



To be submitted to the Council at its meeting on 16th December 2021

CRIME AND DISORDER COMMITTEE

28th October 2021 at 2.00 p.m.

Present:

Councillor Silvester (in the Chair)
Councillors Aisthorpe, Goodwin, Pettigrew, Parkinson (substitute for Sandford), K
Swinburn and Westcott (substitute for Woodward)

Partnership representatives:

- Chief Superintendent Darren Wildbore (Humberside Police)

Officers in attendance:

- Spencer Hunt (Assistant Director of Safer NEL)
- Zoe Campbell (Scrutiny and Committee Advisor)
- Eve Richardson-Smith (Deputy Monitoring Officer & Legal Team Manager)

Also in attendance:

- Councillor Ron Shepherd (Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities)

CD.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received for this meeting from Councillors Sandford and Woodward.

CD. 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received in respect of any item on the agenda for this meeting.

CD.3

COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

The committee considered a report and received a presentation that provided an overview of the findings from the Community Safety Partnership's (CSP's) Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment, including performance data and emerging threats. It set out the CSP's areas of priority for the coming three years and their pertinence to the Police and Crime Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan. It also gave an update on the incoming statutory requirement for CSPs to work together to reduce serious violence.

Members queried how often MARAC (Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference) meetings took place. Mr Hunt confirmed that they were currently taking place fortnightly. Mr Hunt explained that MARAC focused on high-risk victims, and fortnightly meetings meant it could hear cases more rapidly and manage the risk better as a result.

Members queried where the referrals came from. Mr Hunt explained that the majority of referrals came from Humberside Police following an incident or recorded crime. Wider referrals could come via agencies working with families or victims. Mr Hunt explained that the DASH (Domestic Abuse Stalking and Harassment) national risk assessment tool was used by all agencies to assess the level of risk and threshold to MARAC or if alternative support could be provided.

Members requested crime data to be broken down into wards and then circulated to members and for it to be included in future reports.

It was highlighted by a member that there were a small number of young people who were not engaging with services and causing anti-social behaviour (ASB) persistently within the communities and asked for reassurance of what could be done to ensure those young people engaged. Chief Superintendent Wildbore explained that if the young people were not engaging there were alternative routes such as enforcement. Members were concerned that there was a gap in services, and it was causing problems. Mr Hunt explained that within Children's Services a Youth Justice Model was in place which was child centred and was around providing engagement and support in the first instance before more punitive measures were considered. Where it was necessary, wider engagement with the families of young people did occur and usually resulted in positive outcomes. Mr Hunt advised that if specific issues were ongoing that they should be reported so as a wider partnership approach could be tailored to address the issues. He referred to joint operations with Humberside Police such as Operation Python to tackle anti-social behaviour.

Drug related crime in parks and open space was highlighted by members as an area for the CSP to focus on. Chief Superintendent Wildbore confirmed that drug crime was a high priority and that he would link in with Neighbourhood Police Inspectors to refer members concerns, especially in the deprived areas, and understood members concerns that

unless there was a focus on drug crime in parks and open spaces it could get worse. He asked for community intelligence to be given to the police to support their work in catching offenders and referred to Operation Galaxy which dealt quickly and robustly with specific houses where crime was taking place. Members welcomed the work undertaken but were concerned about the increase and more visual drug dealing, abandoned needles and drug taking in local parks and open spaces.

The portfolio holder explained the current procurement for new CCTV provision that was underway and included looking at what provision existed and what was needed in parks and open spaces. He noted that the CCTV would work alongside policing to gather intelligence and evidence of crimes. He explained that it would help with monitoring crime hotspots and more rapid mobile camera deployment to those areas where needed. It was an enhanced offer and increased the capability of the current system.

A member asked if there were plans for a new camera in Grant Thorold Park because there were signal problems with the current one. Mr Hunt explained that as part of the procurement exercise, an area of focus had been around ensuring an effective transmission system would be introduced. He confirmed that officers had carried out extensive consultation with councillors, the public and parish councils to identify hotspots and location of cameras. Once the procurement exercise was complete, officers would attend the Communities Scrutiny Panel to brief members on the new CCTV provision and would arrange for them to visit the CCTV control room.

Members queried if the control room would be getting more resources. Mr Hunt confirmed that the new technology was smarter and allowed officers to automatically be notified if there was any camera activity in targeted areas of concern. In addition, he explained that officers in both the ASB Team and Environmental Team were receiving training so as they could utilise the provision remotely, increasing the ability and capacity. He highlighted that the upgrade and investment enabled opportunities to work smarter. Mr Hunt also informed members that operational meetings between CCTV control room staff and members of the ASB and Environmental Team had enabled more effective working and utilisation of the CCTV provision, resulting in greater focus and targeting of hotspot locations.

The increase in members of the public drinking on streets, parks and open spaces was a concern for members and they queried if alcoholic drinks should be taken off them by the police or enforcement officers. Chief Superintendent Wildbore expected officers to take direct action and take alcoholic drinks off anyone committing ASB and disposing of it immediately.

Members had noted that there appeared to be an increase in young people on bikes dealing drugs and had witnessed people waiting for them to arrive which was of great concern. Mr Hunt explained there

needed to be a one system approach with partners where parks and open spaces were covered. Historically, he confirmed there was no money to pay for a camera in every park and this was where mobile camera capability could deal with the issues raised.

With the increase in the electric scooters being used, members queried if there were any plans to use enforcement if they became a nuisance. Chief Superintendent Wildbore confirmed there were not many reports locally and it would part of the plan for neighbouring policing.

RESOLVED:

1. That a visit to the new CCTV control room be arranged for members of the Communities Scrutiny Panel.
2. That crime data presented be broken down into wards, circulated to members and included in future reports.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 3.37pm