

Title: The role, responsibilities, and performance (2022/23) of the South Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership
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 Portfolio Holder: Councillor Judith Falp
 Wards of the District directly affected: All

Approvals required	Date	Name
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Summary

This report sets out the roles and responsibilities of the South Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership (SWCSP) and details performance against priorities for 2022/23. The CSP is the statutory body for reducing crime, disorder, substance misuse and reoffending in South Warwickshire.

Recommendation

For Members to note the details of the report.

1 Reasons for the Recommendation

1.1 Local Authorities have a legal duty to undertake scrutiny of crime and disorder at least every 12 months in accordance with the Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009. WDC has taken the view that by scrutinising the effectiveness and performance of the South Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership (SWCSP), it is fulfilling its legal duty.

1.2 Role of the SWCSP

1.2.1 Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnerships were created as part of the Crime & Disorder Act (1998). They are the responsible bodies for reducing crime, disorder, substance misuse and reoffending.

1.2.2 The two Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnerships for Stratford & Warwick Districts were formally merged in September 2008 becoming the South Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership (SWCSP) or Safer South Warwickshire.

1.3 The Statutory Duties of the SWCSP are:

- To have a District level Community Safety Partnership (CSP) made up of 'Responsible Authorities' for the area, which are the District Council, County Council, Police, Fire, Probation, and the Clinical Commissioning Group
- To undertake a crime audit 'Strategic Assessment'
- To formulate and implement strategies to tackle crime and disorder, the misuse of drugs and reducing reoffending in the area
- To share information with 'relevant authorities' for the purposes of preventing and reducing crime and disorder
- To conduct Domestic Homicide Reviews

1.4 The Responsible Authorities for South Warwickshire are:

- Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care Board
- Stratford-upon-Avon District Council
- Warwick District Council
- Warwickshire County Council
- Warwickshire Fire & Rescue Authority
- Warwickshire Police
- Warwickshire Probation

1.5 Governance

- 1.5.1 The SWCSP has a strategic Board and an operational group, South Warwickshire Operational group (SWOP), at the tactical/delivery level.
- 1.5.2 The SWCSP Board meets to fulfil its statutory duties 3 times a year, with additional extraordinary meetings as required.
- May – Review annual performance against priorities and approve strategic action plans
 - November – Review 6 monthly performance against priorities
 - January – Receive the Strategic Assessment or Executive Summary of emerging trends and agree priorities for the next 4 years.
 - Extraordinary meetings are convened for Domestic Homicide Reviews.
- 1.5.3 The SWCSP Board is responsible for receiving the Strategic Assessment, setting priorities, approving the strategic 'Partnership Plan', monitoring performance, holding partners to account, and commissioning Domestic Homicide Reviews and monitoring implementation of improvement plans.
- 1.5.4 The current membership of the SWCSP Strategic Member Board is:

Cllr Chris Kettle (Chair) – Stratford District Council
Cllr Jacqui Harris – Stratford District Council
Cllr Judy Falp – Warwick District Council
Cllr Ian Davison – Warwick District Council
Cllr Andy Crump – Warwickshire County Council (Fire & Rescue)
CI Faz Chishty – Warwickshire Police
Jackie Channell – NHS Integrated Care Board
Emma Dade – Warwickshire Probation Service

Also invited is the Police & Crime Commissioner and/or his representative.

The meeting is supported by officers from the responsible authorities.

1.6 The South Warwickshire Operational group (SWOP) meets quarterly:

- January
 - April
 - July
 - October
- 1.6.1 SWOP is responsible for receiving approved priorities from the SWCSP Board, developing Action Plans to address the approved priorities, commissioning quarterly analysis of recorded crime, receiving detailed trend analysis and hotspots in relation to the strategic priorities, receiving quarterly reports on progress towards priorities, and evaluating the effectiveness of partnership action plans and report progress and performance to the CSP Board

1.6.2 SWOP is made up of senior officers from the Responsible Authorities and Registered Social Landlords (RSLs), collectively these are the Relevant Authorities for information sharing.

1.7 The Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board (SWPB) sets out how the police, local authorities, fire and rescue, probation services, health and third sector partners will work together at the county level to address crime and disorder in their communities.

1.8 SWCSP - Supporting work at a county level

1.8.1 The SWCSP also supports the following areas of work that are co-ordinated at a countywide level to address both local and national concerns.

- Reducing reoffending
- Violence against women and girls incl. domestic homicide reviews
- Counter Terrorism incl. Prevent
- Hate Crime
- Cyber Crime
- Serious and Organised crime & exploitation incl. county lines, modern slavery and human trafficking, child sexual exploitation
- Business Crime
- Substance misuse
- Support for victims and survivors of crime

1.9 SWCSP Priorities 2021 – 2025

1.9.1 The CSP must produce or procure a Strategic Assessment to inform its priorities and to update the Community Safety Partnership Plan which sets out what the CSP is doing to address these priorities. Following a comprehensive review of the Strategic Assessment process in Warwickshire during 2020 it was agreed that a full document will be produced for each CSP on a 3 yearly basis with a 'refresh' document in the interim years. (The 2021/22 'refresh' document was appended to last year's CSP Performance Report presented to this committee on 8 March 2022).

1.9.2 MoRiLE (Management of Risk in Law Enforcement) Thematic Guidance specifically for CSPs was introduced in 2020 to assist CSPs with the setting of priorities, strategic planning, and allocation of resources. This guidance has been used as part of the 2021-25 Strategic Assessment process to assess the level of risk for South Warwickshire community safety themes and inform the setting of the current priorities which are detailed as:

Violent Crime	Focus on domestic abuse and the night time economy
Serious Acquisitive Crime	Responding to volume crime and disorder emerging post Covid-19 including personal robbery in Stratford-on-Avon District
Acquisitive Crime in Rural Areas	Including 'Rural Crime and Wildlife Strategy' definition

County Lines	Focus on knife crime, links to violence and substance misuse
Personal ASB	Focus on non-Covid-19 related incidents in Stratford-on-Avon District
Cyber fraud	Focus on raising awareness and crime prevention
Hate crime	Focus on racism and homophobic related offences and incidents
Cross cutting themes	Reducing re-offending; drugs and alcohol

1.9.3 As per the agreed 4-year Warwickshire CSP Strategic Assessment cycle, MoRiLE Scoring sessions have recently been held again to re-score the community safety themes based on current trends and forecasts as part of the 2022/23 'refresh' of the Strategic Assessment. See Table 1 (South Warwickshire CSP Thematic Risk Banding 2022) and Table 2 (MoRiLE Risk Gradings Table) below.

Table 1

South Warwickshire MoRiLE Thematic Area and Risk Score 2022	Banding comments
Serious Violence	Highest risk score and Catastrophic risk gradings for victim; Highest risk to the organisation
County Lines	Highest risk score and Catastrophic risk gradings for victim; Highest risk to the organisation
Domestic Abuse	High risk scores to victim and organisation; Critical risk gradings
Substance Misuse	High risk scores to victim, moderate to organisation; Critical risk gradings
Rape and Sexual Offences	High risk scores to victim and organisation; Critical risk gradings
Exploitation	High risk scores to victim and organisation; Critical risk gradings
Road Traffic Collisions – Killed and Seriously Injured	Medium risk score to victim, low risk to organisation; critical gradings
Harmful Practices (FGM, HBV, FM)	Medium risk score to victim and organisation; one critical grading
Cyber Fraud	Medium risk score to victim, high risk score to organisation; no critical gradings
Personal Robbery	Medium risk score to victim, medium risk to organisation; no critical gradings
Residential Burglary (Dwelling)	Medium risk score to victim, low risk to organisation; no critical gradings
ASB - Personal	Low risk score to victim, high risk to organisation; no critical gradings
Environmental	Low risk score to victim, medium risk to organisation; no critical gradings

Hate Crime	Low risk score to victim, medium risk to organisation; no critical gradings
DSFs	Low risk score to victim, low risk to organisation; no critical gradings
Vehicle Crime	Low risk score to victim, low risk to organisation; no critical gradings
Business Crime (including shoplifting)	Low risk score to victim, low risk to organisation; no critical gradings
Nuisance	Low risk score to victim, low risk to organisation; no critical gradings

Table 2

CSP Thematic Guidance for MoRiLE, Risk Gradings Table (*adopted from Devon and Cornwall CSPs, 2020*)

High	There is an expectation that the High Level Threats will be prioritised by community safety partnerships and all partners, with an explicit response prioritised through local Partnership Plans and reflected appropriately in other strategies and plans.
Moderate	It is important that community safety partnerships continue to be proactive in managing Moderate Level Threats; working together to manage the risks, address identified problems and prevent new problems developing. As part of the development of local Partnership Plans, community safety partnerships may also wish to review these issues where elements of the response are considered to impede effective management.
Standard	Standard Level Threats are areas that are being managed as 'business as usual' and/or not placing much additional demand on services. Community safety partnerships should monitor these issues to ensure that we continue to manage them well.

1.9.4 This process has identified two emerging risk areas of note to the South Warwickshire CSP – Rape and other Sexual Offences, and Exploitation in Warwick District. Detailed analysis has been undertaken and was presented to the SWCSP Board on 9 March 2023 for consideration of whether to adopt these emerging risk areas as new priorities for the remainder of the Strategic Assessment period. The board agreed with the strategic analytical

recommendations and 'Rape and Other Sexual Offences' has been adopted as a new priority for South Warwickshire CSP. 'Exploitation in Warwick District' is added as a specific focus area under the existing 'County Lines' priority.

1.9.5 Appendix 1 provides an overview of the full MoRiLE analysis document. This also shows a summary of the trends between April 2022 and December 2022 and highlights the level of risk to Warwick District within that.

1.10 Performance Monitoring and Review

1.10.1 The SWCSP action plans (developed by SWOP to address the agreed priorities) and performance dashboard are monitored through the quarterly SWOP meetings and reported twice yearly to the SWCSP Board along with the Domestic Homicide action plan monitoring.

1.10.2 The current action plans are undergoing review following the mid-term Strategic Assessment 'refresh'. The review will take account of:

- Emerging priorities
- Ensuring plans continue to be cognisant of county-wide strategies at a local level e.g., Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG), Drugs & Alcohol, Reducing Reoffending etc.
- The requirement to meet the new Serious Violence Duty

1.10.3 Task and finish groups have been set up to review and develop the action plans for each priority area which will be brought back to the CSP Board in June for approval.

1.11 Resources

1.11.1 The SWCSP has no independent resources. Each of the Responsible Authorities contribute to the CSP through their staff and services and by working collaboratively in accessing external funding opportunities e.g., Safer Streets.

1.11.2 The Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) has an annual grant scheme to which CSPs can bid to deliver their priorities where they also support the Police and Crime Plan.

1.12 OPCC Funded Projects 2022/23

1.12.1 In 2022/23 the SWCSP was successful in their bid to the OPCC and awarded £60,194. The table (Fig 1) shows how this grant has been spent.

Figure 1: Breakdown of OPCC Funding Allocation 2022/23

SWCSP Grant Bid 2022-23	Stratford	Warwick	SW TOTAL
Serious Violence (Mentoring Programme via WCC)	£3,000	£3,000	£6,000
County Lines Diversion (Youth & Adult)	£10,494	£8,000	£18,494

Bespoke adult interventions (Stratford)	£4,494		
Music intervention (Warwick)		£8,000	
Music intervention (Stratford)	£5,000		
Sports equipment (Stratford)	£1,000		
County Lines Interventions (Locational & Awareness)	£5,650	£2,000	£7,650
SDC - Vulnerable Tenants Security Initiative	£1,000		
CCTV and Locational Interventions	£2,250		
Crimestoppers & County Lines Awareness Raising	£2,400		
WDC - Vulnerable Tenants Security Initiative		£2,000	
Street Community Initiative (Stratford)	£4,500		£4,500
Body Cameras and ancillary equipment	2,500		
Awareness Raising Signage/target hardening	1,250		
Additional Town Host Staffing (up to additional 10 shifts)	750		
Going Out Staying Safe (GOSS)		£2,000	£2,000
Personal Safety/ anti spiking resources		1700	
Printing/Advertising		100	
Stall Hire		200	
Street Marshals (Leamington)		£5,000	£5,000
CCTV Double Crewing (Stratford)	£5,400		£5,400
CCTV Double Crewing (Warwick)		£11,150	£11,150
TOTAL	£29,044	£31,150	£60,194

1.12.2 These projects, campaigns and initiatives are included within the CSP Action Plans which deliver on the following priorities:

- Violent Crime – focus on domestic abuse and night-time economy
- County Lines – focus on knife crime, links to violence and substance misuse
- Personal ASB
- Drugs and Alcohol

1.12.3 **Target hardening measures** have been carried out to protect people who are vulnerable to, and have been impacted by, cuckooing and/or county lines activity.

- Ring Go doorbells distributed to individuals identified through county lines vulnerability groups – 11 installed in WD and 10 in SD
- Promotes feelings of safety and a sense of control over access

1.12.4 **Diversion and Prevention Initiatives** for young people at risk of involvement in county lines:

- **Music production** for 12-18 years facilitated by LAMP music in Leamington
- Referral process in place which considers risk and protective factors on a case by case basis
- 14 referrals to date across South Warwickshire
- Positive changes in behaviour reported by parents/guardians and improved school attendance/engagement
- **Non-contact Boxing** sessions for 10-16 years facilitated by Lillington Boxing Gym coaches – blend of outdoor and community hub sessions
- 167 young people have attended since established in 2021 – several gone on to join established gyms
- Targeted youth support and local SNT officers have regularly attended to engage with the young people

1.12.5 The OPCC funding also continues to support Leamington's night-time economy initiatives under the banner of Going Out Staying Safe (GOSS):

- **Additional Street Marshal cover** for busy nights/events.
- Marshals offer a visible presence in our Town Centres and Green Spaces offering support to members of the public who are often vulnerable.
- Enabling our British Standard **CCTV control room to be double crewed** for busy nights/events.
- Our CCTV team continue to act proactively in order to detect and prevent crime & disorder, assisting police and other partners with **751 Major incidents** in 22/23 to date.
- **Drink Spiking** continues to be an area of concern raised by many who enjoy Leamington's NTE, especially our student community. OPCC funding has enabled 15,000 anti-spiking drinks lids to be purchased and distributed to licenced premises through our established Pub Watch scheme. Venues continue to be supportive of the resources and actively promote within their respective premises
- In addition, a spiking awareness training package was circulated to all licenced premises via the DISC App.

1.12.6 Other Funding Sources supporting delivery of CSP Priorities

1.12.7 Successful bids to Safer Streets Round 4 last year has brought in over £100,000 to fund the following in Warwick and Stratford Districts.

- **Eagle Recreation ground, Leamington Spa:** The area is a key migration route to/from the town centre, with multiple access points and significant student accommodation. In the past 18 months the area has experienced serious violence incidents attributed to gangs and county line exploitation. Drug users/dealers frequent the park due to poor surveillance and residents are fearful to use the park at night. The SS4

grant is funding installation of CCTV monitored cameras, additional/ improved lighting, removal of foliage/ low walls improving natural surveillance and development of wasteland into a community wildlife area.

- **Recreation ground, Stratford:** The recreation ground attracts many tourists and large congregations of young people.
- **Railway Station, Stratford:** This area is the main transport hub for visitors to Stratford and access to the recreation ground. The route is also used by offenders to target the area for county lines exploitation. Both of these areas have poor CCTV coverage. Interventions to address the offending in both locations include the installation of CCTV cameras to deter activity and detect offences.

1.12.8 A bid by the WDC Community Safety Team to the Council's **UK Shared Prosperity Fund** pot has resulted in over £750,000 of investment in community safety interventions in Warwick District over the next two years:

- Expansion of the CCTV camera network – an additional 11 cameras in key hotspot locations
- Lighting schemes in Mason Avenue Park and Victoria Park
- Expansion of the emergency contact points in the towns
- Sustainability of existing, and development of new, diversionary, and preventative projects for vulnerable young people at risk of county lines
- Increased capacity of our award-winning CCTV Team
- Upgrade of the CCTV Server

2 Alternative Options

2.1 It is a statutory duty to have a Community Safety Partnership and Warwick District Council, as a responsible authority under the terms of the Crime and Disorder Act (1998), is required to serve on that partnership.

3 Legal Implications

3.1 Local Authorities have a legal duty to undertake scrutiny of crime and disorder at least every 12 months in accordance with the Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009.

4 Financial

4.1 There are no costs associated with this report.

4.1.1 The SWCSP does not have its own budget. The work of the SWCSP is funded through the core budgets of partners, via an annual bid to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and external government funding opportunities.

5 Business Strategy

5.1 This report is not a part of a decision but the subject matter impacts on several Business Strategy areas as follows:

5.2 Health, Homes, Communities

- Improved health for all
- Cohesive and active communities

5.3 Green, Clean, Safe

- Area has well looked after public spaces

- All communities have access to decent open space
- Low levels of crime and ASB

5.4 Infrastructure, Enterprise, Employment

- Vibrant town centres

5.5 Effective Staff

- All staff are properly trained
- All staff have the appropriate tools
- All staff are engaged, empowered, and supported
- The right people are in the right job with the right skills and right behaviours

5.6 Maintain or Improve Services

- Focusing on our customer's needs
- Continuously improve our processes
- Increase the digital provision of services

6 Environmental/Climate Change Implications

6.1 Not applicable

7 Analysis of the effects on Equality

7.1 A review on equality is due to be carried out following the recent mid-term review of the Strategic Assessment 2021 – 2025.

8 Data Protection

8.1 There are no data protection implications.

9 Health and Wellbeing

9.1 Tackling crime and disorder impacts significantly on the quality of life of residents, businesses, and visitors. The SWCSP aims to reduce levels of crime and anti-social behaviour. The level of crime and disorder is cited as the top consideration when deciding where to live.

10 Risk Assessment

10.1 No risks associated with this report

Background papers:

Overview & Scrutiny Committee Report – held on 08 March 2022 at the Town Hall, at 6.00 pm

Supporting documents:

[South Warwickshire CSP Strategic Assessment Priorities Analytical Overview - Feb 2023.pdf](#)

[OFFICIAL - Confirmed Priorities - South Warwickshire CSP Strategic Assessment 2021-22 Mid 4 Year Cycle Updated 2023 Version.pdf](#)