

ORIGINATOR: Suffolk Coastal CSP

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**SUBMITTED TO: ACCOUNTABILITY AND PERFORMANCE PANEL –
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SUBJECT: To report on Suffolk Coastal Community Safety Partnership progress against Action Plan priorities funded through the Police & Crime Commissioner.

SUMMARY:

The Suffolk Coastal Community Safety Partnership has agreed a joint Action Plan for 2013-14 with Waveney Community Safety Partnership (see appendix A attached) that, takes into account the needs and key priorities contained within the Annual Strategic Assessment and from the Police & Crime Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan. The Partnership has been allocated £20,656.29 from the Police & Crime Commissioner to commission projects to deliver against outcomes within this Plan.

Suffolk Coastal is a low crime area. The Community Safety Partnership acknowledges that the major feature of its work/projects should be around prevention. We recognise that through proactive work we have already undertaken with young people through schools and other project work, we can help support and work with them to address risk taking behaviour. By offering support and information to address root causes and underlying issues, which can prevent them from reaching their full academic or vocational potential, not only affecting their lives but those of the communities they live in. By providing positive role models and direction to provide them with the very best start with the aim of raising their academic attainment. By supporting the 'a happy child is a learning child' principle assists in supporting wider outcomes e.g. Raising the Bar.

This area of work is also endorsed by the Police as it contributes and works alongside policing priorities.

This report outlines progress on the work of the Partnership for the second quarter. Appendix B lists the grants awarded to date. The Partnership also broadly links in and supports other projects not funded by the Community Safety Partnership.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Accountability and Performance Panel note the information in this report and endorse the progress made to date.

DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION

1. KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION:

The ethos behind the Suffolk Coastal Community Safety Partnership CSP is the joining together by partnership a range of organisations to work jointly to achieve common outcomes where they have the collective authority to make decisions that cut across organisational boundaries. This is very evident with the close working partnership with Waveney, being further strengthened by delivery of joint projects over the summer period and the sharing of best practice. One example is the development of a more detailed monitoring template that recipients of CSP funding will be required to submit. This is to ensure that the CSP continue to develop and improve tools that will provide robust outcomes.

The CSP offers the PCC a set of established and effective local structures that: (i) work well with a proven track record in delivering safer communities (ii) are joined up; and (iii) provide added value to achieving safer local communities. Many of the CSP's identified issues are based around victims/vulnerable groups, offenders and those at risk of offending and locations. This approach helps partners better understand and respond to the underlying causes of local problems and develop sustainable solutions, rather than merely addressing the symptoms. This is quintessentially how the Family Intervention Officer has worked under the Suffolk Family Focus initiative successfully dealing with a family with complex needs. With co-ordination by the Family Intervention Officer, the parents are now working with multiple agencies, the children's truancy rate has improved and the local neighbourhood has seen anti-social behaviour reduced as a result.

2. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The CSP ensures that there are robust safeguards in place to ensure it monitors spend and meets all its legal implications.

3. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS:

To mitigate risk of the project failing, monitoring will be required on a regular basis and reported to each quarterly CSP meeting. If concerns are identified the Partnership will work with the project leads and partners to identify, agree and implement corrective action or if necessary close down the project and take steps to recover the project funding.