

## Essex Business Crime Strategic Board

### MINUTES 10.00 – 11.30 – Friday 3rd July 2020 Zoom Meeting

#### **Attendees:**

B-J Harrington – Chief Constable, Essex Police  
Jane Gardner – Dep. Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner for Essex  
CI Terry Balding – Essex Police  
Darren Horsman – Asst Director, Comms & Public Engagement, Essex PFCC  
Denise Rossiter – CEO, Essex Chambers of Commerce  
David Burch – Director of Policy, Essex Chambers of Commerce  
Lucy Childs – Events Coordinator, Essex Chambers of Commerce  
Sonia Peirson – Estates Manager, DP World London Gateway  
Perry Woolner – I&C Team Manager, Wave  
Samantha Johnson – Head of Security Compliance, London Stansted Airport  
Simona Daniel – FSB  
Lee Hammond – Head of Security, East of England Co-op  
John Moran – Minerva Fire & Security  
Derrick Hidden - CloudFM

#### In attendance:

David Gibb – Prevent and Protect Manager  
Dr Christian Kemp - Lecturer in Criminology, Anglia Ruskin University  
Terry Jacobs, Essex Police  
Michael Lee, Essex Police  
Alex Plakhtienko, Essex Police  
Katie Roberts, Essex Police  
Robin Punt, Essex Police

#### **1. Apologies for Absence:**

Dean Border – Chair, Essex Chambers of Commerce  
Emma Thomas - Comms & Engagement Manager, PFCC  
Mike Roast – Area Manager, Co-op Group  
Iain Palmer – Head of Revenue Protection & Security -Trenitalia c2c  
Roger Hirst - Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner for Essex  
Philip Miller – Stockvale Ltd

#### **2. Minutes of Last Meeting:** Minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020 were circulated in advance, reviewed and approved. These will also be available to view on the Essex Chambers' website.

**Matters arising** – none

3. **Presentation of Business Crime Forum Report** – Terry Balding discussed the forum report that was sent out to attendees before the meeting. The report is an overview of business crime in Essex and the early implications of the impact of COVID-19 on crime.
4. **Presentation from Business Crime Unit** – Terry Jacobs. Introduced the Business Crime Unit Team and discussed what the unit has achieved so far, what they have been doing throughout the COVID-19 crisis and their plan of action going forward. The unit helped in closing of business at the start of the lockdown process and now are assisting in the safe re-opening of establishments. They are committed to supporting business and building relationships with businesses in Essex.
5. **Update from Essex Business Crime Strategic Board Members** – Members discussed the impact that COVID19 has had on their respective business and industries, including the incidents and level of crime. Members commented on the fall in physical crime but are aware of and have concerns regarding the heightened risk from cyber-attacks and fraud.
6. **Presentation on Cyber Protect** – Dr. Christian Kemp, a Senior Lecturer and Course Leader for Criminology and Policing at Anglia Ruskin University, spoke to the board regarding the Cyber Protect research project. The aim of the project is to review current measures in place to protect businesses from cyber-crime attacks. They want to develop a better understanding of the problems and obstacles companies face. The results of the research project will be fed directly back to the Home Office. Through 1 hour interviews the project hopes to understand the unique challenges faced by businesses and wants to foster open discussions and a partnership going forward. This project is reciprocal and there are benefits for businesses willing to take part. Not only will their answers be fed back to the Home Office directly, they will also be offered free cyber-crime health check ups as well as discounts on cyber essentials.
7. **Review Terms of Reference** – DB motioned a revision of the Terms of Reference in relation to the chair of the board. The revision is that there will be a deputy chair appointed and that, unless the board gives consent for the extension of office, the elected chair and deputy will serve no more that two years.

Members of the board are to vote on the revision via email response to DR.

#### 8. **Date and location of next meeting: TBC**

Signed 

Date 8th October 2020