

A meeting of the **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (CUSTOMERS AND PARTNERSHIPS)** will be held in **CIVIC SUITE 0.1A, PATHFINDER HOUSE, ST MARY'S STREET, HUNTINGDON, PE29 3TN** on **WEDNESDAY, 6TH JUNE 2018** at **7:00 PM** and you are requested to attend for the transaction of the following business:-

**Contact
(01480)**

APOLOGIES

1. MINUTES (Pages 5 - 10)

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Communities and Environment) meeting held on 6th March 2018 and the Minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Customers and Partnerships) meeting held on 23rd May 2018.

**A Green
388008**

2. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

To receive from Members declarations as to disclosable pecuniary and other interests in relation to any Agenda item.

3. NOTICE OF KEY EXECUTIVE DECISIONS (Pages 11 - 14)

A copy of the current Notice of Key Executive Decisions is attached. Members are invited to note the Plan and to comment as appropriate on any items contained therein.

**M Stimpson
388007**

4. FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME - AGREEING THE AGENDA

The Panel is to have a discussion about possible work programme topics before agreeing the Panel's work programme for the Municipal Year.

**A Green
388008**

5. HUNTINGDONSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL REVIEW 2017/18 (Pages 15 - 28)

The Panel are to receive the Huntingdonshire Community Safety Partnership Annual Review 2017/18.

**C Deeth
388233**

6. APPOINTMENT TO HUNTINGDONSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

The Panel is to appoint a Member to the Huntingdonshire Community Safety Partnership.

**A Green
388008**

Dated this 29th day of May 2018



Head of Paid Service

Notes

1. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

- (1) *Members are required to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests and unless you have obtained dispensation, cannot discuss or vote on the matter at the meeting and must also leave the room whilst the matter is being debated or voted on.*
- (2) *A Member has a disclosable pecuniary interest if it -*
- (a) relates to you, or*
 - (b) is an interest of -*
 - (i) your spouse or civil partner; or*
 - (ii) a person with whom you are living as husband and wife; or*
 - (iii) a person with whom you are living as if you were civil partners*
- and you are aware that the other person has the interest.*
- (3) *Disclosable pecuniary interests includes -*
- (a) any employment or profession carried out for profit or gain;*
 - (b) any financial benefit received by the Member in respect of expenses incurred carrying out his or her duties as a Member (except from the Council);*
 - (c) any current contracts with the Council;*
 - (d) any beneficial interest in land/property within the Council's area;*
 - (e) any licence for a month or longer to occupy land in the Council's area;*
 - (f) any tenancy where the Council is landlord and the Member (or person in (2)(b) above) has a beneficial interest; or*
 - (g) a beneficial interest (above the specified level) in the shares of any body which has a place of business or land in the Council's area.*

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- (5) *A Member has a non-statutory disclosable interest where -*
- (a) a decision in relation to the business being considered might reasonably be regarded as affecting the well-being or financial standing of you or a member of your family or a person with whom you have a close association to a greater extent than it would affect the majority of the council tax payers, rate payers or inhabitants of the ward or electoral area for which you have been elected or otherwise of the authority's administrative area, or*
 - (b) it relates to or is likely to affect a disclosable pecuniary interest, but in respect of a member of your family (other than specified in (2)(b) above) or a person with whom you have a close association, or*
 - (c) it relates to or is likely to affect any body –*
 - (i) exercising functions of a public nature; or*
 - (ii) directed to charitable purposes; or*
 - (iii) one of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union) of which you are a Member or in a position of control or management.*

and that interest is not a disclosable pecuniary interest.

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HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENT) held in Civic Suite 0.1A, Pathfinder House, St Mary's Street, Huntingdon, PE29 3TN on Tuesday, 6th March 2018.

PRESENT: Councillor T D Alban – Chairman.
Councillors P L E Bucknell, S J Criswell,
J W Davies, D A Giles, P Kadewere,
L R Swain, Mrs J Tavener and D Watt.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors B S Chapman and Mrs P A Jordan.

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillors Mrs A Dickinson, T Hayward,
J P Morris and M F Shellens.

72. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 6th February 2018 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

73. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

No declarations of interest were received.

74. NOTICE OF KEY EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

The Panel received and noted the current Notice of Key Executive Decisions (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) which has been prepared by the Executive Leader for the period 1st March 2018 to 30th June 2018.

(At 7.05pm, during the consideration of this item, Councillor P Kadewere entered the meeting.)

75. LUMINUS GROUP

Luminus Group's Managing Director, Mr Nigel Finney and Board Chairman, Mr Mike Forrest, were in attendance to update the Panel on the developments at Luminus and the merger.

Members were informed that since Luminus received the regulatory judgement, it decided that the best way to proceed was to merge. Initially ten housing associations expressed interest, with three being shortlisted. Luminus then selected a preferred partner, which was Places For People (PFP). The main reason for selecting PFP, was that Luminus will maintain a local presence and its own identity. In addition, PFP produced the most financially compelling reasons for merger and they aim to develop 1000 homes in the next five years.

Luminus Staff have met with their counterparts in PFP and a

stakeholder consultation regarding the merger has been undertaken. The process to merge started at the end of September and is likely to be completed by the end of March 2018.

The Panel was informed that once the heads of terms had been agreed a due diligence process was undertaken. This process was completed in February 2018 and PFP found no major issues.

Members were informed that all of Luminus' creditors have agreed in principle to the merger. In addition, PFP has agreed to Luminus' business plan and the 30 year business plan. On the day of the merger Luminus' Board resigns and the new board takes its place. The Board will comprise of nine people, the Council will lose their seat on the Board however Cllr Mrs R E Mathews will join the Board as an independent member.

Other developments include: Luminus are working on solving the compliance issues as highlighted by the Regulatory Judgement and the Regulatory Notice; Luminus have applied to become a Community Benefit Society, which is a charitable status with the benefit of not having to pay corporation tax; as a result of gaining charitable status Luminus will have additional funds to increase the maintenance budget to £10.2m per year and Luminus have also introduced a new work place culture.

Members were informed that when Luminus applies to become a community benefit society, the Oak Foundation will cease to exist and the assets will transfer to Luminus. In response to a question regarding the registered charity status, the Panel was informed that the status will bring financial benefits but in practical terms it will make no difference. Attaining registered charity status is not a condition of the merger but PFP does support it.

The Panel was informed that Luminus have already benefited from the PFP Group (which includes 20 subsidiaries) including Derwent Living's engagement with residents, which Luminus would like to learn from and the economies of scale.

In response to the question about the location of PFP subsidiaries, the Panel was informed that PFP have subsidiaries all over the country. PFP have an ambitious development plan to develop homes. Luminus is not currently developing homes however with the merger it is hoped that Luminus will develop homes in Cambridgeshire and in particular Huntingdonshire including affordable housing.

Members were reassured that the Ferry Project will not disappear and that the project will continue as a subsidiary. The Project is the primary provider of homes and temporary accommodation for homeless people in Fenland.

Mr Finney explained that one of the triggers for the merger is to improve the ratings with the regulator. Luminus had to inform the regulator that they wish to merge with PFP and that on the day of the merger Luminus would inherit PFP's ratings which are V1 for viability and G1 for governance.

Following a question about the presence of Luminus and working with

Members, Mr Finney stated that Luminus will still remain and are willing to continue to work with Members and forge more open dialogue.

In response to a question regarding Luminus' loans, the Panel was informed that they have a loan with Nationwide for £250m, a loan with Canada Life for £50m and a loan from the Council of £5m which was used to build Eden Place.

The changes to the Board were explained to the Panel. There will be nine Board Members, two of which will be from PFP and two will have been suggested by PFP. All Board Members are Cambridgeshire based with the exception of the 2 from PFP. The Senior Management Team has been retained but does not have the amount of delegated control it did have under the previous Chief Executive.

In response to a question, Mr Finney explained to Members how the workplace culture had changed. The culture is now more open and transparent and that members of staff are able to ask direct questions. The staff have more autonomy and the Board has greater interaction with the staff. The organisation is now focused on the core purpose of providing good quality homes and has rejoined the National Housing Federation.

In answer to a question, the Members were informed that Luminus have ambitions to build 1000 homes over the next five years of which 50% would be affordable.

Following a question about empty homes, the Panel was informed that if the property is too costly to maintain then Luminus would take the decision to sell it. Luminus will start pre-warning Ward Members that empty properties are there.

Regarding reducing homelessness, Members were informed that Luminus may be able to deliver homes quicker through the use of modular housing. PFP has its own modular housing factory in South Wales. PFP gives Luminus the ability to assist homeless people and try to sustain people in their current tenancies.

Regarding feeding back to PFP, Members were informed that Luminus doesn't have a representative on the PFP Board but does have a representative on the regulatory board. In addition, the Luminus Board can feedback to the two PFP members on the Board. As the regulator wants Boards to migrate to skills based Boards, a new constitution was adopted which means that the Council will no longer nominate a representative to the Board..

Following a question it was clarified that Luminus had made an investment in Almaren Homes and that Almaren have gone into administration. It is not the case that Luminus caused Almaren into administration however, Luminus and PFP are looking to recoup the investment which was £47m in cash and land.

The Panel was informed that Luminus propose to reengage with the 20 active Street Wardens and advertise for some more volunteers.

Regarding tenancy exchanges, the merger with PFP won't make it

easier to complete exchanges as it is a simple process already. All exchanges are carried out through the National Homes Transfer Scheme.

In response to the question that is the Luminus investment just in housing, Mr Finney responded that the majority of Luminus investment is only in new housing. There is however the £47m investment with Almaren Homes which might not be for just housing.

Having been asked about Luminus' interaction with the Mayor of the Combined Authority, Mr Finney stated that Luminus is currently one of 15 Housing Associations who are in an alliance called Homes for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough working with the Mayor in order to deliver housing for the region. In addition to this Luminus will speak directly with the Mayor about housing for Huntingdonshire.

The Panel agreed that they are willing to take Luminus at face value and take them up on their willingness to engage. In addition, Members agreed that while Luminus are willing then the Panel should continue to communicate with them and invite them to meetings of Panel to provide Members with updates.

Members stated that they would like to know the full investment the Council has in Luminus.

(At 7.06pm, during the consideration of this item, Councillor J P Morris entered the meeting.)

(At 8.46pm, the Chairman of the Panel paused the meeting for a break.)

(During the break, Councillor M F Shellens left the meeting and did not return.)

(At 8.49pm, the meeting resumed.)

76. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROGRESS

With the aid of a report by the Democratic Services Officer (Scrutiny) (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book), the Panel reviewed all Panels' work programmes.

The Panel agreed to revisit the issue of Air Quality in Huntingdonshire and in particular what the Council are doing in relation to its buildings and vehicles.

Members agreed that the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Communities and Environment) meeting in April 2018 is cancelled.

Chairman

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (CUSTOMERS AND PARTNERSHIPS) held in Civic Suite, Pathfinder House, St Mary's Street, Huntingdon, PE29 3TN on Wednesday, 23rd May 2018.

PRESENT: Councillors T D Alban, B S Banks, S Bywater, B S Chapman, S J Criswell, J W Davies, Ms A Diaz, K I Prentice, Mrs S Smith, Mrs J Tavener and D R Underwood.

APOLOGY: An apology for absence from the meeting was submitted on behalf of Councillor R E Bellamy.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED

that Councillor T D Alban be elected Chairman of the Panel for the ensuing Municipal Year.

Councillor T D Alban in the Chair.

2. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

No declarations of interest were received.

3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED

that Councillor K I Prentice be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Panel for the ensuing Municipal Year.

4. CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL HEALTH COMMITTEE

RESOLVED

that Councillor Mrs J Tavener be appointed as a non-voting co-opted Member to the Cambridgeshire County Council Health Committee and that Councillor K I Prentice be appointed as the substitute Member.

Chairman

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NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE KEY DECISIONS INCLUDING THOSE TO BE CONSIDERED IN PRIVATE

Prepared by Councillor G J Bull, Executive Leader of the Council
Date of Publication: 23rd May 2018
For Period: 1st June 2018 to 30th September 2018

Membership of the Cabinet is as follows:-

Councillor G J Bull	Executive Leader of the Council	Councillor J M Palmer	Executive Councillor for Partnerships and Well-Being
Councillor R Fuller	Deputy Executive Leader and Executive Councillor for Growth	Councillor D M Tysoe	Executive Councillor for Digital and Customer
Councillor J A Gray	Executive Councillor for Resources	Councillor J White	Executive Councillor for Regulation and Operations

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 - (a) To give under any announcement a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or
 - (b) To make an Order or Direction under any enactment
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- Notes:- (i) Additions changes from the previous Forward Plan are annotated ***
 (ii) Part II confidential items which will be considered in private are annotated ## and shown in italic.

12 Subject/Matter for Decision	Decision/ recommendation to be made by	Date decision to be taken	Documents Available	How relevant Officer can be contacted	Reasons for the report to be considered in private.	Relevant Executive Councillor	Relevant Overview & Scrutiny Panel
Car Parking Strategy Task and Finish Group Update	Cabinet	21 Jun 2018		Neil Sloper, Head of Operations Tel No. 01480 388635 or email: neil.sloper@huntingdonshire.gov.uk		J White	Performance and Growth
Local Plan ***	Cabinet	21 Jun 2018		Clara Kerr, Planning Services Manager Tel No. 01480 388430 or e-mail Clara.Kerr@huntingdonshire.gov.uk		R Fuller	Performance and Growth
The Avenue, Godmanchester ##***	Cabinet	21 Jun 2018		Colin Luscombe, Estates Strategic Assessment Tel No. 01480 388728 or email: colin.luscombe@huntingdonshire.gov.uk		J A Gray	Performance and Growth
Community Chest Grant Aid Awards 2018/19 ***	Grants	2 Jul 2018		Chris Stopford, Head of Community Tel No. 01480 388280 or email: Chris.Stopford@huntingdonshire.gov.uk		J Gray J Palmer	Customers and Partnerships

Subject/Matter for Decision	Decision/ recommendation to be made by	Date decision to be taken	Documents Available	How relevant Officer can be contacted	Reasons for the report to be considered in private	Relevant Executive Councillor	Relevant Overview & Scrutiny Panel
Commercial Investment Strategy: Business Plan Phase 1	Cabinet	19 Jul 2018		Clive Mason, Head of Resources Tel No. 01480 388157 or email: clive.mason@huntingdonshire.gov.uk		J A Gray	Performance and Growth
Document Centre Commercialisation Business Case ##***	Cabinet	19 Jul 2018		Chris Stopford, Head of Community Tel No. 01480 388280 or email: chris.stopford@huntingdonshire.gov.uk		D Tysoe	Performance and Growth
Asset Review##***	Cabinet	19 Jul 2018		Clive Mason, Head of Resources Tel No 01480 388157 or email clive.mason@huntingdonshire.gov.uk		J A Gray	Performance and Growth
Godmanchester Nursery Update##*** C	Cabinet	20 Sep 2018		Neil Sloper, Head of Operations Tel No. 01480 388635 or email: neil.sloper@huntingdonshire.gov.uk		J Palmer	Customers and Partnerships
Hinchingbrooke Country Park Long Term Business Plan##***	Cabinet	20 Sep 2018		Neil Sloper, Head of Operations Tel No. 01480 388635 or email: neil.sloper@huntingdonshire.gov.uk		J Palmer	Customers and Partnerships
Paxton Pits Long Term Business Plan##***	Cabinet	20 Sep 2018		Neil Sloper, Head of Operations Tel No. 01480 388635 or email: neil.sloper@huntingdonshire.gov.uk		J Palmer	Customers and Partnerships

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**Public
Key Decision - No**

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Title/Subject Matter: Huntingdonshire Community Safety Partnership Annual Review 2017-18

Meeting/Date: Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Customers and Partnerships) – Wednesday 6th June 2018

Executive Portfolio: Executive Councillor for Partnership and Well-being – Councillor John Palmer

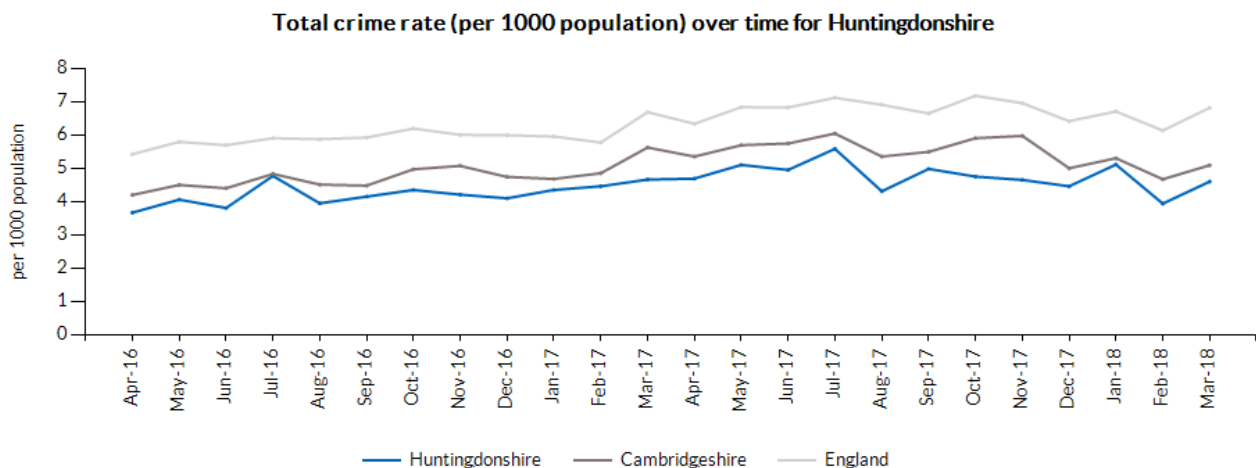
Report by: Chris Stopford, Head of Community

Wards affected: All

Executive Summary:

The report presents the outcomes of the Huntingdonshire Community Safety Partnership’s work for the last year, April 2017 – March 2018.

Total police recorded crime has seen year on year increases between January 2015 and December 2017. In 2016 there were 8,257 crimes recorded in Huntingdonshire, in 2017 this rose to a total of 9,950 offences, an increase of 20%. If we take into account population growth it is still a marked difference with the rate of offences per 1000 population, rising from 46 to 56 per 1000 population. The reason for the increases in police recorded crime rates can be partly explained by changes to police recording procedures and the reclassification of certain crime types. For example, stalking and harassment are now classified as “violence without injury”. Rises in the most serious forms of violence are however likely to be genuine as these have always tended to be well reported.



Source: data.police.uk *

decreased. Incidents of domestic abuse, sexual violence and hate crime have continued to increase which can be seen as a positive because these crime types are typically under-reported.

The Partnership has recognised that the priorities that they agreed to tackle at the outset of their three year Community Safety Plan in 2017 are complex and challenging and may take a considerable amount of time to find long term, sustainable solutions. This has resulted in the Partnership committing to retain the same priorities for the next 12 months starting from April 2018, these being:

- Identifying and supporting vulnerable people;
- Identifying and responding to issues in vulnerable places;
- Target those who cause most harm; and
- Target matters that are of most concern to our communities

Recommendation(s):

The Overview and Scrutiny Panel is invited to comment on the outcomes of the performance of the Community Safety Partnership over the last 12 months so that their comments can be used to inform the progressive work plan for 2018 - 19 and beyond.

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide a summary for Members of the activities and outcomes of the Huntingdonshire Community Safety Partnership for the twelve month period from 1st April 2017 – 31st March 2018, as well as provide details of the commitment by the District Council in supporting the activities of the Community Safety Partnership, the enforcement action taken and the outcomes achieved as a result.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Huntingdonshire Community Safety Partnership (HCSP) was set up in response to the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and aims to reduce crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour within the district through the close partnership-working of a wide range of organisations. The Partnership is administered and supported by the HDC Community Safety Team. Forming the Partnership are representatives from the six statutory organisations, these being Huntingdonshire District Council, Cambridgeshire Constabulary, Cambridgeshire County Council, Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough CCG and BeNCH CRC as well as invited organisations such as Luminus Homes, Link to Change and Hunts Forum.

3. PRIORITY AREAS

- 3.1 The priorities form part of a three year annually refreshed Community Safety Plan. For the three years 2017-20, the Partnership agreed to continue focusing on 'Victims and Vulnerabilities' with the aim of:

- Identifying and supporting vulnerable people;
- Identifying and responding to issues in vulnerable places;
- Target those who cause most harm; and
- Target matters that are of most concern to our communities

The four quarterly Strategic Assessments commissioned by the Community Safety Partnership in 2017 – 18 focused on:

- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Offenders
- End of Year Review looking at all Crime Types
- Violence

- 3.3 This report provides an update in relation to the work of the Partnership over the last twelve months and will predominantly focus on the initiatives and projects that the Partnership has commissioned.

4. WHAT DID THE STRATEGIC ASSESSMENTS TELL US

- 4.1 **Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Presented July 2017** - Huntingdon West ward had the highest count of ASB incidents across the District between June 2016 and May 2017 which was also the same compared to the previous twelve

months. Between June 2016 and May 2017, there were 388 police recorded incidents in this ward which was a slight increase on 2015/16.

There were overall decreases in police recorded incidents of ASB in Huntingdon Town and Yaxley over the last twelve months. There has been targeted work in both of these areas, notably through the Yaxley Working Group and the prioritisation of Oxmoor as a vulnerable area. This work has helped to contribute towards a 12.8% reduction in Huntingdon North ward over the last 12 months.

There have been increases in police recorded ASB incidents in St Ives, Ramsey and St Neots over the last twelve months. In St Ives, increases were particularly driven by a 50.5% increase in St Ives South Ward from 184 incidents between June and May 2015/16 to 277 incidents during the same period of 2016/17. There was also a 45.2% increase (62 to 90) in the Hemingfords over the same period.

Increases in St Neots have been driven by a rise in the Eynesbury and Priory Park wards. The 11.9% increase in Priory Park took the ward from being the ward with the 4th highest volume of ASB incidents in the District to the second. This was in part due to decreases in Huntingdon North and Huntingdon East wards.

Mental health, learning disabilities and substance misuse continue to feature within the current caseload of high and medium risk ASB cases. These issues require a multi-agency approach if they are to be resolved or managed sensitively. Health providers have had a key role to play here.

Fig. 1 - Total Police recorded incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour in Huntingdonshire by year:



4.1.1 The Partnership responded to the information contained within the Strategic Assessment by delivering a targeted action plan which included the following projects:

- Yaxley Working Group – Continuing support to the working group who in the last 12 months have introduced a weekly youth club to divert young people away from anti-social behaviour and is fully staffed by volunteers;
- Problem Solving Group – Following a consultation with partner agencies, reviewed the problem solving group model and created a District Problem Solving Group by amalgamating the three area based groups. This has resulted in a more efficient and effective way of ‘problem solving’ individuals and families;
- Broadening the focus – As part of the problem solving group review, the group broadened its remit and now receives referrals for all types of problems that may have led to an individual’s behaviour, as opposed to just anti-social behaviour;
- Transforming Lives – The Partnership applied to the Police and Crime Commissioner for £23k and was successful, to deliver a targeted project with 8 identified boys and 8 girls who are at risk of offending behaviour or exploitation;
- Commissioning of a ‘mini’ assessment of St Ives to enable the Partnership to truly understand the reason for the increases of ASB in this area. In response, an action plan was developed; and
- Operation Cerberus – Targeting of young males through multi-agency enforcement activity in the Huntingdon North Ward area to divert them away from anti-social behaviour.

4.2 **Offending presented October 2017** - This report in particular looked to update and develop the information available on offenders that act and reside in Huntingdonshire. It focused on the cohort of offenders across different areas of the criminal justice system. It aimed to inform the Partnership of offenders’ needs and to review those areas of concern for the Partnership as well as emerging issues within the district.

- The rate of offenders per 1000 population has remained stable with just a small decrease from 5.8 per 1000 to 5.2 per 1000 population in Huntingdonshire.
- Huntingdonshire is one of only two districts, the other being Fenland, to see this recent decrease in the rate of offenders per 1000 population.
- Most offences occur in urban areas (St. Neots, St. Ives and Huntingdon) and most offenders reside in these areas.
- Needs of offenders in general can often be overlapping and complex, with offending behaviour entrenched and therefore this multi-faceted picture can require intensive support in order to achieve reductions.
- The level of need among Huntingdonshire offenders (as assessed by BeNCH Community Rehabilitation Company CRC) is less complex and the prevalence of need is generally lower or in line with other districts in the county.
- One area with a higher level relative to the rest of Cambridgeshire is the prevalence of drug need within the National Probation Service Cohort.

Fig. 2: For the snap shot of offenders known to criminal justice services in Huntingdonshire in 2017, the picture looked like this:

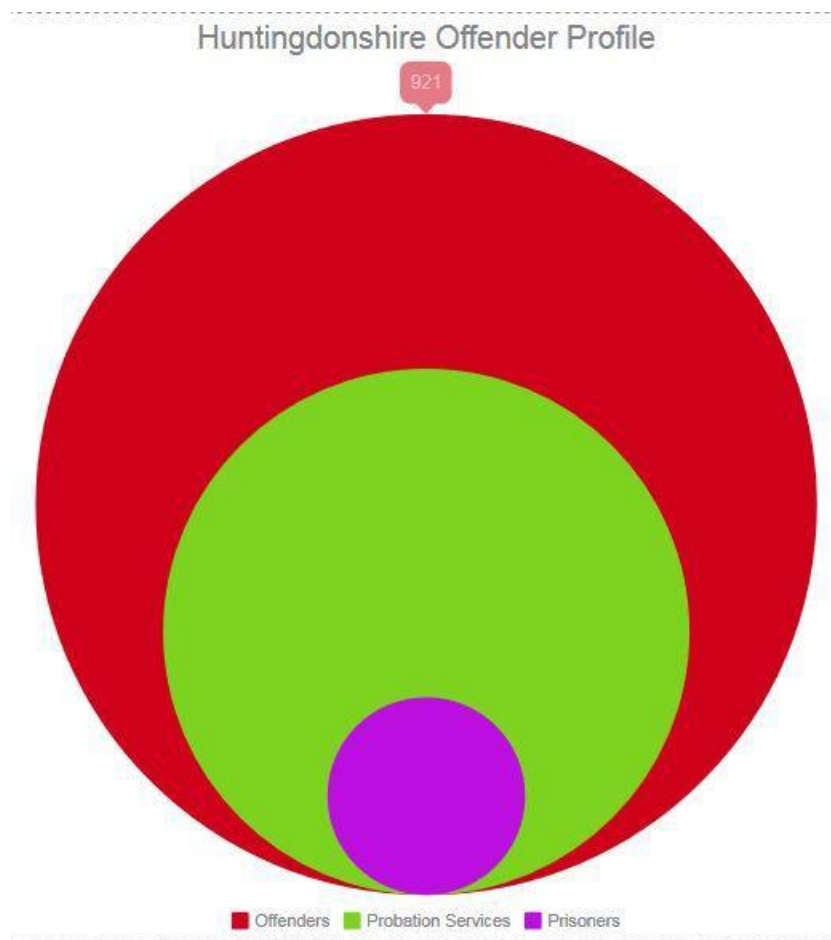


Table 1: Volume of Offences among Unique Offenders

Offence Type	Volume
Violence Against the Person	348
Theft and Handling	148
Drug Offences	142
Arson and Criminal Damage	99
Public Order Offences	52
Misc Crimes against Society	32
Sexual Offences	31
Possession of Weapons	25
Robbery	16
Burglary	14
Non-Crime	9
Vehicle Offences	5

4.2.1 In response, the Partnership has targeted efforts in the areas of Huntingdon North Ward and St Ives to tackle those involved in violent crime. A cohort of individuals have been targeted and enforcement tools such as Community Protection Warnings and Notices and the application of Criminal Behaviour

Orders following prosecution, to restrict these individuals from accessing certain areas of the District, restricting associations and utilising 7pm – 7am curfews.

4.3 **End of Year Review presented January 2018** – In January 2018, the Partnership received their third strategic assessment which looked at all crime types over the last 12 month period. The assessment identified that crime is still decreasing. The body of evidence is building to greater understand the impact of the variety of factors that make both victims and perpetrators vulnerable. This in turn is enabling a multi-agency approach to be adopted in prevention, intervention, recovery and rehabilitation.

- ASB has reduced from 4,986 incidents in 2012 to 3,292 in 2017, a reduction of 34%.
- The number of unique offenders (known to the police) has reduced over time in Huntingdonshire from 1,412 in 2012 to 921 in 2016.
- Domestic abuse, sexual violence and hate crime – areas known for under-reporting, all continue to show increases in police recorded crime.
- In 2012, the police recorded 534 incidents with a domestic violence marker. By the end of 2017 the number of domestic violence offences has risen 1,265. This equates to an increase of 57%.
- The number of incidents of domestic abuse has also increased over the past 5 years from 1,998 incidents in 2012 to 2,277 incidents in 2017, an increase of 12%.
- Property crime, such as vehicle crime and dwelling burglary, has also recorded increases.

4.3.1 Following receipt of this information, the Partnership agreed that due to the broad context of their current priorities, they still remained relevant and would be rolled forward to the next year. It was recognised that the Partnership needs to continue to focus their efforts in partnership with others on Violence Against Women and Girls and Child Sexual Exploitation.

4.4 **Violence presented April 2018** – The final assessment commissioned by the Partnership for 2017-18 was delivered in April 2018 and focused on violence. The assessment revealed that there continues to be a rise in police recorded VAP (violence against the person) offences both locally and nationally. This can be viewed in part as a positive with the continued shift in recording behaviour by officers due to changes to the National Crime Recording Standards (NCRS also known as the Home Office Counting Rules) and the reclassification of certain crime types. The Crime Survey for England and Wales (CSEW) however reports a long term decline in violence with little or no change in the last 3 years. However there has been an increase in police recorded violence against the person offences. Police recorded violence in general is not considered as accurate a measure as the CSEW due to issues such as recording practice changes noted earlier, but police recorded violence with injury increases are considered an accurate measure due to the likelihood of reporting from victims.

Table 2: Huntingdonshire District Police recorded crime.

	2016	2017	Change in Volume	% Change
Violence with Injury	723	791	68	+9.4%
Violence without Injury	1,264	1,814	550	+43.5%
Total Violence Offences	1987	2605	618	+23.7%

- Police recorded Violence against the person offences have increased significantly.
- The majority of the increase is attributed to violence without injury offences.
- The most frequent offence type is 'Common Assault'.
- Huntingdon sector recorded the highest volume of violence without injury offences.
- The level of violent offences associated with the night time economy is **not** increasing in Huntingdonshire.
- A large majority of violent offences occur outside of known pub cluster areas, potentially indicating that Domestic Violence and other offences are being more frequently recorded.
- No assertion can be made that alcohol is not a cause of violent crime but it can be said that it is not a significant cause for concern in and around areas of pubs and clubs. Violent offences occur consistently throughout the week and at all times of the day.
- Judging whether there is a genuine rise in violence without injury offences is difficult due to the changes to recording practices and the willingness of victims to report offences.
- At least 16% of violence without injury offences has a domestic violence marker attributed to the offence.

Fig. 3: Huntingdon - Violence without injury recorded crimes

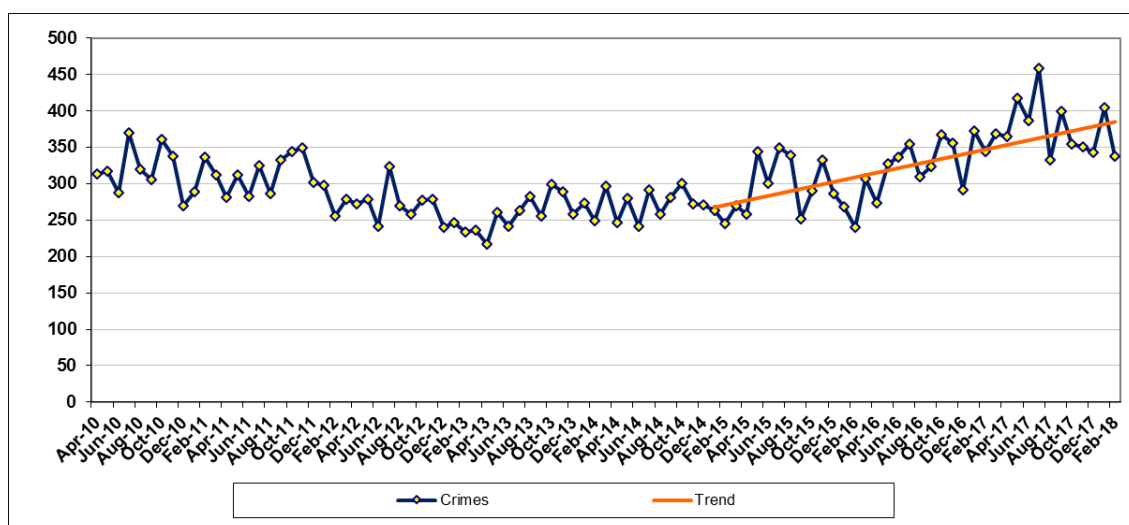


Fig. 4: St. Ives - Violence without injury recorded crimes

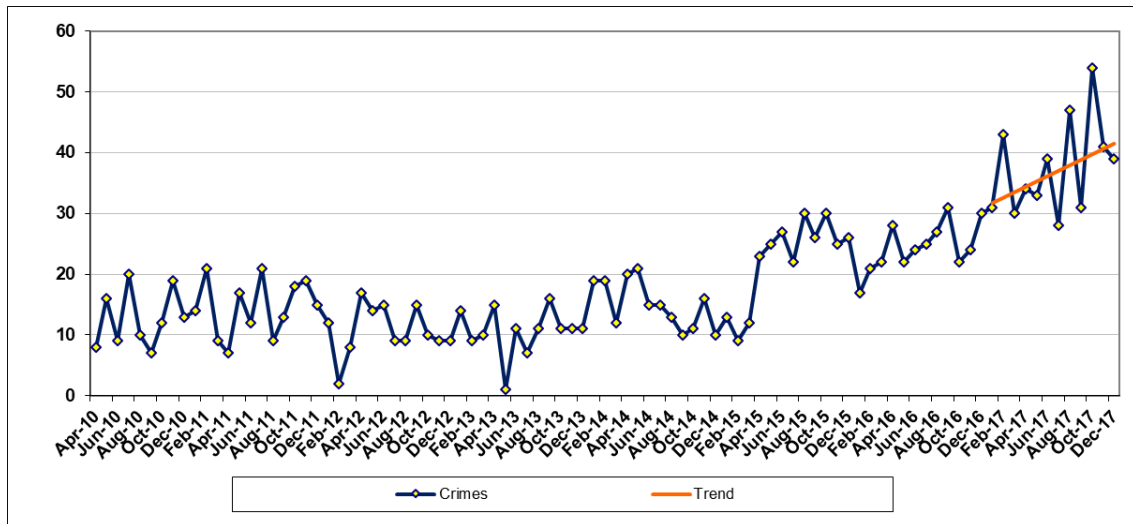
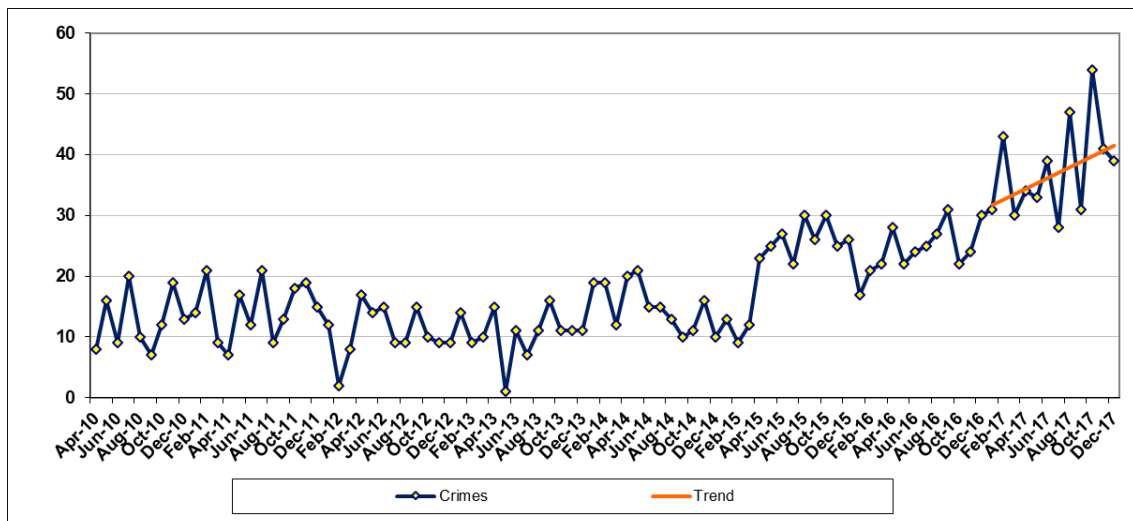


Fig. 5: St. Neots - Violence without injury recorded crimes



4.4.1 There are various measures, task groups and organisations that are tasked with tackling the various forms of violence that are evident in Huntingdonshire. This is in the form of task groups by geographical area such as Oxmoor, or thematic groups such as the IDVA (Independent Domestic Violence Advisory Service) and Outreach services which look to support victims of violence against women and girls as well as educate others. This includes harassment and stalking.

4.4.2 In addition, the Partnership commissioned theatre productions for school children which focused last year on County Lines, the exploitation of young or vulnerable people linked to the supply of drugs. The production aimed to educate and dissuade people from venturing down a path that could lead to violence. The two productions that were commissioned were delivered in St Peters School, Huntingdon as a result of the increases in violence seen there.

4.4.3 Over the last couple of years, the Partnership has invested resources in regenerating the area Pub Watch Schemes. These schemes work with licensees to identify and mutually agree to ban individuals from multiple

premises where they have been linked to incidents of crime, disorder or anti-social behaviour within the night time economy. It is reassuring that the assessment confirms that increases of violence within the night economy are not being seen and suggests that the interventions by the Partnership are having a positive impact.

- 4.4.5 The Partnership has committed to understand and learn more about the primary causes of violence by conducting further, more specific research. This information will be used to develop further the Transforming Lives project to target the project at young males at an earlier stage to prevent them from becoming involved in violent crime, gang activity and associations with weapons.

5. COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN 2017 - 20

- 5.1 In March 2017, the Community Safety Partnership was required to produce a new three year plan which would take effect from 1st April 2017 – 31st March 2020. In January 2018, following receipt of the End of Year Review, the Partnership agreed to continue their focus on the existing priorities, these being ‘Victims and Vulnerability’. This would enable the Partnership to continue and develop further what had already been achieved with an aim of finding sustainable and long term solutions to:

- Identifying and supporting vulnerable people;
- Identifying and responding to issues in vulnerable places;
- Target those who cause most harm; and
- Target matters that are of most concern to our communities

6. SUSTAINING THE WORK OF THE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP INTO THE FUTURE

- 6.1 The Community division within Huntingdonshire District Council underwent a restructure early in 2017, resulting in the creation of a new team which includes a team of five Community Protection and Enforcement Officers. Over the last 12 months, the team have effectively and efficiently responded to calls for service in relation to anti-social behaviour, fly-tipping, littering, abandoned vehicles, dog fouling and stray dogs, all of which contribute to levels of crime and disorder as well as how residents and communities feel about where they live. The team is working closely with partner agencies to ‘problem solve’ isolated issues as well as longer term issues that may be having a considerable impact within a community. During 1st January – 31st March 2018, the team responded to 347 calls for service.

- 6.1.1 The Team, in partnership with the Police have made use of a range of sanctions in addressing anti-social behaviour, including issuing 19 Community Protection Warnings (12 by HDC, 7 by the Police), 8 of which have been followed up by Community Protection Notices and 4 have necessitated the issue of Fixed Penalty Notices of £100, figures which exclude a number linked to breaches of Public Space Protection Orders, noted later in section 8. Ten applications for Criminal Behaviour Orders have been supported in relation to

young people involved in crime and disorder and more specifically violent and gang type activities.

6.1.2 Four prosecution files have been compiled and court dates set in relation to large fly tipping offences. One case involved an application to the court for permission to use directed surveillance which was successful and in turn was used to monitor a hotspot location.

6.1.3 One of the male officers within the team has attended and supported delivery of the male Transforming Lives project and a female officer from the team as attended and supported the delivery of the female Transforming Lives project. This in turn has helped build relationships between the officers and the cohort longer term.

6.2 The Community Resilience Team also includes two Community Development Officers who over the last 12 months have worked with communities across Huntingdonshire to:

- To create a multi-generational allotment and gardening project in Yaxley that is now run by volunteers;
- The provision of a community fridge to provide fresh food to those most in need;
- Connecting a church with Little Miracles in Ramsey which has resulted in them being provided accommodation to run the service at a peppercorn rent;
- Provide a brand new community building to a charity in Little Paxton;
- Provide training to community groups to enable them to write funding applications that in turn have been successful;
- Run multi-cultural events to celebrate diversity;
- Establish a womens' group in Huntingdon North Ward where certain women from the community had been identified as feeling isolated;
- The development of a community asset map in Pathfinder House identifying all the groups and resources across Huntingdonshire enabling communities to self-help;
- Upskilling community members as homelessness prevention champions to enable them to have 'difficult conversations' and support and signpost those most at risk;

7. LINK TO THE CORPORATE PLAN, STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND / OR CORPORATE OBJECTIVES

7.1 The Huntingdonshire Community Safety Partnership Community Safety Plan 2017-20 has clear links to the Corporate Plan across a number of areas, but especially under the theme of 'Enabling Communities'. Much of the work already being carried by the Partnership will be contributing to the objectives that have been set out under this theme by the Council.

7.2 The Community Safety Partnership is required to produce a three year annually refreshed Community Safety Plan. The Partnership introduced their new Plan in

April 2017. The Partnership has recognised the importance of needing to consider existing plans and strategies as part of their new Plan to ensure effective use of resources as well as value for money for our communities.

8. ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY APRIL 2017 – MARCH 2018

8.1 The Partnership has embraced the tools and powers available to them under the ASB, Crime and Disorder Act 2014 and last year they supported the introduction of three Public Space Protection Orders, these being:

- Riverside Car Park, St Neots PSPO – To address the issues of anti-social use of vehicles – 12 Fixed Penalty Notices were issued last year for breach of the Order;
- Little End Road Industrial Estate, St Neots PSPO - To address the issues of anti-social use of vehicles;
- Control of Dogs, Huntingdonshire – Relates to areas where residents must keep their dogs on leads, the requirement for dog owners to remove dog faeces and carry an article to enable them to do this – 1 Fixed Penalty Notice has been issued for the breach of this Order.

9. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

9.1 Over the last 5 years, there has been a considerable change in the complexity of the types of crimes that the Partnership has had to respond to. Whereas the Partnership has previously had to focus their efforts towards shop theft, vehicle crime and dwelling burglary, they now have to provide a response to Child Sexual Exploitation, Modern Day Slavery and Familial Domestic Abuse. Although all crimes have a victim, victims of these types of crimes require specialist support and intervention from a number of different organisations over often an extensive period of time. This therefore means that the Partnership has been required to broaden their skills and expertise to ensure that they are able to respond to these more difficult issues.

9.1.1 The statutory partners that make up the Partnership are ever changing and what is evident is that resources have reduced and therefore the Partnership must be smarter about the way they respond to issues.

9.2 In 2017, the Partnership was awarded £23k by the Police and Crime Commissioner. The funding was awarded following a presentation by representatives of the Partnership to the Commissioner with the proposal to target the Transforming Lives Project at a cohort of boys and girls. The purpose of the girls' project was to work with identified individuals from St Ives and Huntingdon who were at risk of exploitation and boys who were at risk of offending or gang activity from the St Neots area. Each scheme ran for 12 weeks and much of the funding was used to fund targeted activities with partner agencies offering their input in kind.

9.2.1 The Police and Crime Commissioner has indicated that longer term, he is looking to support sustainable, evidenced initiatives that can be duplicated across the County. It is important that the Partnership develops the

Transforming Lives project and recognises sustainability and the part that communities and volunteers can play.

- 9.3 There is a desire for Community Safety Partnerships in Cambridgeshire to merge with Living Well Partnerships. It is necessary to understand what this means for the Partnership and moving forward the role that statutory partners will play.
- 9.4 Reporting to the County Community Safety Board which the Police and Crime Commissioner Chairs, are a number of thematic groups focusing on issues that affect the whole County. It is important that there is a consistent flow of information between the working groups established under the Huntingdonshire Community Safety Partnership and the County thematic groups to best utilise resources, avoid duplication and make use of best practise.

10. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DECISIONS

- 10.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Panel is invited to comment on the outcomes of the performance of the Community Safety Partnership over the last six months, so that their comments can be used to inform the work plan for 2018 - 19 and beyond.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

- Huntingdonshire Community Safety Partnership Community Safety Plan 2017 – 20 Refreshed
- The following quarterly Strategic Assessments are available at <http://cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk/community-safety/CSP/hunts>
 - Quarter 1 2017-18 Strategic Assessment: Anti-Social Behaviour
 - Quarter 2 2017-18 Strategic Assessment: Offending
 - Quarter 3 2017-18 Strategic Assessment: End of Year Review
 - Quarter 4 2017-18 Strategic Assessment: Violence

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