

JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held at the Council Offices, Narborough

TUESDAY, 3 MARCH 2026

Present:-

Blaby District Council representatives:

Cllr. Nick Brown (Chairman)	Cllr. Susan Findlay
Cllr. Neil Wright (Vice-Chairman)	Cllr. Janet Forey
Cllr. Adrian Clifford	Cllr. Tracey Shepherd
Cllr. Luke Cousin	Cllr. Maggie Wright

Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council Representatives:

Cllr. Chris Lambert (Chairman)	Cllr. David Cope
Cllr. Miriam Surtees (Vice-Chairman)	Cllr. Joyce Crooks
Cllr. Paul Williams (Vice-Chairman)	Cllr. Claire Harris
Cllr. Richard Allen	Cllr. Ann Pendlebury

Also in attendance:-

Cllr. Les Phillimore – Chairman of the Community Safety Partnership
Insp. Mat Allingham and Insp. Neil Whittle – Leicestershire Police

Officers present:-

Blaby District Council:

Caroline Harbour - Environmental Health, Housing & Community Services Group Manager
Carol Parker - Interim Community Safety and Resident Support Manager
Sandeep Tiensa - Senior Democratic Services & Scrutiny Officer
Nicole Evans - Democratic & Scrutiny Services Officer

Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council:

Rachel Burgess - Assistant Director Transformation and Communities
Madeline Shellard – Director (Community Services)
Angela Egan – Community Safety Officer
Rebecca Owen – Democratic Services Manager

Apologies:-

Cllr. Stuart Coar, Cllr. Antony Moseley, Cllr. Matt Tomeo and Cllr. Robin Webber-Jones and Cllr. Michael Mullaney.
Terry Wildgoose and Jon Guest (Leicestershire Fire and Rescue)

242. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

No disclosures were received.

243. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 February 2025, as circulated, were approved as a correct record.

244. BLABY AND HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH COMMUNITY SAFETY (CSP) PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL UPDATE

Considered – report of the Assistant Director - Transformation and Communities and the Interim Community Safety and Resident Support Manager.

The Joint Committee was provided with an update on the three priorities of the Community Safety Strategy 2023-26. The Partnership is currently working with partners to refresh priorities for a new Community Safety Strategy for 2026-29.

An update was also provided on performance of the partnership, crime and antisocial behaviour statistics, ASB enforcement, serious violence, domestic abuse, rural crime, retail/business crime, safer streets, night-time economy, Prevent, hate crime, children and young people, community engagement, challenges and opportunities. Representatives of Leicestershire Police were in attendance to answer questions.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- Confirmation of funding from the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner for the Partnership Locality Fund. However, it was noted funding is only confirmed on an annual basis, which can make it difficult to plan and commission longer term projects.
- The trend for overall crime is down nationally and force wide – 8.1% reduction for Blaby District and 11.7% reduction for Hinckley and Bosworth Borough.
- Anti-social behaviour and dangerous driving on the Blaby bypass.
- Uncertainty on funding due to devolution.
- Burglary and vehicle crime continues to be a challenge; the road network makes Hinckley and Bosworth and Blaby particularly susceptible to cross border criminality which can be difficult to plan for or to predict.
- County Lines continues to be an ongoing threat. Local Police working in partnership with Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council, Blaby District Council and Leicestershire Police Intelligence Services continually monitor and respond to disrupt any county lines that may impact on our area.
- The "school wars" challenge on TikTok has raised significant concerns among police and schools. This trend, which divides schools into "red" and "blue" teams, encourages pupils to engage in violent confrontations. The Police have been working closely with schools for early intervention.

Members thanked Officers and representatives from the Police for attending the meeting.

DECISIONS

1. That the content of the report and the current focus, performance, achievements and challenges of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) be noted.
2. That the Community Safety Partnership continues to provide the joint Scrutiny Commission with annual Community Safety Partnership update reports.

Reason:

This is the annual report from the Blaby and Hinckley and Bosworth Community Safety Partnership as required by the terms of reference for the CSP.

THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 7.17 P.M.