

Three Rivers District Council

Committee Report

Date 5 July 2023

CLIMATE CHANGE, LEISURE AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE – 5 JULY 2023

PART I – DELEGATED

8. COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT (CED)

1 Summary

- 1.1 In April 2009 the Government introduced the Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009 and brought into force sections 19, 20 and 21 of the Police and Justice Act 2006. Section 19 of the Police and Justice Act 2006 places a duty on all local authorities to establish a crime and disorder scrutiny committee.
- 1.2 It required every local authority to designate a committee to review and scrutinise the activities of Community Safety partnership and the activities of its partners. The committee may examine the activities of partners but only in so far as these relate to the partnership.
- 1.3 Three Rivers District Council already had in place a Leisure and Community Safety Policy and Scrutiny Committee which carried out this function by receiving the annual community safety priorities.
- 1.4 Since 2018 the Leisure, Environment and Community Committee has received updates on the work of the Community Safety Partnership.
- 1.5 The Terms of Reference state that the committee will 'Review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge by the responsible authorities of their crime and disorder functions (it is the Crime and Disorder Committee for the purposes of the Police and Justices Act 2006).'
- 1.6 Therefore, regular annual reports will continue to be taken to the new Climate Change, Leisure and Community Committee along with the Community Safety priorities for the future year.
- 1.7 The Committee is able to invite members of the Responsible Authorities (Community Safety Board) to review certain projects or decisions.

2 Details

- 2.1 In March 2022 Three Rivers Community Safety Board agreed the priorities for the Community Safety Partnership to work towards during 2022-23.
- 2.2 This is done annually by reviewing local crime data for the previous year, considering local concerns and trends, police priorities set through community consultation, and taking into consideration the impact of a crime type on the local community.
- 2.3 The agreed priorities for 2022-23 were:
 - 2.3.1 **Serious Violence and Exploitation**
 - 2.3.2 **Domestic Abuse**
 - 2.3.3 **Prevention**
 - 2.3.4 **Motor Vehicle Crime**

2.3.5 Burglary and Fraud

2.3.6 Hate Crime & Counter Terrorism

2.4 Each priority had set objectives, against which actions were set and completed by the CSP.

2.5 The information below summarises some of the outcomes achieved by the CSP in relation to the objectives.

2.6 Priority 1: Serious Violence and Exploitation

- To provide support for young people involved in serious youth violence and exploitation
- To raise awareness
- To provide support through casework
- To tackle modern slavery

2.6.1 South West Herts Youth Action Panel has been coordinated and managed by Three Rivers District Council and the panel continues to receive referrals to understand concerns and explore opportunities for support for young people at risk of serious violence. Concerns and local patterns are discussed through this forum and the Anti Social Behaviour Action Group to disrupt crime & disorder.

2.6.2 The No More Service Youth provides one to one support for young people at risk of serious violence. The countywide project has been led by Three Rivers District Council since 2017. A project manager will be recruited to continue this project in 2023.

2.6.3 Promotional work to raise awareness has been completed in relation to child sexual exploitation, child criminal exploitation and cuckooing. The aim of this has been to educate residents on the signs to look out for that may indicate these incidents & to know where to report any concerns. Alongside this Training has taken place for professionals in the Community Safety Partnership on Cuckooing.

2.7 Priority 2: Domestic Abuse

- To offer support to victims of domestic abuse
- To raise awareness in the community of domestic abuse and the local support services available
- To develop the workforce across the partnership

2.7.1 Herts Mind Network provide support for standard-medium risk cases of domestic abuse. Blanket referrals were trialled by Herts Constabulary to increase referrals. This pilot was successful in increasing access to support.

2.7.2 Herts Mind Network did not meet the target number of residents supported. This is partially due to staff turnover and difficulty recruiting, as well as the needs of clients becoming more complex. Clients were supported for longer as this service can be flexible to respond to the needs of our residents in dealing with complex and multiple problems

2.7.3 The Domestic Abuse Safeguarding Group met to ensure repeat victims and perpetrators are offered support and concerns escalated to the Hertfordshire Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) if required, which will ensure a partnership approach to high risk cases.

2.7.4 Support services were promoted through 16 days of action, through J9 awareness sessions, and domestic abuse events held in venues across the district. J9 is a County led project that aims to have safe spaces within communities for victims of domestic abuse to have discreet access find out about support available to them. Some local examples are hairdressers, healthy hubs and vets.

2.8 Priority 3: Prevention

- To offer early help and support
- To raise awareness and engage with the community to reduce vulnerability of being involved within negative behaviours
- To offer support to young people to reduce vulnerability of being involved within negative behaviours
- To work in partnership with Local Strategic Partnership subgroups to identify emerging local issues and trends
- To manage anti-social behaviour and crime hot spots

2.8.1 The Community Support Service supported residents with a primary mental health need. This holistic service provides support, onward signposting and advocacy to residents whose mental health needs are negatively impacting on other aspects of their, or those around them, lives. Although the number supported was below target, this is due to increasing complexity of cases and pressure on NHS services. Clients have been presenting to the service with at least 6 complex needs which results in cases being open for longer.

2.8.2 Violence Against Women and Girls task group was set up and reviewed areas of concern, developed surveys to make it easier for residents to provide feedback & provided free self-defence sessions to 68 residents.

2.8.3 Youth Violence PCSOs held Peace Weeks and delivered assemblies in several schools. This work has led to referrals into the Youth Action Panels.

2.8.4 CCTV has been used reactively to disrupt crime and disorder in hot spot locations identified through the ASBAG.

2.8.5 ASB conference held for partners at Three Rivers House to encourage use of ASB tools and powers, consult on priorities and increase awareness of support services available to residents.

2.9 Priority 4: Motor Vehicle Crime

- Tackle and reduce catalytic converter thefts
- Tackle and prevent theft of motor vehicle
- Tackle and prevent theft from a motor vehicle
- Reduce vulnerability to becoming a victim of motor vehicle crime

2.9.1 Operations have been coordinated and delivered to tackle theft of and from motor vehicles. This has led to the seizure of vehicles and arrests in relation to other crimes.

2.9.2 Proactive vehicle checks have been carried out by Herts Constabulary & residents notified if their vehicles are vulnerable.

2.10 Priority 5: Burglary & Fraud

- Raise awareness and reduce vulnerability to burglary
- Raise awareness in the community on scams and fraud prevention
- Reduce vulnerability in the community to cyber crime

2.10.1 Proactive and reactive operations have been delivered to tackle burglary within Three Rivers.

2.10.2 Herts Constabulary has attended community events to increase awareness with residents.

2.10.3 Safe and Well visits conducted by the Fire Service include information and advice to reduce vulnerability to crime.

2.10.4 Older Persons Activity Learning and Safety (OPALS) event was held in January in South Oxhey to provide residents with information and advice.

2.11 Priority 6: Hate Crime and Counter Terrorism

- Workforce development to ensure all relevant staff are equipped to respond to concerns.
- Develop and maintain multi agency network
- Monitor threats
- Increasing community confidence in reporting
- Increased support and education on community cohesion and integration.
- Ensure community venues and resources do not provide a platform for extremists
- To raise awareness and engage with the community around the issues of hate crime and extremism.

2.11.1 Training has been organised and delivered on the topics of Prevent and Hate Crime. This was made available to all CSP organisations.

2.11.2 CSP works closely with County Prevent team to understand local issues that may impact on residents. This information is shared with partners and appropriate and proportionate action taken.

2.11.3 Local events have been hosted in relation to Black History Month, Pride & Holocaust Memorial Day.

3 The Community Safety Priorities for Three Rivers Community Safety Board are:

- **Violence (No More Service Youth, South West Herts Youth Action Panel, school events, domestic abuse, Violence Against Women and Girl)**
- **Vulnerable people (Anti-Social Behaviour, complex needs), burglary, motor vehicle crime**
- **Fraud & scams (OPALS, trading standards)**
- **Hate crime & counter terrorism (craft and culture, community fairs, Counter terrorism local profiles, signs and symbols)**

4 Options and Reasons for Recommendations

- 4.1 To comply with the Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009.
- 4.2 To invite Members of the Committee to comment on the work of the Community Safety Partnership.

5 Policy/Budget Reference and Implications

- 5.1 The recommendations in this report are within the Council's agreed policy and budgets. The Crime and Disorder Overview and Scrutiny Regulations 2009 grants local authorities powers for scrutiny of crime and disorder.
- 5.2 The recommendations in this report relate to the achievement of the following performance indicators.
 - 5.2.1 CP19 – number of people receiving support from the Community Support Service.
 - 5.2.2 CP21 – number of victims of domestic abuse supported by domestic abuse caseworker service.
 - 5.2.3 CP49 – Percentage of cases coming to ASBAG that have an action plan developed.
 - 5.2.4 CP51- Percentage of SWHYAP cases with action plans developed.
- 5.3 The impact of the recommendations is:

To meet the statutory requirement for Three Rivers District Council to scrutinise the work of the Community Safety Partnership.

Financial, Legal, Staffing, Equal Opportunities, Environmental, Community Safety, Public Health, Customer Services Centre, Communications & Website, Risk Management and Health & Safety Implications

None specific.

- 5.4 For revenue expenditure, include the following relevant table(s):-

REVENUE IMPLICATION	Current Year 2021/22 £	2022/23 £	2023/24 £	Future Years per annum £
Revenue				

Expenditure	0	0	0	0
Income/savings	0	0	0	0
Net Commitment	0	0	0	0

For capital expenditure, include the following relevant table(s):-

CAPITAL IMPLICATION	Current Year 2021/22 £	2022/23 £	2023/24 £	Future Years per annum £
Capital Expenditure				
Revenue Consequences Expenditure Income/Savings				
Net Revenue Commitment				

6 Legal Implications

6.1 None Arising

7 Staffing Implications

8 None Arising

9 Equal Opportunities Implications

9.1 EQIA is attached at Appendix A.

10 Community Safety Implications

The Annual Report shows the work of the Community Safety Partnership which works to reduce crime and disorder and increase feelings of safety.

11 Public Health implications

None Arising

12 Customer Services Centre Implications

None Arising

13 Communications and Website Implications

14 None Arising

15 Risk and Health & Safety Implications

15.1 The Council has agreed its risk management strategy which can be found on the website at <http://www.threerivers.gov.uk>. In addition, the risks of the proposals in the report have also been assessed against the Council's duties under Health and Safety legislation relating to employees, visitors and persons affected by our operations. The risk management implications of this report are detailed below.

15.2 The subject of this report is covered by the Community Partnerships service plan(s). Any risks resulting from this report will be included in the risk register and, if necessary, managed within this/these plan(s).

Nature of Risk	Consequence	Suggested Control Measures	Response <i>(tolerate, treat, terminate, transfer)</i>	Risk Rating <i>(combination of likelihood and impact)</i>
To fail to scrutinise the work of the Community Safety Partnership.	The CSP fails to achieve its plans.	Produce annual report for the committee to review and comment on.	Tolerate	4

15.3 The above risks are scored using the matrix below. The Council has determined its aversion to risk and is prepared to tolerate risks where the combination of impact and likelihood scores 6 or less.

Very Likely	Low	High	Very High	Very High
	4	8	12	16
	Low	Medium	High	Very High
	3	6	9	12
	Low	Low	Medium	High
2	4	6	8	
Low	Low	Low	Low	
1	2	3	4	
Likelihood		Impact		
Remote		Low	Unacceptable	

Impact Score

- 4 (Catastrophic)
- 3 (Critical)
- 2 (Significant)
- 1 (Marginal)

Likelihood Score

- 4 (Very Likely (≥80%))
- 3 (Likely (21-79%))
- 2 (Unlikely (6-20%))
- 1 (Remote (≤5%))

15.4 In the officers' opinion none of the new risks above, were they to come about, would seriously prejudice the achievement of the Strategic Plan and are therefore operational risks. The effectiveness of the management of operational risks is reviewed by the Audit Committee annually.

16 Recommendation

16.1 That Members of the Committee consider and comment on the community safety annual report.

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Data Quality

Data sources:

Three Rivers Community Safety Action Plan report

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Data rating: Tick

1	Poor	
2	Sufficient	x
3	High	

