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COMMUNITY SAFETY WORKING GROUP

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Meeting:	10 th September 2024, 10:00-13:00
Location:	MS Teams
Chair:	Clair Harvey (SCC)
Attendees:	SZC – Ceri Bryant (CB), Rebecca Calder (RC), Zoe Botten (ZB), Paul Gomar (PG), Tim Newton (TN); Darren Benford-Brown (DBB) ESC – Alex Heys (AH), Jon Fulcher (JF) SCC – Kate Watson (KW), Clair Harvey (CH) Suffolk Constabulary – Leigh Jenkins (LJ), Rebecca O’Neill (RO) Suffolk Fire and Rescue - Ian Mallet (IM)
Apologies:	East of England Ambulance Service

Meeting Notes:

REPORTING BY MEMBERS

Sizewell C

- SZC Project Update (RC):
 - Work now starting on some of the associated development sites – plant will be visible on some sites over the Autumn.
 - The Accommodation Working Group has approved change in caravan park location. This will no longer be on LEEIE but will be replaced by chalets at Pontins Pakefield, and caravans at Pontins or a third-party site. A planning application for the caravans is planned for year-end.
 - Orwell Logistics Park has been leased and will be the new freight management facility, replacing the site at Seven Hills.
 - Fencing and realignment work in progress on Coastal Path.
 - First Workforce Survey was undertaken in July / August - results to be released next month.
 - First Community Fund awards will be in September 2024.
 - Offshore geotechnical works are beginning in September 2024.
- Community – READ Team (ZB):
 - Positive enquiries focussing on jobs and accommodation continue. Small number of complaints regarding potential water sourcing from Sternfield (this proposal has now been discounted and a meeting is planned with parish council to talk through lessons learned).
 - Working effectively with Charity Partners (St Elizabeth Hospice, and Force for Good).
 - Sizewell Creative: activities continue providing opportunities to the local community and workforce, helping to support community cohesion.
- SZC – Community Safety Officer (TN)
 - In June, police were called to intercept deer poachers on SZC property, who fled the scene.
 - In July, an SZC employee whose car was bearing an SZC sticker, was targeted with aggressive behaviour by a civilian in a local supermarket; the incident was reported to security without involving the police.
 - In August, a traffic accident occurred at the intersection of Lover’s Lane and King George’s Avenue (SZC supported with own teams before Police took over).

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- New deer warning signs have been installed along the Sizewell Gap approach road to enhance safety.

Suffolk Fire and Rescue

- Fire and Rescue Service Contribution (IM)
 - The High-Risk team visited the site in August updating the Site-Specific Risk Information (SSRI) card held for Sizewell C. This has been uploaded onto the SFRS systems and made available on appliance mobile data terminals and within Fire Control Centre in Cambridgeshire.
 - Local crews have attended further site familiarisation (waiting on confirmation of dates).
 - Emergency response protocols have been established, with a reminder to promptly communicate any changes to rendezvous points for system updates.
 - Direct emergency response to sites are within boundary and nothing to report. Continue to monitor wider area.
 - Prevention and protection activity – currently establishing links with site to create relationships and closer understanding.

East of England Ambulance Service

- Ambulance Service Contribution (RC from written update from CK)
 - No exercises on site since the last meeting.
 - Regular site visits on six-weekly rolling rota for Office cadre (Ops Coms) team from both Lowestoft and Ipswich locales, as well as some officers from the Control Room and on call cadre. Air Operations Manager, Chief Pilot and an Ipswich Manager scheduled to visit site on 17th September.
 - Policy and procedure CAD markers in place for RVP's and associated footprint mapping is visible on EEAST systems and overlays once a call is received and matched to the site. SZC to please ensure that any changes to RVPs etc. are advised to EEAST immediately so that ambulance CAD can be updated accordingly.
 - Currently no reports of increased time frame to responses within the locale of Sizewell 'C' and associated with the development.
 - Eight 999 calls to site since 1st February - 4 attendances to site only as 4 calls were subsequently stood down due to time frames with staff members making their own way to hospital.
 - No update to funding since the last brief in July. It is envisaged that additional resourcing will be identified and allocated to the Leiston/Sizewell locale within the next 6 months once funding is received by EEAST.

Action – SZC (RC) to check status of Deed of Covenant / fund transfer

Action – SZC (PG) to ensure any changes to RVPs are advised to EEAST immediately to allow ambulance CAD to be updated

Police Contribution / Police Reserve Fund (LJ)

- Suffolk Constabulary has recruited an additional officer to join the dedicated SZC team in Leiston, enhancing capacity for community engagement and workforce relations starting mid-September.
- To address community concerns about SZC traffic, a standard advisory will be communicated at all forums, guiding residents on how to report traffic and speeding issues to the police.

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- A meeting with Kate Watson is set to discuss finances for the virtually complete AIL team, which will be fully staffed by February's end as planned.
- Policing KPIs (LJ)
 - 2 reports of violence against persons in July/August, with no anti-social behaviour incidents.
 - RO attended 24 community events, including partner and community meetings.
 - The AIL Team issued 254 Traffic Offence Reports, handled 4 drunk driving cases, made 5 arrests, and executed 4 S.165 orders, demonstrating active community policing.
 - CB queried whether SC could share whether SZC workers were the perpetrators or victims of the "violence against the person" incidents - SZC would seek to support workers who are victims of crimes. LJ noted that data sharing protocols preclude SC from being able to confirm this but SC could support by directing SZC victims of crime to the SZC occupational health service. SZC will also use internal communications to inform employees about assistance options - CB will share any such communications with LJ and RO to ensure consistent information.
 - LJ / TN emphasized the benefits of information sharing; TN noted an information sharing agreement has been drawn up by the legal team and is currently with SC for review.

Action - LJ to follow up with SC for update on Information Sharing Agreement

Suffolk County Council

- No new updates from CYP and ACS; future proposals are expected by April.
- The procurement for the funding signed off previously is in progress, with an update due by year end, as part of an existing contract extension.

East Suffolk Council

- Several community events have been conducted.
- The community survey is pending public release.
- An action plan has been shared with SZC, and feedback is awaited.
- ASB week happening in November:
 - Plans are in motion to integrate neighbourhood watch and pub watch schemes.
 - ASB levels in Leiston Saxmundham remain low, with no incidents linked to SZC or any noted increase.

Transport Co-ordinator

- RC noted that efforts underway to replace Transport Coordinator role – will be in place for next meeting.
- LJ queried the process for raising issues – what should go to the CSWG / TRG? Agreed that there should be immediate triage directly with SZC site team with potential escalation to TRG / CSWG as needed. LJ noted the importance of a clear conduit due to potential overlaps between groups.
- RC suggested that everyday can be addressed directly in these meetings, while more complex matters should be referred to the TRG. Tim and Darren's team will handle day-to-day issues promptly, rather than waiting for quarterly meetings

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FUNDING REQUESTS

- ESC submitted a funding request for resourcing in advance of the meeting for the full duration of the construction period, which was presented by AH.
- RC noted that it would be helpful to understand what activities are proposed to be undertaken so the CSWG can understand how this fits with the activities of SCC, SZC and other members.
- AH agreed to submit a revised action plan with greater detail on potential priorities / activities, beyond resourcing, while noting the fact that the plan will evolve and resourcing is needed to develop it.
- CH therefore proposed that the CSWG approved the first year of funding to enable two resourcing to develop proposals and undertake initial community outreach work, develop activities and identify any gaps. CH noted the omission of community cohesion in the paperwork, which AH will correct in an updated application. Approval of initial funding is recommended, with further planning and review to precede further funding, acknowledging that plans may adapt based on community feedback
- The CSWG agreed this approach and the first year of funding.

Action – AH to resubmit funding request and approval is based on this.

DISCUSSION – KEY RISKS, ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES (ALL)

- LJ queried the process for governance and escalating issues, especially those not related to DoO funds. RC explained that the CSWG's focus is on overseeing the spend of DoO funds and ensuring these correlate to actual or perceived community safety issues / provide resilience to public services, as well as providing high-level oversight for unresolved concerns. CH suggested handling urgent matters immediately, while ongoing issues should be discussed at CSWG meetings and escalated to SRG meetings if needed. LJ and CH agreed on having a standard agenda item for issue escalation.
- MM asked for an update on non-UK workforce numbers - RC advised that the DoO does not require SZC to report this.
- RC discussed the need to balance addressing community concerns with not reinforcing negative stereotypes. CB is actively working with health groups to correct misinformation and ensure positive messaging about the workforce's contributions. ZB highlighted the promotion of the worker code of conduct for community reassurance. CH mentioned the inclusion of positive communication strategies in the action plan
- AH emphasized the value of showcasing positive community interactions, and keeping the project community-focused, and ZB mentioned regular coordination with the comms team for consistent messaging
- CH proposed making positive updates a standard agenda item for SRG meetings to escalate positive messages and address concerns. RC noted that the SZC website is regularly updated and is a good source of information for SZC's community activities e.g. Sizewell Creative.

REPORTING TO SOCIAL REVIEW GROUP

- **What is going well?**
 - RO stated very little demand into the police, and EEAST / SFRS reporting also reflects this.

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- **What are we concerned about**

- RO raised community concerns about road safety and driver standards related to the Sizewell project, particularly along the A12. The CSWG debated if this was a perceived or real issue. RC noted the need for clarity on reporting – for example the 254 Traffic Offence Reports from the AIL team do not relate specifically to SZC workers, they are as a result of increased road policing using the AIL team so are a positive community safety initiative. The need for clear communication on this was highlighted.
- CH proposed that the group raises an issue of concern regarding the community's perception of the SZC project workforce. The group should dedicate the next three months to investigate whether these concerns are substantiated and whether interventions are required. This period of assessment will enable the group to present well-founded recommendations or actions at the upcoming SRG meeting.
- ZB noted that many of the complaints received by the information office were not related to SZC project workers or deliveries.
- LJ stated that they are in the early stages of doing proactive work to deter poor driving behaviours, but there are more positive steps that could be undertaken. LJ will liaise with the site team to look at potential campaigns.

Action – RO to gather data to determine the validity of these concerns, so the group is in a position to escalate any concerns at the next meeting.

- **What needs to happen next?**

Determine whether action needed on road safety – either using public reservices resilience fund for community campaigns or within the SZC project.

NEXT MEETING AND TIMINGS FOR 2025

- Next meeting scheduled for December – agreed this would move to January with subsequent 2025 meetings planned for April, July and October

Action: SZC to put 2025 dates in the diary.

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Actions raised during the meeting:

Date Raised	Ref.	Description	Lead	Date Due
10/09/2024	1	RC to check status of EEAST DoC / release of funds.	SZC	Liaise directly with EEAST
10/09/2024	2	PG to ensure any changes to RVPs are advised to EEAST immediately to allow ambulance CAD to be updated.	SZC	Ongoing
10/09/2024	3	LJ to follow up with constabulary for update on Information Sharing Agreement.	Suffolk Constabulary	Liaise directly with SZC
10/09/2024	4	AH to resubmit funding request, and approval is based on this.	ESC	Q424
10/09/2024	5	CH requests that RO uses the period prior to gather data to determine the validity of these concerns, so the group is in a position to escalate any concerns at the next meeting.	Suffolk Constabulary	Next Meeting
10/09/2024	6	SZC to put 2025 meeting dates in diaries.	SZC	October 24

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