

South Lakeland District Council
Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Friday, 26 April 2019
South Cumbria Community Safety Partnership
Review 2018/19

Portfolio:	Councillor Philip Dixon - Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder
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Wards:	Not applicable
Forward Plan:	Not applicable

1.0 Expected Outcome

- 1.1 To provide the Overview and Scrutiny Committee with an update on the South Cumbria Community Safety Partnership (CSP). It should be noted that Cumbria is one of the safest counties in England, and within Cumbria, South Lakeland is one of the 2 safest Districts, along with Eden. Members will have a greater understanding of the work of the partnership and how the current crime priorities are being tackled within the CSP area (South Lakeland and Barrow).

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:-**

(1) Receives and endorses the report, noting the contribution made through the CSP to the Council Plan (2019-24) target: “Working with partners to reduce domestic violence, alcohol related crime, substance misuse, child sexual exploitation and antisocial behaviour”.

3.0 Background and Proposals

- 3.1 The South Cumbria CSP covers the areas of South Lakeland and Barrow. It is one of three CSPs within Cumbria; South, West and North, each covering 2 District areas.
- 3.2 The CSP aims to reduce crime and enable local communities to remain safe and reassured, without fear or threat of crime. It does this through identifying priorities (related to crime figures and trends, consultation and the Police and Crime Plan) for its annual Partnership Plan. Sub-groups are convened, where necessary, to develop projects and actions.
- 3.3 In April 2018 the CSP agreed to focus on 4 local priorities: **Alcohol and violent crime, Domestic abuse, Mental Health (and its impacts on the criminal justice system) and child sexual exploitation.**
- 3.4 There are 4 CSP meetings per annum, currently held in Barrow and Kendal. The CSP Chair is currently Councillor Brendan Sweeney (Barrow Borough Council) who was appointed in October 2016. The Vice Chair is Police Superintendent Matt Pearman.

3.5 There has been a recent focus on serious and organised crime and Prevent (anti-terrorism) at recent meetings with the Police providing verbal updates of the situation in South Cumbria, giving the opportunity for partners to be aware and work collaboratively where applicable.

3.6 How safe is Cumbria? The *Crime and Community Safety Strategic Assessment for Cumbria 2017-18* states: *Cumbria is a relatively safe place in which to live, work and visit. In many areas, levels of crime and community safety issues are better than that experienced nationally and / or in the North West region.*

South Lakeland residents' top three concerns are speeding vehicles, dangerous driving and rural crime.

3.7 The latest crime statistics for South Lakeland (from Cumbria Constabulary) are detailed below. The Police state that there are two significant contributory factors to rising crime. Firstly, the continued increase in confidence from members of the public to report what has happened and secondly, statistics have been impacted by greater compliance by officers with crime recording practices. This is something which has been recognised nationally by the Office of National Statistics.

3.8 **South Lakeland crime overview (2014 – 2018):**

Crime Type	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	Graph	
All Crime	3452	3954	3779	4124		
Anti-social Behaviour	2795	2028	1600	1489		
Domestic Abuse	783	787	850	644		
Criminal damage (including arson)	698	751	817	632		
Drug crime	154	151	123	130		
Violence against person (alcohol)	330	288	261	341		
Sexual offences	148	193	170	217		
Hate Crime	31	39	49	23		
Alcohol related crime	515	522	550	610		
Road Safety: Killed and seriously injured	388	378	357	386		
Burglary dwelling offences	91	96	92	155		Change in recording burglaries

3.9 County Lines is an emerging area of organised criminality that sees criminal gangs from other parts of the country seeking to supply controlled drugs, frequently heroin

and crack cocaine in towns and counties geographically separate from where the gang is based. South Cumbria has experienced this phenomena in all the main towns, a threat which has been tackled robustly by Cumbria Constabulary who have seen national media coverage of their approach to tackling these drugs gangs. Offenders from cities such as London, Manchester and Liverpool have all been prosecuted in operations to tackle drug supply over recent months. Operation Horizon, for example was a major operation which lasted many months and, to date, has seen 26 offenders charged with drugs offences. This enforcement activity is supported by prevention and education work such as the ATiC project which is supported by the South Cumbria Community Safety Partnership.

3.10 In the past 12 months (2018/19) South Cumbria CSP has:

- Developed a joined up and collaborative problem solving approach to crime prevention in South Cumbria
- Developed Local Focus Units in Barrow and South Lakeland for a multi-agency approach to local, tactical issues.
- Established links between 3rd sector and statutory agencies e.g. Barrow Multi-Cultural Forum, the Local Focus Hubs, MIND and Morecambe Bay CCG.

3.11 The following projects were funded, and actions undertaken, to tackle the CSP priorities:

Alcohol and Violent Crime:

- £10,000 funding to create a welfare hub of statutory and 3rd sector partners in Egerton Court, Barrow and installing CCTV. To tackle serious issues of ASB, substance/ alcohol misuse etc. in the area.
- £5000 funding to 'Barrow Detached' project with youth workers present in town on Friday and Saturday nights, staff working in pairs. Aim to enable young people to access support services, engage them in diversionary activities and reduce the amount of anti-social behaviour.

Domestic Abuse:

- Links were established between homeless teams (SLDC and Barrow) and Women's Community Matters resulting in domestic abuse training for staff offered to, and taken up by, partner agencies.
- £5000 funding for a CADAS collaboration with Springfield Hostel, Kendal with the aim of working more closely to support victims and rehabilitate perpetrators of domestic abuse and sexual violence with alcohol issues. Focused on the overlap between sexual abuse and alcohol abuse to support people on recovery path for both. Training is open to anyone working with victims and perpetrators of DA.

Child Sexual Exploitation:

- Local Safeguarding Children's Board (missing, exploited and trafficked children) presented at a CSP meeting and reported a significant increase in support for children who are at risk over the last 3 years. The LSCB and CALC agreed to raise awareness of CSE in rural areas of South Lakeland.

Mental Health:

- A special CSP meeting was held to look at the issues of people with mental health problems in the criminal justice system with no access to support agencies. Key partners attended including Haverigg Prison, The Assistant Coroner, CCG, Cumbria Partnership Foundation Trust, Police, Probation, MIND, Unity, and Cumbria County Council. As a result of this meeting the group has been involved in the Clinical Commissioning Group's plans for development of linked up mental health services, and points raised at the meeting have been included in the CCG plans.
- Key issue identified by CSP partners is discharge (from prison, mental health in-patient services and care) and the lack of liaison during this process between partners that can lead to homelessness or not being linked into local services. Another issue raised by the CSP partners is the inability for statutory services to accept referrals for those with substance misuse issues.
- Proposal from the CSP to the CCG that key mental health issues such as discharge, dual diagnosis and suicides should be raised with relevant bodies, with the potential to be included in new CCC and CCG mental health strategies. SLDC and Barrow homeless teams will meet CCG managers regarding mental health referrals.

Applied Theatre in Cumbria (ATiC):

County Lines is a developing issue in South Cumbria involving drugs, serious and organised crime, and exploitation and with links to modern day slavery. Consequently Year two of ATiC will consist of interactive performances for year 9 school students on decision-making and critical thinking related to drugs and County Lines. With 2 venues in South Lakeland and Barrow students will make decisions and face the consequences of those decisions. Film, music and an interactive set will take the students on a journey. Workshops will follow where students can reflect on what's happened and find out where to seek help and advice. There will be follow up in schools from the County Council Child exploitation team. Students and professionals are being consulted by the creative team to ensure relevance and realism. The performances will run in May 2019.

3.12 Other activities supported by South Cumbria CSP:

- **Safer Cumbria and South Cumbria CSP.** The wider Safer Cumbria structure includes regular meetings between CSP chairs, the chairs of other Safer Cumbria crime theme task groups (domestic violence, alcohol, reoffending and sexual violence) and an officer from the PCC's staff. This has proved beneficial to CSP chairs and coordinators allowing for an exchange of ideas, and providing opportunities for cross CSP and thematic working.
- **Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHR's)** have now been held in all 3 CSP areas in Cumbria, and there is currently a DHR in the West CSP area. Community Safety Partnership Chairs have the responsibility to call a DHR panel and to report on findings to the Home Office. The report has to go through a quality assurance process before it is published. Cumbrian statutory partners have agreed to contribute £750 per annum to a fund supporting future DHR's county wide. Safer Cumbria have produced DHR guidance

showing clear responsibilities for the DHR process. Recently the CSP coordinators have reviewed the DHR process and the County Protocol and are working on a training session on the process for local agencies.

3.13 **Cumbria wide initiatives supported and funded by the CSP:**

- **Domestic Violence Champions Network:** There are 2 DV champions at SLDC who attend the South DV Network meetings. DV champions are trained, supported and resourced practitioners who are a central point of contact across the Council. SLDC have recently published a Domestic Abuse and the Workplace Policy which highlights the support available for SLDC employees and members who are victims of domestic abuse.
- **Business against Crime South Lakeland Partnership (BACSLP)**
The Business Against Crime South Lakes Partnership (BACSLP) is a non-statutory group of businesses and retailers who work together, under Barwatch and Shopwatch schemes, to keep town centres in South Lakeland safe. The barwatch co-ordinator identifies individuals who are involved in violent crime and anti-social behaviour linked to alcohol in licensed premises. Monitoring reports are provided to the CSP on number of meetings held, number of warning letters, short term bans, indefinite bans and training offered to licensees
- **Prevent** is a national programme to combat terrorism using the 4 P's: pursue, prevent, protect and prepare. SLDC, are implementing a programme of Council wide training on Prevent awareness. Information and updates have also been provided at CSP meetings and work is continuing with key partners around this agenda.

4.0 **Consultation**

4.1 N/A

5.0 **Alternative Options**

5.1 There are no alternative options suggested to members. This report provides information on a statutory body, but is not subject to a decision.

6.0 **Links to Council Priorities**

6.1 This report links to the Council Plan target: "we will work with partners to reduce the number of people affected by rural crime, domestic violence, alcohol related crime, substance misuse, anti-social behaviour and serious and organised crime through our excellent Community Safety Partnership work and the Applied Theatre in Cumbria Project".

7.0 **Implications**

Financial, Resources and Procurement

7.1 SLDC acts as accountable body for the partnership, holding and administering all funding as directed by the CSP. The Police and Crime Commissioner allocated £20,000 to each CSP area (i.e. north, south and west) with effect from 2017/18. In addition, £15,000 is allocated to each CSP area towards the cost of managing the work of the CSP and £15,000 towards the maintenance of Barwatch schemes across

the county, with a direct benefit to Business Against Crime South Lakeland Partnership.

AMOUNT (per annum to March 2020)	PURPOSE	ORGANISATION
£15,000	Contribution to costs of CSP co-ordinator in administering the CSP and delivering on projects.	SLDC
£20,000	Funding for local projects that support the Police and Crime Plan and the local CSP action plan aimed at reducing crime and anti-social behaviour and supporting victims of crime and tackling emerging issues.	Held by SLDC
£15,000	Contribution to Barwatch schemes across Barrow and South Lakeland	Business Against Crime South Lakeland Partnership (BACSLP)

Human Resources

7.2 SLDC provides the coordination of the CSP and administrative support. This is funded through the OPCC. No other specific SLDC issues have been identified.

Legal

7.3 This report relates to statutory responsibilities detailed in the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, the Police and Justice Act 2006 and the Policing and Crime Act 2009 (Section 108)

7.3.1 There remains a statutory requirement for CSPs to produce a Strategic Assessment, currently undertaken by the Cumbria Intelligence Observatory and an annual Partnership Plan.

Health, Social, Economic and Environmental

7.4 Have you completed a Health, Social, Economic and Environmental Impact Assessment? Yes (attached at Appendix 1)

7.5 If you have not completed an Impact Assessment, N/A

7.6 Summary of health, social, economic and environmental impacts: Positive impact on crime, poverty, education, alcohol, drugs and risk taking behaviour.

Equality and Diversity

7.7 Have you completed an Equality Impact Analysis? No

7.8 If you have not completed an Impact Assessment, please explain your reasons: This report does not relate to a proposal or require a decision.

7.9 Summary of equality and diversity impacts: N/A

Risk

Risk	Consequence	Controls required
There are no significant risks associated with updating this committee on the work of South Lakeland CSP	Not applicable	Not applicable

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Appendices Attached to this Report

Appendix No.	Name of Appendix
1	Health, Social, Economic and Environmental Impact Assessment

Background Documents Available

Name of Background document	Where it is available
South Cumbria CSP Partnership Plan	South Lakeland and Barrow CSP Partnership Plan 2018-19: https://www.southlakeland.gov.uk/your-council/partnerships/community-safety-partnership/south-cumbria-community-safety-partnership-plan/

Tracking Information

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