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Executive Summary

This paper is presented to support the meeting which took place with the OPFCC on 1st June 2021 where attendees were briefed on the proposed Crime Prevention Strategy 2021-25, providing a whole system approach to crime prevention. The purpose of the paper is to provide a progress report and to assist in making an informed decision on the endorsement of the Crime Prevention Strategy 2021-25 (herewith the 'Strategy').

Summary on progress

The current Strategy <http://connexion.ecis.police.uk/teams/acc1/local-pol-supp-unit-lpsu.html> completes its three year term in 2021. The new four-year Strategy is scheduled for launch in the autumn of 2021.

A review of the evidence base from future demand profiling and the Essex Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2019 ensured the proposal gave consideration to the anticipated policing challenges and policing context over the next 5 years which can be summarised as increasing volume and complexity within a significant political, economic and community recovery period post Covid.

The Strategy aspires to achieve a whole system response to the thematic strands which are predicted to cause the most harm to our communities. The proposal is to develop the collective partnership response across police (asset 1-3), public (asset 4), private, voluntary and community (asset 5) sectors to align existing resource (financial and people) and unlock additional capacity, capabilities and potential.

There has been extensive consultation and there are confirmed asset leads for asset 4 (Safer Essex) and Asset 5 (Essex Council of Voluntary Sector (ECVS) Network) which extends the resource, capability and capacity available for delivery and provide opportunity for non-police leads.

The proposed strategy would place prevention as a central pillar supporting both the Force Plan 2020/21 and the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan Extension 2020-21 and would adopt the public health model approach by the NPCC in that the 14 strands overlap with the risk and vulnerability factors of the Adverse Childhood Experience model.

Asset leads confirmed

COG (2 December) concluded support in principal of asset 1-3 of the Crime Prevention Strategy.

In relation to the proposal of developing asset 4 and 5, discussion focussed on the feasibility of securing leads for the two assets. COG sought reassurance on the accountability, governance and strategic buy-in for asset 4 and 5.

Following COG, the Strategy proposal has been socialised through a range of partnership boards and forums and has received unanimous support, recognition of the opportunities to align pan-Essex strategies and strategic buy-in to the shared vision and approach.

Safer Essex have confirmed their willingness to lead on asset 4 and a significant amount of work has been undertaken to progress strategy alignment with other key strategies such as Safeguarding Adults Board and Health and Wellbeing Boards.

Essex Council of Voluntary Sector (ECVS) Network¹ has confirmed their willingness to lead on asset 5. Each District level CVS is a network of the local support and development agencies working in their locality to ensure that the local voluntary sector gets the support needed. The CEOs of each District have formed an alliance, ECVS Network where they work strategically on county wide or bigger issues through various 'call to arms' from specialist VCS agencies or local people to respond through

¹ <https://essexcvcs.org.uk.gridhosted.co.uk/>

community action. They are well placed and connected to lead delivery on asset 5 and specific thematic strands such as Places.

Work has progressed with ECVS Network to align strategies, such as Active Essex, who are developing a Community Safety Strand in their new strategy as a result of a successful national funding bid.

The aim is to align delivery and funding bids of ECVS to the Crime Prevention Strategy. Early financial scoping would estimate this at approximately £15 million (this does not include any estimation of cost equivalent to hours of volunteering).

National drivers

Dialogue between the NPCC and Public Health England on consultation on the future of Public Health highlights the synergies that exists between prevention and populations that live healthier lives for longer, protects them from external threats and reduces health inequalities.

The mission submission by NPCC to PHE is ‘the new [Health] organisation has an opportunity to now move to a more focused preventative mission; addressing Adverse Childhood Experience / Becoming Trauma Informed. In doing so it can provide strategic direction to local partnerships and help influence cohesion across government departments’.

As stated above, the proposed strategy would place prevention front and central and would adopt the public health model approach by the NPCC in that the 14 strands overlap with the risk and vulnerability factors of the Adverse Childhood Experience model.

Scoping work in being undertaken by the ARU / PIER - Funding call - evaluations of public health interventions led by, or involving, police working group to identify intervention that support crime prevention that may be eligible for evaluation funding.

Governance

It is proposed that the governance of assets 1-3 would be provided through the Local Policing Board and relevant thematic boards, reporting to Chief Officer Group as appropriate. The Performance, Resource and Scrutiny Board (OPFCC) would receive quarterly reports on progress of delivery as is required of the existing Strategy.

Safer Essex would provide a forum for scrutiny of progress across the 5 assets and provide governance for assets 4 and 5.

Next steps

If signed off at PFCC Strategic Board June 2021:

- Finalisation of Crime Prevention Strategy document
- The strategy will be updated with joint logos (EP, PFCC, Safer Essex and Voluntary)
- Launch autumn 2021
- Move to mobilisation phase post launch

Appendix

Draft Crime Prevention Strategy 2021-25 v11



Crime Prevention
Strategy 2020-v11.pdf