

Essex Business Crime Strategic Board

MINUTES

**10.00 – 11.30 – Thursday 8th October 2020
Teams Meeting**

Attendees:

Roger Hirst - Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner for Essex
Jane Gardner – Dep. Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner for Essex
Cl Terry Balding – Essex Police
Darren Horsman – Asst Director, Comms & Public Engagement, Essex PFCC
Denise Rossiter – CEO, 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 – CEO, The Green Block

In attendance:

Rachel Nolan – Assistant Chief Constable
Moira Bruin – Director of Operations, Essex County Fire & Rescue Service
James Palmer – Head of Prevention & Protection, Essex County Fire & Rescue Service

1. Apologies for Absence:

B-J Harrington – Chief Constable, Essex Police
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
David Burch – Director of Policy, Essex Chambers of Commerce
Philip Miller – Stockvale Ltd

- 2. Minutes of Last Meeting:** Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd July 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 Business Crime Key Findings for August that was sent out to attendees before the meeting. The report is an overview of the levels of business crime in Essex

and the correlation between the introduction/easing of lockdown restrictions and crime rates.

Presentation from Business Crime Unit – Terry Balding gave an update on the Business Crime Team and the work they have been doing throughout lockdown to help prevent business crime in the county including steps taken to prevent theft from businesses and the work done to help implement social distancing restrictions within the business community. TB also discussed the success of the various communication methods utilised by the team and the development and importance of furthering these lines of communication.

Members of the Board also discussed increase in crime patterns that they and their customers are experiencing, like break ins through asbestos roofing, the price increases of copper cable due to theft and the issue of face masks concealing an individual's identity on CCTV.

- 4. Update from Moira Bruin, Director of Operations at Essex County Fire & Rescue Service and presentation from James Palmer – Fire Protection Plan for Essex –** Moira Bruin & James Palmer of the Essex County Fire & Rescue Service updated the Board on the latest findings of the ongoing Grenfell Tower Inquiry Report and the recommendations they are putting in place. The Grenfell Tower fire affected the most vulnerable living in high rise residential buildings with many in the county still living in the same type of properties scared, unable to sell or obtain insurance. The Essex County Fire & Rescue Service have implemented targeted risk assessments used by people responsible for the property to instate 'Stay Put' or evacuation procedures. They are also introducing a new risk base inspection service and grading system for 34,000 regulated premises. The inspection programme uses specifications to ensure the right resources go to the right properties and has created a timeline of inspection for very high risk down to low risk properties. The findings of the investigation will also have an impact on businesses with the onus for reporting on lift management and fire doors down to responsible individuals in the company. The service has developed a new online platform to submit these reports to. The service is developing targeted messaging and wants to work closely with the business community going forward through education and communication they are also creating a business engagement post in order to work closely with business in the future. Their aim is to work with other services like Essex Police to produce a joint solid block of communication.
- 5. Update from Essex Chambers on implementation of a Cyber Crime Board next steps –** Denise Rossiter updated the Board on the progress of the Cyber Crime Board. After discussions with Terry Balding and Darren Horsman it has been agreed the new board will be launched in January 2021. The focus has been on ensuring the right people were members of the board. DR has confirmed the Digital Engagement Manager at Barclays bank, Alcus Erasmus the Head of Cyber Security Engineering at MAG Airports, Dr Christian Kemp Senior Lecturer and Course Leader for Criminology and Policing at Anglia Ruskin University, Terry Balding Chief Inspector at Essex Police and David Gibb Prevent & Protection Manager at Essex Police are to be members of the board and will discuss with Simona Daniel of the FSB if she would also like to be a

member. The Cyber Crime Board shows another strand to the dynamic Crime Strategic Board.

6. **Discussion around Employer Supported Policing and expansion of Specials Role into Business Crime Team** – Essex are trail blazers of Employer Supported Policing and are nationally recognised for our achievements with more businesses signed up than anywhere else in the country. We also have one of the highest Police Specials Constabularies in the country, second only to the Metropolitan Police which goes from strength to strength. It was agreed for Super Intendent Michelle Davies to be invited to a Business Crime Strategic Board meeting to give a formal presentation regarding her work with the Employer Supported Policing.
7. **Date and location of next meeting: Thursday 28th January 2021 via Teams.**

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