



Forest of Dean Community Safety Partnership

Terms of Reference

Purpose

The Forest of Dean Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is a group responsible for community safety in Forest of Dean district. It will work to understand and coordinate a local response to the evidence-based needs and priorities of local communities and will also have regard to the priorities of the Gloucestershire Police & Crime Commissioner.

The purpose of the Forest of Dean CSP is:

- To take an overview of community safety, crime and anti-social behaviour issues in the Forest of Dean
- To agree direction and priorities (but not specific tasks) for the operational partnerships and task and finish groups delivering community safety-related activity and to monitor and review the outcomes of their work
- To work at removing barriers to partnership working and delivery and to share expertise and knowledge so that safer stronger communities result overall.

Membership

The core members of the Forest of Dean CSP are:

- Forest of Dean District Council (Officers and Portfolio Members)
- A representative from the Police and Crime Panel
- Gloucestershire Police
- Gloucestershire Fire & Rescue Service
- National Probation Service
- BGSW CRC Ltd (Bristol, Gloucestershire, Somerset and Wiltshire Community Rehabilitation Company Limited)
- Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group
- 2Rivers Housing (also representing other housing associations operating in the Forest)
- Trading Standards (GCC)
- A Representative from each of the four Market Town Councils (*Cinderford, Coleford, Newent and Lydney*) and adhoc Parish Council Representation (*as deemed appropriate*)
- Neighbourhood and Rural Watch
- Turning Point (invited)
- GDASS

- Forestry Commission
- Victim Support

Other partners may be invited to meetings to discuss specific issues, where they arise.

Community and Wider Engagement

The Forest of Dean CSP will take into account the views of residents and communities primarily through the Partners' own engagement and understanding of the communities they serve, through the core work that they do and to ensure that the community's needs and aspirations influence CSP activity towards delivering safer communities across the district.

Accountability

Following the dissolution of the GSSJC and the end of Home Office funding for district CSPs, there is no formal line of accountability for community safety activity. However, the CSP will report informally to Leadership Gloucestershire and the Chief Executive's Group as and when required through the Forest of Dean District Council membership at the CSP.

Where activity is externally funded, e.g. by the Police & Crime Commissioner, the CSP will be accountable to the funder and will report performance and outcomes as required.

Meeting Arrangements

The Forest of Dean CSP will meet six times a year (every two months). Meetings will be arranged by the Community Safety Partnership co-ordinator who is employed by the Forest of Dean District Council but partly funded through a grant from the Police and Crime Commissioner. The meetings will be chaired by the Police and the Forest of Dean District Council will provide secretariat support to the Partnership. The agenda will be set and distributed at least 3 days prior to the meeting date with any notes from the meeting being distributed within 2 weeks post meeting.

The Terms of Reference will be reviewed on an annual basis.

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