

WEST LANCASHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

HELD: 6th July 2011

Commenced: 6.00 pm

Finished: 8 pm

PRESENT:

Andrew Hill	-	WLBC
David Tilleray	-	Chairman WLBC
Stuart Williams	-	Lancashire Constabulary
Geoff Hurst	-	Lancashire Constabulary
Steve Mahon	-	WLBC
Bruce Jassi	-	Lancashire Police Authority
Mel Ormesher	-	LCC
Mary Lyons	-	NHS Central Lancs.
Rachel Walker	-	LF&RS
Faye Kellet	-	Safer Travel
Dorothy Shields	-	Probation
John Fleet	-	Community Member
Roger Merry	-	Ormskirk Bench
Cllr Ashcroft	-	WLBC
Cllr Hopley	-	WLBC
Jill Bradley	-	West Lancashire CVS
David Johnnie	-	Trading Standards
Cllr Atherley	-	WLBC

IN ATTENDANCE:

Cliff Owens	-	WLBC
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Special Agenda Item – Open to all West Lancashire Councillors

1. PROPOSED CLOSURE OF POLICE STATIONS INFORMATION EXCHANGE

The Partnership received a presentation from Chief Superintendent Stuart Williams on the consultative process for the proposed closures of Police Stations in Southern Division. The Estates and Front Counter Review consultation exercise commenced on the 1st July 2011 and will run for 12 weeks.

Stuart provided the Partnership with an overview of the background to the proposed closures and the savings that must be made by Lancashire Constabulary. It was agreed that an electric copy of the presentation entitled 'Implications of Force-Wide Organisational Reviews for West Lancashire' would be sent out to CSP members.

It was noted that the CSP Chairman, David Tilleray had delegated authority to respond on behalf of Council members. The Chairman agreed to collate responses from members of West Lancashire Borough Council to the consultation exercise in consultation with the Leader, Councillor Ian Grant.

It was also agreed that Cliff Owens would act as the single point of contact and collate responses on behalf of individual CSP colleagues who wish to provide a responses to the consultation exercise via West Lancashire CSP

The Chairman thanked Stuart for an excellent and informative presentation.

CSP Business Meeting

2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chairman welcomed colleagues to the meeting and requested that his thanks to Councillor Greenall for his role as portfolio of Community Safety be noted. The Chairman also welcomed Councillor Hopley, the new portfolio holder for community safety to the CSP meeting and West Lancashire's new Borough Commander Geoff Hurst, whom the Chairman stated has made an excellent start to his new role.

3. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from:

William Cropper, Greg Mitten, Christine Coleman, Louisa Armitage-Parkinson, Mike Lock, Shirley Johnson, Teresa Fox, Andy Moss, Eleanor Maddocks, Jan Tyrer, Sam Jones

4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING/MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record.

5. SAFER LANCASHIRE BOARD AND LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

The Chairman introduced this new standing agenda item and advised the Partnership that it was appropriate that feedback was provided from strategic groups that the CSP is linked to including the Safer Lancashire Board (SLB) and the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP). The Chairman advised that the 2011-12 Community Safety Agreement has been produced on behalf of the SLB and will provide a focus around four key themes:

1. Protect and support vulnerable people
2. Change attitudes and behaviours
3. Reduce alcohol and drug misuse
4. Reduce reoffending

Theme leads have identified areas of work to be developed across the partnership against each priority. A copy of the document can be accessed by clicking on <http://www.saferlancashire.co.uk/2011/>

The Chairman highlighted the decisions made around the shortfall of funding for IDVA's and MARAC's across Lancashire and advised the Partnership that funding from the SLB has been allocated to each of the CSP areas. The funding will match the previous allocations received from the Home Office. It was noted however that matched funding still needed to be identified by CSP's to resource full time IDVA positions. The Chairman advised that funding has been secured from the West Lancashire LSP to bring the West Lancashire post as close as possible to a full time equivalent.

The Chairman stated that the SLB received a report from Colleen Martin on the subject of Multi-Agency Strategic Hubs (MASH). The SLB decided not to accept the recommendations and requested more work be done on this topic. The Chairman stated that he would feedback on future discussions on this subject.

The Chairman provided an update from the West Lancashire LSP on 2nd Homes Funding and highlighted the funding agreed to support the purchase of police body cameras. The Chairman added that work was ongoing to overcome some IT difficulties in this area before they can become operational. The Chairman also highlighted the work being undertaken by LF&RS on the Raising Aspirations initiative which is being led by John Buck.

The Chairman updated the group on the LSP funding awarded to the Council to upgrade and strengthen the CCTV camera network, stating that work was well underway and is progressing towards the tender stage in conjunction with plans to move and redevelop the existing CCTV suite.

Councillor Ashcroft raised his concerns regarding plans to develop Multi-Agency Strategic Hubs and specifically asked if any decisions had been made regarding the likely location of the hub.

Stewart Williams advised the Partnership that there have been a number of proposals but none of which have been fully agreed and the paper submitted to the SLB requires more detail. Stuart further advised that at this stage it is envisaged the proposed MASH's would take a problem families focused approach. Stuart added that an economy of scale approach was being looked at and the location would be less local than a single borough but this was still under debate.

6. PERFORMANCE MONITORING

The Chairman invited partner agencies to provide a verbal overview of their quarterly performance.

Geoff Hurst provided a detailed overview of the Police performance figures against agreed targets and advised that we have seen good reductions across nearly all of the categories. Geoff stated that we have seen significant

improvement in performance against some very good baseline performance from the previous year. This included good reductions against violent crime figures and an increase in domestic violence related detections.

Geoff continued by providing the Partnership with an overview of planned police operations aimed at sustaining the good performance and tackling key crime threats including violent crime, cross border crime and burglary.

Geoff further highlighted the significant reductions against criminal damage offences which were achieved from positive work from Neighbourhood Policing teams in conjunction with CSP partners. A full summary of the performance figures was contained in members meeting packs.

The Chairman stated that performance remains impressive and passed on his thanks to the police for their hard work and asked partners to consider if we are doing enough to promote successful outcomes in the media and to the community.

Councillor Ashcroft advised that through his parish council they produce a newsletter which could help communicate CSP messages.

Steve Mahon provided an overview of performance on behalf of the ASB Team stating that the team are currently looking to encourage reporting of ASB to ensure we don't miss vulnerable victims. Steve advised the Partnership that a recent successful information day was held to link in with a nationwide promotion of supporting people with disabilities who may be vulnerable to ASB and hate crime. Steve stated that the team have introduced a new IT recording system to enable them to share ASB reports with the police and increase the chances of vulnerable victims being identified.

Rachel Walker provided an overview of performance on behalf of LF&RS stating that the 1st quarter performance has been positive. Rachel advised that the service has been focusing on reducing accidental dwelling fires and proactively targeting lone residents and parents with dependent children. Rachel highlighted the positive work being undertaken in local schools to reduce deliberate fires with an approach which was considered very impactful. Rachel concluded by thanking the council and police for their support on reducing deliberate fires which has led to better recording and stronger partnership working.

Andrew Hill provided a brief overview of the Environmental Protection performance figures stating that overall performance is good. Andrew provided the group with a description of the new indicator 'formal cautions in lieu of prosecution' which involves taking action without the element of a criminal record.

Dorothy Shields provided an overview of performance on behalf of Lancashire Probation Trust. Dorothy stated that violence against the person constitutes the greatest area of convictions for those under statutory supervision in West Lancashire. Dorothy continued by stating that NI 30 shows a 54.3% decrease in offending which she added demonstrates the effectiveness of the West

Lancashire PPO Group. Dorothy continued by providing an overview of the performance report which was contained in the meeting pack.

Performance information was also provided by Young Peoples Services, LDAAT and Discover Drug and Alcohol Services.

7. FUNDED INTERVENTIONS UPDATE AND QUARTER ONE PROGRESS REPORT

Andrew advised the Partnership that a written progress report for funded interventions for quarter one was enclosed in members meeting packs. Andrew confirmed that all interventions are currently on track.

Andrew advised that the Partnership have been allocated £10,000 funding from LDAAT of which £2,000 has been allocated towards Freshers Week activities. The remaining funding will be possible be pooled with LDAAT funding to the Children's Trust to maximise its impact in the Borough. Andrew also confirmed that to date we have received no confirmation from the PCT regarding the funding they contribute to the Domestic Violence Coordinator Post. This post is currently part funded by the Council and the remaining funding will be underwritten by unallocated CSP funding if the PCT decide to withdraw their commitment to the post and end the Service Level Agreement with the Council.

Andrew continued by providing the group with an overview of the outputs achieved so far by the Domestic Violence Task and Time Group.

8. FRESHERS WEEK

Andrew advised the group that planning for this years Freshers Week is progressing positively with a multi-agency action plan agreed. Andrew added that the initiative will be enhanced this year with the involvement of the Street Pastors who will be patrolling the Town Centre on additional days through the two week period. Andrew also thanked LDAAT on behalf of the CSP for approving the £2,000 funding to support this years activities.

9. IMPLEMENTATION OF INTEGRATED OFFENDER MANAGEMENT

The following documents which were developed by Mike Lock on behalf of the South Lancashire IOM Board were included in the Partnership meeting pack for information and endorsement: -

- South Lancashire Reducing Re-offending Board Terms of Reference
- Implementing Revolution for Adult Offenders in South Lancashire Document

Both of the above documents were endorsed by the West Lancashire Community Safety Partnership.

10. RURAL WATCH

Geoff Hurst provided the Partnership with an overview of the Rural Watch scheme which is managed by Lancashire Constabulary and has previously received funding from West Lancashire CSP. Geoff advised the CSP that there was a recognised threat to the rural areas from cross border criminality with a history of burglaries and non-dwelling burglaries with expensive farming machinery being targeted. Geoff stated that corporately it has been identified that there was a need to widen the scope of Rural Watch to look at these key threats. Geoff explained that the scheme will be further widened to look at wildlife crime and other crime types and added that Sue Swift will act as the divisional SPOC. Geoff concluded by stating that he would update the CSP when and where appropriate.

11. GRAFFITI ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT ROUTES

Faye Kellet provided the CSP with a brief overview of the continued level and threat of criminal damage to bus shelters, particularly in Skelmersdale. Faye advised that the problem is exasperated by significant underreporting with only 12 incidents recorded so far for the year. Faye advised the Partnership of the types of proactive action which has taken place to impact on this issue including targeted clean up initiatives involving Safer Travel, the council and CSP partners. Faye also highlighted the positive education work being undertaken by Safer Travel officers in local schools and the new posters which will be placed on shelters to help boost reporting.

Faye concluded by stating that reported incidents should be directed to the Safer Travel Unit adding that they won't impact on police statistics. Geoff Hurst offered Faye assistance to extrapolate the information to help determine the current level of the graffiti problem which can also be masked by criminal damage incidents.

12. COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

There were no community safety issues raised.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman advised the Partnership that the Skelmersdale Street Pastors scheme has been launched and has officially gone live.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on the 12th October 2011 at 6pm in the Council Chamber, 52 Derby Street.