

Brentwood Community Safety Partnership
Strategy Group Meeting
25th August 2011

Present:

Yvette Wetton (Chair)	Essex County Council
Katie Castle	Essex Probation
Tony Howard	Essex Fire & Rescue
Megan Mitchell	SWE PCT
Charles Obukofe	Police Authority
Simon Werrett (for Adrian Coombs)	Essex Police
Adrian Tidbury (for John Whelpdale)	Brentwood Borough Council

In Attendance:

Matt Bracken	CSP Analyst
Mark Catto	Essex Probation
Scott Prestedge	Brentwood Borough Council
John Tidbury	Essex Fire & Rescue
Tracey Lilley	CSP ASB Co-ordinator/BBC

Apologies:

Adrian Coombs	Essex Police
John Whelpdale	Brentwood Borough Council

1. **NOTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS – 23.06.11**

The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record.

Matters Arising

ACTIONS TO BE CARRIED OVER:

- 24.02.11/03 JR to send TL details regarding linking Community Payback with the Community Audit Teams.
- TL to contact KC for the relevant information.
- 21.04.11/01 MB to provide further information to YW for her to use when she contacts Essex Trading Standards to find out what work could be done on an Essex wide basis to further enforce the licensing of scrap yards.
*- MB has contacted Essex Trading Standards but has had no response.
MB to also raise issue with Essex County Council.*

2 **CROSS BORDER OFFICER ACTION PLAN**

At the previous meeting held in June, YW recommended that representatives from Brentwood works with officers from Epping and Harlow, to look in depth at the Cross Border Officer's Final Report and to work in partnership to act upon its various recommendations. Further to these meetings, a closing report has been produced by the Cross Border Officer. YW highlighted Objective 1 – Points 3 & 4, Caroline Wiggins' presence on the Essex Insight working Group. YW stressed that it would be crucial to retain parts of the Zubed system through Essex Insight. Whilst Essex Insight promotes better links across Essex, it places less emphasis on the cross border link up with MET areas that the Zubed system identified. With this in mind, MM suggested it would be beneficial for the group to invite Greg Middleton and Duncan Taylor from Essex Insight to attend a future meeting. YW also stressed that with regard to the next Strategic Assessment, in addition to identifying areas for concern, more emphasis must be placed on demonstrating the outcomes achieved by the partnership.

ACTION:

25.08.11/01 YW to contact Greg Middleton and Duncan Taylor regarding attending a future CSP meeting to brief members on Essex Insight.

3. **DISTRICT CRIME PRESENTATION**

MB presented the August District Presentation to the group, the following figures summarises the key points:

All Crime:

4.03% **down** on same period the previous year, 2.70% **up** on previous month.

Assault (less serious injury):

1.04% **up** on same period the previous year, 8.70% **up** on previous month.

Assault Without Injury:

17.89% **down** on same period the previous year, 58.82% **up** on previous month.

Criminal Damage:

3.55% **down** on same period the previous year, **0% change** from the previous month.

The district is the best performing of the most similar group comparison.

Domestic Abuse:

24.18% **up** on same period last year, 7.41% **up** on previous month.

Domestic Burglary:

38.37% **up** on same period last year, 23.68% **down** on previous month. The district is the worst performing of the most similar group comparison.

Other Burglary:

15.72% **down** on same period the previous year, 34.88% **down** on previous month.

Vehicle Crime:

36.87% **up** on same period the previous year, 11.94% **up** on previous month.

Anti-Social Behaviour:

7.88% **down** on same period the previous year, 7.66% **up** on previous month.

Hate Crime:

13.33% **up** on same period the previous year, 77.78% **down** on previous month. The district is the worst performing of the most similar group comparison.

Some concern was shown regarding trends of assault with less serious injury since October 2010; some members queried whether the re-opening of The Sugar Hut in August could have had an impact in respect of these figures. AT suggested it would be a beneficial exercise to track these incidents by the time and place. SW also reminded the group that the additional Police resources being applied to the local Night Time Economy has the impact of more arrests. Domestic Burglary is currently performing bottom of the most similar group comparison, Brentwood's proximity to London and cross border offending is a major contributor to this. SW stressed that MET operations to drive down burglary in London has the knock on effect of increasing cross border offences in the Borough. Brentwood Police attempt to mirror MET operations to minimise these effects.

Vehicle crime remains an issue with the Borough performing one from bottom on the most similar group comparison; there has been a sharp rise in offences over the last 3 months. The group expressed concern regarding vehicle crime trends and discussed what could be delivered strategically to help lower figures. Domestic Abuse figures have risen sharply since the start of this financial year; this shows a similar trend to Harlow and Epping. TH also commented that Thurrock has seen similar increases in Domestic Abuse incidents. Comparisons at County Level show that whilst Essex is below the average in terms of actual domestic violence incidents, the rate of repeat victimisation is very high. TL informed the group that these figures will have been significantly affected by incidents at a privately owned children's home in Green Acres highlighted at the previous meeting.

ACTIONS:

- 25.08.11/02 MB to conduct research into assault with less serious injury trends since October 2010, identifying levels of assault and where and when they took place.
- 25.08.11/03 CO to take vehicle crime issue trend back to the Police Authority to ensure they are aware of the trend, and to question what is being done strategically to address the issue.
- 25.08.11/04 MB to breakdown vehicle crime figures into theft of and theft from vehicle in future crime presentations.

4. PROJECT UPDATES**(a) Night Time Economy**

Meeting between AC, TL and YW was cancelled due to the pressure placed on the Police Service by the London Riots. YW is hopeful that activities can be put into place that can be rolled out across all of West Essex, there have been discussion regarding SOS

services being deployed in each area. TL updated the group on the Street Pastor initiative which was launched in Brentwood on Friday 19th August. Following the launch event at Sawyer's Hall Church, Volunteers then went to Brentwood High Street where they interacted with taxi drivers, pub doorman and also aided a member of the public. Street Pastor volunteers will be present on the high street on Friday Nights, this is to be extended to Saturdays when more volunteers sign up to the scheme.

ACTION:

25.08.11/05 SP to distribute Street Pastors presentation.

(b) Community Action Teams

The project was launched in June, at present only two people have registered for the training in September, 25 people are required for the training to be delivered. The training will be postponed until there are enough individuals signed up. However, there have been instances of local groups undertaking more basic activities, it is hoped that this will give them the confidence and experience to take on the full training. BBC has also launched its Civic Champions initiative; there is a launch party on the 17th September, this will precede an Environmental Action Day on the 18th September. The Pilgrims Hatch Partnership continues to be a success story and continues to grow.

ACTION:

25.08.11/06 YW to provide TL with details of Parish Council Officer at ECC.

5. **BUDGET UPDATE**

TL presented the current partnership funding to group. Due to a number of forward funded roles, the partnership is in a healthy financial position. JT informed TL that the Fire Service should be providing a £4,000 contribution towards partnership funding and will follow this up. At this point TL and MB left the room to allow the group to take the future funding of their respective positions under consideration. YW voiced the opinion that the partnership would be virtually unable to deliver against its priorities without the contribution of MB and TL. SW also commented that with police division borders changing, Thurrock may also be interested in contributing towards the funding for the divisional analyst. Group members **APPROVED** funding for both TL and MB's roles.

ACTION:

25.08.11/07 YW to forward Home Office Community Action Bid to SP and TL.

6. **REPORT FROM THE CSP QUALITY OF LIFE GROUP**

SW informed the group that due to a number of individuals being on leave, the scheduled meeting was cancelled. This meeting will now be taking place on the 31st August.

ACTION:

25.08.11/08 SP to circulate minutes of this meeting along with future meeting dates.

7. INTEGRATED OFFENDER MANAGEMENT

YW and TL met with Kate Sale who currently manages IOM across Essex. Epping and Brentwood will be joining forces to allow for better joined up working, this will include the merger of the two respective areas ASB and Youth Action Groups.

8. POLICING STRUCTURES UPDATE

YW referred the group to 'The Future of Operational Policing in Essex' document that was circulated to members prior to the meeting. YW highlighted the re-organisation of Policing areas, with Brentwood sitting in the Western Division along with Harlow and Epping Forest. CO also identified the importance of the growing relationship with Kent Police.

9. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- Essex Insight
- Street Pastors Progression Report

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Domestic Abuse Awareness Week – 21st – 25th November

TL informed the group about this year's Domestic Abuse Awareness week which will be taking place in November. SW and TL will be setting up a Task & Finish group through the Quality of Life Group to identify how this week will be delivered.

(b) Brentwood Lighting Up – Saturday 26th November

This year the Brentwood Lighting Up event will be returning to a Saturday, TL suggested that it would be beneficial to have a partnership presence at this event. It may also provide an ideal opportunity for the partnership to consult for the next Strategic Assessment.

(c) Cardiff Model

As per the previous meeting, MM has had discussions with Havering and Queens Hospital regarding Cardiff Model figures as the majority of Brentwood admissions pass through Queens. Systems are not currently in place to provide these figures, if the partnership wish to pursue this issue, it will need to open discussions with the Havering CSP.

(d) Megan Mitchell

MM will not be attending any future CSP meetings due to a change in MM's role, at present a replacement representative has not been identified. YW thanks MM on behalf of the group for contributions to the group's activities.

(e) London Riots

Whilst there has been minimal activity in Essex, ECC has produced a report in the aftermath of the London Riots.

(e) Domestic Homicide Review Training

The Essex Safeguarding Adults Board will be running Domestic Homicide Review Training on October 19th in Stansted.

ACTION:

- 25.08.11/09 YW to contact Havering CSP regarding Cardiff Model figures from Queens Hospital.
- 25.08.11/10 YW to contact Alison Cowie regarding identifying a replacement representative for MM.
- 25.08.11/11 YW to circulate ECC report to group members.
- 25.08.11/12 TL to circulate details of the Domestic Homicide Training to members.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Future meeting dates currently scheduled are:

- Thursday 20th October 2011, 1-3pm, Committee Rooms, Brentwood Town Hall
- Thursday 12th January 2012, 1-3pm, Committee Rooms, Brentwood Town Hall