

LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY BOARD

26TH JUNE 2020

LSCSB UPDATE: OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

Purpose of report

1. The purpose of this report is to provide partners with a brief outline on the current and planned developments within the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) for 2020/21.

Notable developments and challenges:

Current

Data & Dashboards

2. Community Safety Partnerships should now have all been contacted and given a virtual demonstration of the dashboard to show how these can be used interactively with the performance pack. The final dashboards will be forwarded 22/06/2020. The performance packs accompanying the dashboards will then be produced in line with the financial quarters.
3. In addition the Performance team are conducting an impact analysis of the COVID-19 pandemic on crime and disorder in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR). The current circumstances have significantly affected the volumes of crimes being recorded and the full extent of this will be broken down to a local authority level which we will of course share with you once complete.

Partnerships

4. As an office we continue with a 'business as usual' approach and maintain regular attendance at meetings and links with our partners and stakeholders. Key partnership meetings have continued, such as the Strategic Assurance Board (SAB) and Strategic Partnership Board (SPB), and note that the regular CSP meetings are slowly getting back up and running. We are committed to supporting these meetings and will ensure we have a presence at each one.
5. Invites for the next CSP Chairs Network have been sent out for 23rd June 2020.

6. The first virtual 'What Matters To You' CSP discussion took place on 19 May 20 with the PCC / CC and CSPs.
7. The OPCC are currently in the process of recruiting for a new Partnership Officer which will improve our ability to deliver and support the partnership.

Engagement

8. As an office we are looking to develop our digital footprint and looking at new ways that we can enhance our online presence and increase our engagement with the public:
 - The PCC has started a weekly blog which goes out via our Twitter and Facebook pages;
 - A virtual What Matters To You (WMTY) took place with the faith leaders across LLR on 4th June;
 - Virtual meetings and Q&A sessions with the PCC have been carried out, in conjunction with the Violence Reduction Network (VRN), amongst youth councils in both the county and city. These have proved extremely positive with further discussions being had about how young people can influence at a more strategic level.

Night Time Economy

9. The OPCC have been working with all the CSPs and other agencies to prepare plans for managing the restoration of the night time economy (NTE).
10. To date CSPs have put together very detailed plans to prepare for the re-opening and work has focussed on ways of adding value to those plans e.g. by putting together an area wide communications campaign and providing area wide monitoring. The plans will need to adapt to the government guidance, when this is eventually received.
11. Although the initial aim is to manage the restart of NTE effectively, we have agreed that we will maintain the initiative beyond the anticipated restart date of 4 July 2020.

DSVA MoJ funding (£76m).

12. A number of bids have been received and now sent to the Ministry of Justice for approval.

Violence Reduction Network

13. All the milestones at the end of 2019/20 were met including submission of the Strategic Needs Assessment and the Response Strategy.
14. The application for 2020/21 funding (880k) was submitted in time and approved. This year it was a joint application with the Police as they were allocated approx. 990k for surge funding. Although the latter is a police fund only it did allow us to join forces around certain areas of business (e.g. child criminal exploitation and work with schools).
15. The grant agreement is more prescribed this year with the following mandatory products expected: a Strategic Needs Assessment and Response Strategy refresh, a local evaluation, a local community perception survey and an annual report. The grant agreement states that 20% of the fund has to be allocated to interventions.
16. This year (as discussed in the CSP chairs meeting in January) the aim is to strengthen the VRN's relationship with CSPs including VRN representative attending local CSPs to increase awareness of local issues and challenges and ensure the work of the VRN is reaching and benefitting local communities.
17. The VRN have completed work on the serious violence dashboard and this can be broken down by CSP and will be shared regularly to inform local planning. The VRN will also support local mobilisation for the serious violence legal duty by providing data, insights and frameworks which can be used as well as supporting local problem-solving where needed. We are also interested in exploring opportunities for collaboration around the community perception survey.
18. VRN funds this year are funding the central team as well as the following interventions:
 - The hospital-based VIP service;
 - Unlocking Potential (UP) an employability project for 16-25 year olds provided by Leicestershire Cares;
 - A Childhood Adversity Project ran by LPT for addressing ACEs amongst young people;
 - Mentors in Violence prevention in secondary schools;
 - A grants scheme.
19. Other examples of investment includes workforce development around Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and trauma and contextual safeguarding and a community leadership programme.

Coming Year

People Zones

20. There have been few recent developments regarding People Zones understandably due to the current situation.
21. Loughborough University will continue with their evaluation once it is safe to do so and will notify us accordingly. It is likely that this will not commence before the Autumn.
22. Contact has been made with each People Zone area and we will continue to drive and support this going forward.
23. Our focus will be to build resilience within communities and getting them more involved going forward. We had already started to work on this when COVID-19 happened.
24. Funding wise, depending on the cost of COVID-19 we hope to increase our financial support.

Community Leadership Programme

25. As part of our commitment to build resilience and capacity within communities we are developing a Leadership Development Programme to upskill key community figures. This is currently being scoped out with the VRN and will be put out to tender.

Recommendations for the Board

26. The Board is asked to note the contents of the report.

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