior politician, Chair of Board, Director or Senior Officer level.

Only specific partners will be permitted to remain for and vote on issues relating to confidential community safety issues (Part II) in the meeting. These individuals are identified below (\*).

All Part II members will be signed up to the Community Safety Partnership Information Sharing Agreement.

The following partners will be represented on the group.

Organisation	Role / job title
Hertfordshire County Council	Head of Corporate Performance & Business Insight
Hertfordshire County Council (*)	County Community Safety Unit Programme Manager
Herts and West Essex Integrated Care Board	Senior Primary Care Manager for Transformation, Integration and Delivery – South West
South West Herts Health and Care Partnership (*)	Development Director
Thrive Homes (*)	Chief Executive Officer
Watford Community Housing (*)	Director of Customer Services
Homegroup	Operations Manager
Three Rivers District Council	Leader of Three Rivers District Council (Substituted by Deputy Leader)
Three Rivers District Council (*)	Lead Member of Community Safety and Partnerships

Three Rivers District Council (*)	Associate Director of Corporate, Customer and Community
Watford and Three Rivers Trust	Chief Executive Officer
Citizens Advice Service Three Rivers (*)	Chief Executive Officer
DWP – Watford Job Centre Plus	Partnerships Manager
Herts Mind Network (*)	Director of Complex Needs and Community
School Pastoral Lead (on behalf of all secondary schools)	Chair of Pastoral Leads
Hertfordshire Constabulary (*)	Chief Inspector
Herts Fire and Rescue Service (*)	Group Commander
One Vision	Chief Executive Officer
Watford FC Community Sports and Education Trust	Head of Health and Wellbeing
National Probation Service (*)	Operations Manager
Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (*)	Policy Officer

#### 4. Roles within Connecting Three Rivers

The Chair and Vice-Chair of Connecting Three Rivers will be voted in every 2 years, in the first meeting of that financial year.

Members of the Board must have the appropriate authority to speak for the organisations they represent; to sign up to the vision and outcomes agreed for district of Three Rivers; and more importantly, be able to commit resources in principle and according to the normal decision-making processes of their organisation, in order to achieve the outcomes and vision.

All members will have equal rights and representation. To ensure this, partners may send substitutes from their organisation. All decisions will be made by consensus. Substitutes must be fully briefed before meetings and Three Rivers Committee Services informed of their attendance.

Board members only are allowed to vote. Their substitutes may vote if they have provided notice in advance to Three Rivers Committee Section.

The Board may invite other partners to be in attendance at the Board so that they can participate in the discussions of the board.

Board members will contribute to the work of the partnership and its development by participating in the decision-making process, contributing to debate and attending training / seminars etc which will help to develop the Partnership.

Board members will maintain knowledge of emerging policy and best practice in their area of responsibility, which has a bearing on the work of the LSP and share this with other members of the Board.

Board members will represent the Board at other meetings when required (district, county, and regional).

Board members will identify resources which can be granted from their respective organisations into the “Connecting Three Rivers” donations pot or to support specific projects, including deployment of CCTV cameras.

Board members will communicate and promote the work of the Board within their organisations and networks.

Part II specific Board members will provide sponsorship for applications of CCTV camera deployment from Community Safety Partnership members that they deem appropriate.

## 5. Meetings and minutes

Connecting Three Rivers will meet 4 times a year. Any matters arising in between the meeting dates will be brought to the attention of the chair and communicated via email.

The public meeting minutes and actions will be shared with the Board following a meeting, published on the Three Rivers District Council website and will be kept as records of development and progress that may inform future decisions.

Part II minutes will be circulated and not published online

Meetings of the Connecting Three Rivers are public but are not live streamed. Members of the public local organisations and businesses are able to attend Part I in order to observe.

## 6. Community Strategy

A Community Strategy will be developed and published every 5 years. This will be reviewed in 2027-28 for publication in 2028.

Board members will develop the subsequent action plan for the Strategy.

The Board will determine which Task and Finish groups require development in order to deliver the Community Strategy or identified need.

Board members will propose organisations to be involved with Taks and Finish Groups and ensure involvement from their organisation within these groups as required.

Task and Finish groups will have their own terms of reference.

Administrative support and Chairing of Task and Finish Groups will be provided by Three Rivers District Council.

The Three Rivers Information Partnership and the Community Safety Coordinating Group (JAG) are sub-partnerships of the Connecting Three Rivers. Both will have their own terms of reference.

## 7. Responsible Authorities Group

Community Safety legislation places a statutory duty on the responsible authorities (local authorities, police, fire and rescue service, probation and health) to work together to tackle issues of crime and disorder, Connecting Three Rivers will take responsibility to ensure these duties are fulfilled.

Statutory functions held by the Board include:

- Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHR). The Board will confirm whether a DHR notification meets the DHR guidelines and will participate in appointing an appropriate DHR Chair. The Chair of the Board has several additional responsibilities:
  - o Signing letter to the victim's family.
  - o Attend introductory meeting with the DHR Chair ahead of the first panel.
  - o Point of contact for the DHR is signed by the Chair
- Set the Community Safety priorities, priority projects and targets in response to Community Safety Strategic Assessment.
- Agree the Community Safety Action Plan as proposed by the Community Safety Coordinating Group
- Review and monitor progress of the Action Plan as escalated by the Community Safety Coordinating Group

## 8. Financial Procedures

Three Rivers District Council is the accountable body for Connecting Three Rivers and its Community Safety Action Plan and Community Strategy.

Partner agencies represented on the Board will collaborate to co-ordinate the joint funding of initiatives to further the Community Strategy or Community Safety Action Plan. Three Rivers District Council's Finance Team will provide support to hold funding on behalf of the Board and account for its expenditure.

Joint grants made by partners of the Board, or secured by the Board, will be managed within Three Rivers Financial Standing Orders and Procedures. Any monies allocated will be done so in the form of a grant, and the recipient of the grant will need to meet stated reporting requirements as agreed by the Board as well as financial and other governance requirements in line with the Council's procedures.

Any assets purchased with any grant from the Board will be the property of the grant receiving body who will maintain liability and responsibility for their use and maintenance.

### 8a. Connecting Three Rivers

Watford and Three Rivers Trust will manage and be responsible for funds raised through the "Connecting Three Rivers" donation platform, and funds allocated to local organisation through the grants awarded from this platform.

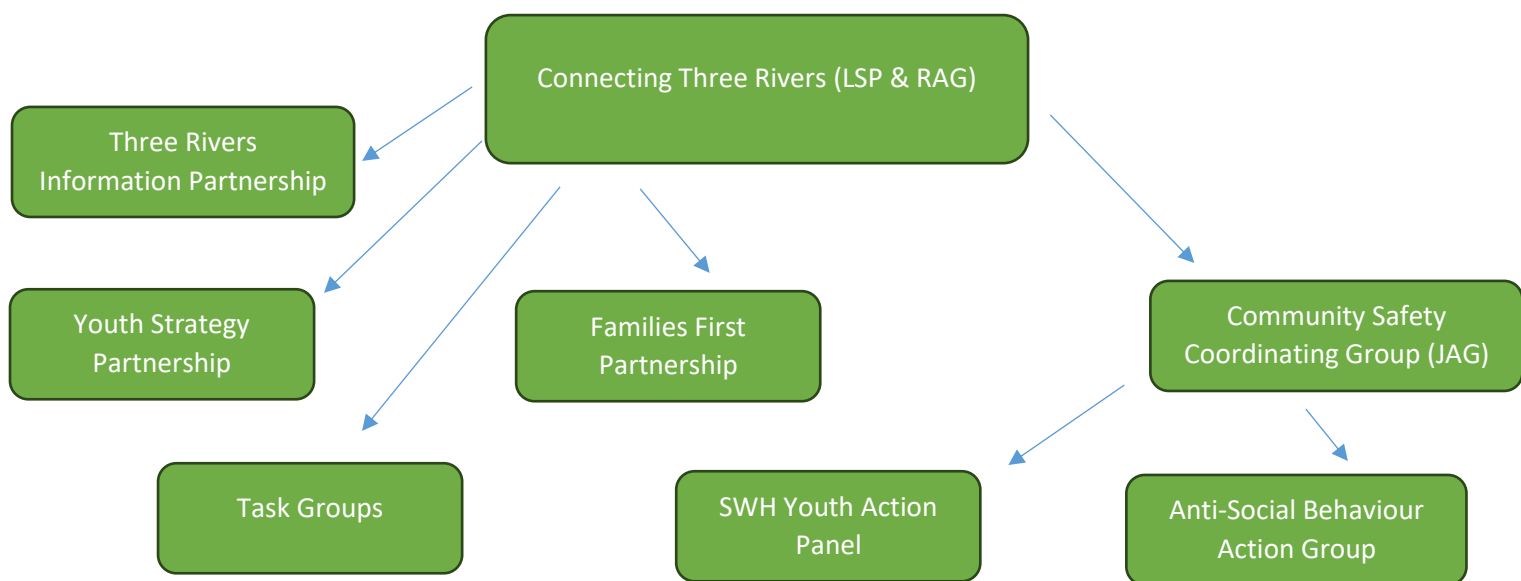
Grant monitoring will be the responsibility of Watford and Three Rivers Trust and this will be reported to the Board annually.

Priorities for grant applications will be voted on by an “Advisory Panel”.

An “Advisory Panel” will be developed to review and discuss applications. The panel will be made up of 5 members, from the following organisations:

- Watford and Three Rivers Trust
- Connecting Three Rivers Chair
- Three Rivers District Council (Officer)
- Citizens Advice Service Three Rivers
- Hertfordshire County Council

## 9. Structure Chart



## 10. Review

The Terms of Reference and Board membership will be reviewed every two years.

Next review in November 2026.



## THREE RIVERS DISTRICT COUNCIL

**At a meeting of the Local Strategic Partnership Board held in the Penn Chamber, Three Rivers House, Rickmansworth, on Thursday, 26 September 2024 from 10.00 am – 11.41 am.**

**Present:** Councillors

Sarah Nelmes (Chair)  
Andrew Scarth  
Andrea Fraser

**Officers in Attendance:**

Shivani Dave, Partnerships Manager  
Michelle Wright, Community Safety & Safeguarding Manager  
Kimberley Grout, Associate Director – Corporate, Customer & Community  
Joanna Hewitson, Climate Change & Sustainability Officer  
Jemma Duffell, Community Safety Officer  
Anita Hibbs, Committee Officer

**External in Attendance:**

Paraic McKenna, Hertfordshire County Council (HCC)  
Karen Stephanou, Watford FC Community, Sports and Education Trust  
Peta Mettam, Citizens Advice Service Three Rivers (CASTR)  
Brad Hughes, Parmiter's School, (representing SW Herts Secondary Schools)  
Keith Harland, Hertfordshire Fire & Rescue Service  
Andrew Palfreyman, Hertfordshire Constabulary  
Karen Watkin, Home Start  
Kips Green, Services for Young People  
Martin Kean, NHS Hospitals  
Jo Barrett, Thrive Homes  
Ross Elliott, Watford FC Community, Sports and Education Trust  
Penny Metcalf, Watford Community Housing  
Phoebe Allsopp, OPCC  
Bob Jones, Watford & Three Rivers Trust  
Jamie Farrelly, Hertfordshire Fire & Rescue Service

**LSP10/24 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The attendees introduced themselves individually.

**LSP11/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Stephen Giles-Medhurst, Tamara Valmas, Peter Cogan and Elspeth MacKenzie

Councillor Sarah Nelmes substituting for Councillor Stephen Giles-Medhurst

**LSP12/24 MINUTES AND ACTIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING, NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA**

The minutes of the Local Strategic Partnership Board meeting, held on 18 July 2024 were confirmed as a correct record.

## **LSP13/24    HOT TOPICS**

Brad Hughes from Parmiter's School highlighted pressing issues faced by secondary schools in Hertfordshire, particularly regarding the support for students with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). The speaker noted a significant challenge in the availability of SEND provision, which adversely affects both SEND and mainstream students. Additionally, the increasing mental health needs among students and the pressure on external services were emphasised as critical concerns. The speaker also pointed out a national crisis in school attendance, although local schools are performing better than national averages.

Paraic McKenna from Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) emphasised the organisation's commitment to enhancing support for Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) following a recent inadequate rating from Ofsted. HCC has allocated an additional £5-7 million annually to improve services and has set an interim target to process at least 60% of EHCP requests within statutory timeframes. In the first quarter, HCC successfully processed 67% of requests on time, outperforming national and regional standards. The speaker also announced the arrival of the new CEO, Angie Ridgewell, who will be engaging with stakeholders to further support these initiatives.

Peta Mettam from Citizens Advice Service outlined the ongoing efforts related to energy management and climate change initiatives at CASTR. She specifically mentioned a project at Abbots Langley, where collaboration with the church has led to a commitment to a net zero program. Additionally, the speaker highlighted the recent funding secured from national citizens advice, which aims to enhance energy efficiency training for staff. This training includes energy-saving strategies, emission reduction techniques, and guidance for clients on accessing grants to minimise property energy wastage. The speaker also touched on the importance of smart meters and insulation as part of their mandatory training and initiatives.

Shivani Dave, Partnerships Manager provided an update regarding the current situation of the Rickmansworth and South Oxhey Food banks. She reported a significant decrease in donations over recent months, which has forced the foodbanks to purchase more food to meet rising demand. The officer emphasised the need for increased communication and promotional efforts to boost donations and suggested the possibility of initiating a partnership with local schools to encourage community support, similar to a harvest festival initiative.

## **LSP14/24    CLIMATE CHANGE**

Joanna Hewitson, Climate & Sustainability Officer delivered a presentation on the importance of collective action in addressing climate change, highlighting the efforts made by the council since declaring a climate emergency in 2019. The officer outlined the updated strategy aiming for net zero emissions for their estate by 2030 and for the district by 2045. Key initiatives include improving public sector emissions, retrofitting homes, and securing funding for sustainable projects such as solar panel installations. The officer emphasised the need for community involvement and the challenges faced in achieving these ambitious goals, particularly regarding funding and skills shortages in the retrofit sector. The presentation concluded with an overview of future plans, including a bid for funding from the National Lottery to further support community-driven climate action.

Keith Harland from Hertfordshire Fire & Rescue Service stressed the importance of being informed about the installation of solar panels on buildings, particularly larger structures. The speaker expressed concerns regarding the potential risks posed to fire service personnel if they are unaware of solar panels during emergency responses. The speaker emphasizes the need for notification when solar panels are installed on significant buildings, to ensure safety protocols can be adjusted accordingly. The speaker acknowledged that while solar panels are generally safe, the lack of communication can create significant hazards during fire incidents.

There was a request for a registration process. **Action – Shivani Dave** to circulate contact details.

Paraic McKenna from Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) outlined the council's recognition of the urgent realities of climate change and their extensive responsibilities in addressing it. They declared a climate emergency in 2019 and established a comprehensive strategy with nine ambitions aimed at embedding sustainability across operations. Key partnerships have been formed with local councils and schools to enhance cooperation in carbon reduction, biodiversity, and transport sustainability. Initiatives include the installation of air purifiers in schools, tree planting efforts, and flood mitigation projects. The council actively collaborates with regional climate forums and local partners to implement effective strategies against climate change, emphasising the need for a coordinated response to the ongoing climate crisis.

The Board discussed the responsibilities of developers in funding local initiatives related to housing and infrastructure. Board members inquired about whether developers contribute to a fund that supports community projects, particularly in the context of building flats or housing. The Chair acknowledged the question and mentioned the importance of section 106 funding and community infrastructure levies, noting that while there are funds available, they are not strictly ring-fenced for specific projects. The Chair further elaborated on the role of the local planning authority in setting rules for new developments, including requirements for electric car charging infrastructure.

Joanna Hewitson, Climate Change & Sustainability Officer emphasised the importance of the existing local plan, which is currently based on a 2013 framework. The officer highlighted ongoing efforts to develop the next local plan with the assistance of consultancy services aimed at enhancing sustainability policies. The officer discussed the connection between carbon offsetting and funding for carbon offset projects through section 106 agreements, indicating that these projects are crucial for infrastructure and mitigation efforts. However, the officer expressed concerns about the effectiveness of the local plan as a tool for achieving these goals, noting that the process is somewhat uncertain and dependent on various external factors. The officer also spoke about the success of the 'Your Tree, Our Future' program, which provides free trees to the community. The officer expressed a desire to involve local housing associations and schools in tree planting efforts, particularly in underserved areas that would benefit from more greenery. The officer reflected on previous attempts to collaborate with community housing and emphasised the need for better communication and outreach to ensure broader participation. The officer suggested organising a meeting with HCC officers to strategies on how to enhance community involvement before the program concludes, highlighting the importance of creating shaded areas and enhancing the local environment through collective efforts. It was also suggested that that this should be included on the agenda for the LSP meeting next year. **Action – Shivani Dave.**

Ross Elliott, Watford FC delivered a presentation on the recent efforts of the organisation to enhance its sustainability practices, highlighting the introduction of sustainability as a focus area within the last year. The speaker outlined the organisation's involvement in over 20 community projects in Hershey and London, emphasising the need to improve their sustainability score, which currently stands at 38%. They are redesigning their sustainability policy to involve all members of the organisation and have established eight sustainability themes aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. The presentation included the challenges of collecting accurate data for their carbon footprint, the introduction of initiatives to reduce food waste and single-use plastics, and the need for ongoing adaptation to climate change. The speaker reflected on the organisation's progress and the steps needed to further integrate sustainability into their operations.

Jo Barrett from Thrive Homes delivered a presentation that outlined the organisation's approach to sustainability, focusing on the Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) framework. The speaker talked about the adoption of the Good Economy's sustainability

reporting standard tailored for social housing, emphasising the importance of a common language for comparison among housing associations. The presentation highlighted the integration of 48 sustainability measures across various business strategies, aiming to embed sustainability practices organisation wide. The speaker reflected on the first two years of reporting, noting initial successes but also recognising areas needing improvement, particularly in material sourcing, climate risk management, and water management. The speaker also shared insights on carbon emissions, identifying scope three emissions as the largest contributor, largely influenced by how customers heat their homes. The organisation aims to enhance energy efficiency in its properties, targeting EPCC standards by 2030 and developing net-zero ambitions. Additionally, the speaker mentioned compliance with statutory energy and carbon reporting requirements due to the organisation's size.

Andrew Palfreyman from Hertfordshire Constabulary delivered a presentation on the current sustainability initiatives and operational improvements within the police constabulary. The constabulary employs around 2,500 officers and staff, focusing on reducing carbon emissions and enhancing operational efficiency. Key points included the transition to electric vehicles, the installation of solar panels, and the implementation of efficient energy practices in their buildings. The speaker highlighted the importance of staff engagement in these initiatives and mentioned specific efforts such as reducing single-use plastics, promoting biodiversity through relaxed mowing practices, and managing beehives at headquarters. The constabulary aims to work closely with suppliers to ensure sustainable practices and is exploring further opportunities to enhance their environmental impact.

Martin Kean from Restarts delivered a presentation on the NHS's significant carbon footprint, which accounts for 6% of the UK's total emissions. The speaker emphasised the urgency for the NHS to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2040 amidst financial constraints. The presentation outlined the NHS's green plan, ratified in 2022, focusing on eight key themes, with adaptation being the least developed area. The speaker also highlighted the increasing risks of flooding and overheating in UK hospitals, with alarming statistics indicating that 10% of hospitals are at risk of flooding and 90% are at risk of overheating. The speaker called for collaboration among local partners to address these challenges, suggesting the need for shared risk assessments and frameworks to enhance business continuity and resilience in the face of climate change.

Board members discussed on enhancing emergency planning and risk management across local authorities. They highlighted the broad scope of the risk and resilience manager's role, emphasizing the importance of including medical considerations. Also mentioned their work on an emergency plan, suggesting a follow-up to discuss collaboration. Board members also discussed the creation of risk registers among local boroughs and the need for synergy in emergency planning. They stressed the necessity of a connected plan among stakeholders due to the simultaneous impact of emergencies on multiple organisations. They also raised concerns about local authority preparedness, particularly regarding resource sharing during power outages.

## **LSP15/24    CONNECTING THREE RIVERS**

### Terms of Reference

Shivani Dave discussed the refresh of the terms of reference for the board, emphasising a shift from a formal committee style to a more informal approach that welcomes contributions from non-board partners. Key changes include the addition of new members such as Ros Nerio from the South West Herts Health and Care partnership and the intention to reach out to parish councils for representation. Karen Watkin from Home Start raised concerns about adequately representing all charitable organisations in the region, highlighting the need for broader representation while acknowledging their small charity's role. The conversation focused on collaboration and ensuring that all voices, especially from parish councils and smaller charities, are included in the board's discussions and decisions.

Karen Stephanou from Watford FC Community, Sports and Education Trust expressed a desire for Watford FC Community, Sport and Education Trust to be added to the list. **Action – Shivani Dave.**

The Board agreed the terms of reference unanimously.

**LSP16/24 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/THEMES**

LSP Workplan

**LSP17/24 DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

12 December 2024  
19 March 2025

**CHAIR**

This page is intentionally left blank



## CCSU Monthly RAG Update

November 2024	
<b>Community Safety &amp; ASB</b>	<p><u>Hate Crime</u></p> <p>The CCSU refresh of the Hate Crime JSNA is now complete, with the final document now having been circulated to all CSMs. The document is due to be presented at the final Hate Crime Partnership Board meeting in December. The published document can be viewed <a href="#">here</a>. For more information, please email <a href="mailto:rebecca.fuller@hertfordshire.gov.uk">rebecca.fuller@hertfordshire.gov.uk</a>.</p> <p><u>Child Exploitation</u></p> <p>Work on the Child Exploitation JSNA is now underway. The purpose of this JSNA is to explore the problem of criminal and sexual child exploitation, including modern slavery, cuckooing and county lines, and the scale of the problem in Hertfordshire. Child exploitation is a vast and nuanced topic, which ultimately must have the welfare and rehabilitation of the victims at its heart.</p> <p>This needs assessment will make recommendations based on the available evidence and research examined throughout the document. These recommendations are intended for commissioners, decision makers and partner organisations with a role in the management of children and young people at risk of exploitation or who have become victims. We have conducted the first working group meeting of this project and will now begin pulling the document together.</p> <p>If you would like to be a part of the working group, access to the survey or would like more information, please email <a href="mailto:rebecca.fuller@hertfordshire.gov.uk">rebecca.fuller@hertfordshire.gov.uk</a> or <a href="mailto:gary.ray@hertfordshire.gov.uk">gary.ray@hertfordshire.gov.uk</a>.</p> <p><u>Community safety and health intelligence products</u></p> <p>The CCSU work regularly with Public Health to produce joint intelligence products where crossovers between community safety and health exist (for example, mental health and substance misuse are key risk factors for criminality and exploitation). Recent examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alcohol Early Help JSNA Briefing</li> <li>• Drugs Early Help JSNA Briefing</li> <li>• Asylum Seekers &amp; Refugees JSNA Briefing</li> <li>• Domestic Abuse &amp; Safe Accommodation JSNA</li> <li>• Hate Crime JSNA</li> <li>• Co-occurring Mental Health &amp; Substance Use JSNA Briefing</li> <li>• SEND JSNA (in progress)</li> </ul> <p>Completed intelligence documents are usually published on the Hertfordshire Public Health <a href="#">JSNA website</a>. If you would like any additional information on these, please email <a href="mailto:rebecca.fuller@hertfordshire.gov.uk">rebecca.fuller@hertfordshire.gov.uk</a></p>

**Drugs, Alcohol and Criminal Justice**

*All detainees that are arrested (or charged) for a trigger offence for the second time in a 12-month period or are otherwise targeted through authorisation by the duty inspector, will be required to undertake an oral swab test for Class A drugs such as heroin and/or crack cocaine. Following a positive test, the offender is legally required to attend an initial required assessment (RA) & follow up assessment (FA).*

If you have any queries, please contact Alex Kweller at [alex.kweller@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:alex.kweller@hertfordshire.gov.uk)

Since October 2020 the following number of tests have been carried out across Stevenage & Hatfield Custody suites:

CSP	Positive	Negative	Refused	Total
Broxbourne	158	134	1	293
Dacorum	402	287	2	691
East Hertfordshire	164	128	0	292
Hertsmere	161	186	0	347
North Hertfordshire	153	125	0	278
St Albans	243	161	1	405
Stevenage	310	180	4	494
Three Rivers	122	97	3	222
Watford	335	206	4	545
Welwyn Hatfield	296	261	7	564
No fixed abode	253	105	22	380
Out of County	1248	1818	19	3085
<b>Total</b>	<b>3888</b>	<b>3745</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>7696</b>

**Drugs, Alcohol and Criminal Justice**

*Continued*

Drug & Alcohol Strategy

The Drug & Alcohol Strategy consultation has now closed. Responses to the public survey and, focus groups with service users and carers showed overwhelming support for the aims and objectives. Hundreds of comments have been recorded as to how services can be improved or targeted to support people with substance use issues, as well as how we approach enforcement and prevention. A full consultation report will be published on the HCC website in due course.

The draft strategy will now move through the formal process of ratification before being published in 2025.

If you have any questions, please contact [michael.nadasdy@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:michael.nadasdy@hertfordshire.gov.uk)

Co-occurring mental health & substance use

The CCSU and Public Health team have now produced a JSNA briefing on co-occurring mental health and substance use, with the aim of highlighting the extent of this occurrence both nationally and locally through literature review and data analysis. The briefing examines the evidence available on effective interventions and support for affected



	<p>individuals and go on to formulate recommendations for relevant stakeholders. If you would like any further information about this, please contact <a href="mailto:rebecca.fuller@hertfordshire.gov.uk">rebecca.fuller@hertfordshire.gov.uk</a>.</p> <p><u>Drug and Alcohol Deaths</u></p> <p>The CCSU and Public Health are currently in the process of introducing a partnership drug and alcohol deaths surveillance system in Hertfordshire. This system is now very close to being launched, having gone through rigorous assessment with partners. Further updates will be provided in due course.</p> <p>Additionally, the annual Drug and Alcohol Deaths Audit report has now been published. This report includes an overview of all death inquests concluded in 2023 to be due to drugs and/or alcohol. The report has now been circulated to all CSPs.</p> <p>If you would like any further information about this, please contact <a href="mailto:rebecca.fuller@hertfordshire.gov.uk">rebecca.fuller@hertfordshire.gov.uk</a></p>
<p><b>Hate Crime</b></p>	<p><u>Hate Crime</u></p> <p>An awareness training videos for teachers and staff members has been launched for schools. This is available on the Grid for all schools staff members and helps schools identify what a hate crime and incident is, where to go for extra support and the importance of educating around Hate Crimes. To support this further the schools toolkit, which is free for all Hertfordshire schools is also available on the Grid.</p> <p>CCSU are also working with the National Police Chiefs Council to launch a training package for other areas based on the successful mock trial event which took place last year. This is being trialled with around 13 forces and will be launched nationally in January 2025.</p> <p>The Hate Crime Partnership Board will be advertising for an independent chair in January 2025 and this will be shared with partners. If you know anyone who may be interested in applying, please do forward the advert or ask them to contact Kate Moore for an informal discussion: <a href="mailto:Kate.Moore@hertfordshire.gov.uk">Kate.Moore@hertfordshire.gov.uk</a></p>
<p><b>Serious Violence</b></p>	<p><u>Serious Violence Duty</u></p> <p>Guidance is available here: <a href="https://publishing.service.gov.uk">Serious Violence Duty - Statutory Guidance (publishing.service.gov.uk)</a></p> <p>Bids are entering the final months of funding from the Serious Violence Duty. The Home Office has not been able to confirm an extension of funding at this point, although all funding streams continue to be explored. Examples of initiatives funded include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cuckooing countywide public facing campaign – raising awareness and encouraging reporting.</li> <li>• Children at Risk project – support to 50 young people who are at high risk of criminal or sexual exploitation via mentoring and groupwork.</li> </ul>

- You Turn – supporting transition of young people aged 16+ to adult services and to change knife carrying behaviour.
- Bounce Back service – supporting young people who present at Emergency Departments with an injury as a result of violence, with onward referrals.

For a full list of results please contact [Kate.Moore@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:Kate.Moore@hertfordshire.gov.uk)

The Serious Violence Strategy has been refreshed in response to the new JSNA and to reflect the work under the Serious Violence Duty and is published here: [Hertfordshire Serious Violence Strategy & Delivery Plan](#)