

# CSP Board Meeting – MINUTES Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Mar 2023 - 9.00am – 11.30am

Location: Hybrid Meeting - Swansley Meeting room, Ground level, South Cambs Hall, Cambourne, with the option to join via Teams.

### Attendees:

Stuart Smith (SS): Area Commander Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue (CFRS) - (Chair)

Cllr Helene Leeming (CllrHL): Elected Member, SCDC (Vice Chair)

Linda Gallagher (LG): Development Officer, SCDC (Minutes)

Beth Watson (BW): CSP Project Officer, SCDC

Kathryn Hawkes (KH): Communities Manager, SCDC

Harriet Ludford (HL): Research Analyst, Cambridgeshire Research Group

Shona McKenzie (SM): Partnerships and Communities Officer, Office of the Police and

Crime Commissioner

Katie Ixer (KI): Think Communities, Cambs County Council Scott Liddle (SL): Think Communities. Cambs County Council

Insp Simon Birch (SB): Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Cllr Susan van de Ven (CllrSvdV): Elected Member, Cambridgeshire County Council

Cllr Sally Ann Hart (CllrSAH): Elected Member, SCDC (Teams) Cllr Bill Handley (CllrBH): Elected Member, SCDC (Teams)

Jaye McLaughlin (JM): Research Analyst, Cambridgeshire Research Group (Teams)
Det Chief Insp Neil Sloan (NS): Cambridgeshire Constabulary – GUEST (Teams)

James Ball (JB): Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue (CFRS) (Teams)

### **Apologies:**

Peter Campbell (PC): Head of Housing, SCDC Lesley Beevers (LB): Environmental Health, SCDC

Matthew Ryder (MR): Probation Service

1	Welcome and Introductions - SS
2	Minutes of the last meeting - SS
	*Minutes agreed*
3	SOC update (Serious Organised Crime) - Det Chief Insp Neil Sloan
	NS took the Board through the local SOC update and threats in South Cambs as well as
	recommendations for the CSP to ensure Serious and Organised Crime is embedded in our work.
	The CSP role is to raise awareness, share key issues, assist in information gathering, reporting and
	sharing.
	LG is currently working on a project to target harden our most vulnerable ATMs (usually targeted by
	Organised Crime Groups - OCGs) and South Cambs is contributing to the Police-led OCG work.
	A 2-hour training event will be available for anyone wanting to learn more about SOC. Details will be
	circulated and those interested will be invited to express an interest.
	SS - Noted the High harms board document that was shared is different to this report. Neil to
	investigate
	Action - LG to liaise with NS and circulate details of training session.
	Action - LG to circulate the SOC Presentation to Board ONLY - must not be shared wider.

## 4 DAHA accreditation update - LG

South Cambs have gained the DAHA accreditation at their first attempt. This is quite unusual and a credit to Heather Wood and her team in Housing who brought this together.

### 5 Domestic Homicide Reviews - KH

DHR1 has been returned a second time by the Home office for amendments and is about to be resubmitted.

DHR2 has been approved by the Home Office and is published on our website.

DHR3 did not go to full DHR and the Home Office has agreed with our request to close.

DHR4 Our request to not go to full DHR due lack of evidence was refused and needs to be taken on to a full DHR. A new author has been sought and the work continues.

DHR5 is with Home Office awaiting review.

DHR6 is progressing – has had to be timed around criminal proceedings.

DHR7 is progressing - Chair is currently speaking to family and colleagues of the deceased.

DHR8 is a new referral and due to criminal proceedings will not move quickly.

Funding and commissioning of DHRs now being managed by County DASV Team, with a pooled Cambs DHR pot. This system is flowing very well but the Home Office is backed up with cases to review, slowing the process considerably.

## 6 **Hoarding** - LG

Brian Gallagher is our new Mental Health Officer and is in post. His input into the PSG is valuable with a very down to earth, pragmatic approach. He is working on high risk Housing cases initially, but has 20% capacity allocated for Environmental Health cases and CSP Problem Solving Group cases.

**Action-** LG to gather feedback from Claire Gilbey (Housing) on Brian Gallagher impact, to be shared at next Board and with other CSPs.

## 7 Strategic Assessment - HL

HL talked us through the Strategic Assessment (SA) and accompanying data. Highlights include:

- Catalytic converter thefts up, linked to organised crime groups as flagged by NS regarding OCGs.
- Acquisitive crime is down, largely owing to the fact that many people are working from home and the opportunity is gone.
- Violence Against Person data is up, linked to Domestic Abuse (DA).
- Public Order is also up is this linked to the cost of living crisis?
- Stalking & harassment is higher in SCDC than other districts linked to DA.
- Hate crime, child sexual exploitation (CSE), sexual offences, knife crime cybercrime and scams are all up and underreported.
- CSE has shown a big jump potential links to county lines but this needs further work to understand. Figures do not include County Lines as there are no markers for this when recording.

#### Recommendations:

Priority 1 – the work of the CSP should continue to be driven by data whilst also being informed by professional judgement

- Research Team to continue to provide quarterly data analysis
- Data matrix should include violence indicators

ASB and delberate fires should continue to be a priority

Priority 2 – the work of the CSP should seek to protect those vulnerable to abuse, harassment and violence

- The CSP should consider commissioning an in depth review of violence to better understand the sustained increase
- The CSP should consider commissioning a deep dive into public order offences which can affect whole communities as well as individuals
- The CSP should use the Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (DASV) needs assessment to improve understanding of these crimes
- The CSP should use latest Census data to assess whether particular cohorts are more present in-District than previously

### Additional recommendations

- Receive data and information from High Harms Board (or thematic leads) to better prioritise emerging issues
- Raise awareness of fraud, scams and cybercrime and encourage reporting and victim access to support
- Address the data gap regarding re-offending through liaison with probation services
- Recommended NOT to focus on all aspects of acquisitive crime, but on SOC and catalytic converter thefts
- The CSP should use the Countywide Drug and Alcohol needs assessment to better understand this issue for South Cambs.

KH explained that as part of a review of how the Tasking and Tactical Coordination Group (TTCG) operates (see also points 8), these recommendations will be workshopped in turn and that, where appropriate, Cllrs can attend these meetings. Part of our awareness raising function is to share social media and other comms and these need to be in a social media-ready format wherever possible.

CllrHL asked for an open dialogue where markers don't exist (e.g. on county lines)

CllrSvdV highlighted that community-based and -supported youth programs are important in the context of combatting County Lines.

Action All- Cybercrime & fraud awareness needs to be raised

\*Members of the Board agreed the Strategic Assessment recommendations\*

### 8 **CSP Plan 2023-24** - KH

KH presented the draft CSP Plan for 2023-24 which has been edited to reflect some changes to priorities but does not yet include the latest recommendations from HL (see point 7 above). These will be added and circulated for review by the Board.

Action – KH / LG to circulate new draft when complete

KH raised the need to make the TTCG meeting more tactical and the need for more focus on the recommendations from HL's recommendations.

Each theme will be workshopped – officers will come up with a plan for what will be covered when. Once Board are happy with the CSP Action Plan 2023-24, it must go to SCDC Cabinet meeting for approval.

**Action** Final action plan to be agreed by Board via email, then submitted to SCDC Cabinet for approval, then implemented.

## 9 PSG update - LG

## Youth and Families meetings - highlights:

Now have 8/12 schools engaged, requesting cases to be discussed, although not all of them all of the time. Quite often cases involve impact on the community, which creates a secondary community resolution opportunity.

Good progress through partners Romsey Mill with a challenging Cambourne case.

Lot of energy going into some current and ongoing Cottenham issues involving schools out of District, which has been quite time consuming.

Northstowe has had some challenging neighbour issues, which now seem to have settled down due to some great multi-agency work and prompt de-escalation communications

Fire Break programme - working with Fire & Rescue to encourage schools to engage with this great week-long program. We have had 5 schools involved in last 12 months. BW is currently looking into funding for some future courses.

County Lines (CL) - impactful video created by City CSP that we are trying to get schools to include in their PSHE classes. Managed to wrap it into a class plan but take up is still low, despite our best efforts.

Currently looking at a parental version of the CL video to educate parents due to feedback from Police and schools of parents in denial.

Successful involvement with Transforming Lives programme with a cohort from one of our Village Colleges on Tuesday, focusing on ASB and consequences. We now have a template for any future programs as they roll across South Cambs schools.

### Adult's meetings – highlights:

Meetings are going well. Good attendance, although a lower rate of referrals. Not clear whether low referral rates are owing to a lack of cases or if there is a need to re-advertise the meeting. Mixture of adult ASB, alcohol/drug abuse among vulnerable people, with behaviour impacting neighbours and residents with full capacity refusing assistance.

#### 10 PCC funded post update and information including grant fund – BW

Issues from residents and parishes continue to mainly be speeding, anti-social vehicle use, and ASB.

<u>Community-based PSGs/networking</u> – Melbourn and Bassingbourn (chaired by CllrSvdV) - great to hear what communities are concerned about and what community organisations have to offer. Links with schools are helpful - another means of advertising the PSGs. Cambourne, Northstowe, and Orchard Park groups have been chaired by the respective Council, with support with chairing from us at times. Again, beneficial to hear more info directly from those in the community about what they are seeing and experiencing.

Melbourn underpass: ramping up for final stages of painting soon. Completion in May.

<u>Bike event in Cambourne Jan '23</u> – came from discussion in Cambourne Support Partnership concerned about young people and others without lights on bikes. Bid made to the safer communities fund and arranged Outspoken Cycles to come in to give bike safety checks, and

distribute lights. Was booked up extremely quickly, took some learnings but very successful event. Look to run again during Autumn and maybe in other areas if appropriate.

<u>Events:</u> volunteer fair, Christmas fair (both Cambourne), coffee with a cop (Sawston, Linton, Melbourn) – building links both with residents, parish councils, and PCSOs which is really helpful in terms of informed messaging to councillors and residents, and sharing resources.

<u>Building/strengthening links with other agencies</u> e.g. BPHA Northstowe – housing tenure integration and its impact on ASB. Visiting schools alongside county officers to offer a joined-up programme of support.

<u>Concern from members</u> often around specific residents who may be vulnerable and/or a cause of concern to the community. Linking with PSG and making sure concern is on agencies' radar, and that members are well-informed for responding to concerned residents.

SM mentioned that due to good positive relationships with our CSP, she can always contact us directly if an issue arises and reduce the burden on the PCC.

11 | Place-based priorities: SL/KI/KH

## Northstowe – SL

Northstowe Support Partnership (NSP) continues to meet every two months to address emerging issues. Projects over the last year have been supporting youth work and development of activities for young people, development of the arts, winter support including warm hubs, affordable housing stigma and housing tenure integration and the lack of childcare provision.

There have been considerable developments in the youth work offer over the last year. A community led youth organisation is now in operation working as an umbrella body working with other groups and organisations to deliver youth work and to jointly apply for funding.

Last spring and summer section 106 funding was able to fund Connections Bus project to deliver youth activity on the green in Northstowe. A youth café was also started last year but due to the closure of the interim community wing, this closed. This has now thankfully restarted up at the secondary college and attendance over the last couple of sessions has been 40 – 50 young people.

Section 106 funding has also been able to fund a part time youth worker who has been in post now since just before Christmas. The youth work is managed by Romsey Mill and the youth worker is establishing good relationships in both the community and the secondary school and is developing ongoing youth activities.

In January the Kickstart Community fund was launched which again is funded by section 106 and is a £30,000 pot of money available to initiate Community-led action to support the more vulnerable groups in the community. This is managed by Think Communities and has a panel made up of district, county, the town council and members of the community.

Work has just started on the development of mental health support for Northstowe – again through section 106 funding and led by the South Integrated Care Partnership in partnership with Think Communities, South Cambs District Council and County Commissioning. A professionals' summit is planned for end of April. The aim of this work is to involve the community through community-led projects to support mental health and wellbeing.

## Orchard Park - SL

Think Communities have been chairing and coordinating the Orchard Park Partnership for just under two years. The Partnership was put together to bring key partners around the table to address emerging issues and to support the community council. The partnership has enabled the community council to work more effectively and collaboratively. The aim of setting up the partnership is that it would eventually become community led.

The community Council will now take over the chairing and coordination of future meetings both the wider partnership and also the youth partnership. There is also the possibility that the council may work with the district council to develop a community-led plan that will lead quite nicely on from the work Think Communities has done with the Community Council.

Young people's activities have continued to develop with the community council investing in time and funding to support young people in Orchard Park. They have a youth club on a Tuesday evening, a separate youth project funded by SCDC and run by Romsey Mill, football hosted by Cambridge Utd as well as lots of other activities.

The Youth and Communities Team has worked with the community council to create a young people's survey. Responses showed that 90% of young people in Orchard Park access organised activity in Orchard Park. This is a massive improvement from 2021 as we were coming out of lockdown.

They have also applied for Cultivate Cambs funding to fund a youth worker. The application goes to committee shortly and they have been informed that they should find out by the 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

Wider engagement from the community continues to be a challenge. There is little if any response to volunteering opportunities or community initiatives. The Community Council have made wider efforts to promote such activities through social media but also by purchasing additional notice boards to display what is on in Orchard Park. One of the factors is that the demographic is a lot younger than in more established communities, so residents have less time available.

The Community Council were successful in securing funding to offer a warm hub through Cambridgeshire ACRE, but unfortunately, they had to close it due to lack of interest from the community.

Phase 2 of Warm Hubs is being scoped now. Numbers are likely to reduce, and the name changed to remove any stigma but there is a priority to keep OP open.

## Cambourne - KI

The Cambourne Community Support Partnership (CCSP) was created a year ago. It is held as an online meeting every 2 months. It has a wide range of partners around the table – CCC, SCDC, Councillors (Town and District) Town Council staff, Romsey Mill Youth workers, Church, local charity, housing associations, Libraries, Early help, Cambs Youth Panel, Health, local residents' group, local charity. – The invite list is wider, but these are the partners who have attended so far. The aims are to build strong relationships so any partner can bring a local matter to the partnership for partnership working or problem-solving.

Work that has come from the CCSP:

More access hours in the youth building for the youth workers from Romsey Mill. This helped unpick a stalemate preventing the youth workers daytime access in the new youth building for admin time and also accessibility for any young person who needed support and was not in school.

Exploration of the safe spaces scheme (safe place for people with learning disability or autism to go if needing somewhere safe when out). No businesses took this up. Library already felt they are seen as this space and are welcoming of all.

Support for a new Speedwatch group in Cambourne.

Helping to identify funding opportunities for local groups to carry out their projects.

Facilitating CSP links to other agencies to help local projects (e.g. the local food project being linked to the Fire service for community safety engagement).

## Future CCSP work:

- Road safety and residents' concerns about the need for a zebra crossing for older people near their accommodation.
- Partnership group to create a process for use of S106 funding from West Cambourne development for community led initiatives to support the new community and integration into the existing community.
- Supporting new groups setting up like the men's shed to help with loneliness and isolation.
- Exploring inter-generational links and working together in these spaces between old and younger generations.

## Our approach to Milton and Waterbeach/ Fulbourn & Fen Ditton - KH

Meetings are in the diary to meet with Cllrs from these areas. Purpose is to discuss fluctuations in data and to hear from them what is going on in their wards and understand what degree the stats are being affected due areas such as Tesco. Need to understand better why these 2 wards move into and out of the CSP priority list so regularly.

# 12 | Community Trigger update - LG

None to date.

## 13 BREAK

## 14 | PREVENT Plan - Local Authority duty - KH

PREVENT is part of Government's CONTEST anti-terrorism strategy. We attend the County Prevent Board and created a Prevent Plan for South Cambs. Phase 1 was to get our house in order – devise policies and guidance for SCDC.

Phase 2- We need to raise awareness of the PREVENT Duty with Parish Councils and businesses and other 3<sup>rd</sup> parties using the templates and guidance we have adopted as good practice. The deadlines were very ambitious, and some have slipped but BW is now leading and Phase 2 is now underway. KH & Cllr Bill Handley are to discuss the approach to communications on this so as not to scare residents. We are deemed by the Counter Terrorism Local Profile (CTLP) to be a low risk area.

### 15 Comms campaigns & Community Events so far this year – LG

After 2 years of no face-to-face meetings due to the pandemic, this last year the CSP Officers focused on 'in person' community events to build relationships. We also used Beth's new position to introduce her role, raise awareness of the CSP and how to contact etc. We have been attending Police 'Coffee with a Cop' events, Police community meetings and Parish / Town Council meetings, to listen and understand what was important to our communities post-Covid. (See PCC funded post update above for more info)

Comms campaigns from Plan:

Every quarter South Cambs Magazine and monthly e-bulletin has featured communication relating to the CSP such as Neighbourhood watch, Speedwatch, how to contact Police, when to report, the Police survey and domestic abuse awareness.

<u>Domestic abuse</u> - Involvement in DAHA accreditation and many Communications and posters were

created and shared from that project.

<u>Violence against women and girls</u> – Monthly newsletters shared with all partner agencies and new VAWG posters shared with youth providers and clubs

<u>Cyber harassment -</u> particularly young people focussed – no social media comms campaigns received from partners

Scams and rogue trading - no social media comms campaigns received from partners

<u>Radicalisation</u> - no social media comms campaigns received from partners but SCDC website continues to signpost to ACT-early and other related sites.

Hoarding - no social media comms campaigns received from partners

Hate crime – Created Hate Crime Graffiti campaigns and shared in Parish E-bulletin.

<u>Modern Slavery</u> - no social media comms campaigns received from partners but input into the SCDC Modern Slavery Statement.

<u>CSP Newsletter in conjunction with Think Communities</u> – 2 newsletter CSP content created and published.

**Action:** ALL partners- ensure social media ready communication campaigns are shared with LG & BW throughout year, to meet agreed Comms targets

Action: LG - Share upcoming events with CFRS / James Ball for any relevant vehicle / personnel attendance

### 16 **Police Update**- SB

# Survey and engagement update

The survey in January asks residents about 6 areas and asks respondents to score them from 'critical' as high to 'not local issue to them' as a low issue. From results we determine our priorities. Area's residents asked to comment on:

Knife crime/ carrying

Drug dealing

Anti-social driving (everyone seems to be affected)

Cycle theft - low

Violence- 24%

ASB - 39% critical/important

These results determine Police priorities going forward, so it is critical that residents engage and feedback into these surveys.

There is a free-text section where issues raised included:

Cambourne - Motorbikes on paths/ cannabis/ ASB driving near the Vine school.

Speeding came up everywhere.

Parking issues - most villages

Catalytic converter thefts

E-Scooters and safety

ASB - In general

The last engagement meeting was attended by 18 people. Dates for future meetings need to be publicised better.

Issues of concern raised by Cllrs from request by CSP Cllrs:

#### Milton & Waterbeach

Joy riders at park & ride. This was an issue that quietened down but is now rising again.
 Police are engaging with Milton P&R and getting registration plate details. This will enable letters and visits initially to educate, then more enforcement if they continue. Also including

high visibility patrols.

- Also 4 cat converter thefts in last 3 months see Melbourn below.
- Fen Rd GRT This is ongoing with partners. South Cambs have created a cross-Authority working group looking at over-crowding and tackling through licensing in the first instance. Group meeting again 19<sup>th</sup> April.

Melbourn - Catalytic converter- 3 thefts in last 3 months

This is a force wide priority with dedicated officers looking at this crime. Arrest have been made over last 3 months. It is also a National problem linked to Organised Crime Groups.

<u>Shelford</u> - Complaint relating to police using this area for blue light test runs. SB contacted the Police Traffic team and they stated this is not the case. They do not target one road and use all county roads and attempt to spread across areas. SB has made the driving school aware.

<u>Cottenham</u> - recent spike in concerning ASB relating to a small group of youths - to be taken offline with Cllr SvdV and LG for information share and action.

CllrSvdV- Raised the issue of the police survey not being easy to locate and not accessible. SB said he would review.

CllrHL- raised the issue that the engagement event falls on the same day each month - suggested an alternate Thursday to allow access for meeting clashes.

**Action-** Simon to connect with Beth & Linda around promotion and making the survey more accessible.

**Action-** Simon to connect with Beth and Linda regarding a date change to alternate days for the engagement meetings.

Police have done lots of engagement with schools around knife crime /drugs.

Safer Schools Officer in position - PC Becca Williams. Focusing on Northstowe/ Cambourne. The role is Liaison between partners and Police.

### RCAT update

Jan focused on illegal hunting activities

Have been engaging with partner agencies.

Involved with Neighbourhood Policing week.

Helped with warrants for BT open reach cable thefts.

76 incidents in Jan

2 arrests

Seized 7 vehicles.

23 incidents using drone camera / tracker.

## Police resourcing

1 new PCSO coming to South Cambs which will give us 5 in total

## 17 Actions to support the reduction of the following (SS)

- Substance misuse
- Reoffending
- Serious Violence Duty

SS is happy that as CSP we are meeting our duties.

There are direct efforts taking place within the CSP around County Lines, knife crime and Child Exploitation and we discharge our duty through this work.

Reoffending- we have no data of where we should be focusing in this area so SS is trying to find representation at TTCG. We shall be asking for attendance at Board once a year and SS is chasing for this to take place.

Serious Violence Duty – each agency will contribute to a countywide strategy. The High Harms Board asks each agency Lead to feed in. SM work is in progress to develop the countywide strategy, starting with a workshop. The plan is for everyone to pool and share ideas and not to reinvent the wheel.

Action – SS to identify someone from the Integrated Offender Management scheme to come to the next Board.

**Action** – SM to update the Board asap on progress towards this workshop and a countywide strategy.

### 18 Budget - KH

KH talked the Board through the budget, which is very straight forward. The main highlights are that once the latest of 4 DHRs is complete there is no longer any money in the pooled fund. And that this fund will be topped up by the SCDC Community Safety funding to ensure this DHR can be completed.

Action – KH to ensure this funding is transferred.

\*Board agreed the budget\*

#### 19 **AOB** - ALL

Cllr feedback/update

CllrSvdV- reinforced the need for good initiatives around youth work and youth support as vital for the safety and MH of children and young people.

Could we share information about the Warm Hubs transition into phase 2?

Do we need to look at bringing Primary schools into PSG?

Raised the ongoing issue of Cllr intimidation with the need to take addresses off website Raised the challenges of reporting and hearing back on road safety.

Thanked Beth/Katie/Linda - for partnership working in Melbourn relating to the underpass project.

**Action** – LG to get Hubs information from SCDC's Chris Riches / Lesley McFarlane when it is available.

#### CIIrSAH

Thanked the partnership for the work that has taken place and looking forward to publicising the joint working of the underpass project.

#### CllrHL-

Can Cllrs attend and be involved in the TTCG meeting? KH explained it has always been an officer group in past but we can change the invite list/format on topic by topic basis and include Cllrs as we workshop specific topics. We need to get back to Problem solving in the tasking meeting and plan meeting themes in advance.

**Action**- Linda to request Cllr input for T&CG meetings once the format and timetable has been agreed.

Next meeting Oct 2023, date Tba

#### Actions:

A 2-hour training event available for anyone wanting to learn more relating to Serous organised Crime - LG to liaise with NS and circulate details of training session.

SOC- presentation can be shared with Board but not public due sensitivity

LG to gather feedback relating to Brian Gallagher progress, form Claire Gilbey for impact, for ne Board, to share with other CSP's.

Cybercrime & fraud awareness needs to be raised – from SA

KH / LG to circulate new draft when complete (CSP Plan, to incorporate HL's recommendations)

Final CSP Action Plan to be agreed by Board via email, then submitted to SCDC Cabinet for approval, then implemented.

ALL partners- ensure social media ready communication campaigns are shared with Linda & Bet throughout year.

LG- Share upcoming events with Fire / James Ball for any relevant attendance

SM to update the Board asap on progress towards the Serious Violence Duty workshop and a countywide strategy.

SS to identify someone from the Integrated Offender Management scheme to come to the next Board (Possibly Louise Williams).

KH to ensure the DHR funding (part covered by SCDC) is transferred.

Simon to connect with Beth & Linda around making the survey more accessible

Simon to connect with Beth and Linda regarding a date change to alternate days for the Survey Engagement events

Linda & Beth to focus on a concerted effort to promote the survey to encourage full engagement and create comms ready info for on sharing.

Linda to request Cllr input for T&CG meetings once the format and timetable has been agreed.

LG to get Hubs information from SCDC's Chris Riches / Lesley McFarlane when it is available.