

LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY BOARD

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ROLE AND FORWARD PLAN FOR LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY BOARD (LSCSB)

Purpose of this paper

1. To propose a forward plan for the Leicestershire Safer Communities Strategy Board.

Background

2. Officers at Leicestershire County Council have been considering the role of the Board and looking at ensuring the Board has a clear plan and role.
3. The Board's role was founded upon Community Safety legislation, but particularly the need for a joined up approach regarding Community Safety that transferred from district Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) to the County Council. Since the establishment of Police & Crime Commissioners and transfer of Community Safety funding to them the Board's role regarding funding has changed.

Consideration of Board Role

4. The Board provides an opportunity to develop understanding and agreement with regard to community safety strategic approaches across Leicestershire County, as Board members are influential in their local organisations and partnerships for local delivery. The Board is therefore also well placed to provide a link between Community Safety, countywide agencies and other countywide strategic approaches, particularly those that are unable to service the seven district Community Safety Partnerships, as it brings together the Chairs of all district CSPs in the County of Leicestershire in one meeting.
5. It is proposed that this opportunity is built upon through:
 - a) Developing a clear work plan for meetings of the Board to ensure relevant information is disseminated and acted upon appropriately; and
 - b) Clarifying the Board's role to include:
 - Identifying and overseeing the response to countywide community safety priorities – including agreeing the statutory County Community Safety Agreement.

- Ensuring effective communication between countywide agencies and district Community Safety Partnerships that supports alignment between countywide strategic approaches regarding Community Safety and related issues and local delivery approaches and needs.
- Developing and setting up joint strategic approaches to Community Safety issues.

Annual meeting plan

6. To support the effective running of the Board an annual plan has been developed regarding the core business of the Board. The plan has been based upon current priorities of the Board and key areas of business for CSP Chairs and countywide agencies to ensure they are aware of developments and their potential impact and can influence countywide and local approaches.
7. The following areas of business will be scheduled for every normal meeting of the Board:
 - Performance update
 - Strategic Partnership Board update
8. The following areas of business will be scheduled to report twice per year:
 - Vulnerability & Community & Voluntary Sector updates
 - Domestic Abuse (including Domestic Homicide Reviews)
9. The following areas of business will be scheduled to report once per year:

- ASB	- Adult offending
- Prevent & Hate	- Substance Misuse
- Child Sexual Exploitation & Sexual Violence	- Supporting Leicestershire Families
- Youth offending	- PCP update
10. In addition we will schedule an update from each key countywide partner (Police, Fire, Probation, CRC, LCC, PCC) and partnership (Safeguarding Board and Health & Well-being Board) once per year to cover key developments and impact of these on Community Safety. These are allocated to specific months below, but will be set in discussion as to what is appropriate with those partners.
11. Emerging crime issues will be covered within the performance paper and additional reports for any of the areas of business above will be scheduled where there are specific needs or developments. Other areas of business will be added where appropriate.
12. The proposed standard annual meeting plan is as follows:

Meeting 1 – June

- Election of Chair and Vice Chair
- End of Year Performance
- SPB update
- Domestic Abuse & DHRs
- Substance Misuse
- Vulnerability/Voluntary & Community Sector
- Partner change update – (Police)

Meeting 3 – December

- Quarter 2 Performance
- SPB update
- Domestic Abuse & DHRs
- Prevent & Hate
- Supporting Leicestershire Families
- Vulnerability/Voluntary & Community Sector
- Health & Well-being Board update
- Partner change update – (LCC)

Meeting 2 – September

- Quarter 1 Performance
- SPB update
- Re-offending update – Adults
- Re-offending update - Young People
- PCC Update
- PCP update
- Partner change update – (Fire Authority/Service)

Meeting 4 - March

- Quarter 3 Performance
- SPB update
- ASB
- Prevent & Hate
- CSE & Sexual Violence
- Safeguarding Board update
- Partner Change update – (Probation & CRC)

13. A more detailed work plan including specific areas of consideration within each area of business will be drafted. In March 2016 we have the following agenda items scheduled in addition to the standard agenda above.

- Organised Crime
- Cyber-crime

Recommendations

14. It is recommended that the Board agrees the proposed meeting plan and clarification of its role.

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