

24th February 2015**Agenda Item:12****REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR FOR ACCESS AND PUBLIC
PROTECTION****COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE****Purpose of the Report**

1. To update the Committee on key Community Safety matters.

Vehicle Nuisance: County Court Injunction (update).

2. Nottinghamshire County Council's legal team, with the support of Nottinghamshire Police, community safety officers and partners, secured an Injunction Order, which came into immediate effect on the 16th January 2015.
3. The new injunction will remain in force for 3 years and will cover the following specific locations in Nottinghamshire, where car cruising has been prevalent in recent times. The areas are:
 - Roads in and around Victoria Retail Park, Netherfield
 - Roads in and around Junction 27 of the M1
 - Roads in and around Chilwell Retail Park, Chilwell
4. The order covers actions that would be in breach of the injunction including racing, riding in convoy, driving at excessive speed and drifting (driving sideways around traffic islands). The order will be in place until 16 January 2018. Anyone found guilty of being in breach of the order could be classed as being in contempt of court, which carries a maximum two year jail sentence and/or an unlimited fine.

Holocaust Memorial Day 2015

5. This year's Holocaust memorial day commemoration took place on Tuesday 27th January 2015. This is particularly significant year as it marks the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp. In recognition of this the County Council held a joint commemorative event with the National Holocaust Centre at Laxton.

6. Councillor Pauline Allan, the Chairman of Nottinghamshire County Council, and the Leader Councillor Alan Rhodes represented the County Council. Other guests attending the ceremony included survivors of the Holocaust, civic leaders from across the East Midlands, faith organisations and partner organisations.

Connecting Communities (C2)

7. Connecting Communities (C2) is a not for profit organisation founded by a community nurse over 10 years ago in the South West of England and is now active in over 20 neighbourhoods nationally. C2 connects communities in 3 different ways:
 - Within themselves – networks and co-operation amongst local residents.
 - With local service providers – building a parallel ‘community’ amongst front-line workers
 - With other C2 communities – getting and giving inspiration directly from one place to another.
8. C2 works by harnessing the collective strengths of the people who live in a neighbourhood, the residents, together with the people who work there, the service providers, policemen, teachers, nurses, housing officers and others.
9. C2 is described as a cost effective way of reconnecting both local residents and frontline service providers to jointly improve health, well-being and local conditions in disadvantaged areas via the creation of a ‘People and Services Partnership’.
10. A member of the community safety team attended the four day Connecting Communities (C2) Experimental Learning Programme in Exeter starting on the 19th January 2015. This course is designed to re-energise, inspire and offer new learning, backed up by on-site visits, to effectively demonstrate ‘what works’ and stays working in challenging communities across the UK.
11. This course involved exploring the theory behind the C2 7 step approach of building community solidarity from the ‘inside out’ through a series of specific steps as well as site visits to Falmouth, Redruth and Teignmouth. This course was funded by C2 Connecting Communities enabling officers on their return to support the development of this approach across Partnership Plus areas.

National Crime Beat Awards

12. The Nottinghamshire High Sheriff has endorsed all three County Project submissions submitted by two members of the Community Safety team for the National Crime Beat Awards, saying that he was impressed by the depth and range submitted. These are:
 - Widening the Net-Mansfield. This is a joint initiative between Nottinghamshire Police and Mansfield Town Football providing diversionary activities for young people aged 6 to 16 from the Carr Bank or Ravensdale areas of Mansfield.
 - Dragons Den Style Project 6 - Ashfield and Mansfield. The theme of this year’s project is promoting healthy life-styles and Challenging the Social Acceptability of Alcohol.

- Take Five at School – Bassetlaw. This is a project using mindfulness techniques to improve wellbeing, build academic resilience and improve pupils' attendance, attainment and attention.

13. National Crime Beat is the youth crime prevention charity of the High Sheriff's Association in England and Wales. These national awards exist to give recognition to the most successful and innovative crime prevention projects carried out by young people. The applications were judged by the National panel on 28th January 2015. The Dragons Den Style Project 6 has been chosen as a finalist for the national awards.

Local Support for Victims of Crime

14. In October 2014 the Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner gained responsibility for commissioning local support services for victims of crime. Currently more than 26,000 people are referred by police to victim's support services in Nottinghamshire every year. The commissioner launched a tendering process to appoint a single provider for the delivery of victim's support services in the county with the contract running from 1st April 2015 until 31st March 2017.

15. The new victim's support service will support victims of anti-social behaviour, hate crime incidents, identity theft and road traffic collisions. The service will empower victims and survivors to move forward with their lives through the provision of free, confidential counselling and advice services. The aim is also to prevent repeat victimisation and ensure that vulnerable people are protected from further harm in the future. Help will be available regardless of whether a crime is recorded or not and at all stages before and after court proceedings. Specialist support services for victims of sexual violence and domestic abuse survivors will be commissioned separately.

Finance Implications

16. There are no financial implications with this report.

RECOMMENDATION:

17. It is recommended that the Community Safety Committee:

- i. Notes the various developments in the areas of work contained within this report.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

18. This report is a regular update to the Community Safety Committee to keep them abreast of local and national developments and our community safety work.

Statutory and Policy Implications

19. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (Public Health only), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users,

sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required

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Constitutional Comments

20. Because this report is for noting only Constitutional Comments are not required.

Financial Comments (KAS 12/02/15)

21. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Background Papers

21. None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

22. All