

23rd June 2026

Meeting Minutes

Present: Board members and Support officers:

In person:

(RG)	Cllr Robert Gisbourne (Chair)	Warwickshire County Council
(KW)	Katie Whitehouse	Warwickshire County Council – Community Safety
(NC)	Nick Coleman	Warwickshire County Council – Community Safety
(HN)	Hema Nolan	Warwickshire County Council – Community Safety
(NS)	Nicola Stocker (Minutes)	Warwickshire County Council – Business Support
(AF)	Abby Farrell	Warwickshire County Council – Community Safety
(JB)	Jemma Bull	Warwickshire County Council – Business Intelligence
(BSu)	Becky Sumner	Warwickshire County Council – Children & Families
(PT-K)	Priya Tek-Kalsi	Warwickshire County Council – Public Health
(BS)	DCC Ben Smith	Warwickshire Police
(PM)	Paul Morley	Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service
(NG)	Cllr Natalie Gist	Stratford District Council
(SS)	Sam Slemensek	Stratford District Council
(JS)	Cllr Jim Sinnott	Warwick District Council

Online:

(LL)	Leon Livermore	Warwickshire County Council – Community Safety
(CC)	Caroline Cooke	Warwickshire County Council – Children's Safeguarding
(SA)	San Aslam	Warwickshire County Council – Business Intelligence
(FC)	Fay Cannon	Warwickshire County Council – Road Safety
(JH)	Junaid Hussain	EQuIP - Equality and Inclusion Partnership
(ED)	Emma Daniell	Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
(CCa)	Colin Cartwright	Warwickshire Neighbourhood Watch
(BR)	Becca Richardson	Victim Support
(JC)	Jackie Channell	Coventry & Warwickshire ICB
(MC)	Michelle Clarke	Warwick District Council
(PP)	Paul Pritchett	Rugby Borough Council
(CH)	Chris Hedworth	North Warwickshire Borough Council

Apologies:

(JC)	Jane Coates	Warwickshire County Council – Public Health
(SM)	Stacey Mann	Warwickshire County Council – Public Health
(VW)	Vicky Woodfield	Warwickshire County Council – Safeguarding Communities
(ZW-D)	Zoe Waters-Day	Warwickshire County Council – Business Intelligence
(LY)	Liz Young	Warwick District Council
(NH)	Natalie Hamilton	Warwickshire Probation Service
(PS)	Philip Seccombe	Police and Crime Commissioner
(EU)	Elisabeth Uggerloese	Warwickshire Association of Local Councils

Section 1 – Meeting administration

1. Welcome, introductions and apologies

Cllr Robert Gisbourne welcomed all to the meeting, apologies were noted and introductions were made.

2. Minutes, actions and matters arising from the meeting held on 18th March 2026

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed for accuracy and approved. Completed actions are noted at the end of the minutes. New actions are noted below.

New Actions - 23 rd June 2026		
Theme	Responsible officer(s)	Action
Freedom from violence and abuse: Presentation	Nicola Stocker	Copy of the presentation to be circulated with the minutes.
Freedom from violence and abuse: Resources (posters/flyers)	Priya Tek-Kalsi	To share appropriate posters and flyers with high schools and colleges.
Prevent Annual Assurance Report Synergy Training Sessions in July and October 2026	Nicola Stocker	Details of these training sessions to be circulated with the minutes.
Countywide funded posts and co-commissioned services Public sector reform and implications for the SWPB	Katie Whitehouse	To present as an agenda item to the SWPB meeting in September for a more detailed discussion.

Section 2 – Items for Discussion

3. Freedom from violence and abuse: Warwickshire response to the national cross-government strategy – Priya Tek-Kalsi

- PT-K shared her presentation on screen with the Board and talked through the priorities within the national strategy and the local offer.
- A copy of the presentation will be shared with the minutes.

Questions/comments

- A discussion took place around the activity underway and planned to tackle Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) in Warwickshire. Work around prevention and perpetrators will be incorporated into the new Victims Strategy. Further discussions about this replacing a standalone VAWG Strategy may be required once guidance on the Victims Strategy is available.
- A further discussion was held around engagement with schools and colleges. Provision of community safety information to schools is being mapped and information will be shared with the SWPB once available. PT-K stated that posters and flyers which are appropriate for high school and college students are available and she will arrange for these to be shared more widely.

4. Prevent Annual Assurance Report - Hema Nolan

- The report was circulated to the Board with the meeting papers.
- HN reminded the Board of the three specific strategic objectives set out in the Prevent Duty:

- Tackle the ideological causes of terrorism,
- Intervene early to support people susceptible to radicalisation, and
- Enable people who have already engaged in terrorism to disengage and rehabilitate.
- Warwickshire has conducted its Prevent self-assessment and work will continue throughout the year.
- The external assessment has been received from the Home Office with an outcome of excellent in all seven categories for the third year in succession.
- Three actions were recommended for continued improvement:
 1. Consider how to improve the quality of Prevent referrals.
 2. Improve the existing partnership plan further.
 3. Consider how the delivery of a targeted communications plan might improve reach and community engagement opportunities.
- HN reminded the Board of two Synergy training events in July and November. The first session covers Extreme Right-Wing terrorism and the second session relates to Islamic State.
- Details of these training sessions will be circulated with the minutes.

Questions/Comments

- A discussion took place around how individuals in the space previously covered through the Below Threshold Pilot are now being managed. Referrals will still be submitted to Prevent in the normal way. Those not adopted to Channel Panel will be referred to other sources of support. A Home Office consultation on this topic is currently ongoing.
- In response to a query regarding online hate, the pre-criminal scope of Prevent and the Channel Panel process was clarified.
- The recommendations in the report were supported by the Board.

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Section 3 – Additional papers for approval: **Comments / Questions by exception only**

5. Community Safety Agreement annual review – Katie Whitehouse

- KW shared the report on screen for endorsement by the Board.
- The Board endorsed the annual review and agreed that no changes are needed to the countywide priorities or Community Safety Agreement for 2026/27.

6. Community Safety Information Sharing Protocol annual review - Katie Whitehouse

- KW requested the support of the Board for the annual review of the Information Sharing Protocol.
- If any other agencies wish to sign up to the protocol, there is a form to complete and return to the WCC Community Safety team.
- The recommendations in the report were supported by the Board and the updated version of the Information Sharing Protocol was approved.

Section 4 – Additional papers for information:
Comments / Questions by exception only

7. Community Safety Assurance Group highlight report - Katie Whitehouse

- KW presented the report on behalf of Natalie Hamilton, the new Head of Warwickshire Probation and chair of the Assurance Group
- All of the SWPB subgroups report into the CSAG quarterly and the report covered priority activity and key challenges for each group.
- The Board confirmed their support for the work of the subgroups.

8. Community Cohesion Subgroup update - Leon Livermore/ Junaid Hussain

- LL introduced the report and highlighted the strong level of engagement in the subgroup. Government departments are involved in the group and highlighting some areas of work in Warwickshire as good practice.
- A new, linked Protect and Prepare plan will be in place shortly.
- JH updated that the consensus at a recent community cohesion summit was that this work needs to be a priority moving forwards.
- ED confirmed that this work is fully supported by the OPCC.
- The Board agreed to continue to support the approach taken by the cohesion group.

9. Police and Crime Commissioner services and funding update - Emma Daniell

- ED introduced the report and provided a summary.
- The results of the Victims Needs Assessment are being reviewed.
- Work is underway to ensure that services are recommissioned in an evidenced-based way prior to the abolition of the OPCC.
- All available options for bringing additional funding into Warwickshire continue to be explored.

10. Countywide funded posts and co-commissioned services - Katie Whitehouse

- KW introduced the report and requested the support of the Board for a more detailed discussion in September when the outcome of Local Government Reorganisation and further information about Policing Reform might be known.
- This was supported by the Board, with a request from NG to ensure District and Borough Councils are engaged in discussions at an early stage noted.

11. Any Other Business

None raised.

Cllr Gisbourne thanked all for attending and concluded the meeting.

12. Date of next meeting

11th September 2026, 10:00 – Committee Room 2, Shire Hall, Warwick

To include focus on public sector reform and the implications for community safety working.

COMPLETED ACTIONS

Actions - 18 th March 2026		
Theme	Responsible officer(s)	Action
Community cohesion	Katie Whitehouse	To share action plan with the Board once finalised. UPDATE: 23/06/26 – Completed and covered as an agenda item in the meeting. DISCHARGED
Public sector reforms – sharing information and developing a Warwickshire response	Leon Livermore / Katie Whitehouse	To circulate invitation for a partner forum to discuss latest developments. UPDATE: 23/06/26 - Completed. DISCHARGED