

ONE CHELMSFORD PARTNERSHIP BOARD

1. Purpose of the Board

Local strategic partnerships (LSPs) were established to bring together representatives from the local statutory, voluntary, community and private sectors to address local problems, allocate funding, and discuss strategies and initiatives. The aim was to encourage joint working and community involvement, with the general objective of ensuring resources are better allocated at a local level.

The present Board has evolved since the creation of the original LSP for Chelmsford in 2002 in the face of changing legislation, structures and priorities. It now acts as a strategic Board that brings together the core partner agencies from the Safer Chelmsford Partnership. The Board delivers its objectives through two priority plans:

- **The Safer Chelmsford Partnership Plan**

The Safer Chelmsford Partnership Plan is defined by crime trends, statistics and feedback from residents. The plan is refreshed annually to ensure the partnership is providing services that reflect the priorities of the city. These priorities determine the work of the Community Safety Team.

- **The Community Plan**

The Community Plan provides a framework for One Chelmsford by focusing on areas that require input from a range of partners. The plan looks at joining up services, filling any gaps created by organisations working in isolation and to achieve outcomes and better value for money.

The role and responsibilities of the Board are:

- Consider the wider vision and strategic priorities for Chelmsford, working together to focus on high level strategic issues affecting the City.
- Oversee delivery of the Community Plan and Community Safety Plan.
- Focus on high level strategic issues which affect the City.
- Receive and monitor management information and take any strategic steps to ensure that the One Chelmsford Partnership's priorities and objectives are met.
- Ratify and review the partnership's governance framework, with support and guidance from the Treasurer and City Council officers.
- Discuss and resolve issues as they arise.
- Liaise with and ensure that the priorities of Chelmsford are adequately reflected by wider county and/or regional partnerships.
- Receive quarterly financial and 'by exception' performance reports from the Treasurer and Partnerships & Improvement Manager accordingly and to intervene if necessary and where appropriate to resolve the exceptional issues identified.

2. Governance Arrangements

Composition:

The current Board comprises representatives of:

- Chelmsford City Council
- Essex County Council
- Public Health
- Essex Police
- Essex Fire and Rescue Service
- Council for Voluntary Service
- Anglia Ruskin University
- Chelmsford Business Forum
- Integrated Care System
- Essex Probation Service

The Board is currently chaired by the City Council's Chief Executive, Nick Eveleigh.

It meets three times a year, with secretarial support provided by the City Council's Democratic Services.

Financial:

Any funding received by the Partnership is transferred to and administered by the Chelmsford Council for Voluntary Service, whose Chief Officer acts as the Board's Treasurer and reports annually to the Board on all its income and expenditure. Financial monitoring reports are also submitted to the Board. Auditing of the Partnership's accounts and financial arrangements is undertaken as part of the audit of the CVS accounts by an independent auditor.

Scrutiny/oversight:

A review of the One Chelmsford Partnership is considered as part of the annual review of the Council's significant partnerships. This is reported in September each year to the City Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Committee also receives an annual presentation about the community safety aspects of the Partnership at its meeting in February, in line with the statutory requirements.

The Partnership is covered by the Essex Trust Charter in relation to its statutory responsibilities for community safety.

Risk Management:

Risks for the Partnership are assessed on an annual basis and reported to the Board each September.