

Cambridge Community Safety Partnership

- 24 February 2026
- 10:00-12:30
- Hybrid at Parkside Place Community Fire Station, Cambridge CB1 1JF

Minutes

Board

Samantha Shimmon (Chair)	Cambridge City Council (Communities)
Hannah Archdeacon (Vice Chair)	Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service
Agata Ciesielska	Probation Service – Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Probation Delivery Unit
Becca Cooke	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Integrated Care Board (ICB)
Inspector Shawn Emms	Cambridgeshire Constabulary
Mark Freeman	Support Cambridgeshire
Ian McLaughlin	Cambridgeshire County Council
Councillor Mike Todd-Jones	Cambridge City Council (Cabinet Member for Safety, Wellbeing and Tackling Homelessness)

Members

Scott Davidson	Cambridgeshire County Council Public Health Team Commissioning (Drugs and Alcohol))
Peter Fleming	Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Hannah Hancock	Cambridge Business Against Crime (CAMBAC)
Keryn Jalli	Cambridge City Council (Communities)
Michelle Reynolds	University of Cambridge
Louise Walker (Minutes)	Cambridge City Council (Communities)
Michael Yates	Cambridgeshire County Council (Policy and Insight Team)

Guests

Samir Durrani	Department of Work and Pensions (DWP)
Shona McKenzie	Office of Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC)
Rachel Speechley	Cambridgeshire County Council Missing and Exploitation Team

1. Welcome, housekeeping, introductions, and apologies

- 1.1 Samantha Shimmon, Chair of Cambridge Community Safety Partnership (CCSP) welcomed everyone to the meeting hosted at the Fire Station.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from Board members: Chief Inspector Mike Jackman represented by Shawn Emms (Cambridgeshire Constabulary), Diane Lane (Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Integrated Care System

(ICS)), Cambridgeshire County Councillor David Levien, and Claire Saggiorato represented by Becca Cooke (Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Integrated Care Board (ICB). There were apologies from members: Richard Humphries (British Transport Police), Phil Gilbert (Anglia Ruskin University), and Susie Talbot represented by Scott Davidson (County Council Public Health Team Commissioning (Drugs and Alcohol)) as well as Mark Kirby (Olive Academies). It was noted that a new Board representative for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust is awaited.

1. Pre-advised questions from the general public

- 1.1 There were no pre-advised questions received from the public.

2. Minutes of 21 October 2025 meeting: Agreement

- 2.1 The Minutes of 21 October 2025 were agreed and would be published.
- 2.2 Following the E-Scooter and E-Bike Battery Safety presentation at the October 2025 Cambridge CSP meeting, Hannah Archdeacon reported that Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service had secured £4,000 funding via a successful application to the Electrical Safety Fund. This will fund two public electrical safety awareness events planned in Cambridge and Peterborough. She said that recent incidents highlighted the urgent need for safe charging guidance, even where devices are not in use. The Chair thanked Hannah for the welcome funding update.

4. Action points: Review

- 4.1 The action points from the previous meeting in July were closed apart from one regarding the E-scooter charger / battery Co-ordinating Group, which would be carried forward to the next meeting. Action point 02/01

5. Update on CCSP Strategic Priorities 2025-2027:

- 5.1 Keryn Jalli provided an update on the progress for the CCSP Strategic Priorities for 2025-2027:

- **For Priority 1: Preventing Violence and Exploitation** – This included Op Alleviate (safeguarding referral pathway for businesses), which has been successfully implemented; referrals are increasing and involving a wider range of premises. Also, that Op Alleviate received a Cambridgeshire Police Problem-Solving Award. Serious Violence Duty funding from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) is supporting targeted youth work delivered by the charity Romsey Mill, and Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) prevention programmes in schools delivered by Cambridge Rape Crisis Centre and Cambridge United Foundation. The Civic

Quarter and Market Square remain key focus areas. It was noted that challenges remain around sustainable funding for St John Ambulance provision in the night-time economy.

- **For Priority 2: A Neighbourhood Approach** – this included that the City Council-led neighbourhood model was formally approved. Hotspot based ASB work and redeployable CCTV is ongoing. Temporary capacity gaps reduced delivery earlier in the year but are now resolved.
- **For Priority 3: Tackling Acquisitive Crime** – this included that bike-marking events continue. Cycle theft in Cambridge has fallen by 70% since 2019, thanks to partnership working to tackle cycle crime in the city with the multi-agency Cambridge Cycle Crime Reduction Group. Retail crime is reduced and shoplifting incidents down with improved outcome rates. A Cambridge City pilot project focused on retail crime reduction is being developed.

6. Key points from the December Development Session

- 6.1 The Chair of the CCSP provided the key points from the CCSP Development Session held on 9 December. This included that there had been presentations of the Serious Organised Crime local profile review, and Children and Violence deep-dive findings. There had been agreement that the current CCSP priorities remain relevant to continue for 2026/27, and there was an action identified to review neighbourhood working arrangements at a future CCSP meeting. Action point 02/02

7. End of Year Review Strategic Assessment

- 7.1 Mike Yates provided a presentation and the data analysis, which supported continuation of all three CSP priorities in 2026/27. Key insights were that violence against the person remains high-volume with potential for severe harm, geographic inequality within wards highlighted by indices of multiple deprivation data, and income deprivation affecting children identified as a significant concern. It was noted that the indices of multiple deprivation would be shared with each district as well as further reports on factors driving childhood deprivation.

8. Re-offending Deep Dive Report

- 8.1 Mike Yates presented the findings of the deep dive, which included that adult re-offending most prevalent among males under 40, youth re-offending most common among 14–15 year-olds, violence identified as the most common offence type across cohorts, and strong links between offending, substance misuse, school disruption, and complex family needs.

- 8.2 Keryn Jalli informed the CCSP that there is a proposed multi-local authority project in progress with The Skill Mill employment programme. This programme is demonstrating strong potential to reduce youth re-offending and is an outcome-based model.

9. Post- Sentence Supervision (PSS) National Changes

- 9.1 Agata Ciesielska from the Probation Service provided a presentation about the upcoming changes in Post-Sentence Supervision from 30 April 2026. The changes include the removal of post-sentence supervisions for custodial sentences, anticipated increase in demand for non-statutory community support, and emphasis on early information sharing with housing and support partners.
- 9.2 The Chair thanked Agata for the update and asked that as much notice is provided as possible regarding housing referrals. She said that Agata was welcome to provide a future update on this to the CCSP.

10. Children and Violence Deep Dive Report

- 10.1 Mike Yates provided a presentation on the Children and Violence Deep Dive. Analysis identified that the highest risk age groups were 14-17 (suspects and victims). Key wards were Abbey, Market, King's Hedges, East Chesterton and Youth Justice data showing a positive long-term reduction in violence offences. Asset Plus data indicates high levels of mental health need, special educational needs (SEN) and substance misuse.

11. Update on Health-Led Street Art Project

- 11.1 Becca Cooke provided a presentation to showcase a partner trauma-informed engagement project with young people led by the NHS. It explored mental health, trauma and coping strategies through art working with a Street Artist and Anglia Ruskin University (ARU)'s Trusted Adult Scheme. A public exhibition would be launching at Cambridge Central Library in April 2026 and planned to be a portable exhibition planned across multiple venues over 12 months. As Project Lead, Becca thanked Paul Nelson from ARU, Street artist William 'Kilo' Pengelly as well as Lou Willerton and Louise Walker from Cambridge City Council for their support with the project.

12. Community Safety Plan – Year 2 2026/27

- 12.1 The CSP agreed to continue all three strategic priorities for 2026/27. Key Year Two commitments include:
- Continuing Op Alleviate and youth safeguarding work.
 - Developing a locally-owned County Lines education product.
 - Sustaining Serious Violence Duty funded interventions.
 - Expanding neighbourhood-based partnerships and guardianship approaches.

- Delivering retail crime prevention pilot.
- Maintaining Purple Flag accreditation.

13. Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews (DARDRs) Update

- 13.1 Keryn Jalli provided an update on DARDRs. Three reviews were nearing completion at different stages of Home Office Quality Assurance. The CCSP will oversee and monitor delivery of local actions once published.

14. Update from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

- 14.1 Shona McKenzie confirmed the continuation of Serious Violence Duty funding. She provided a reminder of road safety and Vision Zero resources. It was noted that Shona does not attend the High Harms Board meetings, so Keryn Jalli as the CSP representative on the High Harms Board can provide an update to the CCSP in future.

15. Adult and Young People Drug Treatment Service Provision – Contract Awards Update

- 15.1 Scott Davidson from Public Health provided an update on Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services. This has been recommissioned with the continuity of the provider CGL – Change Live Grow. The Adult Service starts at the age of 18, and the Young Peoples Service has expanded youth support to the age of 21 to provide continuity.

- 15.2 The Chair thanked Scott for his presentation and update about the services.

16. Written reports noted

- 16.1 The County Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Report for Q2 and Q3 2025/26 were noted.

17. Any Other Business

- 17.1 The Updated Information Sharing Agreement would be re-circulated for partner sign-off. The agreement established for a single, shared CSP information-sharing protocol across districts. Action point 02/03

- 17.2 As there was no other business, the Chair thanked the Board and Members for their thoughtful contributions and the meeting was closed at 12:30.