

25 November 2014**Agenda Item: 5**

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.

Nottinghamshire Police: “Delivering the Future”.

2. On 11 September 2014 Nottinghamshire Police opened a consultation (closing date 30 November 2014), on their proposed future policing plans. The proposed changes are intended to provide a more effective police service and to meet the force’s future funding requirements and include the following:
 - Investigation teams comprising a mix of specialist staff and officers such as statement takers, civilian investigators, case builders, telephone liaison officers and office support. These roles will conduct the investigations, allowing more officers to be in the community following active lines of enquiry.
 - Working together with partners to safeguard vulnerable people to reduce their chances of becoming a victim of crime.
 - Prisoner handling teams who will deal with prisoners from start to finish, freeing up response officers.
 - Integrating partnership staff in local policing teams to strengthen partnership working.
 - Introducing a new way of working in the control room (including the creation of a multi-agency hub) so that demand on front line officers and staff is reduced by resolving calls at first point of contact where possible.
 - Employing fewer people but increasing the number of staff in operational roles.

Domestic Violence training for Young People

3. The departments officers are working with partners from the County and City Child Sexual Exploitation Group to deliver training across the County to raise awareness of domestic abuse amongst frontline practitioners and young people:
 - in October, BLAST (the UKs leading male-only sexual exploitation project tackling and raising awareness of the grooming and sexual exploitation of boys/young men) delivered a seminar to frontline Nottinghamshire practitioners supporting young male

survivors of domestic abuse and those experiencing child sexual exploitation. A further two seminars are also planned for Nottingham city, with a possible second seminar to take place in January 2015, date and venue to be confirmed

- I LUV U 2 Pintsize theatre play that tackles child sexual exploitation and grooming is being offered to 40 secondary schools across the county with free teacher training
- the domestic abuse provider service Equation continues to offer practitioner training for work with children and young people experiencing Domestic Abuse.

Preventing Demand Strategy 2014 – 2017

4. The “Preventing Demand Strategy” aims to introduce and accelerate a shift of impetus towards prevention and early intervention for all partners, including Nottinghamshire County Council, Nottinghamshire Police, Health, District and Borough Councils, the private and third sectors. The Strategy has been devised on the premise that whenever possible it is preferable to prevent a problem or issue occurring, rather than using time and resources to try and address the issue once it has happened.
5. The approach is relevant to all partners, service areas and communities including crime and disorder, anti-social behaviour, health, vulnerable people, youth and older people. The Strategy service seeks to improve the co-ordination of local services, enabling work to take place in a cohesive way, designed to promote safer, stronger and healthier local communities in which local people feel empowered to play an active part.
6. Funding has been obtained from the Police Innovation Fund (£350k), Nottinghamshire County Council (£50k), and the Police and Crime Commissioner (£50k) to activate the strategy. A small project team has been established with effect from 1 September 2014, working to and informing a Project Steering Group, consisting of senior officers from all partner agencies. Progress on the Strategy and the work of the Project Team is reported on a regular basis to the Safer Nottinghamshire Board.
7. Current work includes:
 - three pilot projects – in Sutton East, Worksop and Aspley, all focusing on co-ordinated services in a defined geographical area, with a central theme of community involvement and ownership
 - development and improvements in approaches to domestic violence, substance misuse and mental health issues
 - improvements to offender management
 - work in schools to divert young people from the downward spiral of anti-social behaviour and crime
 - work with services for young people to promote youth crime prevention and consequence development
 - increased use of Community Resolutions and Restorative Disposals (Previously Restorative Justice).
8. Future priorities include:

- development of a further programme within schools to promote the development of social responsibility to foster a long term positive contribution to society by young people
- improvements to Crime Prevention
- seeking future funding opportunities, including Government, local authority and police funding schemes
- collation of good practice examples from elsewhere in the U.K
- clear protocol for information sharing.

Standing Strong

9. Standing Strong is a mindful resilience and community capacity building programme led by Each Amazing Breath Community Interest Company (CIC) and a multi-agency partnership. It is aimed at working with people to build and strengthen their own innate capacity to improve and manage their own lives more effectively.
10. The programme gives people a proven set of tools in relaxation, stress reduction, body awareness and mindful breathing, and taps into the inherent capacity that people possess to meet their own needs. The work builds on peoples existing knowledge and unique strengths, in ways that overcome pre-existing barriers. These skills are transferable and accessible for most people.
11. The Standing Strong Steering Group is awaiting confirmation of funding from the Police Preventative Project for the "Take Five" Project, Bassetlaw. If successful the project hopes to work closely with local educational settings to provide children, young people and their parents/carers and teachers with simple evidence based resilience building techniques to enable them to better cope with day to day stress to attain positive outcomes. The project would work with children and young people. Outward Academy, Ryton Park Primary and St Augustin's have all expressed interest in participating. It is hoped that the innovative nature of this approach will, if successful, provide a National blue print for this area of work.

Mansfield Pupils' Shop Lifting Awareness Film

12. An idea to create a DVD to help tackle shoplifting in their area has won youngsters from a Mansfield school first prize in a countywide competition. Last year's Year 5 pupils at King Edward Primary School decided to focus on shoplifting after talking with their local Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) and hearing that this is a priority issue for Mansfield Partnership Against Crime (MPAC) in the Portland Partnership Plus area where the school is located.
13. The competition entry was part of the "I Pledge to Keep on Track" youth crime prevention programme funded by Nottinghamshire County Council Community Safety Initiatives budget. The department's officers' developed the project in partnership with the National Centre for Citizenship and the Law (NCCL), Galleries of Justice and with support from Notts Police. The project is designed to promote safer communities and help young people achieve better health and wellbeing.
14. Members of MPAC will help the pupils in the making of their film, providing information and advice as it is planned and created. The 56 pupils (aged 9 and 10) involved will share their

film with other schools in the area and will raise further awareness of the issue by running a school-wide competition to design a cover for the film.

Crime Stoppers Conference

15. In September a Community Safety officer and Trading Standards Officer from the Service attended the annual Crime Stoppers Conference in York. For over 25 years Crimestoppers has provided a unique and totally anonymous channel for the gathering and dissemination of information. Information and intelligence is essential to effective law enforcement, however there still remain barriers to providing and sharing information. The conference examined how, through effective partnership working with communities, businesses and statutory partners, these barriers can be identified and overcome. Issues discussed in the workshops of particular relevance to Community Safety were:

- Crimestoppers' recent purchase of geo mapping software to assist with preventative work with different communities
- The Home Office Serious Organised Crime Strategy: aimed at reducing threat and vulnerability within our communities from organised crime
- Gang Licensing Association: need for intelligence about labour providers exploiting the welfare and rights of workers (agriculture, shellfish gathering, food and drink processing and packaging).

Purple Flag - Mansfield

16. After two visits by assessors from the Association of Town and City Management (ATCM) and the submission of a wide range of evidence, the town has been awarded prestigious Purple Flag status. Purple Flag is an accreditation scheme that recognises excellence in the management of town centres at night. It can be seen as the equivalent of the Blue Flag awarded to good beaches.

17. Achieving Purple Flag status will be of huge benefit to Mansfield; physical improvements have already been made, changes have been made to policing and projects introduced to increase safety and confidence.

18. A team involving representatives from Mansfield Association of Licensed Venues (MALV), Mansfield Business Improvement District, Mansfield District Council, Mansfield Partnership Against Crime (MPAC) and the police was set up in 2013 to work towards the award. Many other organisations which contribute to the town centre experience have also played a role in this work.

Vehicle Nuisance: County Court Injunction

19. Work is progressing towards extending the duration of the County Court Injunction in place at Netherfield and Colwick and broadening the terms and geographical area covered by the injunction to include Junction 27 and parts of Chilwell, notably Chilwell Retail Park.

20. The tri-area application is in response to continued reports of anti-social behaviour (ASB) issues in these areas. The County Council was successful in its application for a court injunction to prevent vehicle nuisance and anti-social behaviour in the Netherfield and Colwick area in 2012, with the existing injunction remaining in force until 31 December 2014.

21. Although a combination of CCTV cameras, ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) cameras and targeted Police activity has greatly reduced problems within these areas, the pending application is for the extension and amendment of the Netherfield and Colwick injunction to include Junction 27 and parts of Chilwell.

Nottinghamshire Police: Stop and Search Data Mapping Pilot

22. Nottinghamshire Police is to be one of two forces to pilot the use of mapping of stop and search data. The Home Secretary first announced a raft of measures in August to improve the way police use stop and search powers and to make the use more transparent. One of the measures was to present stop and search information for all forces via maps on the police.uk website, thereby making it available for public scrutiny. Along with West Mercia, Nottinghamshire Police will be part of a group brought together to establish what information is important to the public and how it should be displayed. This builds on the force's investment in training and mobile technology to ensure stop and search is used legally and proportionately in line with the national best use of stop and search scheme.

RECOMMENDATION:

23. It is recommended that the Community Safety Committee notes the various developments in the areas of work contained within this report.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

24. 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

25. 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

Financial Implications

26. The £50k funding from Nottinghamshire county Council towards the Preventing demand strategy is contained within the mainstream budget.

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Constitutional Comments

27. As this report is for noting only, no constitutional comments are required.

Financial Comments (KAS 17/11/14)

28. The financial implications are contained within paragraph 26 of the report.

Background Papers

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- None.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All.