

**ORIGINATOR: CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**DECISION NUMBER:** 2-2015

**REASON FOR SUBMISSION: FOR DECISION**

**SUBMITTED TO: POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER**

**SUBJECT: COMBINATION AGREEMENT – BABERGH COMMUNITY SAFETY  
PARTNERSHIP AND WESTERN SUFFOLK COMMUNITY SAFETY  
PARTNERSHIP**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

1. An application has been received to make a formal combination agreement in relation to the Babergh Community Safety Partnership and the Western Suffolk Community Safety Partnership so as to combine these areas to create a single community safety partnership area.
2. A combination agreement is an agreement for the functions conferred by or under section 6 or by section 7 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to be carried out in relation to the combined areas as if they constituted only one local government area.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. The Commissioner is recommended to enter into a combination agreement in the form set out in Appendix B in relation to the Babergh Community Safety Partnership area and the Western Suffolk Community Safety Partnership area to create a single community safety partnership area.

**APPROVAL BY: PCC**

The above recommendation is approved.

**Signature**

*Tina Pannone*

**Date** *14/01/2015*

## **DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION**

### **1. KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION:**

- 1.1 The community safety responsible authorities in the Babergh Community Safety Partnership area and the Western Suffolk Community Safety Partnership area wish to form a single community safety partnership for their existing partnership areas.
- 1.2 The Commissioner may make a combination agreement for those areas only if he considers that it would be in the interests of one or more of the following to do so:
  - Reducing crime and disorder;
  - Reducing reoffending;
  - Combating the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances.
- 1.3 The Babergh Community Safety Partnership and Western Suffolk Community Safety Partnership have submitted a paper in support of the combination agreement being made together with a signature sheet demonstrating that the relevant partners support a combination order being made. These documents are attached at Appendix A. Further steps have been taken to ensure that the Suffolk County Council and the Ipswich and East Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group, who are also relevant partners, support the combination order being made.

### **2. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

- 2.1 The financial implications are set out in the submission at Appendix A.

### **3. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS:**

- 3.1 Under section 5A of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 the Commissioner may enter into a combination agreement for an area if every responsible authority for each area is a party to the agreement. The grounds for making a combination order are set out at paragraph 1.2 above.
- 3.2 In accordance with section 5A of the 1998 Act a combination agreement must be in writing and may be varied by a further combination agreement. The proposed form of the agreement is set out at Appendix B to this report.
- 3.3 A combination agreement may be terminated by agreement in writing between all the parties to it (all responsible authorities within the combined area and the Commissioner).
- 3.4 There are no relevant risks found within the Risk Register and it is not proposed that any further risks are added to the Register as a consequence of this Decision Paper.

<b>ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED)</b>	<b>PLEASE STATE 'YES' OR 'NO'</b>
Has legal advice been sought on this submission?	The author is the Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer and he is a Solicitor.
Has the PCC's Chief Finance Officer been consulted?	No
Have equality, diversity and human rights implications been considered including equality analysis, as appropriate?	Not applicable.
Have human resource implications been considered?	Not applicable.
Is the recommendation consistent with the objectives in the Police and Crime Plan?	Yes
Has consultation been undertaken with people or agencies likely to be affected by the recommendation?	Yes – the responsible authorities have advised their wish for a combination order to be made.
Has communications advice been sought on areas of likely media interest and how they might be managed?	Yes
Have all relevant ethical factors been taken into consideration in developing this submission?	Yes

In relation to the above, please ensure that all relevant issues have been highlighted in the 'other implications and risks' section of the submission.



**APPROVAL TO SUBMIT TO THE DECISION-MAKER** (this approval is required only for submissions to the PCC).

**Chief Executive**

I am satisfied that relevant advice has been taken into account in the preparation of the report and that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the (add decision-maker's title e.g. the PCC).

**Signature:**

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**Date**

14/1/15



## **Merger of Babergh Community Safety Partnership with the Western Suffolk Community Safety Partnership**

### **1. Background:**

#### **1.1 Community Safety partnerships in Suffolk:**

In Suffolk there are 5 Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs):-

- Ipswich
- Suffolk Coastal
- Waveney
- Babergh
- Western CSP ( Forest Heath, St Edmundsbury and Mid Suffolk)

However, in effect they operate in 3 groups as Suffolk Coastal and Waveney operate together and Babergh operates as part of the Western CSP.

#### **1.2 Integration of Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils:**

In May 2011 Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils appointed a joint chief executive signalling the beginning of the integration of all services across both councils. By September 2013 the integration of the staff was complete and all officers are now working across both districts. One of the key drivers for this integration was to achieve financial savings and to meet the budget shortfalls that were forecast for the next three years and beyond.

#### **1.3 Appointment of the Police and Crime Commissioner:**

In November 2012 a new Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) was elected for Suffolk and a 5 year Police and Crime Plan (PCP) for Suffolk is now in operation setting out clear objectives for the police and partners to achieve.

The Crime and Disorder Reduction Grant had previously been awarded directly to the CSPs in Suffolk from the Home Office. However, from 2012 the grant was channelled through the office of the PCC. The size of the grant was reduced in the financial year 2013/14 although the PCC did devolve the budget to the CSPs so that projects could continue to be commissioned to meet the priorities of the CSPs and the PCP. In 2014/15 the Crime and Disorder Reduction Grant has been devolved to

the Suffolk Foundation as the Safer Suffolk Fund. Bids to this fund can be made by community and voluntary organisations and a panel consisting of CSP Chairs will commission projects in 2014/15.

#### **1.4 The Western Operational Partnership Team (OPT)**

By the Spring of 2013 the model of working for the police in OPTs was being rolled out from Ipswich to the other areas of Suffolk. As a result the West OPT was established covering Forest Heath, Bury St Edmunds, Mid Suffolk and Babergh. This grouping of the 4 districts again underpinned the need for Babergh to be part of the Western Suffolk CSP

## **2. The response:**

**2.1** In response to these financial and organisational pressures the CSPs in West Suffolk (i.e. the Western CSP and Babergh) agreed to work collaboratively prior to applying for a formal merger. This collaborative working included pooling budgets, other resources and expertise in order to continue to deliver community safety in the most efficient and effective way across all 4 districts while still retaining a local focus.

By pooling resources the Western CSP had a budget of nearly £74,500 in 2013/2014. This meant that larger, more expensive projects could be considered and commissioned if the project contributed to the CSP priorities.

### **2.2 Existing joint working, examples of projects covering all 4 districts:**

- Test Purchasing operations: commissioned from Trading Standards to be used in response to local intelligence.
- Mediation: commissioned from Catch 22 to be used in response to need identified by district anti social behaviour multi agency meetings.
- Police Cadets: funding to support cadet groups in the West.

### **2.3 Examples of projects specific to individual districts:**

- Spruce up Sproughton: a project to transform an underpass in Babergh which was the site of significant anti social behaviour into a safe throughway which all residents can use.
- Tainted Love: a programme for high school students in Mid Suffolk and Babergh teaching awareness of healthy and unhealthy relationships

- Freedom Programme: commissioned in Brandon, Forest Heath in response to local need.

### **3. Governance**

For the past 2 years the Western CSP and the Babergh CSP have operated as a combined operational group – the Officer Working Group. At these monthly partnership meetings the action plan is monitored and new Expressions of Interest considered for funding.

The Strategic arm of the Western CSP is the Responsible Officer Group (RAG) which meets quarterly and oversees the strategic direction of community safety in the West. The RAG has discussed the benefits of the Western CSP merging with the Babergh CSP and have agreed that a proposal should be worked up to this effect. The Safer Suffolk Partnership Board was the countywide strategic body which also had some resources to fund countywide initiatives. For example in 2013/2014 the budget was £44,000 which contributed to the Integrated Offender Management programme, Make a Change Team and a programme of domestic abuse training.

### **4. Performance Data**

A Performance Bulletin is produced on a quarterly basis for discussion at RAG covering the Western and Babergh CSPs. Monthly updates of recorded and solved crime statistics for the individual districts are also discussed at the OWG in order to identify emerging trends and take appropriate action. For example campaigns that have been sponsored by the Western CSP include heating oil theft, home security in winter and diesel theft. By mounting these campaigns across a wider area economies of scale are achieved.

### **5. Conclusion**

The Western CSP has demonstrated at the Accountability and Performance meetings that it is a valuable and effective partner in the delivery of the PCP; however, the future role of CSPs is changing.

In this climate of uncertainty and austerity it seems clear that Babergh operating as a CSP in its own right is not a viable option. The 4 districts are already integrated as pairs ( Mid Suffolk and Babergh – Forest heath and St Edmundsbury) so working together as a Western CSP makes it more likely that the current status of safe districts with falling crime levels is maintained.

## **6. Recommendation**

That the Babergh CSP should now officially merge with the Western CSP.





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Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils

July 2014

## CSP Merger signatures

Title	Name	Position	Signature	Date
Western Community Safety Partnership	ROBIN MILLAR	Cabinet Member for Families & Communities, Chairman WSCSP		18 <sup>th</sup> August 2014
Babergh Community Safety Partnership	JENNY ANTILL	Chair Babergh Community Safety Partnership		2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2014
Mid Suffolk and Babergh District Councils	JONATHAN FREE	Head of Communities		4 <sup>th</sup> September 2014
West Suffolk – Forest Heath and St Edmundsbury District Councils	NEIL ANTHONY	Head of Leisure, Culture & Communities		12 <sup>th</sup> September 2014



Suffolk Constabulary	KIM WARNER	West C/Inspector			22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2014
West Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group	ANDREW ELEY	Deputy Chief Operating Officer			25 <sup>th</sup> September 2014
Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service	CONRAD BURGESS	Station Commander			17 <sup>th</sup> October 2014
Norfolk and Suffolk Community Rehabilitation Company Ltd	KELLEY PARKER	Assistant Chief Executive Operations			7 <sup>th</sup> November 2014



# **WESTERN SUFFOLK COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP**

## **PARTNERSHIP PLAN 2013 – 2014**



# Western Suffolk Community Safety Partnership

I have been Chairman of the Western Suffolk Community Safety Partnership for the last two years. What I found so impressive is the way our Community Safety Partnership works; it is our ability to identify issues that, with partnership involvement, can address problem areas that may otherwise remain in isolation, thereby saving time and money across the four council areas of St Edmundsbury Borough Council, Forest Heath, Mid Suffolk and Babergh District Councils.

Partnership working is the way forward in these stringent times, being able to use the expertise of the multi-partner agency approach of the Community Safety Partnership, not only saves duplication, time and money but often emerging issues have been dealt with by other Councils or Partners and we can share their best practice.

Across Western Suffolk we have common issues that a rural area needs to identify and address, this we do with our 3 year plan, and our annual review process which enables us to be able to quickly modify any areas that need to be re balanced.

With the introduction of the directly elected Police and Crime Commissioner in November 2012, it is now even more important to maintain and promote the Western Suffolk Community Safety Partnership. Not only do we work across the whole of Western Suffolk, but we can show that partnership working makes a difference in reducing crime and fear of crime, together with Substance and Alcohol Misuse and Domestic Abuse. This is in the addition to the new responsibility for leading Domestic Homicide Reviews means that we must continue to maintain our professionalism and continue to work together to keep Western Suffolk safe.

The Western Suffolk Community Safety Partnership is about addressing local Community Safety issues by working in partnership to maintain a safer environment for our community to live, work and enjoy.

**Councillor Robert Everitt**  
**Western Suffolk Community Safety Partnership**

## **Executive Summary**

### **Introduction**

Western Suffolk Community Safety Partnership plan sets out how we will deliver, over the next 12 months, against its strategic priorities as agreed through the Strategic Assessment process.

The major purpose of the plan is to identify our priorities and develop work on prevention, intervention and enforcement that gives “added value” to the work already being carried out by our partners. We have reflected upon what we planned to do and what we delivered in 2012 - 2013 and sought to identify what we will be doing in the next financial year 2013 – 2014.

The partnership regards this plan as a living document that will build on previous successes, but also identify areas which require us to focus our resources and expertise.

To help us make the most of the resource we have, the Community Safety Partnerships covering the four Council areas in Western Suffolk have merged to form a single Community Safety Partnership.

#### **Our Aim...**

The Partnership will identify and address community safety issues and empower local communities so that Western Suffolk remains a safe place to live, work and visit.

There is a range of national government legislation and initiatives that inform the plan:

Local Authorities and the Police were first required to work together to produce a crime reduction strategy every three years by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. In the intervening years this has been extended to include other partners; the current statutory partners are:

- Police
- Local Authorities (tier 1 and 2)
- Fire and Rescue service
- Probation
- Youth Offending Service
- Clinical Commissioning Group

The Police and Justice Act 2006 further extended the requirements on partnerships. Now all partnerships must produce an annual strategic assessment and a three year partnership plan. The partnership plan will be refreshed annually to reflect the findings of the strategic assessment.

## How did we do in 2012 - 2013?

Our priorities were:

- Sustaining a Safer Night Time Economy
- Protecting and developing communities
- Protecting vulnerable families

**"We Said"** in the Western Suffolk Partnership Plan last year we would:

- Tackle alcohol related violence, criminal damage and anti social behaviour related to the night time economy
- Address public concerns around violent crime
- Reduce anti social behaviour involving young people and families
- Identify emerging issues through community led intelligence
- Raise awareness of emerging issues and substance misuse
- Identify and reduce the chances of re-offending of our most prolific offenders through the Integrated Offender Management system

**"We Did"** – in the last 12 months the Western Suffolk Community Safety partnership commissioned a number of projects, including:

- Street Sports – diversionary projects to reduce Anti social Behaviour
- Mediation for our most entrenched ASB cases
- Awareness raising of Domestic Abuse issues with young people in supported housing with follow up mentoring service
- West Suffolk SOS Bus – a stationary support vehicle in Newmarket and Bury Town Centre provide advice and medical assistance.
- Mentoring for young people who have become victims or are perpetrators of ASB linked into youth offending
- Personal awareness campaigns – Think before you drink another drop" and drink responsibly
- "Knock Knock" Distraction burglary awareness
- Domestic burglary information packs for householders
- Information campaigns on domestic oil thefts, Immobilise property marking scheme and car crime
- Support to the countywide sexual offences campaign "Time to Stop"
- Support the Crimestoppers human trafficking campaign
- Alcohol Diversion Scheme – a county wide scheme to deliver brief interventions to those receiving a fixed penalty notice for alcohol related disorder



## **1. The Partnership**

The strategic leadership of the Partnership is provided by the Responsible Authorities Group. This Group is made up of members representing:-

- Forest Heath District Council
- Babergh District Council
- St Edmundsbury Borough Council
- Mid Suffolk District Council
- Suffolk County Council
- Suffolk Police
- Suffolk Fire & Rescue Service
- Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group
- Suffolk Drug and Alcohol Action Team
- Norfolk and Suffolk Probation Trust
- Suffolk Youth Offending Service
- Registered Social Landlords

The Responsible Authorities Group commissions the annual strategic assessment, assessing the priorities for the area. It meets three times per year to approve and monitor the progress of the strategy. It also agrees the allocation of Partnership resources considers the implications of new legislation and shares information on Partnership activities.

Performance against the Partnership plan is reviewed by the Responsible Authorities Group.

Operational work is co-ordinated by the Officer Working Group. Agencies can submit Expressions of Interest or the Officer Working Group will commission projects and initiatives to meet our objectives.

## **2. Developing our Partnership: The Future**

A significant change to the way partnerships currently work was the appointment of the Police and Crime Commissioners in November 2012. As from April 2013 all current partnership funding goes directly to the PCCs. In the run up to and since the appointment of the PCC in Suffolk, members of the WSCSP have:

- Sought opportunities to work with partners to influence the new commissioning framework so that we can continue to tackle local priorities.
- Continued to work with our partners to ensure effective delivery of services and identified other sources of funding.
- Worked with communities and voluntary sector to tackle local issues together.
- Developed closer working relationships to reduce duplication and deliver efficiencies.

- Ensured that a culture of challenge and continuous improvement is embedded within the partnership.
- Produced a partnership document for the PCC candidates and kept them informed of the work of the partnership.
- Met with the elected PCC to comment on the Police and Crime Plan and to assist with the commissioning framework

In 2011- 12 Babergh CSP expressed an interest in joining the Western Suffolk partnership and in 2012 -13 has been working informally as part of the WSCSP. Partners agree that this has worked very well, helped to share best practice, reduce duplication and have aligned the CSP with the District councils' arrangement to move forward with one structure across both Mid Suffolk and Babergh district areas. During 13-14, an application to the PCC will be made to formalise this process.

### **Operational Partnership Teams**

Operational partnership teams are a local area based community safety team, with an operational remit. They will focus on tackling some of the most challenging problems in local areas, looking to achieve sustainable solutions to reducing re-offending, crime levels and ASB.

Operational Partnership Teams are based in each area, Ipswich, East Suffolk and West Suffolk and will be managed through local area management command.

### **3. Performance Reports**

Current performance and emerging trends are regularly monitored at the Officer Working group and reported to the Responsible Authorities group on a quarterly basis. Issues are addressed using a problem solving approach and responses are made accordingly.

## **4. Key Drivers and Priority Setting**

### **Strategic Assessment**

Annually, the Community Safety Partnership is required to conduct a strategic assessment to determine our priorities for the forthcoming year. The assessment must include an analysis of the levels and patterns of crime and disorder and substance misuse for Western Suffolk, including any changes to these levels. For 2013/14 this assessment was completed at an earlier stage so that it would align with the Police Strategic assessment which would inform the content of the Police and Crime plan.

### **Priorities**

The Partnership uses the information and analysis from the strategic assessment to inform its priorities for the year. The process also takes into consideration the priorities of the PCC, key national priorities and the priorities identified by CSP partners eg Public Health priorities through the Health and Wellbeing Board.

### **Means of Delivery**

The Western Suffolk CSP is committed to:

- fully supporting Safer Neighbourhood Teams and the work they do with local communities, engaging with them to assist their work where appropriate;
- work closely with the voluntary and community sector to engage with hard to reach communities on the subject of community safety, eg, through Neighbourhood Watch networks.
- Work with community leaders, eg elected members, to promote community safety.

We also have a number of means of delivery which contribute to the work the CSP does including:-

#### **Anti Social Behaviour Co located Teams:**

A multi agency team has been established in each District council area (Babergh, St Edmundsbury, Forest Heath and Mid Suffolk). These teams meet on a weekly/fortnightly basis to review high risk, vulnerable or repeat victims/perpetrators of Anti Social Behaviour. The membership of these teams includes ASB co-ordinator, Environmental Health, Housing, Registered Social Landlords, Hate Crime Service, Adult Social Care, Youth Offending and Police. Other agencies can be co-opted onto the teams as necessary.

#### **Domestic Abuse Forums:**

There are 4 local Domestic Abuse Forums covering Western Suffolk which are supported by the Western Suffolk Community Safety Partnership. The work of the forums includes promoting public awareness and developing services for victims and families.

#### **Suffolk Hate Crime Service:**

The Suffolk Hate Crime Service has developed an independent reporting system for incidents of hate crime in Suffolk and works in partnership to support victims and resolve issues of hate crime across the four districts.

#### **Integrated Offender Management Scheme:**

The prolific and other priority offender scheme is a managed multi-agency approach to tackle offending behaviour. It is estimated that approximately 2% of the active offender population are responsible for half of all crime, 10% of offenders are responsible for 35% of all crime and that a very small proportion of offenders (0.5% are responsible for 5% of offences).

Prevent and Deter works intensively with those young offenders locally identified as being on the "cusp" of becoming PPO's.

#### **Safer Neighbourhood Teams :**

Partners in each Safer Neighbourhood Team area meet once per quarter to discuss the latest issues raised by the community. An action plan is agreed giving partners the opportunity to share information and resolve local issues for local people.

**Western Suffolk & Babergh Night Time Economy group:**

These multi agency groups work together to manage the Night time economy through diversionary activities, licensing management and Police enforcement. The group targets hotspot licensed premises and incidents of rowdy or inconsiderate behaviour identified by analysis of crime/ASB and health data on a monthly basis.

**Youth Offending Service:**

A multi agency organisation who work closely with the CSP, criminal justice and children's services, with children and young people who have offended or who are at risk of offending. Youth Offending Service also runs the prevention scheme Time2Change.

**Local Authority Departments:**

Our licensing departments work closely with WSCSP through the Western Suffolk & Babergh Night Time Economy groups when partners come together to discuss specific licensing issues. Western Suffolk CSP also has strong links to Trading Standards working together to tackle issues such as underage sales in licensed premises and training for on/off licenses.

Environmental Health teams are an active partner within the ASB co-located teams in relation to noise nuisance.

Within Forest Heath and St Edmundsbury a number of key departments are now working closer together to enhance community development and provide diversionary activities through their core work. The newly formed leisure, Culture and Communities team are establishing key areas of work and to ensure projects/initiatives complement a number of key strategies.

Within St Edmundsbury the Parks department are also a valuable partner in dealing with ASB issues around green spaces.

Within Babergh licensing forms part of the Night time economy core group and there are specific arrangements in place for liaison with Environmental Services for ASB casework both in respect of housing issues and wider area based concerns.

**Communities:**

The Western Suffolk CSP works with a broad section of volunteers and community groups to deliver our initiatives. These include:

**Town Pastors:** Teams of volunteers that patrol our main town centres during weekends (evenings) to provide assistance and care to individuals that find themselves vulnerable.

**West Suffolk SOS Bus:** Working with the Newmarket Community Partnership provides a static bus Newmarket Town Centre on a Saturday evening. Volunteers provide assistance and advice to anyone requiring help and can

also provide medical assistance, reducing the strain that the night time economy can put on the local hospitals.

Western Suffolk Community Safety Partnership works with numerous Community Watch Schemes across the area including Pubwatch, Shopwatch, Farmwatch, Community Speedwatch and Neighbourhood Watch.

Local residents groups are supported with funding and the coordination of activities that support community cohesion.

**Suffolk Family Focus:**

Suffolk Family Focus is part of the Government's 3 year Troubled Families Initiative (April 2012 – May 2015) supporting families most in need of longer-term, intensive support. The focus of the work is on families where:

- Children have poor school attendance or are excluded from school
- There is youth Crime and anti-social behaviour **and/or**
- Someone of working age in the household is out of work and receiving benefits

There are estimated to be 1,150 such families in Suffolk.

Suffolk Family Focus will:

- Enable families to make real and sustainable changes, in order to improve their quality of life using a 'Whole family Approach' to interventions, and by providing effective co-ordination and improved communication between agencies and organisations working with the families
- Be a driver for the transformation of public and voluntary services to ensure families are better enabled to meet their own needs
- In the longer term significantly reduce the costs of supporting these families and provide greater community inclusion for these families



## 6. Cross Cutting Agendas

The Western Suffolk CSP recognises that their work and achievements contributes to a number of priorities/strategies/plans across all partners, below gives an indication on how our work contributes to a range of partners





## 7. Some of our Achievements in 2012 – 2013

### Creating a Safer Night time Economy

Town Pastors schemes are now in operation across West Suffolk and teams of volunteers are on hand Friday and Saturday evenings offering advice and assistance to those who are vulnerable through drugs or alcohol. The teams operate in our busy town centres from 8.00pm through to 4.00am.

**Making a difference.....** *Town pastors now operate within Haverhill, Bury, Newmarket, Sudbury and Stowmarket on a Friday and Saturday nights. Town pastor volunteers across the West have dealt with 9294 incidents including: 638 personal/well being issues and 2527 dangerous items removed from the town centres*

West Suffolk SOS Bus has operated two nights and covers Bury town centre on a Friday and Newmarket on a Saturday. It is also used for one off events eg Under 18s events, race nights in Newmarket.

**Making a difference.....** *The bus is operational in Newmarket and Bury St Edmunds in the first quarter of 2012/2013 the volunteers have engaged with over 1300 individuals, 354 individuals have received advice or assistance from the volunteers and 73 have received medical assistance. The bus continues to reach out to vulnerable individuals within our town centre.*

**Western Suffolk NTE group.** The group continues to operate and focus operational and initiatives to tackle night time economy issues. Personal safety nights have taken place in Newmarket with coordinated licensing enforcement action in Bury St Edmunds, Newmarket and Babergh.

**Making a difference.....** *..... A number of operations and initiatives have been supported by the Western NTE group in the last 12 months and as a result the area has experienced the following: West Suffolk: 12% reduction in public disorder, a 4.3% reduction in violence against the person and a 18% reduction in criminal damage (2012/13 compared to 2011/12, year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013)*

### **County wide Alcohol Diversion Scheme**

WSCSP has contributed to a new scheme which is being coordinated by Ipswich Borough Council. The Alcohol Diversion Scheme was designed to deliver brief interventions to those receiving their first Penalty Notice for Disorder (PND) where alcohol is a contributing factor, thus targeting the group who do not see their alcohol intake as problematic. This is a joint scheme with Norfolk Police.

Those receiving a PND can pay the £80 fine. However they are also given an alternative. All PND recipients are given a leaflet, which explains the content of the Alcohol Diversion Scheme and the option to undertake the 3-hour awareness session at a cost of £40.

Druglink, the course facilitators actively market the individual to encourage attendance. However, if after a 3-month period they have not responded the fine reverts back to £80 and they can no longer undertake the scheme.

**Making a difference.....** *Following consultation with Norfolk Police and the Central Ticket office it appears the likely commencement date will be Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2013. A steering group has been set up and possible locations for courses have been considered which could be Kings Lynn, North Walsham, Norwich, Ipswich, Bury St Edmunds and Lowestoft depending on where demand is. Training for Police officers and launches for the schemes are the next steps for consideration.*

### **Protecting our Community**

Working with Suffolk Police local Crime Reduction Officers and Safer Neighbourhood Teams, the partnership has supported various initiatives to reduce crime within the community. These have included theft of domestic oil supplies, metal theft awareness, burglary, vehicle crime and distraction burglary.

**Making a difference.....** *The partnership commissions a number of initiatives dependent on the concerns of the community. The West of Suffolk has maintained levels of vehicle crime similar to the previous year, and reduced theft offences by 17% (-809 offences). Domestic Burglary however remains an area the Partnership will continue to focus on as a result of a 19% increase (112 offences) as of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013 compared to the same period the previous year.*

**Anti Social Behaviour co located teams** were established in each of the three areas in 2010 and brought together key partners to ensure that high risk reports of anti social behaviour were tackled in a co-ordinated manner. These teams were set up following a countywide review of how partners tackle repeat incidents of anti social behaviour.

**Making a difference.....** *In the last 12 months the 3 co located teams covering Forest Heath, St Edmundsbury and Mid Suffolk have dealt with 129 cases that have been referred by partners of those 119 case have been closed and 16 were repeat cases. Issuing 2 ASBOs/CRASBOs, 16 referrals into early intervention programmes, 3 Family Intensive support referrals, 2 Good Neighbour Agreements, 10 successful mediation cases, 20 cases resulting in positive housing action (NOSP, Evictions, Injunctions etc.) being taken against ASB perpetrators and 6 noise abatement notices being served by Environmental Health. The Babergh team has successfully dealt with 53 cases , issuing 23 Acceptable Behaviour Contracts and 1 ASBO.*

**Diversiory Activities** are key method the partnership uses to engage with young people and also offer alternative activities in areas identified experiencing high levels of anti social behaviour. The partnership has commissioned Street Sports in Forest Heath to work with local communities to host diversionary activities for young people in areas of concern.

**Making a difference.....** *During quarter one and two of this year, Street Sports has continued to engage with a number of young people. 233 sessions have been held in a range of locations (identified as areas of concern or reported as areas with a lack of diversionary activities). These sessions have included two new pilots in Lakenheath and Exning. Over the first two quarters the coaches have engaged with 720 young people with average attendance at sessions of 25.*

**Fighting Fund** - WSCSP has set aside funding to provide for immediate needs of those who are moving through the recovery process from Substance Misuse and are in need of practical assistance to support their ongoing recovery. As a general rule the funding is agreed on the basis that it can not be sought elsewhere and the project aims to support individuals to help facilitate their recovery process, build self esteem and limit the risk of them returning to a negative lifestyle which includes substance misuse, criminal activity and anti social behaviour. This fund is known as the Fighting Fund.

**Making a difference.....** *This year 23 people have accessed the funding with support of their nominated recovery worker. Clothing, household goods, ID cards, cost of a removal van and short term gym memberships were amongst the applications made to the scheme.*

*Quote from one support worker in support of the scheme*

**Mark Buckle Genesis**

*I am a support worker for Genesis housing, and I support several residents with addiction problems. The Fighting Fund has been extremely useful in my work with them, and can help them in several areas to continue with their recovery. My most recent use of this funding was, when I asked for an amount for the cost of a van to help him move out of supported housing to his own private rented accommodation. My resident has been with Genesis for 3 years and has become clean and stable and now has employment and his own accommodation. Without the help of funding for the small items along the way, undoubtedly my client would not have been able to achieve independence and rehabilitation as quickly as he has done. I believe this Scheme to be fundamental in the continued recovery of my residents, and can give that extra help which makes a difference for them and their continued recovery.*

### **Helping Vulnerable families:**

The county "Make a change Team" ensures emergency support is available for victims of sexual exploitation and prostitution and to provide move on help.

**Making a difference.....** *The make a Change team continues to offer support and assistance to adults who are experiencing or area at risk of Sexual Exploitation, coercion and /or trafficking or who are seeking to exit Prostitution, and to children up to the age of 18 who are experiencing or who are at risk of Sexual Exploitation, coercion and /or trafficking. Our work is undertaken with multi agency partners to enable and promote the safety, health and wellbeing of service users. The team is currently working with 6 adults and 3 children in Western Suffolk.*

**Catch 22 were commissioned to deliver Domestic Abuse awareness** for young people in supported housing projects. WSCSP have supported the development of an education project called Tainted Love for young people focussing on healthy relationships. This has been successfully delivered in schools and informal education settings eg youth clubs over the past three years and WSCSP has allocated further funding to continue this work during 12/13. In addition it was identified that young people who live in supported housing (16-18yrs) needed access to advice and support around abusive relationships.

**Making a difference.....** *WSCSP commissioned Catch 22 to deliver 3 informal sessions in three supported housing schemes in Bury St Edmunds, Newmarket and Haverhill, followed by one to one mentoring for any individual who needed specific advice or support.*

*Comment from YMCA in Bury St Edmunds*

*"The residents at Bury YMCA have they really enjoyed the tainted love training. They enjoyed the group work mostly, and said that the trainer was excellent, and we look forward to seeing you again.*

*I would definitely recommend this training to others, and feel that it would be a good idea to have as a rolling programme, so that residents gets updated in the future, and new residents will also have a chance to have the training.*

*Bridie Carson*

*Accommodation Team Leader - Tenancies & Performance Data"*

**WSCSP contributed to the purchase of a new mini bus for the Refuge** which is based in Bury St Edmunds but serves the West of the County.

**Making a difference.....** *The purpose is to have a multi use vehicle with removable seats to use for transporting people and the collection and distribution of donated household goods. With ongoing support such as this in conjunction with our Resettlement Service, clients are more successful in their new life, consequently reducing re homeless and police, justice intervention. The bus is used daily for transportation of residents and staff to empowerment groups, family centres, playgroups etc. It is also used to pick up residents personal belongings from their former homes and also to move the resident out when they leave the Refuge to live independently.*

*The fun side of the mini-bus use is during school holidays, when we aim to take the residents on family outings twice a week to assist the mums in learning to enjoy their children once more following the trauma of Domestic Abuse. We further use the mini-bus to pick up donated household items for storage in garages rented by the residents for getting their homes together.*



## **Priorities for 2013/14 as identified by the Strategic assessment**

The annual strategic assessment process the WSCSP has identified the following themes and priorities for 2013 -2014:

**Creating Safer Night Time Economy** – By tackling this area the aim is to: reduce violence, criminal damage and anti social behaviour that is fuelled by alcohol consumption and linked to Night time economy.

**Tackle Anti Social Behaviour** – By tackling this area the aim is to: reduce reports of ASB involving young people; to improve the way in which young people are perceived; to reduce criminal damage where young people are the offenders

**Domestic Abuse** – by tackling this area the aim is to: reduce domestic abuse by raising awareness, supporting victims and work with perpetrators

**Tackling Substance Misuse** By tackling this area the aim is to: increase awareness and understanding of substance misuse and to reduce illegal drug (primarily in the most deprived areas) and tackle harmful alcohol use

**Tackling Emerging Crime** – issues that are more short term and therefore not included in the Strategic assessment, issues which are identified through the SNT and OPT engagement/process eg Rural crime

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This Combination Agreement is made this ..... day of ..... 2015 between the Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner and each of the responsible authorities listed in the Schedule hereto.

Whereas:

- (i) Each of the responsible authorities as defined by section 5 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 have signified their agreement to the making of a Combination Agreement in respect of their functions under section 6 or 7 of the 1998 Act to be carried out in relation to the combined areas as if it comprised one local government area.
- (ii) The said responsible authorities comprise all the persons who are responsible authorities in relation to each local government area that falls within the combined area.
- (iii) The combined area comprises the areas for which the following local authorities are responsible namely Babergh District Council, Forest Heath District Council, Mid Suffolk District Council and St Edmundsbury District Council.
- (iv) The relevant local policing body for the said combined area is the Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner.
- (v) The Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner is satisfied that this agreement is in the interests of the matters referred to in section 5A (2) of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

The Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner now hereby makes this Combination Agreement to establish a combined area for the purposes of the functions under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 in respect of the four local authority areas described above with the agreement of the responsible authorities for these areas. The Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner and the said responsible authorities have hereto set their authorised signatures the day and year first before written.

## ***Schedule***

### **Responsible Authorities**

Babergh District Council

Forest Heath District Council

Mid Suffolk District Council

St Edmundsbury District Council

Suffolk County Council

Chief Constable of Suffolk Constabulary

Suffolk Fire & Rescue Service

Norfolk and Suffolk Community Rehabilitation Company Limited

Ipswich and East Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group

West Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group



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