

Report of	Meeting	Date
Jennifer Mullin Director of Early Intervention and Support	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Thursday, 27 January 2022

## Community Safety Partnership

Is this report confidential?	Yes Information in relation to Community Safety
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### Purpose of the Report

1. This report is to provide an update on the Community Safety Partnership (CSP).

### Corporate priorities

2. The report relates to the following corporate priorities: (please bold all those applicable):

Involving residents in improving their local area and equality of access for all		A strong local economy	
Clean, safe and healthy communities	Y	An ambitious council that does more to meet the needs of residents and the local area	

### Background to the report

3. In July 2020 a report was provided to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in relation Crime and Disorder, which set out how Chorley Council was fulfilling their obligation under Section 5 Crime & Disorder Act 1998 through actively engaging with the established Community Safety Partnership and implementing required actions and interventions concerning crime and disorder within the partnership area.
4. Lancashire is a two-tier authority, of which South Ribble Borough Council and Chorley Council, are neighbouring districts with similar demographic profiles. Therefore, both Chorley and South Ribble Community Safety Partnerships work collaboratively in order to work more efficiently, allowing for better communication, sharing skills, knowledge and project opportunities.
5. The success of the partnership, is dependent on the collaborative working with Lancashire County Council and the valuable contributions of other partner agencies such

as Registered Social Landlords, Drug & Alcohol Services, Citizens Advice Bureau, voluntary community faith sector (VCFS) organisations and commissioned services.

### **Current position**

6. The past two years has been extraordinary because of the Covid-19 pandemic. The implications have led to resources being diverted to provide resilience in the Covid response, resulting in dynamic deviations often at very short notice. Despite this, the strong and cohesive working relationship of the CSP and wider agencies, has enabled an effective response to community issues during this challenging time.
7. Meetings recommenced and specific work around Community Safety continued albeit at a different pace to pre-Covid 19. Partnership work concentrating on priorities such as Knife Crime, Anti-Social Behaviour and Prevent have all been completed during this period.

### **Action Plan 2022-2025**

8. Chorley and South Ribble CSP is due a new 3-year action plan, which will be developed by the Partnership following the publishing of the Lancashire Strategic Assessment. The strategic assessment identifies Lancashire and local priorities and will inform the 3-year action plan for CSP's.
9. The Strategic Assessment highlights significant crime and anti-social behaviour threats and issues that impact on community safety. It reports the key risks and threats impacting on the county and local areas. The strategic assessment will inform the 3-year plan for CSP's.

### **Serious Violent Crime Bill**

10. This has been delayed and is due to become law approximately mid-2022. This will impose a duty on district councils and other statutory agencies to understand their local issues, prepare and implement a strategy. The Lancashire Violent Reduction Network are offering leadership and strategic coordination working with CSP's in their local response to serious violence.

### **Review of Governance and Partnership Arrangements**

11. The Lancashire Community Safety Partnership Board (LCSPB) commissioned a review of existing partnership and governance arrangements. The review had a focus on community safety, safeguarding and health and well-being. The conclusion of the review provided the option of a Thematic model and a Geographic model approach. The view of both Chorley and South Ribble was to remain with the Thematic model, however the County has suggested the Geographic model. Indications from county level community safety meetings are the no CSP will be forced down the geographical route for their meetings and Preston have indicated they do not want to combine their CSP with ours. Therefore, Chorley and South Ribble will continue with a Thematic model whilst any LCSPB changes are made. Chorley and South Ribble will also be making the following changes to strengthen the partnership that already exists.

### **Changes**

12. The Responsible Authorities Group (RAG) will re-establish and meet 2 x per year. This group is the strategic level of the CSP and attended by management from the Responsible Authorities, Members, and other partners. The group is to be the link

between the Lancashire Community Safety Partnership Board and the Working Group of the CSP.

13. A Chorley & South Ribble conference to be held 1 x per year with invitations to key agencies and councillors. These are intended as a celebratory event of the work of the previous 12 months and an opportunity to plan the next 12 months.
14. There will be a monthly priorities meeting (previously quarterly). A monthly Police analyst report will be produced with local priorities, which will form part of the agenda and actions.
15. Genga (Serious & Organised Crime) is to be added to the agenda to discuss referrals and actions. It has been evidenced via other CSP's that collaborating Genga and Community Safety is effective in relation to information sharing via the same partners who attend the same meetings.
16. There will be key fixed items on the agenda including but not limited to Prevent, Safeguarding and Serious Violent Crime. This will allow for these topics to be discussed in more detail with the wider group.
17. By refreshing how Chorley & South Ribble CSP is set up and managed and it will allow the partnerships to re-establish strong governance arrangements, functionality, membership, and efficacy of the work completed by the CSP's.

#### **Climate change and air quality**

18. The work noted in this report does not impact the climate change and sustainability targets of the Councils Green Agenda and all environmental considerations are in place.

#### **Equality and diversity**

19. N/A

#### **Comments of the Statutory Finance Officer**

20. There are no direct financial implications of this report.

#### **Comments of the Monitoring Officer**

21. Section 6 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 imposes a duty on the Council to formulate and implement a strategy to reduce crime and disorder in the area (including anti-social behaviour) and strategies to combat drug and alcohol abuse and re-offending.
22. Section 19 of the Police and Justice Act 2006 requires every local authority to have a crime and disorder committee with the power to review or scrutinise decisions made or other action taken in connection with the discharge by responsible authorities of their crime and disorder functions. Overview & Scrutiny Committee performs this task.

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