**Performance and Resources Scrutiny Programme 2017/18**

**Report to: the Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex**

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1. **Purpose of Report**

This paper is a quarterly update on the delivery of the Essex Crime Prevention Strategy (2018-2021).

1. **Recommendations**

There are no specific recommendations but the Board is asked to note, and invited to comment upon, the content.

1. **Executive Summary**

The paper includes detailed delivery plans for each of the priority strands within the strategy as requested at the last board. The report also includes an early version of core performance data against each strand.

**4.0 Introduction/Background**

The Essex Crime Prevention Strategy is set out at **Appendix 1**.

The background to the development of the strategy and its links to the national context[[1]](#footnote-1) have been discussed in detail at previous boards. The last report (March 2019) reflected on the success of the launch of the in late 2018 and the positive feedback from stakeholders regarding their involvement in the creation of the strategy.

This report focusses on the development to date, particularly the refresh of the delivery plans for the 9 strands.

The strategy primarily focusses on 9 key areas linked by the themes of Violence Reduction and partnership/ collaborative working**:**

1. Domestic Abuse
2. Gangs & Knife Crime
3. Night Time Economy
4. Sexual Crime, Child Abuse & Exploitation
5. Digital Crime & Fraud
6. Extremism & Radicalisation
7. House Burglary & Street Robbery
8. Hate Crime
9. Serious and Organised Crime

Business & Rural Crime, whilst linked to the core strategy are covered by separate strategies and delivery plans and are overseen by the Local Policing Support Unit.

**5.0 Current Work and Performance**

Each of the 9 core areas has a designated senior officer providing oversight and drive of policing activity. Each strand has a clearly defined set of strategic objectives and a detailed delivery plan setting out key goals, owners, timescales and desired outcomes. These delivery plans were reviewed and refreshed in June 2019 and are shown at **Appendix 2.**

Key developments in progress against the delivery plans since the last report include;

**Domestic Abuse**:

* Project 360 has been piloted in the South LPA with the aim of providing enhanced safeguarding for medium risk domestic abuse victims with a focus towards repeat victims. The evaluation report and recommendations received from Safer Places are positive but further research being undertaken regarding the impact on victim services of force-wide implementation

**Gangs & Knife Crime**:

* Operation Sceptre is the Essex Police knife crime plan and links into the National Operation with the same name. The overarching intention of the operation is the protection of and preservation of life by targeting the criminal supply, carriage & use of Knives within Essex. The plan will be launched on the 14th June 2019 and will run for 12 months. The Home Office have made £65million available for police surge activity to tackle knife crime and serious violence and we have been allocated £1.76m of this fund. The primary focus of this money will be to reduce serious violence in public spaces with a focus on reducing knife crimes committed on young people.
* Surge activity is underway with OPC targeting its assets at key districts (currently Southend, Basildon and Thurrock) and will continue as planned. This to be extended for the 12 month period. The Violence and Vulnerability Unit will be a key partner in this work.

**Night Time Economy**:

* A quarterly analytic product is being developed that can be shared with key partners to inform the focus of policing and partnership deployments to the NTE
* Operation Benison is being reinvigorated which will involve local districts producing bespoke NTE deployment plans, outlining key premises and identified flashpoints and patrol areas

**Sexual Crime, Child Abuse & Exploitation**;

* A 3 day course has been designed to raise the standards of investigation, risk identification and management including the subject area of CSE and delivery is currently underway to all substantive Sergeants. The training material will be absorbed into future Sergeant training to reduce abstraction for training and ensure all newly promoted Sergeants are equipped with skills to effectively supervise investigations.
* A product has been developed and delivered in Southend to increase awareness of the signs of Sexual Exploitation within Night-time Economies by providing awareness training to Licensing Officers, Designated Premises Supervisors and Door Staff. This is currently being evaluated with a view to county-wide roll-out

**Extremism & Radicalisation**:

* Strategic lead attended the national Tackling Extremism and Radicalisation Conference on 22nd June 2019 which provided CPD and focussed on enhancing community cohesion and integration to tackle radicalisation.
* There are now 12 district IAGs supporting the Strategic IAG. Standing agenda items for all IAGs include; Stop and Search, Hate Crime and Use of Force
* PREVENT input sessions have been implemented for IAG members, the first session was held on 25th June 2019 and was well attended from across Southend, Essex and Thurrock, particularly by faith groups.

**Hate Crime**;

* CPD Events now being delivered across the force to better equip CPT officers in tackling hate crime
* New hate crime procedure launched with a risk management process for hate crime victims and the creation of a single referral form (HC5 for police and partners)
* Quality of investigations are improving for hate crime with strong evidence that Case Action Plans are being set and good levels of supervision.
* Partnership wide hate crime campaign in the process of being designed and launched.

**Governance;**

The delivery of the Essex Police Crime Prevention Strategy is monitored (internally) through the monthly Local Policing, Crime and Public Protection (LPCPP) Board chaired by ACC Prophet with overarching performance oversight provided through the Force Performance Board chaired by the Deputy Chief Constable.

The strategy was developed in close consultation with partners and delivery across the 9 areas relies upon strong relationships across the statutory and voluntary sectors and the Crime Prevention and Community Safety Partnership plans across the county contain a number of common elements including;

* Hate crime
* Responding to street violence
* Promoting local community confidence

Safer Essex has the responsibility to deliver community safety and crime prevention throughout Greater Essex and this board is therefore based placed to oversee delivery of activity owned by local Community Safety Partnerships.

The following provide partnership accountability for progress against the defined objectives, reporting back to Safer Essex:

* **The Community Safety Hub Steering Group;**

A quarterly multi-agency panel overseeing the development of the Community Safety Hub programme across the force area and meets on a quarterly basis.

* **The Essex Community Safety Network (ECSN);**

The quarterly forum bringing together key CSP stakeholders and professionals.

**Performance management priorities;**

The key performance objectives of the Essex Police Crime Prevention Strategy are to deliver against the 4P plans for each of the core areas of the strategy in order for relative performance to be reviewed across each of the 9 strands, incorporating a number of key themes that reflect the core elements of the Police and Crime Plan;

* Increasing the measurable activity from all partners in crime hotspots
* Reducing the number of repeat victims and repeat perpetrators
* Driving better, faster and greater levels of data sharing as well as analysis of crime patterns and the drivers of crime (see Section 9)
* Increasing the amount and quality of engagement with young people through schools and colleges
* Increasing public confidence in local agencies to keep them safe

The first set of performance data is shown at **Appendix 3**. Developing the rigour, breadth and longer term trend analysis of these data set is a priority over the next 3 months.

**6.0 Implications (Issues)**

None identified

**6.1 Links to Police and Crime Plan Priorities**

The creation and delivery of this strategy contributes to **all** areas of the PFCC Police and Crime Plan and should be considered an underlying theme throughout.

**6.2 Demand**

N/A

**6.3 Risks/Mitigation**

None identified

**6.4 Equality and/or Human Rights Implications**

None identified.

**6.5 Health and Safety Implications**

None identified.

**7.0 Consultation/Engagement**

* NPCC Crime Prevention Delivery Working Group
* NPCC Modernising Neighbourhood Policing Working Group
* NPCC Problem Solving Working Group
* Essex Chief Superintendents
* Key Community Safety Partners (via the Essex Community Safety Network and Safer Essex)
* LPSU & OPFCC stakeholders

**8.0 Actions for Improvement**

There are no outstanding HMICFRS improvement plans or Areas for Improvement (AFIs) relating to the Crime Prevention Strategy.

The depth and rigour of the performance data sets against the crime prevention priority strands,

**9.0 Future Work/Development and Expected Outcome**

The 9 Strategic Leads have reviewed their delivery plans to ensure they remain fit for purpose and reflect any relevant changes to legislation, national guidance and established good practice.

Work is still ongoing to standardise the reporting format for CSPs via the OPFCC requirement for CSPs to report progress against the stated CSP objectives to secure continued funding.

**10.0 Decisions Required by the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner**

None

**Appendix 1** **– Crime Prevention Strategy**



**Appendix 2** **– Updated Delivery Plans**

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| **1** | **Domestic Abuse** |  |
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**Appendix 3 - Performance Data**



1. The Home Office Modern Crime Prevention Strategy, the NPCC Crime Prevention Strategy and the Serious Violence Strategy [↑](#footnote-ref-1)