



Report To: South Cambridgeshire Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership 23 February 2018
Lead Officer: Mike Hill, Chair of South Cambs CDRP Tasking & Coordination Group

Closer Working with Health & Cambridge City Community Safety Partnership

Purpose

1. To consider options for closer working arrangements between South Cambridgeshire Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership, Health system organisations and Cambridge City Community Safer Partnership.

Recommendations

2. It is recommended that the South Cambridgeshire Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership:
 - (a) Considers the options for closer working with Health organisations and Cambridge City Community Safety Partnership, and
 - (b) Agrees, with or without amendments, one of the Options set-out below, giving reasons for that decision.

Background

3. Over the past year, there have been a number of organisational changes to and reductions in capacity in partner organisations. As a result, an opportunity has arisen to review the way the South Cambridgeshire Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) organises its meetings with a view to improving joint working with partners.
4. In 2017, the Chief Executives of the Local Authority Public Service Board (PSB) and the Health Care Executive (HCE) challenged officers to reduce duplication and improve effectiveness and efficiency of partnership arrangements. Supported by the Cambridgeshire Health & Wellbeing Board, agreement has been reached to merge Local Health Partnership and Area Executive Partnership meetings into joint "Living Well Area Partnerships". These joint meetings will begin in February 2018.
5. PSB & HCE also identified an opportunity for District Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnerships / Community Safety Partnerships to consider aligning their meeting dates with the Living Well Area Partnerships to further reduce meetings, join-up delivery opportunities, and support improved input from Health colleagues. Clinical Commissioning Groups are statutory members of CDRPs / CSPs and "relevant bodies" under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime & Policing Act 2014. This opportunity for closer working between Community Safety Partnerships, and with Health organisations, is supported by the Police & Crime Commissioner.
6. Cambridgeshire Constabulary has also recently restructured resulting in the current six separate local policing commands within the County based on District boundaries being reduced to two, a "Northern" command comprising Peterborough City and Fenland, and a "Southern" command covering the other 4 Districts including South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge City. Chief Inspector Steve Kerridge is now leading

community policing across this Southern area, including both South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge City.

Considerations

7. A number of options exist for developing closer joint working between South Cambridgeshire CDRP, Health organisations, and the Cambridge City Community Safety Partnership.
8. **Option 1 - Combine the current 2 formal meetings (in October and February each year) of the South Cambridgeshire CDRP with those of the Cambridge City Community Safety Partnerships, and align these newly combined meetings with the South Cambridgeshire & Cambridge City joint health “Living Well Area Partnership” meetings.**
 - (a) Agendas would allow for separate discussion for each partnership where appropriate to ensure no loss of local focus and no neglect of areas of concern for each partnership.
 - (b) New terms of reference would be developed for the combined meetings, which give consideration to the current terms of reference of both partnerships.
 - (c) Members of each Partnership would only be able to vote on the matters impacting on areas their Partnership covers. South Cambridgeshire CDRP Board would vote only on South Cambridgeshire issues and Cambridge City CSP members would vote on Cambridge issues.
 - (d) The chairing of the proposed combined Partnership meetings would rotate between the Chairs of the 2 Partnerships.
 - (e) Funding streams available to each partnership would remain separate, with the flexibility to discuss joint funding of projects if appropriate.
 - (f) Working groups (including the monthly South Cambridgeshire CDRP Tasking & Coordination Group and Problem Solving Group) would remain separate but with the flexibility to combine when dealing with shared issues and if working together would produce better outcomes.
 - (g) It is proposed to hold 3 combined meetings each year, open to the public as is the current arrangement. Combined meetings would be scheduled for July (a development day for Partnership members), October / November (to review progress against priorities and consider outline issues for the Strategic Assessment) and February (to receive the Strategic Assessment and agree priorities for the coming year). The combined meetings would take place immediately before or after the joint health Living Well Area Partnership meetings. The first combined meeting would take place in July 2018.
9. **Option 2 – As option 1, but additionally developing closer working between the two community safety partnerships e.g. shared priorities and joint delivery and funding arrangements.**
 - (a) There are overlapping areas in the current priorities of both Partnerships, e.g. safeguarding and protection of vulnerable people. As a result, opportunities exist to agree shared priorities across the two Partnerships (and with health colleagues) which may also benefit from joint delivery arrangements and joint, pooled funding across South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge City

(b) Table 1 shows the current priorities for the CDRP and CSP:

| South Cambridgeshire CDRP Priorities 2017-18 | Cambridge City CSP Priorities 2017-18 |
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| 1. Protect the vulnerable including: Domestic Abuse Hoarding Child Sexual Exploitation Hate Crime Cyber Crime Older People | 1. Safeguarding vulnerable people against violent crime |
| 2. Tackle Dwelling Burglary | 2. Domestic Abuse including Violence Against Women and Girls |
| | 3. Antisocial behaviour within vulnerable groups |
| 3. Improve our understanding of our increasingly diverse communities and building community resilience | |

10. **Option 3 – Simply align the meeting dates of the two Partnerships so they take place before / after the Living Well Area Partnership meeting.**

(a) The CDRP and CSP would meet on the same day but meet separately as they do currently, with no further combining of the agenda or joined-up working.

11. **Option 4 – No changes are made to current arrangements and meeting dates are not aligned with either the Cambridge City CSP or the Living Well Area Partnerships.**

12. Option 1, when aligned with the Living Well Area Partnership meeting, would improve joined-up working and contribute to reducing the number of separate meetings from 14 to 9. Cambridge City CSP agreed Option 1 as its preferred way forward at its meeting in February 2018.

13. Option 4 is considered the least desirable as it makes no changes to current arrangements and so requires the continued commitment of current officer resources at a time when officer capacity is reducing.

14. A further option would be for the South Cambridgeshire CDRP to commission officers to develop proposals for the full merger of the South Cambridgeshire CDRP with the Cambridge City CSP for discussion at a future meeting and with constituent organisations. This option has not been discussed with Cambridge City CSP.

Options

15. The South Cambridgeshire CDRP could agree, with or without amendments, any of the options outlined.

16. Alternatively, the South Cambridgeshire CDRP could develop other options for discussion with Cambridge City CSP.

Implications

17. In the writing of this report, taking into account financial, legal, staffing, risk management, equality and diversity, climate change, community safety and any other key issues, the following implications have been considered: -

Financial

18. Reducing the number of meetings requiring officer attendance and support will reduce costs. Additionally, the Police & Crime Commissioner has stated that no further funding will be agreed for separate CSPs / CDRPs until a review of current arrangements has been undertaken. This paper contributes to that review.

Legal

19. South Cambridgeshire District Council is a responsible authority under the Crime & Disorder Reduction Act 1998 and Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime & Policing Act 2014.

Staffing

20. Reducing the number of meetings requiring officer attendance and support will reduce costs.

Risk Management

21. Risks include:
- (a) Given the higher level of and the more complex and differing nature of crime within Cambridge City, combining CDRP and CSP meetings may reduce the focus on South Cambridgeshire local issues.
 - (b) Failure to agree more efficient, joined-up working arrangements between the Partnerships and with Health may lead to reduced effectiveness as officer resources are reduced, and reductions in funding from the Police & Crime Commissioner.

Equality and Diversity

22. No issues have currently been identified.

Climate Change

23. Combining and reducing the number of meetings will reduce travel and so contribute to reducing carbon emissions and improving air quality from reduced car usage.

Consultation responses (including from the Youth Council)

24. Informal officer consultation on these proposals has taken place with the Chair of the Cambridge City Community Safety Partnership, officers of Cambridge City Council, the Cambridgeshire Health & Wellbeing Board and PSB / HCE Chief Executives.

Background Papers

Where [the Local Authorities \(Executive Arrangements\) \(Meetings and Access to Information\) \(England\) Regulations 2012](#) require documents to be open to inspection by members of the public, they must be available for inspection: -

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- (b) on the Council's website; and
- (c) in the case of documents to be available for inspection pursuant to regulation 15, on payment of a reasonable fee required by the Council by the person seeking to inspect the documents at the offices of South Cambridgeshire District Council.

No relevant documents.