

Executive Summary April 2010 - March 2011

About the Rochford Community Safety Partnership

Rochford Community Safety Partnership (CSP), formerly Rochford Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) was established in 1998. It has a small body of statutory members who are required under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to work in partnership to combat local crime and disorder. These key statutory partners are: Rochford District Council, Essex County Council, South East Essex Primary Care Trust, Essex Police, Essex Police Authority, Essex Fire and Rescue Service and from 01 April 2010, Essex Probation Service. These seven key statutory partners have a legal obligation to comply with the requirements which include the placing of the duty on the Steering Group to prepare an annual Strategic Assessment on behalf of the responsible authorities.

The Community Safety Partnership is made up of a Steering Group, a Reference Group and seven sub groups which will each address the priorities identified in the Strategic Assessment and with allocated funding will help achieve the aims and objectives as outlined in each of the priorities action plans.

Steering Group: is the body that provides strategic leadership and overall management of the partnership. The group is responsible for formulating the Annual Partnership Plan, managing the performance and finances of the Partnership and allocating funding to projects over £2,000.

Reference Group: comprises of representatives from each of the statutory partners as detailed above together with members from non-statutory agencies and the voluntary sector.

An Introduction to the Rochford Strategic Assessment and Partnership Plan

Rochford Community Safety Partnership is required to produce an annual Strategic Assessment and a three year Partnership Plan (2008-2011) which is reviewed annually. The purpose of the partnership in conducting a Strategic Assessment, which includes the analysis of crime and disorder and substance misuse and community consultation, is to improve understanding of local problems and their potential causes and to respond more effectively to the communities we serve by setting clear and robust priorities. The Strategic Assessment for 2010/2011 has recently been completed and the actions within the Partnership Plan reviewed and amended to reflect changing priorities identified through the Strategic Assessment.

'Working in partnership to make our District a place which provides opportunities for the best possible quality of life for all who live, work and visit here'

End of Year Performance for Strategic Priorities 2009/2010

Rochford Community Safety Partnership identified 5 priorities from the 2009/2010 Strategic Assessment (year 2).

One of the key priorities identified in the Strategic Assessment was to reduce the number of Domestic Burglaries across the District. In 2008/2009 there were 170 Domestic Burglary offences recorded and through partnership working this number has reduced by 10.6% to 152 offences.

During 2009/2010, 2120 incidents of anti-social behaviour were reported to Police compared to 2147 incidents which were reported during 2008/2009. A 4.0% reduction in anti-social behaviour was achieved by the partnership.

The Public Reassurance sub group held a Citizens Panel to seek the views of local residents on their perceptions of crime and anti social behaviour in the Rochford District. The sub group promoted the work of the partnership in quarterly newsletters and Rochford District Matters (RDM) newspaper which is delivered to every household throughout the District.

Detailed below are the Community Safety Partnerships achievements against the 2009/2010 priorities:

Achievements from Strategic Priorities 2009/2010

2009/2010 Priority	Year to Date (April 08- March 09)	Year to Date (April 09- March 10)	% 2008/2009 to 2009/2010	Performance Indicator
Reduce Domestic Burglary by 5% during 2009/2010	170	152	10.6% (18 offences)	Green
Reduce anti-social behaviour incidents by 5% during 2009/2010	2167	2080	4.0% (87 offences)	Amber
Increase the reporting rates of domestic abuse by 5% during 2009/2010	695	626	9.9% (69 offences)	Red
Reduce the number of repeat incidents by 5% during 2009/2010	266	279	4.9% (13 offences)	Red
Reduce alcohol related disorder by 5% during 2009/2010 (Assault with less serious injury NI 20)	215	181	15.8% (34 offences)	Amber
All Crime	2802	2650	5.4% (152 offences)	Amber
Improve public engagement and increase public reassurance	Recruited P/T CSP Media Officer April 2009. CSP Conference September 2009. Joint Essex Police Authority and Rochford CSP Public Meeting October 2009. Citizens Panel held February 2010. Member of the Community Involvement Group (CIG) and support the Information Days. Regular positive features in Rochford District Matters (RDM). Press releases to alert residents of scams and the activities of fraudsters.			Green

Rochford Community Safety Partnership Priorities 2010/2011

The Strategic Assessment process identifies current patterns, trends, future gaps and risks that impact upon Rochford District and its community, linked to crime and anti-social behaviour adversely affecting the environment. It provides knowledge and understanding of the local communities' problems that inform and enable partners to set priorities and in turn develop a co-ordinated response, to plan activities and deploy resources based on a clear understanding of local issues and needs.

This process has identified six key priorities which Rochford Community Safety Partnership will focus on over the next 12 months (April 2010 - March 2011)

- Reduce anti-social behaviour by 10% during 2010/2011
- Reduce Theft From Motor Vehicle by 10% during 2010/2011
- Reduce Robbery by 5% during 2010/2011
- Reduce the number of repeat incidents of domestic violence cases reviewed at MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference) and increase reporting rates of domestic abuse by 10%
- Reduce alcohol related disorder by 5% during 2010/2011 and increase baseline data on drug offences and service provision
- A task and finish group to tackle ASB driving, reduce speeding throughout the District and encourage safer parking especially around schools

Increasing public engagement and public reassurance was a priority for the partnership during 2009/2010. Although it is not listed as a priority for the partnership for 2010/2011, this work will continue through the established Public Reassurance sub group.

Two of the priorities identified in the Strategic Assessment will be addressed by the existing sub groups:

ASB Joint Action Group (JAG) for tackling anti-social behaviour

Domestic Abuse Panel (DAP) for the victims and perpetrators of domestic abuse.

There are three new sub groups, a sub group to tackle the increase in Theft From Motor Vehicles and the number of Robbery offences, a Rochford Substance Misuse Group and a task and finish sub group to address the issues of ASB driving and parking. Each of the sub groups have been allocated funding to address these priorities and help achieve the aims and objectives outlined in their action plans.

These action plans will be used to provide a general overview of performance against the agreed milestones/outputs and outcomes and are detailed in the 2010/2011 Annual Partnership Plan.

Performance against the baseline for each of the priorities will be monitored on a monthly basis by the Chairs of these sub groups, recorded on a CSP Highlight Report form and reported quarterly to the CSP Steering Group.

The Prolific and Priority Offenders (PPO) Group and the Public Reassurance Group will continue to deliver on their identified priorities as outlined in their action plans.

New Requirements on Community Safety Partnerships

From 1 April 2010 statutory changes to Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) in England implemented under the Policing and Crime Act 2009 came into effect. Under these changes the Probation Service became a responsible authority of CSPs having previously been a cooperating body and the existing duties of CSPs expanded to include a new duty to formulate and implement a strategy to reduce reoffending by adult and young offenders. In addition the remit of bodies listed under section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (with existing duty to consider crime and disorder reduction when exercising their functions) has been extended to include reducing reoffending.

In addition it is a requirement that from April 2010 all Community Safety Partnerships are responsible for Integrated Offender Management (IOM).

The aim of IOM is to help local partners jointly reduce crime and re-offending and improve public confidence in the Criminal Justice System (CJS) by working in partnership to target offenders who cause the greatest harm to their communities. These offenders may not be under statutory probation supervision but are known to be actively offending or at high risk of doing so.