

Shadow Authority

Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Shadow Executive Committee

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Report Subject	Establishment of a Community Safety Partnership for Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole
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Status	Public
Classification	For decision
Key Decision	No /Report to Executive Committee
Executive summary	Section 6 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 requires partners within a local government area to work together in formulating and implementing strategies to tackle local crime and disorder in the area. As a result of Local Government Reorganisation in Dorset, new Community Safety Partnership arrangements are required for the Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole area from 1 st April 2019.
Recommendations	That the Shadow Executive Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agrees the Terms of Reference for the Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole Community Safety Partnership

Reason for Recommendations	To ensure compliance with the Crime & Disorder Act 1998 and subsequent legislation which requires partners to work together in a Community Safety Partnership to tackle crime and disorder
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Background detail

1. Section 6 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 requires partners within a local government area to work together in formulating and implementing strategies to tackle local crime and disorder in the area. As a result of Local Government Re-organisation in Dorset a new Community Safety Partnership for the Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole area needs to be established coterminous with the BCP local government area from April 1st, 2019 and reflecting the move to 2 unitary authorities across Dorset.
2. The proposed Terms of Reference set out the responsibilities of the Community Safety Partnership, some of which are statutory responsibilities for the new BCP Council and partners. These terms of reference:
 - ensure the CSP is coterminous with the BCP Council local government area
 - acknowledge the closer working relationships with the Safeguarding Boards and
 - reflect the CSPs lead on local Community Safety Partnership Plans
3. As members will be aware the CSP has delegated some of statutory duties of the CSP to the Community Safety and Criminal Justice Board (CSCJB). As this Board is not a statutory body and the statutory duties it conducts on behalf of the CSP will be complete ahead of 31 March 2019 changes to this Board are not required at this stage. This will be reviewed following the Local Government elections in May 2019, when the two new Councils can consider future pan-Dorset partnership arrangements.
4. It is anticipated that the CSP Board will not meet until after the Local Government elections in May 2019, after which the new BCP Council can agree it's representation on the CSP Board.
5. Should the Board be required to meet between April & May 2019 to consider any urgent business, it is proposed that the Elected Members sitting on the existing Bournemouth & Poole Community Safety Partnerships and the Christchurch Member serving on the Dorset CSP are invited to represent the BCP Council.

6. One of the statutory functions of the CSP is to undertake Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs). Legislation places a specific responsibility on the Chair of the CSP to decide whether a DHR is needed. Therefore, it would be prudent to make arrangements for a Chair to be selected to serve from April 1st, 2019. It is anticipated that this can be achieved virtually, without the need for a meeting, as it has been proposed that Dorset Police chair the Community Safety Partnership Board until final membership can be agreed following the May 2019 Local Government elections in Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole.

Consultation

7. Consultation has taken place with Members of the existing Community Safety Partnerships covering Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole. Statutory Partners and other organisations involved in our partnership working have also been consulted.

Summary of Finance and Resourcing Implications

None

Summary of Legal Implications

8. Under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and subsequent legislation partners within a local government area are required to fulfil certain statutory functions. This proposal enables the new Council to comply with relevant legislation.

Summary of Human Resources Implications

None

Summary of Environmental Impact

None

Summary of Equalities and Diversity Impact

None

Summary of Risk Assessment

9. If arrangements are not put in place for a BCP Community Safety Partnership from 1st April 2019, the new authority runs the risk of failing to comply with relevant legislation.

Appendices

Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole Community Safety Partnership Terms of Reference

Terms of Reference

Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole Community Safety Partnership

1. Purpose:

The purpose of the Community Safety Partnership is to deliver safer communities as set out in the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and relevant legislation. In doing this the partnership will co-ordinate community safety activity in Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole at a strategic level; to reduce crime and the fear of crime, to address the risk, threat and harm to victims and local communities, and also to facilitate the strengthening of communities in the delivery of local initiatives.

2. Key Areas of Responsibility:

To do this the Community Safety Partnership will:

- i) Be a partnership body accountable for the delivery of safer communities including duties placed upon it by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and subsequent legislation in a transparent and open way.
- ii) Deliver the functions related to the duties through the most relevant group within the overall community safety partnership structure.
- iii) Develop strong linkages to local partnerships/groups with similar objectives including the Partnership Co-ordinating Groups (PCGs) to assist in the delivery of local delivery priorities.
- iv) Ensure appropriate mechanisms are in place for the engagement of communities in tackling crime and fear of crime and accountability of community safety partners to the community.
- v) Hold partners accountable under section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 for access to and use of resources and skills needed to mainstream community safety issues. This will include advice and recommendations to individual partners in appropriate circumstances. In this regard to ensure the effective and lawful share of information between partners about Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole and its people to tackle crime.
- vi) Monitor performance against community safety priorities at a local level and hold Partnership Co-ordinating Groups (PCGs) to account for the delivery of outcomes for victims, perpetrators & communities
- vii) Be responsible for reporting and explaining performance against a performance management framework across the Bournemouth,

Christchurch & Poole areas at the pan-Dorset Community Safety & Criminal Justice Board (CSCJB).

- viii) Undertaken analysis and strategic assessments of crime and disorder on at least an annual basis involving all relevant agencies and related partnerships (eg Health and Well-Being Board; Children’s Safeguarding Partnership, Safeguarding Adults Board) in order to identify strategic priorities and risks and to inform strategic and operational planning.
- ix) Identify and take opportunities to bring in additional funding to support partnership activities and oversee the management of financial resources available to the partnership.
- x) Be sighted on emerging threats and issues in Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole and bring these to the attention of the Community Safety and Criminal Justice Board (CSCJB) as required.
- xi) Meet the requirements of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act (2004) as amended and statutory guidance in relation to domestic homicide reviews (DHRs)
- xii) Contribute to the implementation of the both the Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) and Local Safeguarding Children’s Strategies by ensuring that all work undertaken by the CSP demonstrates clear links with the wider safeguarding agenda.
- xiii) Publish an annual Community Safety Plan, setting out the priorities for tackling crime and disorder and the projects being implemented, based upon the Annual Partnership Strategic Assessment.
- xiv) Ensure there are appropriate links to the Dorset Integrated Care System, Health & wellbeing Board, and other relevant partnership activities or structures that influence community safety.

3. Statutory Duties:

Legislation places a number of statutory duties on CSPs. Although the Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole CSP retains accountability for these, it utilises the pan-Dorset Community Safety & Criminal Justice Board to deliver some of them on its behalf (as detailed in the table below).

Statutory CSP Duty	Details	Group
Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs)	In accordance with the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act (2004) as amended and any other relevant statutory guidance	BCP CSP

Annual Partnership Strategic Assessment (PSA)	In accordance with the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, as amended, and any other relevant statutory guidance	CSCJB
Community Safety Plan	In accordance with the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 as amended, and any other relevant statutory guidance	BCP CSP
Community Engagement and Consultation	In accordance with the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 as amended, and any other relevant statutory guidance	BCP CSP
Information Sharing Protocol	In accordance with the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 as amended, and any other relevant statutory guidance	CSCJB
Reducing Reoffending Strategy	In accordance with the Policing and Crime Act 2009 as amended, and any other relevant statutory guidance	CSCJB

4. Membership:

The membership of the CSP shall be:

Core (These are the statutory members specified in legislation)

- Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole Council
- Dorset Police
- Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group
- Dorset & Wiltshire Fire Authority
- Dorset, Devon & Cornwall Community Rehabilitation Company
- National Probation Service

The quorum for meetings of the CSP shall be 3 core members.

Other members

Other community safety partners invited to attend include:

- Dorset & Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service
- Dorset Youth Offending Service
- Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner
- Voluntary Sector Representatives
- BCP Council Officers
- Dorset Healthcare Trust
- Representatives from Children's & Adults Safeguarding Boards

A representative from each of the Partnership Co-ordinating Groups and lead officers for theme areas will be required to attend meetings to explain performance and actions.

5. Chairing Arrangements:

The Chair & Vice-Chair of the group will be drawn from one of the core membership representatives within the partnership.

The Chair has specific responsibilities in relation to DHRs as set out in the relevant statutory guidance. The Chair will also be expected to represent the CSP at other events as appropriate.

6. Decisions and Recommendations

Whenever possible, all decisions will be made based on consensus. Where needed decisions will be made in a democratic manner with all partners equal. Each core member has one vote. If there are equal numbers of votes for and against, the Chair will have a second or casting vote. Other regular attendees and observers do not have voting rights.

7. Accountability and Governance

Those members with individual statutory responsibilities will retain their responsibility for meeting their statutory duties and responsibilities.

A bi-annual report will be brought to the CSP by the CSCJB. This will report on how the CSP functions have been discharged. The report will also be taken to relevant groups including local authority Crime and Disorder Committees.

Meetings will be held quarterly with meeting dates set a year in advance.

The Chair of the Board will agree the agenda prior to the meetings. The agenda will reflect the terms of reference and provide opportunity for discussion of any other business. All members of the Board will have the opportunity to ask for items to be added to the future plan for discussion.

Papers will be circulated at least five working days prior to meetings, to allow sufficient time for partners to prepare.

Each partner has a responsibility to cascade information through their own agency as appropriate. They should also be able to update the CSP on the progress that their own organisation is making in terms of delivering against agreed plans.

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