



Pendle Community Safety Partnership Meeting

Minutes from the Microsoft Teams Virtual meeting held on Monday, 21st October 2024, 2.00p.m.

Present:

Councillor David Whipp (Chair)

Jerry Stanford (Deputy Chair)	Colne Community Safety Working Group
Tim Horsley	Pendle Borough Council
Alan Garner	LCC Children & Family Wellbeing Service
Cllr Ashley Sutcliffe	Borough and County Councillor
Cllr Zafar Ali	Borough Councillor
Claire Bennett	Positive Action in the Community (PAC)
Abdul Kheratkar	Lancashire County Council
Imtiaz Shah	Pendle Borough Council
Martin Counsell	Lancashire Fire & Rescue
Michelle Walker	Pendle Borough Council
Karen Welsh	NHS
Alison Ashcroft	CGL
Kate Whitehead	Together Housing
Jason Middleton	LCC
Tony Crook	LCC Road Safety Manager
Alison Ashcroft	CGL
Jim Wood	Together Housing
Jonathan Scolah	PCC
Robert Kershaw	NHS
Suzanne Parkinson	LCC
Beth Wilmott	PCC
Louise Donaldson	LCC
Rob Grey	Lancashire Police

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, Sarah Astin Wood, Stephanie Hull, Kathy Ashworth, Caroline Hanson,

2. Minutes from last meeting

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

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

- The second Pendle DHR is approaching completion. The final stages of populating the action plan are underway, and the report is expected to be ready for submission to the Home Office by the end of the month.
- Some of the recommendations have been shared with and taken on by Pendle Domestic Abuse Forum. Others are either agency specific or will be shared with the Lancashire DHR Task and Finish Group.
- Lancashire funding agreement in place, awaiting a few organisations to sign £40,000

4. MATAC Report

- Inspector Grey reviewed the key points from the report
- There were **1,785** recorded crimes in Pendle, between July to September 2024, which is a **5% increase** when compared to the 1,700 recorded crimes in the same period in the previous year.
- Violence against the person is the main contributor.
- There have been six crime groups that have experienced increases compared to the same period in the previous year, identified as violence against the person, public order, miscellaneous crimes against society, drugs, possession of weapons and robbery.
- There have been four crime groups that have experienced decreases compared to the same period in the previous year, identified as theft, arson and criminal damage, burglary and vehicle offences.
- There were **89 burglary offences** in Pendle, between July and September 2024, which is an **18% decrease** when compared to the 108 recorded crimes in the same period in the previous year. Burglary Residential was the main burglary offence type.
- Recently, within the last 28 days, there have been 31 offences burglary offences, with burglary residential identified as the main type (21).
- There were **100 vehicle offences** in Pendle, between July and September 2024, which is a **4% decrease** when compared to the 104 recorded crimes in the same period in the previous year. Theft From a Vehicle was the main vehicle offence type.
- Recently, within the last 28 days, there have been 33 vehicle offences, with theft of a motor vehicle identified as the main type (16).
- There were **267 theft offences** in Pendle, between July and September 2024, which is a **13% decrease** when compared to the 307 recorded crimes in the same period in the previous year. Other Theft was the main offence type.
- Recently, within the last 28 days, there have been 76 theft offences, with Shoplifting identified as the main type (38).

- There were **803 Violence against the Person offences** in Pendle, between July and September 2024, which is a **16% increase** when compared to the 695 recorded crimes in the same period in the previous year. Assault without Injury was the main offence type.
- Recently, within the last 28 days, there have been 247 offences, with assault without injury identified as the main type (91).
- There were **284 DA related offences** in Pendle, between July and September 2024, which is an **7% increase** when compared to the 266 recorded crimes in the same period in the previous year.
- Recently, within the last 28 days, there have been 103 offences
- Within the current quarter between July to September 2024, there were **828 ASB incidents** recorded in Pendle, which is a **0.4% (-3) decrease** compared to the previous quarter (April to June 2024).
- Compared to the same period last year (July to September 2023), ASB incidents have **increased** by **13.3% (97)**
- Overall ASB incidents in East have **decreased** slightly by **68 incidents**

5. Operation Centurion:

- Operation Centurion is a county-wide project initiated by the previous Police and Crime Commissioner to tackle anti-social behaviour (ASB). Each area was required to bid for additional resourcing.
- 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.

6. 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 James's team members a few years ago.
- The operation involves the neighbourhood policing team in detecting and identifying business crime-related offenses.

7. 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 other centres in Pendle need to find volunteers to set up similar groups to match the work that we are doing.

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) – Draft action plan in place.
- Child Exploitation (Burnley & Pendle Exploitation Awareness Group) – under review
- Youth Anti-Social Behaviour (Pendle Youth Forum) – the case management Youth Panel is now well established and reviewing previous referrals as well as new cases.

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. Districts feeding back.
- Serious Organised Crime (Pendle and Ribble Valley Genga Panel) – a Clear, Hold Build approach is being considered in Brierfield and Nelson however the Genga Panel is currently under review and on hold. Awaiting approval of CHB.

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

20th January 2025

28 April 2025

21 July 2025

20 October 2025