

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

19 FEBRUARY 2025 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: Cllr C Lambert - Chair
Cllr N Brown - Vice-Chair

Blaby District Council representatives: Cllr L Cousin, Cllr J Forey and Cllr N Wright

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council representatives: Cllr DS Cope, Cllr MJ Crooks, Cllr CE Green (for Cllr C Gibbens), Cllr C Harris, Cllr J Moore, Cllr A Pendlebury, Cllr M Simmons, Cllr MJ Surtees, Cllr A Weightman and Cllr P Williams

Also in attendance: Councillor MT Mullaney, Councillor L Phillimore, Inspector Neil Whittle and Sergeant Fiona Day

Officers in attendance: Rachel Burgess, Rebecca Holcroft and Rebecca Owen

1. Apologies and substitutions

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Denney, Findlay and Shepherd from Blaby District Council and Councillor Gibbens from Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council, with the substitution of Councillor Green for Councillor Gibbens authorised in accordance with the terms of reference.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

It was moved by Councillor Crooks, seconded by Councillor Harris and

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2023 were confirmed as a correct record.

3. Declarations of interest

No interests were declared.

4. Blaby and Hinckley & Bosworth Community Safety Partnership annual update

Members were updated on performance, achievements and challenges of the Blaby and Hinckley & Bosworth Community Safety Partnership. Discussion ensued on the following:

- The priority given to reports of antisocial behaviour by the police
- The serious violence duty which involved working together on a preventative approach to serious violence including via early intervention
- High numbers of domestic abuse compared to pre-covid years which may have been due to the ongoing focus on encouraging reporting of domestic abuse

- Support for children impacted by domestic abuse which was successful due to partnership working and strong relationships with schools
- Road safety concerns and discussions between the police and other agencies in relation to actions to address bridge strikes on the A5
- Increased policing and support for residents in relation to burglary
- Antisocial behaviour in rural areas and hesitancy about reporting
- The need to focus on post-covid statistics from now on
- The population increase which may also have an impact on the crime numbers and would be demonstrated by looking at crime numbers as a percentage of the population.

RESOLVED –

- (i) The report be noted;
- (ii) The work that has taken place to enable the Community Safety Partnership and the local authorities to successfully ensure compliance with the serious violence duty be noted.

(The Meeting closed at 7.53 pm)

CHAIR