

## RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Agenda Item No. 19

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title: COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP  
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### 1 PURPOSE

1.1 This report provides Committee with an update on the actions of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP).

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:

- Community Objectives – Maintain low levels of crime in the district.
- Corporate Priorities – The work of the partnership helps to make peoples' lives safer.
- Other Considerations – Future funding allocations.

### 2 BACKGROUND

2.1 The Partnership was formed as a result of the Crime & Disorder Act 1998, and is chaired by an Elected Member. The Council's nominated members to this outside body are Councillors R Thompson and G Mirfin.

2.2 The Partnership meets on a quarterly basis and receives reports from the police and fire service on the previous quarter's activity.

### 3 PROGRESS TO DATE

3.1 The report attached at Appendix 1 summarises the current work of the CSP.

### 4 CONCLUSION

4.1 That Committee note the contents of this report.

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## Community Safety Partnership

The CSP is a proactive body comprising a number of statutory and voluntary organisations that come together to address the borough's safety priorities.

Led by RVBC, the partnership coordinates and drives projects in furtherance of the objectives identified by a three-yearly strategic review undertaken by the police analysts, ourselves and partners.

The review was completed late in 2018, and the priorities remain focused on:

- Drugs and alcohol abuse
- Road Safety
- Domestic violence
- Rural crime

The CSP is able to apply for funding from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) to support the work. Each project has to be worked up and submitted on a grant application form to secure the funding. We have also been successful in securing additional funding to allow us to do more work across our borough.

The recent work around the youth issues in Longridge show this partnership working at its best, with a range of targeted interventions which have resulted in a 65% reduction in ASB in the town in Q4 of 2018/19.

Other projects undertaken in recent years by the CSP include:

### CURRENT CSP PROJECTS

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| <b>Drugs dogs CAP</b>      | Continuing to be used on an ad hoc basis<br>The Community alcohol partnership exists to discourage alcohol usage amongst vulnerable young people. This is now established in the borough, and work continues.<br>Plans are in place to survey local schools to understand the impact of the CAP work.                                                                         |
| <b>Village CCTV</b>        | CSP has worked with Chipping & Sabden to install CCTV systems on village car parks which have been useful in identifying perpetrators of crime.                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Beat Safe</b>           | Organised safeguarding operation at the Beat Herder Festival. This will be repeated in 2019                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Shop Watch</b>          | Funds have been secured to upgrade the Clitheroe's communication system which is old and outdated.<br>It is anticipated that the new system will reach the commercial developments at Barrow Brook.                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>ASB powers training</b> | The civil ASB powers that exist can be highly effective at dealing with antisocial activity across a number of areas without the need for police intervention. The powers have a high success rate, and funds have been secured to train key staff (June 2019) with the knowledge and skills to utilise the powers to deal with individuals behaving in an antisocial manner. |

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| <b>Ucan project development</b> | <p>The UCan project was developed as part of the series of interventions used to address the ASB problem in Longridge. After 4 pilot programmes, there have been significant positive results. The young people attending have being taken back into regular schooling and off the school's behaviour interventions, and away from the Pupil referral units.</p> <p>There is now a plan to apply to the Youth Endowment Fund (which is a fund aimed at keeping young people away from crime) to roll out the programme to other schools.</p> <p>Working with UCan, the CSP is developing a knife crime module for use in schools.</p> |
| <b>Knife Crime education</b>    | <p>Following a knife incident in Clitheroe a few months ago, we are working with UCan and the police to deliver a hard hitting knife crime message in RV schools.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Burnley FC</b>               | <p>Activities at the castle and villages to be developed to engage the young people and deter ASB.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |