

## **LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY BOARD**

**18<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2021**

### **LSCSB UPDATE: OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER (OPCC)**

#### **Background**

1. To provide the Board with an update on the work of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC), specifically in relation to the Strategic Partnership Board (SPB), and any future developments.

#### **Notable developments and challenges:**

##### ***Current***

#### **New Police and Crime Commissioner**

2. The OPCC welcomed Mr Rupert Matthews as the newly elected Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR) on the 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021. The coming weeks and months will be a period of transition and adjustment as Mr Matthews settles in and starts to tackle the challenges that lie ahead. The PCC is in the process of drafting the Police and Crime Plan for consultation with partners, stakeholders and the public before the final version is agreed and signed off.

#### **Community Safety Partnerships**

3. The Partnership Officer has amended the monitoring forms with the hope they will be easier for Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) to complete in terms of tracking expenditure, activities and outcomes and how they link to priority objectives. These should now have been circulated to all the CSP Chairs and Managers and are to be completed on a quarterly basis, for the previous quarter and sent to the Partnership Officer, Saj Devshi  
[sajan.devshi@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:sajan.devshi@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk)
4. The monitoring forms for Q1 are now due.
5. Due to unforeseen circumstances, there has been a slight delay with the distribution of the 2021/22 contracts to CSPs. The PCC widely acknowledges

the commitment made by the CSPs in their support for contributing to the overall delivery of the Police and Crime Plan objectives.

### **Ex-offender Programme**

6. Mandeep Kaur, the Senior Economic Regeneration Officer, attended the last CSP Chairs Network Meeting to provide an overview of the Ex-offender Programme and the five objectives that form part of the project. Cllr Kirk Master wrote to CSP chairs in April 2021 to summarise the key aims and highlight the commitment of the previous PCC. The letter and Fair Chance Recruitment charter are attached as appendices for information.

### **Safer Streets & VAWG**

7. We were successful in securing £432,000 through Safer Streets 2 for our Town centres bid covering parts of Castle Donnington, Hinckley, Lutterworth and Melton. Demand against this fund was very high with only ¼ areas receiving funding for a second bid and tertiary bids not even being marked. Thanks to all for their hard work in pulling the bids together and we will be in touch shortly to arrange meetings to drive delivery forward.
8. Safer Streets 3 (VAWG) has now been formally launched. Given the above re. Safer Streets 2 we do not think it is worthwhile submitting more than one bid (also given bullet point below re. further bidding opportunity). We will be progressing a Parks bid – more detail will be shared in due course and there is a bid forming meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Bid deadline is 15<sup>th</sup> July with the maximum bid amount being £550,000, no match funding required.
9. A further Night Time Economy (VAWG) bid opportunity will be launched at the end of June by the Home Office. We only have limited detail at this point but will share more as it is shared with us. We intend to shape and submit a bid with partners against this fund.

### **Youth Perception Survey**

10. A youth perception survey has been developed in partnership with the police and VRN. CSPs were initially notified in February 2021 and invited to input suggestions for potential themes. Where possible these have been incorporated.
11. The aims of the survey are to gather the views and perceptions young people have around knife crime, safety, ASB and substance mis-use and it is aimed at young people aged 11-24. This is a pilot study and the first of its kind for the OPCC. The intention is that this will be an annual survey.

12. Feedback was sought from a number of young people and youth support agencies regarding language, content and survey length. Recommendations put forward were considered and the relevant adjustments made. The survey went live on 7<sup>th</sup> June '21 and will run for the whole of the summer.
13. Police colleagues will be pushing the survey out through schools as part of their outreach programmes. Links to the online survey will be distributed out via our partners, stakeholders and relevant youth community and support groups. Any support the CSPs can provide will be appreciated.

### **Strategic Partnership Board (SPB)**

14. The purpose of the Board is to address harmful behaviours within Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR).

#### **SPB 2021 Schedule**

15. The following timetable provides a proposed schedule of activity for SPB for the forthcoming months. This includes the period of transition to a new PCC as chair of the Board. The schedule is built around the remit of SPB to address harmful behaviours, particularly focussing on their causes:

<b>Dates of meetings in 2021</b>	<b>SPB – main focus</b>	<b>SPB Exec – main focus</b>
25 February	Childhood trauma: approach to prevention and mitigation	
22 March		Initial analysis of substance misuse
20 May	Introduction to new PCC, review and outline business case on work of SPB and sub- groups.	
24 May		Introduction to new PCC Step up to Great Mental Health Development Proposals for substance misuse
27 July		Initial analysis of Modern Slavery
19 August	Reviews of: Childhood trauma Substance misuse Mental Health	
24 September		Organised crime

		analysis
16 November		LLR approach to suicide
25 November	No theme identified at this point	

### Review and Priority Setting

16. The above schedule would complete the set of priorities that SPB initially identified as the priority harmful behaviours. The process of completing an in-depth analysis of each harmful behaviour and subsequently developing an improvement plan with an emphasis on prevention has now become well established. The issue of childhood trauma has been added since the initial priorities were set. The purpose of carrying out a review at the May SPB meeting was to identify the new priorities for the Board. In order to prepare for this all Board members were consulted before the meeting in May.
17. Discussions at SPB centred around the presentation from Paul Hindson (Chief Executive, OPCC), which summarised the programme, Terms of Reference (ToR), broad themes, areas to be improved, what the partnership can build on, and next steps. This was taken to SPB Executive and a planning session on how to take the broad themes forward and turn them into a plan has been arranged.
18. Work to realign SOG and incorporate it into the wider work and governance of the SPB has been carried out. Paul Hindson presented a report outlining the revised Terms of Reference (ToR) at the last SOG meeting in May for approval. The board approved the report.

### ***Coming Year***

#### **Community Leadership Programme**

19. The first round of the programme has ended with 18 of the 20 delegates 'graduating' in April. A showcase event was held last month to celebrate the work and learning that has come out of attending the Leadership Programme. It was an opportunity for each participant to share their learning experiences and how they will apply this to current and future projects initiatives.
20. A Leaders Network led by Ivan Liburd (VRN) will provide a platform for future collaboration opportunities and to continue to build on the work that has been started.

21. Work to develop cohort#2 which will be aimed at young people from the ages of 18-30 is underway. Leaders from the first cohort#1 will provide support with the recruitment and be very much involved in the whole process.
22. It is planned that applications to apply to take part in the next programme will open mid-June and run until 30<sup>th</sup> July'21. The programme will start early September'21.
23. Further details regarding recruitment will follow and CSPs will be encouraged to support in sharing it amongst their young people networks.

### **People Zones**

24. £25k of funding has been committed to each People Zone (PZ) area for both 2021/22 and 2022/23, including scope for the development of a 4<sup>th</sup> People Zone area in the city. This will be allocated to the relevant CSP/SLP to drive forward and develop. Community involvement is key to ensure buy-in, build resilience and encourage communities to be less dependent on support services for long term sustainability.
25. The relevant CSP/SLP will produce a delivery plan outlining their proposals for developing the People Zones. These will become embedded into the overall CSP/SLP annual plans and be included on the quarterly monitoring forms.
26. Work to draft a delivery plan in each of the CSP/PZ areas is underway and initial progress is looking positive.

### **Recommendations for the Board**

27. The Board are requested to note the contents of the report.

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#### **Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Fair Chance Recruitment

Appendix 2 – Letter from Kirk Master

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