

# Canvey Island Town Council

## Crime and Disorder Policy

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Canvey Island Town Council has a duty to consider the impact of its functions and decisions on crime and disorder in its area under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

The Council is committed to protecting its town from Crime and Disorder and work with community partners, including Castle Point Borough Council, Essex Police, local schools, resident's, and youth groups, to achieve this aim.

The Town Council had committed to funding the recruitment of five Community Special Constables to patrol the streets of Canvey Island and assist with anti-social behaviour. It launched the scheme in June 2019 with 1 Special Constable but due to the lack of interest discontinued the project in 2021.

The Council are committed to administering the volunteer led Community Speed Watch Group to help tackle speeding in problem areas across Canvey Island.

The Council is committed to working with Essex Police and holds regular Beat Surgeries in its town centre office, invites representatives to its Community Days or events and supports the Police with pop up stalls at its office location to provide information and support to residents when required.

The Council will continue to work with community groups and the Police to support the learning in schools about the impact of crime, anti-social behaviour, fire, first aid, cyber bullying, stranger danger, how to make 999 calls, drugs issues etc.

The Town Council provides a Community Warden who regularly patrols Canvey Island and reports incidents of anti-social behaviour, crime, drug taking etc to the local police and is also a trained Hate Crime Ambassador

All council staff have been trained under the J9 Domestic Abuse Initiative and the council office is a J9 hub.

Canvey Island Town Council recognise the importance of reducing and detecting crime, reporting crime, working to reduce antisocial behaviour and the fear of crime, working to strengthen community involvement and offer reassurance.

The Town Council will represent the views and concerns of its community and local crime reduction strategies should reflect those views.