



Pendle Community Safety Partnership Meeting

Minutes from the Microsoft Teams Virtual meeting held on Monday, 15th July 2024, 2.00p.m.

Present:

Councillor David Whipp (Chair)

Jerry Stanford (Deputy Chair)	Colne Community Safety Working Group
Sarah Astin-Wood	Pendle Borough Council
Tim Horsley	Pendle Borough Council
Alan Garner	LCC Children & Family Wellbeing Service
James Cooper	Lancashire Constabulary
Cllr Ashley Sutcliffe	Borough and County Councillor
Cllr Zafar Ali	Borough Councillor
Gemma Waterhouse	LCC Children & Family Wellbeing Service
Alan Davis	Together Housing
Claire Bennett	Positive Action in the Community (PAC)
Abdul Kheratkar	Lancashire County Council
Michelle Walker	Pendle Borough Council
Imtiaz Shah	Pendle Borough Council
Martin Counsell	Lancashire Fire & Rescue
Michelle Walker	Pendle Borough Council
John Cahill	CGL
Leanne Ewens	Lancashire County Council
Carl Coughlan	Lancashire County Council
Jason Middleton	Lancashire County Council
Karen Welsh	NHS
Alison Ashcroft	CGL
Jason Middleton	LCC

1. Welcome and to receive any apologies for absence.

Councillor David Whipp welcomed everyone to the meeting, thanked them for their attendance and requested to introduce themselves.

Apologies for absence were received from: Rose Rouse

2. Minutes from last meeting

The minutes of the last Pendle Community Safety Partnership held on 15th April 2024 were approved as a correct record.

3. Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) update (Tim Horsley)

- A case that has been in progress since 2001 is approaching completion. The final stages of populating the options are underway, and the report is expected to be ready for submission to the Home Office by the end of the month.
- The relevant organisations and forums involved in the case have yet to agree to take the recommendations. Communication with these groups is ongoing, and an agreement on the final recommendations is being pursued.
- Investigating officers are finalising their involvement in the case, and an update will be provided in the next meeting.

4. Matak Report Overview (April to June):

- Inspector Cooper shared key data for the quarter (April to June) in Pendle, revealing that there were 1,804 recorded crimes, reflecting a 30% increase compared to the same period in the previous year.
 - Violence Against the Person was the primary contributor to this increase.
- Increases were recorded in the following crime categories:
 - Violence Against the Person
 - Arson and Criminal Damage
 - Theft
 - Vehicle Offenses
 - Public Order
 - Burglary
 - Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society
- Four crime groups saw decreases compared to the same period in the previous year:
 - Sexual Offenses
 - Drug Offenses
 - Possession of Weapons
 - Robbery
- The overall crime increase was consistent with other areas in the county, particularly in East Lancashire, indicating it was not unique to Pendle.

Operation Centurion:

- Operation Centurion is a county-wide project initiated by the Police and Crime Commissioner to tackle anti-social behaviour (ASB)
- The Pendle area successfully secured resources for the North Valley Road and Colne Town Centre and managed to maintain the project's continuation. The operation is set to run through the summer.

- Additional police resources have been allocated on Monday, Friday, and Saturday nights, with Monday being notable due to increased ASB reporting. The reason behind this pattern remains unclear.
- Early staffing issues (as the operation was initially run on overtime) have since been resolved, and the operation is fully staffed.
- Centurion Surgery Days have been implemented during periods of increased demand, such as summer holidays, to bolster resources.

Operation Vulture:

- Operation Vulture is a force-wide initiative aimed at tackling business crime, including shoplifting and theft. It builds on the success of the Anti-Social Behaviour and Business Crime Forum established by one of Inspector Cooper's team members a few years ago.
- The operation involves the neighbourhood policing team in detecting and identifying business crime-related offenses.

5. Colne Community Safety Working Group

- The Groups attendance has risen dramatically over the last three months, now averaging some 22 per meeting.
- Various national and Lancashire reports have recently highlighted the importance of such groups in keeping the NPT aware of resident issues and avenues for Investigation.
- The NPT have worked prodigiously in Colne recently and this is having a demonstrative effect on crime figures. Sergeant Emmett should be proud of his team.
- Ellesmere Avenue Residents raised drug related issues with the group and the NPT have made four arrests and three charged.
- Tagged graffiti is proliferating in the town causing problems and costs to both business and PBC.

6. Pendle Community Safety Partnership Plan 2022-25

Prevention and early intervention

- Domestic Abuse (Pendle Domestic Abuse Forum) – a partnership workshop was held in December to look at how the Forum works and how the action plan can be updated in a practical and sustainable way.
- Child Exploitation (Burnley & Pendle Exploitation Awareness Group) – under review
- Youth Anti-Social Behaviour (Pendle Youth Forum) – the case management Youth Panel met for the first time in November.

Action – The CSP endorsed the revised Terms of Reference for the Pendle Domestic Abuse Forum

Crime prevention

- Serious Violence and the Serious Violence Duty – Pendle has joined with the Pennine CSP in a Joint Steering Group around the Strategy and Delivery
- Serious Organised Crime (Pendle and Ribble Valley Genga Panel) – a Clear, Hold, Build approach is being considered in Brierfield and Nelson however the Panel is currently under review and on hold
- The Partnership considered the Priorities and Recommendations from the District Needs Assessment prepared by the Lancashire Violence Reduction Network:
 - Recommendation 1 to be referred to the Pendle Youth Panel
 - Recommendation 2 to be referred to the Pendle Genga Panel or a task and finish group if the Genga Panel reformation is delayed.
 - Recommendation 3 to be referred to the Pendle Genga Panel or a task and finish group if the Genga Panel reformation is delayed.
 - Recommendations 4 and 5 are considered to be outside the scope of a District Council based CSP and should be dealt with at County level.
 - Recommendation 6 to be referred to the Pendle Health and Wellbeing Board
 - Recommendation 7 is dealt with in the Pendle CSP's Community Safety Strategy where the Partnership's priorities are delegated to the Domestic Abuse Forum, Youth Forum and Genga Panel with feedback reports at the quarterly CSP meetings.

7. **Dates of Future Meetings** (all 2pm on Teams)

21st October 2024

20 January 2025

28 April 2025

21 July 2025