



Report To:	Executive Board
Date:	6 th November 2024
Subject:	Crime and Disorder Report
Purpose:	The Council has a duty to review the actions that have been carried out over the last year in relation to crime and disorder reduction. This report fulfils that duty by providing the Executive Board with an update on Community Safety Partnership work at a local and county level.
Key Decision:	No
Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Graham Marsh (Portfolio Holder for Partnerships)
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Ward(s) Affected:	All wards
Exempt Report:	No

Summary

This report provides an overview of the work undertaken by the Safer Lincolnshire Partnership at County level, the South & East Lincolnshire Community Safety Partnership at a local level, along with information on CCTV across the partnership and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) enforcement activity in East Lindsey. The report recommends that the contents are noted, and additional areas of focus are considered for inclusion in future reports.

Recommendations

1. That the content of the report is noted.
2. That the Executive Board consider areas of focus to be included in future reports.

Reasons for Recommendations

1. The content of the report is noted to ensure that Executive Board members are up to date on the work undertaken over the last financial year.
2. The focus of future updates provides members with an opportunity to advise of areas of work they require more detail on.

Other Options Considered

1. Do nothing.

1. Background

- 1.1. Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) were established under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. A CSP is required for each local government area, bringing the police, local authorities, fire and rescue, health, and probation to formulate strategies for the reduction of crime.
- 1.2. Locally, the South & East Lincolnshire Community Safety Partnership (SELCSP) is an informally merged partnership administered through the South and East Lincolnshire Council's Partnership (S&ELCP), covering Boston Borough, East Lindsey, and South Holland. At a county level, there is an informally merged countywide partnership known as the Safer Lincolnshire Partnership (SLP), administered by Lincolnshire County Council. East Lindsey District Council currently discharges its statutory duties for reducing crime and disorder at a strategic level through the abovementioned partnerships and at an operational level by delivering services such as CCTV and ASB investigation and enforcement work.
- 1.3. The statutory duties of a CSP are as follows:
 - 1.3.1. To prepare and implement a partnership plan that sets out a strategy for the reduction of reoffending, crime and disorder, combatting substance misuse, serious violence, community engagement and addressing the priorities identified in the strategic assessment.
 - 1.3.2. To set up protocols and systems for information sharing.
 - 1.3.3. To regularly engage and consult with the public about their community safety priorities and issues.
 - 1.3.4. To commission domestic homicide reviews (DHRs) following notification from the police of a domestic homicide¹.
 - 1.3.5. To hold one or more public meeting during the year.
- 1.4. This report will provide an overview of the work of the local SELCSP and the county SLP. The report also provides summary data in relation to enforcement

¹ In February 2024 Government proposed that DHRs will be renamed as Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews (DARDRs) following calls to better recognise deaths from domestic abuse related suicide. The changes will be brought into law via an amendment to the Victims and Prisoners Bill.

action to address ASB and the Noxious Odours procedure. In addition a report is included on Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) across the partnership area.

2. South and East Lincolnshire Community Safety Partnership

2.1 The SELCSP aims to combine knowledge, powers, and expertise to reduce anti-social behaviour, crime, and the fear of crime in South and East Lincolnshire, to ensure it remains one of the safest places to live, work and visit.

2.2 SELCSP is a partnership made up of the following organisations:

- Boston Borough, East Lindsey, and South Holland District Councils (officers and Elected Members)
- Lincolnshire County Council (Safer Communities, Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership, Children's Services and Public Health)
- Lincolnshire Police
- Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue
- Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
- The Probation Service
- Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
- Wellbeing Lincs

2.3 Non-statutory agencies also contribute to the work of the partnership including housing associations, HMP North Sea Camp and the voluntary sector (Just Lincolnshire and the Lincolnshire Community and Voluntary Service). The SELCSP works closely with the County SLP and supports its priorities.

2.4 The SELCSP has a Community Safety Strategy for 2022-2025 to demonstrate the work of partners at the sub-regional level. The partnership has a working action plan for each financial year that the strategy covers. A copy of the completed plan with updates for 2023-24 is included in Appendix 1. The current plan for 2024-25 is a working document monitored by the SELCSP.

2.5 The identified priorities are presented below along with key actions undertaken during the last year.

2.6 Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

2.6.1 Anti-Social Behaviour Awareness week – This is an annual campaign to highlight the work that partners do to tackle ASB. A countywide communications campaign took place during the week. The aims were to raise public awareness of:

- What constitutes ASB.
- The importance of reporting ASB, who to report to and how.
- The ASB Case Review (formerly Community Trigger) and how to make a request.
- The positive action in response to ASB in Lincolnshire and the partnership approach – using good news stories/quotes from victims.

- Messages were shared via social media by key agencies involved in tackling ASB.

2.6.2 Noxious Odour Process – Fumes from people smoking Cannabis can amount to ASB where the impact of the odour has a detrimental impact of a continuing nature on the quality of life of those in the locality. Following a pilot in Boston (from March to October 2023), the process has been rolled out countywide with the launch of the Lincolnshire Noxious Odour Procedures (Residential Premises) in November 2023. Further information including the number of enforcement actions taken by East Lindsey District Council is included in Appendix 2.

2.6.3 Good Neighbour Leaflet – 500 copies of a leaflet aimed at encouraging people to be a good neighbour have been printed to disseminate across Boston Borough and East Lindsey to reduce the likelihood of neighbour disputes occurring and calls for service being made.

2.6.4 Vehicle Nuisance arising from organised car meets - Successful bid to round 5 of Government's Safer Streets Fund by the South & East Lincolnshire Council's Partnership and Lincolnshire Police to address the following at Local Authority car parks in Skegness (outcome pending):

- Vehicle related nuisance, wheel spinning in car parks, loud noise issues, littering, damage.
- Issues with unauthorised stopping, travelling community caravans and campervans.
- Group related ASB and nuisance.

2.7 **Hate Crime**

2.7.1 Hate Crime Awareness week – This is an annual campaign to raise awareness of what hate crimes are and how people can report them. A communications plan was delivered across the South and East Lincs Partnership area to increase awareness of what Hate Crime is, how it can be reported and the support available to victims. Victim Support are the new provider for Hate Crime support in Lincolnshire (formerly Stop Hate UK).

2.7.2 Increasing awareness and reporting of hate incidents – Lincolnshire Police are routinely providing data on Hate Crimes on a quarterly basis which will assist in monitoring the type of issues occurring within the districts. Lincolnshire Police have also produced a problem profile and will be consulting with districts as they develop a strategic plan to address Hate Crime and Hate Incidents.

2.8 **Safer Streets & Night-Time Economy**

2.8.1 Summertime Policing Plan

- Operation for Lincolnshire Police's response to policing on the coast.
- It covers a range of issues including ASB, violence against women and girls (VAWG), knife crime and recreational drug use.
- Makes use of the drugs itemiser to detect controlled substances to identify users and suppliers of controlled drugs.
- Encompasses early engagement with the public and licenced premises.

- Numerous operations to target specific issues e.g. Op California to combat the use of recreational drugs and Op Vicinity to coordinate the response and investigations into reports of drink spiking.

2.9 **The Safety of Women & Girls:**

- 2.9.1 White Ribbon Day & 16 Days of Action – This is an annual campaign to end violence against women. White Ribbon Day marks the start of the 16 days of action against domestic violence. A substantial communications plan was produced and delivered by the Domestic Abuse Partnership and supported by partner organisations to maximise the effectiveness of the plan. This included highlighting that Men can be victims of domestic abuse too and highlighting support available.
- 2.9.2 Safer Streets Round 4 – Work continues in Boston to upgrade the CCTV camera systems. This work has taken longer than in Spalding and Skegness (which are now complete) due to the need to upgrade the BT fibre network. A Community CCTV Volunteer continues to work within the CCTV suite to help with tasks such as image reviews and burning disks which frees up the CCTV Operators to focus on monitoring the cameras.

2.10 **Vulnerability & Safeguarding**

- 2.10.1 Fraud Awareness Raising – Support is provided to the county Crime & Disorder Fraud Core Priority Group (CPG) in achieving the overarching aim of tackling digitally enabled fraud & identity theft. The South & East Lincs Councils Partnership has helped to publicise campaigns such as the Crimestoppers ATM Distraction Theft and Government's national 'Stop! Think Fraud' campaign.
- 2.10.2 Domestic Abuse Officers – Three officers have been introduced across the SELCP area to support staff in identifying and supporting individuals experiencing domestic abuse (DA), through the following:
- Supporting staff in completing a DASH risk assessment and advising on signposting a client or referring to MARAC
 - Attending MARAC
 - Training staff on DASH risk assessments
 - Overseeing target hardening / Sanctuary for DA cases
 - Working on DAHA accreditation which is a DA housing accreditation
 - Working on DA policies and procedures
 - Eventually training staff to be DA Champions
- 2.10.3 County Lines Training - Partnership-wide for Council staff provided by Lincolnshire Police to increase awareness of the tell-tale signs that someone may be involved in county lines whereby vulnerable people are often exploited, including children and those with mental health issues, to distribute drugs.

3. **Anti-Social Behaviour**

- 3.1. Information on enforcement action taken to tackle ASB in East Lindsey, including the Noxious Odours procedure, is included in Appendix 2.

4. CCTV Report 2023-24

- 4.1. The Annual Statistical Report (in Appendix 3) provides an examination of data collected by the CCTV department for Boston Borough Council, East Lindsey District Council and South Holland District Council. North Kesteven data is included for the area of Sleaford (which is monitored from the Boston CCTV control room). This data is collected and studied to better understand the performance and achievements of the CCTV service.
- 4.2. The data within the report relates to the period between 01/04/23 and 31/03/24. Within this period the CCTV service has:
- Recorded **13,654** Daily Log entries.
 - Completed **955** incident records.
 - Contributed to **185** arrests for the East Lindsey District Council area.
 - Contributed to **383** arrests for the total CCTV area.
 - Produced **159** CCTV Evidence Packages from the East Lindsey District Council area for Police / Court use.
 - Produced **450** pieces of evidence in total.

Further detail is provided within the report.

5. Safer Lincolnshire Partnership (SLP)

5.1. South Holland District Council, East Lindsey District Council and Boston Borough Council are all statutory members of the SLP. They provide representation at the SLP Strategy Board and are committed to the delivery of the current SLP Strategic Priorities through participation at the underpinning Core Priority Groups.

5.2. SLP Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Annual Report

5.3. The AGM was held on 30th April 2024 and was open for the public to attend along with strategic representatives from across the partnership. The AGM included updates on the core priority areas, Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Disorder, Drugs & Alcohol, Reducing Reoffending and Serious Violence along with updates on Prevent, Public Engagement, Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews, the Stay Safe Partnership, and finance.

5.4. The SLP Annual Report 2023-24 provides a summary of the SLP's achievements in relation to the priority areas during the last year and looks forward to the work planned over the next year.

6. Conclusion

6.1. This report has outlined the work carried out by the county level Safer Lincolnshire Partnership and the local South and East Lincolnshire Community Safety Partnership. The report also provides enforcement data in respect of ASB in East Lindsey and CCTV data across the South and East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership.

6.2. This report was presented to the Council's Overview Committee on 3rd September. The recommendations of the report were accepted by the Committee.

Expected Benefits to the Partnership

The report provides an overview of the work undertaken to support the Council's statutory duty under s17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. It supports an increased understanding and awareness of the partnership working taking place in the districts.

Implications

South and East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership

None

Corporate Priorities

The area of work detailed in this report supports the following corporate priority:

Safe and Resilient Communities - work with partners to help reduce domestic abuse and the fear of crime; ensure licensing policies support crime reduction; work with the local community to support community cohesion.

Staffing

Current staffing resource across the partnership will support the delivery of community safety activity with additional resources identified through further funding, as necessary.

Workforce Capacity Implications

None

Constitutional and Legal Implications

The statutory duties required of CSPs, as set out in the Crime & Disorder Act 1998, are met through working with the County SLP which works as a combined area for Lincolnshire. We also meet these through our own local South and East Lincolnshire CSP membership.

Data Protection

Data Protection will be dealt with under the partnership's information sharing agreements.

Financial

External funding has been granted through the government Safer Streets Fund which will support the Safer Streets and Safety Against Women and Girls priorities. Further funding opportunities will be sought wherever possible to support delivery of the Community Safety

strategy. That aside, delivery will be managed through existing partner commitments and resources.

Risk Management

All risks will be managed as part of the strategy and action plan development as appropriate.

Stakeholder / Consultation / Timescales

Consultation has been undertaken with the Partnerships Portfolio Holder for East Lindsey District Council and with key officers across the S&ELCP (Corporate Management and Service Managers).

Reputation

It is important that the councils demonstrate their commitment to dealing with community safety issues and responding to local concerns. The Community Safety Strategy will have a positive impact on the reputation of the S&ELCP as it shows our dedication to improving the safety and wellbeing of our local communities.

Contracts

None

Crime and Disorder

The Councils have a duty under section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to take steps to reasonably prevent crime and disorder in the district. Changes to this legislation were brought in through the Police and Justice Act 2006, with subsequent regulations coming into force in 2007. The regulations set out the minimum requirements for partnership working to ensure effective practice and that all partnerships deliver to a common standard. This report evidenced compliance with the Acts and the regulations.

Equality and Diversity / Human Rights / Safeguarding

There are no direct implications from this report. It should be noted that CCTV surveillance techniques and investigations need to consider Article 8 of the Human Rights Act, which covers right to privacy. This is also subject to regulation under RIPA and CCTV Codes of Practice.

Health and Wellbeing

Work carried out to reduce crime and disorder within the district and to support those that are affected helps to improve the health and wellbeing of those residents.

Climate Change and Environmental Implications

None

Links to 12 Missions in the levelling Up White Paper

Missions This paper contributes to the following Missions outlined in the Government's Levelling Up White paper.	
Health	By 2030, the gap in Healthy Life Expectancy (HLE) between local areas where it is highest and lowest will have narrowed, and by 2035 HLE will rise by 5 years.
Wellbeing	By 2030, well-being will have improved in every area of the UK, with the gap between top performing and other areas closing.
Pride in Place	By 2030, pride in place, such as people's satisfaction with their town centre and engagement in local culture and community, will have risen in every area of the UK, with the gap between the top performing and other areas closing.
Crime	By 2030, homicide, serious violence, and neighbourhood crime will have fallen, focused on the worst-affected areas.

Acronyms

AGM – Annual General Meeting

ASB - Anti-Social Behaviour

CCTV - Closed Circuit Television

CPG - Core Priority Group

CSP - Community Safety Partnership

DHR – Domestic Homicide Review

RRO – Reducing Reoffending

SELCSPP - South and East Lincolnshire Community Safety Partnership

S&ELCP - South and East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership

SLP - Safer Lincolnshire Partnership

VAWG – Violence Against Women and Girls

Appendices

Appendices are listed below and attached to the back of the report:

Appendix 1	Community Safety Strategy Action Plan 2023-24 End of Year
Appendix 2	Enforcement action to address Anti-Social Behaviour in East Lindsey 2023-24
Appendix 3	Annual CCTV Report 2023-24

Background Papers

None

Chronological History of this Report

A report on this item has not been previously considered by a Council body.

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