



Safer Exeter Management Meeting

Monday 2 March 2026

Attendees

Exeter City Council
D&C Police
D&C Police

Apols

InExeter
D&C Police
CoLab
University of Exeter
Exeter City Council

Safer Exeter Priorities

Group discussed proposed priorities for 2025/26.

- Hate Crime
 - No change
- Sexual Violence
 - Change title to Violence Against Women & Girls, so it ties in with national priorities and potential funding opportunities.
- ASB
 - Keep ASBAT and City Centre ASB separate. ASBAT focuses solely on ASB within communities, with registered providers attending and supporting activity.
 - Due to shop theft incidents increasing, City Centre to have a focus on this subject.

Those unable to attend meeting, to provide comment by Fri 6 March.

Safer Exeter Action Plan

Not discussed, some updates added.

AOB

Next meeting to implement new action plan.

DONM

Monday 6 April, 2pm Teams



Safer Exeter Community Safety Partnership Action Plan 2025 – 2026

Our Priorities:

1. Hate Crime and Extremism
2. Anti-social behaviour in public spaces including the City Centre
3. Sexual Violence and Domestic Violence and Abuse
4. Reducing Serious Violence and Organised Crime including County Lines
5. Evening and Night time Economy

Subgroups supporting this work (all report to CSP Management Group):

- Youth Vulnerability Group chaired by Police (combined with ASBAT)
- ASBAT chaired by Exeter City Council and Police
- ASB Working Group chaired by Exeter College

- Gender Safety Subgroup chaired by University of Exeter (group closed as funding related to Safer Streets)
- Evening and Night Time Economy Sub Group chaired by InExeter

Activity	December 2025	January 2026	February 2026
Maintain the Evening and Nighttime Economy Sub-group and develop an action plan includes: • Ensure sustainability of aspects of Safer Streets Programme in particular SWAN Charter and Bystander Intervention Programme • Work towards the long-term sustainability of the Exeter Safe Space • Review Best Bar None and its long-term suitability • Aim for Purple Flag	Focus has been on preparing for purple flag assessment. Night of the assessment was a busy Friday night, with a good buzz about the city. Assessors were pleased with the planning for the night. Result of the assessment due 28 Jan – thank you to Nicola and the InExeter team in pulling together the programme. As part of Purple Flag there was a small refresh of the SWAN Charter, with a number of new businesses signing up. This will be fully reviewed once we have additional resources in place. Dry January events have been taking place throughout the month, thank you to Devon CAP for the funding and InExeter management.	Successful Purple Flag assessment, awaiting detailed report from assessors, action plan to be updated. Press statement issued. Best Bar None to be rolled out 2026, need trained assessors. January Sessions, low alcohol events. Won award through CAP targeting 18-25 yr olds. Since Christmas, some incidents within the city centre, the police are addressing, no pattern or lack of safety. Uni of Exeter as using Purple Flag as a way to re-message safety at night. Recent test Run for Ask Angela, with a 100% success from the business community.	Successful Purple Flag assessment, press statement issued. Cllr Wright in discussion with provider on re-opening Exeter Safe Space.
Maintain a partnership approach to tackling ASB in the City Centre: • Work towards the long-term sustainability of the Community Safety Team	Safety Charter has been finalised, sadly postpone cancelled due to illness – new date TBC. Through PCC funding D&C Police and InExeter have launched a new busking spot, outside HospiceCare on Fore Street. This has been a space that has	Hotspot policing funding ceases 31 March 2026, which covered additional police patrols and contribution to Community Safety Team. ASB lawyer is funded through a different funding stream and will continue until 2027,	InExeter / ECC / D&C Police / UofE / Stagecoach SW invited to present at the annual ATCM conference on partnership working to address city centre ASB. CST made permanent at January Council meeting, team extended to

• To provide community and business engagement, re-assurance, assistance and trust • To assist Police, the Council's CCTV Control Room, other regulatory authorities and the local community and business in deterring crime and anti-social behaviour within the City Centre • Enhance community safety in the City Centre by addressing anti-social behaviour and criminal activity through proactive interventions • To foster positive relationships between stakeholders in the city, liaising with statutory and voluntary partners to	suffered from ASB with the street attached community. Funding also pays for one CCTV Camera that covers this area. ASB Hyper Local meetings continue – anything specific to go through Nicola The PSPO continues to provide powers to the City Council and the Police in issuing dispersal notices.	role is shared with Torquay. Lawyer is keen to be involved in ASB cases. Current ASB trend is youth. Challenges around complex lives. Overall, ASB within the city centre is down. PCC funding application (Proceeds of Crime Act) was successful for a mentor programme, hosted at CoLab (outcome of streets to stability). This programme is bolted onto existing programmes. Hyper ASB meetings due to be held Apr & Sept. Fore Street busker site, trail until end of March. ASB has moved along the street, near the Corn Exchange. EX4 – herras fencing installed. Good example of addressing the issue. Protests: Good local engagement, no further protests planned. Protest held on Uni of Exe campus, group followed protocol.	cover rest of Exeter, as well as a supervisor and a CSP Manager. Supervisor role recruited into, as well as 3 of the CST roles. Remaining 3 roles will be recruited externally. Agenda for Council on Tuesday 13th January 2026, 6.00 pm - Exeter City Council
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develop strategies around individuals and areas identified as problematic • Review and re-launch EBAC to address shoplifting across the city, as well as organised crime effecting the viability of the business community • to support safeguarding initiatives within the areas covered by the scheme through providing assistance to vulnerable persons who are identified during routine patrols • Promote awareness and compliance with the Public Spaces Protection Order, and where necessary use the powers			
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contained within it To use the principles of the 4 'e' methodology, where engagement, education and encouragement are used to modify behaviour. However, whilst enforcement is always the method of last resort, the capability of being able to use enforcement often leads to successful resolutions			
Support the Devon Diversity and Hate Crime Group Action Plan by: - Supporting the development of and promoting Bitesize awareness training sessions to professionals. - Attending and supporting diversity and hate crime events	Comms and messages for 16 Days of Action sent out. Since October, there has been monthly protests within the city centre. Routes are planned in advance. These have been well policed, so thank you to Insp Johnson and his team.	Prevent Partnership met recently. Counter Terrorism Local Profile, priorities are being refreshed. Discussions ongoing in regards to protests within the city centre. Graffiti on places of worship, investigation continuing.	No update

throughout the year. • Promoting hate crime awareness and how to report hate crime through a pan Devon marketing campaign. • Promoting and engaging with local third party reporting centres (Citizens Advice) • Working with community groups including CSP Executive members, Inclusive Exeter and Intercom Trust to address specific concerns • Develop activities to support the adoption of the Exeter City Council Anti-Racism Statement (see Appendix A below)			
Build on multi-agency work focused on youth anti-social behaviour	Youth ASB has been drawn into ASBAT Group.	City Centre Youth ASB is being addressed through ASBAT.	No update

under the Adolescent Safeguarding Framework. Monitor potential locations where this work could be replicated to develop stakeholder involvement in 'guardianship' of young people using these locations to ensure their safety	Some ongoing challenges with youth asb across Exeter. This is being addressed		
Implement learning from Domestic Homicide Reviews	No update on DHR 29 and 32	DHR 32 coroner review, will be a Preventing Drug and Alcohol Related Death Review (PDARDR), not a DHR. DHR 29 is being reviewed by Home Office. Will need to come to Safer Exeter, for shared learning.	No update
Identify and apply for funds to meet our priorities and respond to emerging issues across the city	Making the Community safety team permanent has been approved by Council, which is an investment of £335,390 by the City Council in community safety. The Community Safety Team have also achieved MHCLG funding. A Rough Sleeping Prevention and Recovery Grant of £100,000. which has a remit in working with street attached community and Housing Outreach. Two additional roles have been recruited into to provide an additional shift that operates mid-afternoon until 10pm, 5 days a week for a minimum of 12 months.	ASBAT – 15 properties discussed and RAG rated. Serious Organised Crime emerging issues raised.	No update

Review evidence to address drug dealing and drug taking across Exeter	No update	Emerging issues raised.	
Other	No update	Martyns Law – will effect the whole city, having a consistent approach from Safer Exeter would be beneficial. Paper to be brought to Safer Exeter meeting on Martyns Law, clarity of what's in the law. Proposed that Superintendent Doyle stepping in vice chair of Safer Exeter, from March onwards.	No update