

Leicestershire & Rutland
Safer Communities Strategy
Board



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LSCSB UPDATE: OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

Background

1. The Executive team supporting the work of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire is known as the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC). This team has been put together specifically to enable the PCC to successfully carry out his duties. The OPCC is led by a Chief Executive, whose responsibility is to manage the staff team and provide a monitoring role to ensure that standards remain high. The team also includes a Chief Finance Officer to advise the PCC on financial matters and the impact of any decisions regarding the budget, spending and commissioning. Other specialist staff provide support on key areas of business and manage the administrative functions of the OPCC.

Notable developments and challenges:

Past Year

2. PCC elections were held in May 2024 and the incumbent PCC Mr Rupert Matthews was re-elected for a second term.
3. We are currently undertaking Safer Streets 5 delivery. The two beneficiary areas were Melton Mowbray (ASB) and Oadby and Wigston (Neighbourhood Crime). Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) had a Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR) wide approach. This is on track to complete by March 2025 but we are hoping this is completed prior to this date.
4. Melton Mowbray had the following interventions:
 - a. Youth Interventions projects x2;
 - b. CCTV x3 Cameras and x4 Fly tipping Cameras;
 - c. Solar Vision Lighting x12;
 - d. Wireless CCTV Help Point;
 - e. Target Hardening up to 130 homes;
 - f. Training of practitioners x7.

5. Oadby and Wigston had the following:
 - a. Neighbourhood Crime Campaign via Crimestoppers;
 - b. Target Hardening up to 400 homes;
 - c. Deployable CCTV x10 and up to 60 lamp post conversions for mobile CCTV redeployment;
 - d. Fixed CCTV Column x2;
 - e. Anti-burglary cocooning packs up to 1300 homes.

6. Community Safety Partnership (CSP) funding has been renewed for all partners from April 2024 and there was a significant underspend from last year's budget which has been collected (£140,705.06). It has been agreed that approximately £97,905.55 will be redistributed to every CSP based on the CSP Formula devised. This will see all CSPs now receive significantly more funding than they have in previous years primarily through improved efficiency in how we work with partners. I am in the process of drafting contract variation notices to implement this but it is important to note this additional funding is for this year only. We have also agreed to fund £31,000.00 to the Police to create a Hate Crime Hub from this underspend. £1800 was also allocated to help Leicestershire County Council deliver Anti-social Behaviour (ASB) related training across LLR. Partners had agreed to draw from the underspend budget collectively at SOG (Senior Officers Group) to enable this. The CSP funding is now broken down as follows for 24/25 with each area's additional funds:

| | 24/25 Funding | 23/24 Underspend allocation | Total Funding 24/25 |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| CSP 1 Leicester | £271,818.47 | +£41,603.01 | £313,421.48 |
| CSP 2 Charnwood | £89,530.24 | +£13,703.00 | £103,233.23 |
| CSP 3 Blaby | £52,665.76 | +£8,060.73 | £60,726.49 |
| CSP 4 Hinckley & Bosworth | £51,217.55 | +£7,839.07 | £59,056.62 |
| CSP 5 SNWL | £53,776.10 | +£8,230.67 | £62,006.76 |
| CSP 6 Harborough | £37,479.75 | +£5,736.44 | £43,216.19 |
| CSP 7 Oadby & Wigston | £32,554.58 | +£4,982.62 | £37,537.20 |
| CSP 8 Melton | £31,335.75 | +£4,796.07 | £36,131.82 |
| CSP 9 Rutland | £19,296.80 | +£2,953.46 | £22,250.25 |

7. The first People Zones Grant Fund round will launch from Friday 5th July for 4 weeks, until Friday 2nd August. Full details will be available via People Zones & OPCC websites from launch day. We are unable to publicly promote / launch until then due to the pre-election period. Organisations can apply for up to £10k for projects linked to the key themes of our research:
 - Health & Wellbeing
 - Community Safety
 - Crime & ASB
 - Substance Use
 - Pride of Place

There are 2 further rounds scheduled from Monday 30th September & Monday 6th January. All rounds are open for 4 weeks & announced 4 weeks prior to launch. Contact email for more information is People.Zones@Leics.Police.uk and www.peoplezones.co.uk

8. The Performance Team are busy looking at what a revised data offer could look like to benefit the Community Safety Partnerships. The current quarterly data packs will be replaced by an annual data led problem profile. The OPCC are currently embroiled in various meetings with information management regarding some of the metrics that are going to be included within the problem profiles. This problem profile will be followed by quarterly updates on the priorities highlighted within the annual problem profile. Some of the sections included are as follows; Demographic analysis, Timeliness Analysis & some Location/Hotspot mapping. These OPCC problem profiles will not include any Violence data as this is covered within the SV problem profiles and will therefore focus on all other crime types outside of violent offences.
9. PCC Rupert Matthews has launched a new Hate Crime Scrutiny Panel. Eight individuals who went through a full recruitment process in April 2024 have been appointed and will meet up to 4 times per year to scrutinise 12 closed (non-live) cases of hate crimes. They will look at Force policy and procedure and determine as a group whether or not the officer handled the case appropriately, identifying areas of notable practice and areas for improvement. This work will drive service improvement and improve victim's experiences of hate crimes under the governance of the Ethics and Transparency Panel.
10. The OPCC took ownership of the Out of Court Resolutions scrutiny panel in March 2024. Out of Court Resolutions are any way of dealing with a crime outside of the criminal justice system (keeping the individual out of court for low level crimes and offering diversionary routes). This panel is made up of professional bodies such as Crown Prosecution Service (CPS), Magistrates, Probation, Police, OPCC, Hampton Trust, Victim First, Centre for Action on Rape and Abuse (CARA) among others. This scrutiny panel meets twice per year and reviews 30 individual uses of out of court resolutions, determining whether or not the officer handled the case appropriately, identifying areas of notable practice and areas for improvement. This panel is also governed by the Ethics and Transparency Panel.
11. The Performance Team are busy looking at what a revised data offer could look like to benefit the Community Safety Partnerships. The current quarterly data packs will be replaced by an annual data led problem profile. The OPCC are currently embroiled in various meetings with information management regarding some of the metrics that are going to be included within the problem profiles. This problem profile will be followed by quarterly updates on the priorities highlighted within the annual problem profile. Some of the sections included are as follows; Demographic analysis, Timeliness Analysis & some Location/Hotspot mapping. These OPCC problem profiles will not include any Violence data as this is covered within the SV problem profiles and will therefore focus on all other crime types outside of violent offences.

12. Brief update from the Violence Reduction Network (VRN) is as follows below. Further information is available by emailing Shameera Zaheed Mandhu on this email address: shameerazaheed.mandhu@leics.pcc.police.uk

- The Serious Violence Prevention Strategy has now been signed off by the Home Office and formally launched in January 2024.
- All CSPs are progressing their Delivery Plans which relate to next steps identified from the VRN Serious Violence Duty self-assessments.
- The Partnership is in a very strong position in relation to compliance with the Duty, phenomenal work being delivered across LLR.
- We are now progressing an anti-violence campaign to utilise the Serious Violence Duty non-labour cost funding, which is led by communities and young people from the outset.
- The campaign intends on raising awareness and encouraging all members of the community to play their part in preventing and reducing serious violence across LLR.
- The VRN held their Community Partnership Event earlier this year where we held a co-production exercise with attendees to commence the design process.
- We are now using our Community Oversight to oversee development of the campaign, whilst communities will be co-designing it in the near future.

Coming Year

13. Safer Streets 5 delivery will continue until March 2025. We are hoping the main infrastructure upgrades are completed by the respective councils in the coming months with the only remaining intervention to be outstanding as Target Hardening. Delivery is already underway but will take many months to complete.

14. We are exploring ways in which we may be able to support CSPs tackle Business Crime specifically through additional funding. This is still under development and not certain as of yet but we will update the partnership should this develop further and is agreed.

Key issues for partnership working or affecting partners

15. A new Police and Crime Plan is to be published in due course, we believe around September 2024. We will continue to work with the current Police and Crime Plan until this point.

Recommendations for the Board

16. This report is for the Board to note.

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