

# **COMMUNITY SAFETY WORKING GROUP**

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Date:	4 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 09.00-12.00
Location:	MS Teams
Chair:	Clair Harvey (SCC)
Attendees:	Rebecca Calder (SZC) Ceri Bryant (SZC) Paul Gomar (SZC) Darren Benford-Brown (SZC) Mike Humphrey (SZC obs) Andy Smith (Suffolk Fire and Rescue) Leigh Jenkins (Suffolk Constabulary) Rebecca O'Neil (Suffolk Constabulary) Hannah Tyrell (Suffolk Constabulary) Louise Hardwick (Ipswich and East Suffolk Alliance) Craig King (East of England Ambulance Service) Jon Fulcher (ESC) William Jillings (ESC) Alex Heys (ESC) Sharon Harkin (ESC) Isaac Nunn (SCC)
Apologies:	Richard Baldwin (SCC) Chirs Heaney (SZC) Ian Mallett (Suffolk Fire and Rescue) Fraser Farthing (EEAST)

## **Meeting Notes:**

#### 1 INTRODUCTIONS

• Noted that this is the second meeting for the Community Safety Working Group and the first at which formal reporting will take place – format of reporting is currently being tested and piloted.

#### **2 REPORTING**

## **East of England Ambulance Service (CK)**

- Two exercises have been undertaken on the main development site so far − 1 in August 23 / 1 this year. Both proved really useful − learning from August 23 exercise has been actioned and worked better for the exercise this year. Further ongoing learning being worked on between the SZC Emergency Planning team (PG) and the ambulance service but both sides satisfied with the exercises conducted to date. Good chance to test the medical teams on site and get feedback from the paramedics that attended.
- Site visits since November a rota has been drawn up with PG's input which sets out 6 weekly officer visits (staff who would be the operational commanders for an incident plus officers from the control rooms) have been helpful for team in understanding the scale of the project.
- In terms of policy and procedure, CAD markers are in place plus associated footprint mapping so when a call is received it is visible on the internal system and the overlay of the footprint can be matched to a location on site.

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- CK asked that if any changes are made to the footprint, it is important the ambulance service is notified immediately so that the CAD system can be updated appropriately to reflect the changes.
- In terms of responding locally, after checking with local teams in the control rooms, there has not been an impact to the services' response time in the area associated with Sizewell. There is currently nothing to suggest that the project is affecting the business as usual traffic.
- There has been one 999 call to site this year which happened in March and was for a medical emergency rather than an injury.
- CK / FF visited HPC / Hinkley Health to see how the operations have advanced there. CK added that Sizewell
  continues to learn from the lessons identified at Hinkley from a medical and health perspective. CK thanked
  SZC for taking the team to HPC for the site visit.
- AS asked CK if the exercises were single or multi agency. CK answered that they were ambulance only and
  that no multi-agency exercises have been undertaken yet. The exercises were intentionally undertaken in
  order for the service to test and practice how to get on site. CK added that it is normal, depending on the
  nature of the 999 call, for the service to send multiple resources for example critical care crew or a specialist
  asset so this is what has been tested to date.

#### Suffolk Constabulary (LJ)

- The Constabulary has received funding via the Deed of Obligation which has been used to start standing up the AIL team which enables proactive policing within the area including traffic monitoring. The funding also facilitates uplift in the back office functions to facilitate additional officers and also allows the Constabulary to progress with regards to the CPC facility.
- As a result of the additional Sergent within the CPC in Leiston, the Constabulary are now able to attend a
  range of meetings including close working with SZC, lessons learnt from HPC, established links with East
  Suffolk, sitting on the Transport Review Group etc. to enable a top down view of what is happening and
  enables any issues / concerns to be identified early on. The ability to network from the beginning and
  establish those links is absolutely integral in order to facilitate intelligence gathering.

#### Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service (AS)

Update to be provided at next CSWG meeting.

#### East Suffolk Council (AH)

- Two new community safety officers have been appointed, who are building a work plan based on the action plan.
- ESC are commissioning a Community Safety Survey which will be undertaken every six months.

### **Suffolk County Council (CH)**

• Set out SCC's role in coordinating impact and multi-agency responses to County Lines. Initiative called Clear, Hold, Build is running in Felixstowe and it is known that victims and perpetrators travel. This initiative is a programme specifically looking at community development and resilience around criminal exploitation.

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#### Sizewell C (RC / DBB)

- RC provided an overview of community engagement since the last CSWG:
  - o Just under 1,000 enquiries Jan-June 24, 38% positive, 45% neutral, 17% negative.
  - o Positive focus on jobs / accommodation / education outreach.
  - o Small number of complaints re: new B1122 speed limits.
  - o Several complaints not related to SZC e.g. 97% HGV complaints not related to SZC vehicles.
  - Ongoing engagement including 6 weekly Sizewell residents coffee mornings, several Sizewell Creative events over the Summer.
- DBB gave an overview of issues that have potentially breached the Worker Code of Conduct in Q224:
  - Two allegations were deemed to be unfounded following drug and alcohol testing; one report of speeding was found not to be a SZC worker.
  - o In May, it was reported that HGVs linked to the project were parking up in various laybys on B1122 during the day. Over a 1-week period, HGVs parked up on the B1122 were recorded and the results fed back to their respective Contractors. Contractors have since made sure any HGV deliveries linked to the project are not allowed to park up and have worked to time their deliveries better.
  - 30mph speed limit on B1122 has reduced speeding issues (all traffic).
  - SZC identity stickers now implemented for all 4x4 vehicles placed at rear right of vehicle for easy identification.
  - Deer season has been raised by the Sizewell Residents for the Sizewell Gap road new signage in place / SZC vehicles have been advised to keep at 40mph. A vehicle linked to SZC did have a collision with a deer which resulted in extensive vehicle damage and the deer sadly needing to be put down. Investigation showed the driver was driving at only 31mph.
- RC noted a concern raised by Woodbridge PC in relation to properties which cannot be accessed by emergency services by road when the level crossings are closed at Ferry Quay and Haywards (Tide Mill Way)
   PC is concerned about SZC freight trains taking between 9 and 10 mins to get through. CK advised that the emergency services manage these type of constraints as part of their day to day operations. LJ advised that this had been discussed in the TRG.
- Absence of Transport Co-ordinator noted update to be provided at next CSWG.

**ACTION:** RC to circulate regular SZC newsletter to CSWG.

#### **3 FUNDING REQUEST**

- A funding request from SCC was discussed, regarding the Public Services Resilience Fund. As outlined in Schedule 4, Paragraph 10.4 in the Deed of Obligation, the Community Safety Working Group can review and approve measures relating to this fund.
- CH gave an overview of the Public Services Resilience Fund secured in the Deed of Obligation, to support
  community safety. CH set out the details of this request, which comprises £64,000 to support expansion of

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a domestic abuse service ("Domestic Abuse Outreach Service" (DOAS)). It was stated that during the Deed of Obligation negotiations, SZC discussed detailed assumptions and hypothetical rates of community safety incidents based on the demographic of the additional non-home-based workforce each year with SCC. RC confirmed that the DOAS was identified as an appropriate programme to fund to address potential issues and that the quantum of funding requested was proportionate within the first 3 years of construction. Therefore, from a SZC DCO team perspective, this application was supported.

- MH provided an overview of how the Public Services Resilience Fund was calculated during the Examination
  phase, specifically the analysis that was used in the justification in relation to domestic abuse and noted that
  SZC considers this request in line with what was anticipated.
- The group agreed unanimously to approve the funding request (as per schedule 10, Paragraph 3 in the Deed of Obligation).
- AH noted that ESC would be bringing forward a funding request shortly.
- A discussion on the timing of future funding requests was held, noting that the Deed suggests that requests should – as far as is possible - come in to the April meeting each year, to enable everything to be considered at once. However, given the early stages of the project, it was agreed that the CSWG would consider funding requests at the remaining 2024 / early 2025 meetings.
- LJ confirmed the Constabulary's annual KPIs will be drafted for April so everything remains in sync.

#### **4 REPORTING TO SOCIAL REVIEW GROUP**

- Social Review Group has asked What is going well? What are we concerned about? What needs to happen next?
  - RC highlighted engagement has been positive from the working group / no big issues to report which is positive.
  - What is not going so well: need to ensure the correct people attend all meetings or send a deputy (noting particularly that the transport coordinator needs to attend).
  - Noted it will be important to let the social review group know in advance of any requests to draw down funds that needs their approval.
- Social Review Group would like the Chair of each of the social working groups to attend their meetings.

## **5 NEXT MEETING / AOB**

- Next meeting will be 10/9/24.
- CH confirmed that another representative for adult/children's social care will be attending future meetings as the 2<sup>nd</sup> SCC representative.

**ACTION:** All RC to recirculate Terms of Reference and all to review.

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