

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Community Safety Agreement 2014-2017



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1. Introduction

- 1.1. The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 gave statutory responsibility to local authorities, the police, and key partners to reduce crime and disorder in their communities. Under this legislation district/borough level Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) were required to carry out 3 yearly audits and to implement crime reduction strategies.
- 1.2. A formal review of the 1998 Act took place in 2006, which resulted in a revision to these requirements. Most notably at a district level, the 3 yearly audits were replaced by annual Strategic Assessments and public consultation; whilst the crime reduction strategies were replaced by a 3 year rolling Partnership Plan refreshed annually. For two tier authorities, such as Cambridgeshire, a statutory Community Safety Agreement was introduced.
- 1.3. Introduced on the 1st June 2011, were further amendments to the Crime and Disorder Act which state that Partnership Plans no longer need to be produced on a three yearly basis, they can be based on a term agreed by the CSP e.g. six monthly or yearly plans. The amendments also reduce the number of people required to sit as part of the District and County Strategy Groups to as little as two or more persons.
- 1.4. **The 2012 Regulations** amendments made to the Crime and Disorder (Formulation and Implementation of Strategy) Regulations 2007 state that:
 - County-level CSPs must send a copy of their community safety agreement to the PCC for their relevant police area;
 - District-level CSPs (including metropolitan and unitary authorities in England, but excluding City of London) must send a copy of their partnership plan to the PCC for their relevant police force area;
 - A PCC can require representatives of the responsible authorities for any area within the police area to attend a meeting to assist in the formulation and implementation of strategies relating to that area.

2. Purpose of the Agreement

- 2.1. To deliver the statutory duty under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (as amended by the Police and Justice Act 2006), two tier authorities are required to prepare a Community Safety Agreement for the county. Section 17 recognises that there are key stakeholders that have responsibility for a wide range of services to the community that can deliver community safety solutions.
- 2.2. To develop a more joined-up approach to public service delivery, enable more effective and co-ordinated strategic planning across partner agencies and to ensure sustainable and lasting improvements in delivering outcomes. This agreement recognises that community safety issues do not always respect district boundaries, and that co-ordination of effort can lead to economies of scale, joined up working, and more effective outcomes.

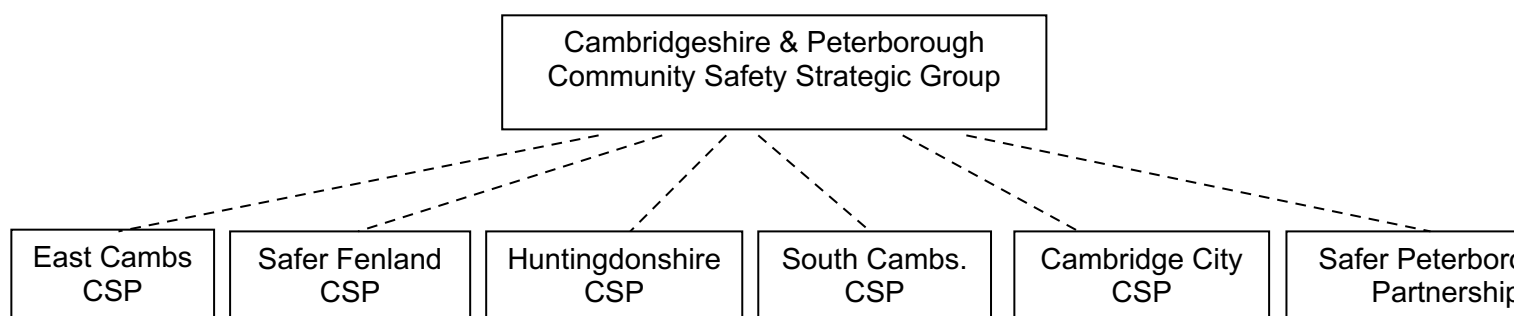
- 2.3. The priority issues that have been identified within the Community Safety Agreement for 2014 – 17 are what each of the District CSPs considered to be most important to their communities and this was therefore reflected in the Countywide Strategic Assessment.

3. Principles

- 3.1 The principles on which we base this agreement are that the district CSPs will be the main delivery body and any countywide activity must be seen to be adding value. This main principle will be supported as follows:
1. Mutual trust and respect between partner agencies
 2. Localism and community engagement
 3. Devolved decision making and bottom-up approach
 4. Support joint working arrangements

4. The Community Safety arrangements in Cambridgeshire

- 4.1 The main delivery vehicle to promote Community Safety are the six Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) within Cambridgeshire, all operating within District/unitary Council boundaries.
- 4.2 Each CSP membership all include the relevant District or City Council, Cambridgeshire County Council, Cambridgeshire Constabulary, Fire and Rescue service, NHS, the DAAT and the Probation Trust. The local partnerships are enhanced by key local agencies depending on the need of each District.



5. Issues appropriate for a county-wide focus

- 5.1 At the final meeting of Cambridgeshire Safer & Stronger Strategic Board (11 May 2011) it was agreed that the principles of 'localism' should apply to community safety issues. This principle was interpreted in this instance as to mean that the debates at County level should occur when there is the potential to add value. Thus those issues that are peculiar to any district CSP(s) or that require an approach specifically tailored to the circumstances arising in any one area should be instigated and managed at a district or neighbourhood level as appropriate.
- 5.2 For Cambridgeshire there are areas of work where the complexity or wider impact of those issues would immediately suggest that a countywide approach would add value. These issues include:
- Domestic Violence
 - Integrated Offender Management
 - Substance Misuse
 - Prevent
 - Road Safety
 - Mental Health Concordat
 - Child Sexual Exploitation.
- 5.3 The issues that have been identified within each of the District Strategic Assessments will be dealt with by each of the CSPs at a local level. Each CSP has a statutory responsibility to produce a three yearly, annually refreshed Community Safety Plan. The plan identifies the priorities that the Partnership has identified to respond to as well as putting in place targets that they will aim to achieve by the end of the plan period. Sitting below the plan are SMART action plans that identify how these targets will be met, by whom and by when, this helps to ensure accountability.

6. Recent changes

- 6.1 The Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner was elected on November 16, 2012. Police and Crime Commissioners have responsibility for delivering an efficient and effective police service in their area. Commissioners set police and crime objectives, the police budget and issue crime and disorder reduction grants through the Police and Crime Plan. Commissioners also hold the police to account, making them answerable to the public.

A Commissioner's role is to support and, when necessary, challenge the Chief Constable. They must also work with local agencies such as local authorities, health, the Probation Trust, fire and rescue service and the criminal justice system, to ensure there is a joined-up approach to preventing and reducing crime.

7. Community Safety Agreement county-wide priorities 2014 – 2017

7.1 Each CSP & the PCC set their own priorities but come together to work jointly on those that they share, as set out below:

- **Re-offending** - Implementing Integrated Offender Management (IOM) and through working with the group of offenders who commit the most crime (research¹ has shown that around 5% of offenders commit 40% of offences) reducing targeted offences.
- **Tackling Violent Crime** - This priority that may potentially be addressed at both countywide and local level, depending on the nature of the issue arising, its location and the fit with the expressed local priorities.
- **Domestic Violence** – which benefits from a coordinated county wide approach
- **Challenging Anti-Social Behaviour** – Is a key theme across all District CSPs. However, it has been recognised that ASB is best dealt with locally, therefore is not a matter for the county-wide group.
- **Drug and Alcohol Misuse** - which benefits from a coordinated county wide approach

7.2 Each District CSP has identified local priorities; these are tabulated below.

CSP Priorities 2014/15

CSP	Priorities
South (2014-15)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • helping to keep people safe in their homes (including tackling burglary and rogue trading) • supporting vulnerable victims (particularly victims of domestic abuse) • preventing and tackling anti-social behaviour, and supporting the "Together for Families" initiative • continuing support for the Countywide Offender Management scheme <p>As part of the four priorities, we will aim to improve how we work together on (a) mental health issues and (b) with young people.</p>
East (2014-15)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority 1- Acquisitive crime • Priority 2 – Young People as Victims and Offenders • Priority 3 – Safer Neighbourhoods • Priority 4 – Sustainable Organisation

Hunts (2014-15)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASB - Supporting High Risk Victims • Child Sexual Exploitation • Oxmoor and associated issues including debt • Violent Crime focusing on Domestic Abuse • Human Trafficking • Child Abuse
Fenland (14-15)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor & improve public confidence • Delivery of prevention and awareness projects to Fenland communities • Support and awareness to children & young people • Reduce the impact on the community where alcohol is a key factor
Cambridge City (2014-15)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing Alcohol-related violent crime • Reducing Anti-social behaviour • Responding to emerging trends of victim based acquisitive crime • Domestic Abuse, with local work around awareness raising and training • Track and support the county wide work being carried out on reducing re-offending • Keeping a watching brief on road safety issues
Peterborough (2014-15)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serious Acquisitive Crime • Anti-Social Behaviour • Arson • Domestic Abuse • Violent Crime • Hate Crime • Serious Sexual Offences • Road Safety • Substance Misuse
Police & Crime Plan Priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain local police performance – to provide an effective policing service which makes innovative use of existing resources and extends public involvement. • Deliver policing within the available budget – to identify and implement activity which will help reduce our costs or improve efficiency. • Continue to tackle crime and disorder – to drive crime and disorder to lower levels, transferring the fear of crime from the law abiding public to those who persistently commit crime. • Keeping people safe – resources are dedicated to ensure those people at most risk from harm are protected. • Maintain the resilience of protective services – the management of resources and delivery of service is maintained to support both local policing and national requirements.

8. Funding Associated with Community Safety in Cambridgeshire

- 8.1 The Safer Stronger Communities fund no longer exists. The Safer Stronger Communities fund no longer exists. This funding was previously made up of a number of central Government grants which supported the work of community safety partnerships and other services such as drugs and alcohol and youth offending. In 2014/15 this fund became part of the main grant given to Police and Crime Commissioners for policing.

Commissioners have the power to issue Crime and Disorder Reduction Grants to any person/body which in his opinion will 'secure, or contribute to securing, crime and disorder reduction in the body's area.' Grants for Cambridgeshire are made in line with the Police and Crime Objectives and Sir Graham Bright's personal pledges within the Police and Crime Plan.

9. Data and Information Sharing

- 9.1 Within Cambridgeshire and Peterborough data and other crucial information is shared between agencies. This is done fully within the intent and authority provided by primary legislation and only for prescribed statutory functions aimed to research, prevent and tackle crime and disorder including the formation of community safety strategies and at a local level problem solving groups.

10. Reviewing the Community Safety Agreement

- 10.1 The amendments to the Crime and Disorder Act that were implemented on 1st June 2011 state that for each county area there shall be a county strategy group whose function shall be to prepare a community safety agreement for the county area on behalf of the responsible authorities in that county area.

The following clause in the 2007 Regulations was unchanged by the 2012 review:

'Community Safety Agreements

Sec 9.

(1) Before the end of each year the county strategy group shall prepare a community safety agreement for that year.

(2) The community safety agreement shall be based on the strategic assessments for that year prepared by the strategy groups for the areas in the county area.'

11. Signatories

Signatories to this Cambridgeshire Community Safety Agreement are:

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