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## COMMUNITY SAFETY WORKING GROUP

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Meeting:	16 <sup>th</sup> January 2025, 11:00-13:00
Location:	MS Teams
Chair:	Richard Baldwin (SCC)
Attendees:	SZC – Mike Humphrey (MH), Zoe Botten (ZB), Darren Benford Brown (DBB), Ceri Bryant (CB), Rebecca Quigg (RQ) ESC – Alex Heys (AH), Ann Parker (AP), Jon Fulcher (JF) (Obs), Sharon Harkin (SH) (Obs) SCC – Richard Baldwin (RB), Kate Watson (KW), Shadi Ghadami (SG) (Obs) East of England Ambulance Service – Craig King (CK) Suffolk Constabulary – Leigh Jenkins (LJ), Rebecca O’Neill (RO) NHS Suffolk and North East Essex ICB – Chris Lawson (CL) (Obs)
Apologies:	

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#### Meeting Notes:

#### INTRODUCTION AND REVIEW OF PREVIOUS ACTIONS

#### 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

**Action 1:** closed. Funding has been received

**Action 2:** closed. New RVPs have joined blue light services and have been confirmed in the control room this week.

**Action 3:** ongoing. Currently being finalised; updates will be provided at the next meeting.

**Action 4:** ongoing. Follow up with ESC

**Action 5:** closed. Will be covered in meeting

**Action 6:** closed

#### Reporting

#### Sizewell C

##### Project Update (MH)

- Project is progressing well with FID targeted for mid-2025.
- Works on the access road and site office hub are complete, and the access road is now established.
- Additional office and welfare buildings are planned for early in the year.
- Offsite infrastructure development is progressing, prioritising site establishment, archaeology, and vegetation clearance.
- First year anniversary of commencement was on the 15th of January.

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#### **SZC – Community Safety Officer (DBB)**

- Incidents:
  - An HGV driver took a wrong route in Leiston, causing traffic disruption and public aggression. Security de-escalated the situation, and the driver was advised on correct routes, with no repeat incidents.
  - Unruly behaviour at a pub. The investigation revealed it was linked to SZB outage workers.
  - Some reports of fly parking by SZC-stickered vehicles were addressed. Contractors were identified, and project managers were advised to remind drivers of the code of conduct, resulting in no repeat issues.
  - SZC worker causing problems with a landlord in shared accommodation was investigated and found to involve a SZB outage worker
  - A speeding incident involving a SZC-stickered vehicle led to the identification of the contractor, who was advised to review the code of conduct and was prohibited from driving for a week. There were no further issues.

#### **Emergency Planning (PG)**

- Regular site familiarisation with East of England Ambulance Service Trust will continue through 2025, this will also include an understanding of SZCs onsite medical facilities
- Suffolk Fire & Rescue attended site on the 14<sup>th</sup> of January to complete their six-monthly operational and risk assessment
- 999 operator information e.g. precise RVPs for all sites including offsite infrastructure is being updated, and will be shared with the emergency services shortly

#### **Occupational Health and Wellbeing (CB)**

- A new Chaplain commenced in October and has been well-received. He has engaged with multifaith communities and has brought in an imam from a local prison to inform.
- Strong support is being received from local charities and services. Meetings have been held to explore mutual support opportunities, emphasising the importance of volunteering and involving SZC to give back to the community and create a lasting legacy.
- A Wellbeing Liaison Officer began on January 6th to enhance wellbeing initiatives and coordinate with local services and charities.
- The sexual health service partnership agreement is being finalised with SCC.
- The Emergency Medical Doctors Service has been contracted for emergency response treatment, with mobilisation underway for onsite presence soon.
- Awaiting IT sign-off for the occupational health contract, with a draft ready for signing soon.
- The Medical Centre has 3 clinical rooms for use by both the Occupational Health Contractor and EDMS to run their services. A further larger Medical Centre will be established within the TCA to be operational late 2026 / early 2027 to accommodate the increasing workforce.

#### **Transport Co-ordinator (RQ)**

- The Transport Management Plans have been reviewed and will be confirmed at the Transport Review Group (TRG) on January 16th, including the Transport Incident Management Plan, which had no triggering incidents in Q4 2024.
- Monitoring data indicated 146 abnormal indivisible loads from September to November, all 100% compliant with route and timing,

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- RQ invited Emergency Services to provide feedback to her on service delivery and emergency response.

#### East of England Ambulance Service

##### Ambulance Service Contribution – Expenditure / Effectiveness

- Onsite Exercises: No onsite exercises have occurred since the last update.
- Site Visits and Familiarisation: Planned visits for early December were postponed; awaiting potential 2025 dates. Familiarisation visits previously occurred every six weeks.
- Policy and Procedure: Additional RVPs were advertised this week and shared with local management and the control room. They will be integrated into the Airbox mapping system for response coordination.
- 999 Attendance Audits: Auditing 999 attendances is challenging due to the current setup linking calls to their origin. The control room is developing a pyramid system to identify calls related to SZC or its associated footprint.
- Funding and Reporting: Funding has been secured, and plans are being developed for future reporting, which will include site commander training, site visits, exercises, and responses to local impacts.

#### Suffolk Constabulary

##### Police contribution / Police Reserve Fund – Expenditure / Effectiveness

- Funding has been received from various sources (CPC Contribution, Facilities Contribution for Construction, Facilities Contribution for Operating, and AIL Team Contribution), enabling the full establishment of the AIL team.
- Progress on facilities has been made as outlined in the DoO, with updates to be provided in the next session.
- Suffolk Constabulary participates in a wide range of SZC meetings to engage resources with the community, SZC, and key partners

##### Police – Policing KPIs – Annual Reporting

- The team was established early to apply lessons from HPC, emphasising the benefits of early engagement and community interaction.
- Reporting will include Public Engagement and SZC Onsite Engagement, stressing the importance of workforce engagement to convey key messages.
- DBB and Suffolk Constabulary have been visiting sites since October, including MDS and offsite infrastructures, with positive engagement reported.
- RO mentioned that moving into onsite offices will enhance visibility in the ACA, and ensure police presence at first touch-points during inductions
- Roads Policing – Abnormal Indivisible Loads: The number of AIL escorts is increasing, though seasonal factors have caused a temporary reduction in transport due to limited daylight.
- Progress on the Wickham Market layby has been made, with plans for a dedicated pick-up point submitted to SCC.
- Roads Policing – Proactive Work: The AIL team is focused on moving abnormal indivisible loads without negatively impacting road policing. SZC emphasised the need for proactive policing alongside this activity, which has been successfully implemented.

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#### Police – Social Review Group reporting

- In the past year, proactive policing from the CPT and roads policing has established clear community engagement expectations, maintaining existing standards.
- The constabulary seeks to enhance engagement with emerging and established communities and key partners, collaborating with SCC and ESC to address local issues.
- As SZC development advances, there will be an increase in workforce and policing levels as per the DoO to support this growth.
- ZB proposed creating a collective flyer or webpage to clarify reporting procedures, as there is confusion about what issues should go to SZC, the constabulary, or ESC. This year should focus on raising awareness through forums about the importance of reporting and investigation.
- LJ noted he can involve the communications team to support this initiative and emphasised the need for discussions among SZC, police, and ESC, with SZC leading the effort.

#### Driver Behaviour – Road Safety

- With the growing presence of AILs and HGVs on the road, concerns regarding driver behaviour are expected to increase. Therefore, proactive measures are essential to collaboratively address these issues.
- RO provided context, highlighting that road safety has become a prominent theme in community engagements. Increased traffic due to road closures and diversions is raising concerns within the community that need to be addressed. The AIL team is a vital policing resource, and although data shows a significant reduction in road traffic collisions (RTCs) in the area, this can only be sustained when escorts are not in operation. With the anticipated rise in escort numbers, it will be difficult to maintain adequate enforcement with multiple officers, underscoring the need for collaborative efforts. There is substantial evidence supporting effective measures to tackle these issues, such as employing dedicated road safety officers like those at HPC. Ensuring road safety is essential, particularly as traffic volumes continue to grow.
- RO highlighted the need for clear communication of traffic management plans to the public to reinforce SZC's commitments.
- LJ proposed collaborating with partners to tackle these issues and encouraged the group to explore potential solutions using their collective expertise. RB agreed to include time on future agendas for the group to develop an action plan, with the option to escalate proposed solutions to the SRG.

**Action – Group to investigate potential solutions to road safety issues. Agenda item to be added to future meetings to collaboratively develop an action plan to address these concerns, and escalate proposed solutions to SRG.**

- RQ noted that any traffic or transport-related issues can also be escalated to the Transport Review Group for further discussion.
- LJ and RQ agreed to determine the most appropriate path forward to avoid duplication of efforts.
- RB will seek guidance on where to formally report these matters to ensure both groups are informed without unnecessary overlap, consulting Clair Harvey for advice.

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**Action – LJ and RQ to determine most appropriate approach to escalate issues regarding traffic and transport to TRG and SRG, avoiding duplication. RB to consult with Clair Harvey for advice on this matter.**

- ZB suggested integrating this discussion into wrap-around meetings to decide on the best course of action based on the chosen solutions

#### Suffolk County Council (RB)

##### Angia Care Trust Engagement

- RB stated that as part of the DoO, key community safety priorities include criminal exploitation, preventing radicalisation, and addressing violence against women and girls.
- A partnership has been established with Anglia Care Trust, which offers a county-wide domestic abuse outreach program.
- Funding from Sizewell has enhanced services in East Suffolk, including a dedicated outreach worker involved in networking events, integrating pathways into Domestic Abuse One Stop Shops (DAOS), and conducting training sessions to raise awareness among professionals.
- RB mentioned that it is essential for partners and community members to be aware of service pathways. A 24/7 domestic abuse helpline is available and will be actively promoted as the workforce grows.
- Monthly postcode data is received from across the county, and specific data regarding incidents and referrals will be presented at the next meeting.
- Proposals for funding focused on training for criminal exploitation and domestic abuse will be presented in the March meeting.

#### East Suffolk Council (JF and SH)

- ESC is currently focused on two initiatives to enhance community resilience.
  - Youth project: ESC is considering a theatre school roadshow focused on important themes for young adults and children, particularly youth safety issues.
  - Women Supporting Women project: ESC is collaborating with the Future Female Society and other partners to create programs that unite local women. These initiatives will address safety concerns, reduce loneliness, raise awareness of local support, build skills and confidence, and promote positive SZC opportunities related to SZC.
- To avoid duplication with SCC, ESC is committed to mutual support on projects.
- Community safety concerns and activities:
  - Data collection for ASB is limited as it lacks input from housing and environmental protection. This issue will be discussed at the upcoming SZC governance meeting to improve data collection for quarterly reporting
  - Recent activities included an ASB awareness week, a second Community Cuppa for Sizewell residents, and responses to a Community Survey, with analysis forthcoming. ESC has also completed diversity mapping and is monitoring activities at SZC Pontins in Pakefield.
  - Many community safety concerns raised have been unrelated to SZC, with transportation issues (speeding, nuisance parking) and housing (increase in HMOs, loss of social housing) being key topics.

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- In terms of community safety concerns, it had been observed that many issues are related to local matters rather than SZC. While there are perceived safety concerns associated with SZC, there are currently no actual issues reported.

- Social Review Group: ESC are building positive relationships with police team and SZC, as well as strengthening their internal networks.
- ESC and SCC agree to revisit their community safety action plans together to ensure there is no duplication (especially around crime, exploitation etc). Claire Procter will connect with ESC to facilitate this.

**Action – ESC and SCC will collaborate to review their community safety action plans to ensure there is no duplication, particularly concerning crime and exploitation. Claire Procter will reach out to ESC to facilitate this process.**

- Group discussed being more linked up in terms of which community safety initiatives are receiving funding.
- RB discussed exploring how to be more coordinated in terms of different funds, ensuring transparency about which community safety initiatives are receiving support and from which funds, to help prevent duplication and ensure effective use of money. ZB agreed to discuss this with Marjorie Barnes, and determine best way forward from SZC's perspective.

**Action – RB will determine how to better coordinate funding for community safety initiatives, making sure it's clear which projects are getting support from which funds, to ensure funds are used effectively. ZB will talk with Marjorie Barnes to decide the best approach from SZC's perspective.**

#### Funding Requests

- AH will submit a staffing funding request at March meeting, along with any other project proposals.
- DG will also submit an application in the March meeting, regarding Social Care Workforce Resilience funding.

#### Reporting to Social Review Group

- Relationships are progressing positively, with efforts focused on building connections, engaging with the community, and gathering valuable soft-intelligence from the community. There are some concerns regarding road safety that may be formally escalated to the SRG at the next meeting, once a clearer plan of action has been established.
- RB will prepare a draft addressing each of these topics and circulate it to the group for feedback before forwarding it to the Social Review Group.

#### AOB

- The group will revisit the terms of reference and aim to discuss and finalise them at the next meeting.
- RO inquired about the workforce survey results, and ZB confirmed that they will share the findings once available.
- The group concluded that there is a need for ongoing dialogue about the impact of other energy projects on the community, particularly regarding their relevance to SZC. It was agreed that while direct invitations to these projects may not be appropriate for this group, sharing their impacts is essential.

**Action - Establish ongoing dialogue to share the impacts of other energy projects on the community in relation to SZC**

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16/01/2025	7	Establish ongoing dialogue to share the impacts of other energy projects on the community in relation to SZC	Working Group	11/03/2025

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