

# WEST LANCASHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

**HELD:** 7<sup>th</sup> November 2012

Commenced: 6.00 pm

Finished: 7.30 pm

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## **PRESENT:**

Andrew Hill	-	WLBC
David Tilleray	-	WLBC
Kevin Boyce	-	Lancashire Constabulary
Christina Shorrocks	-	Lancashire Constabulary
Councillor Cropper	-	Lancashire Police Authority
Phil Jones	-	LF&RS
Christine Coleman	-	Edge Hill University
Sam Jones	-	LDAAT
Les Newman	-	Skelmersdale Street Pastors
Alec Grimshaw	-	Discover
Dorothy Shields	-	Lancashire Probation Trust
Barry Nolan	-	WLBC
David Gallagher	-	West Lancashire Area Committee
Mary Lyons	-	NHS Central Lancashire
Greg Mitten	-	West Lancashire CVS
Councillor Sudworth	-	WLBC
Steve Mahon	-	WLBC
Carolyn Evans	-	LCC
County Councillor Aldridge	-	LCC
Bruce Jassi	-	Lancashire Police Authority
Gareth Dykes	-	West Lancashire PACT

## **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Cliff Owens	-	WLBC
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## **1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The Chairman welcomed colleagues to the meeting and introductions were made.

## **2. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from:

Roger Merry, Jan Tyrer, Sue Hogan, Paul Malone, Stuart Williams, Gill Rowe, Jill Bradley, Councillor Atherley, John Cairns, Julie Cummins, Eleanor Maddocks,

## **3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING/MATTERS ARISING**

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

#### **4. LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP UPDATE**

The Chairman, David Tilleray advised the Partnership that due to the likelihood of future funding issues the LSP has decided to reinvent themselves. The LSP will continue in a different form and will meet less frequently. Previously the secretariat was provided by the council however Greg Mitten has offered to provide support through the CVS for the rebranded LSP. The Chairman added that as the West Lancashire CSP is a statutory group it will not be affected by this change and the essence of what we are will continue.

The Chairman advised that a funding pot of approximately £30,000 remained in the LSP and a funding pro-forma has been developed and is available through the LSP secretariat for any thematic groups to bid into. The Chairman advised that WLBC is making good progress on the development of the new CCTV suite and the upgrade of the Borough Council's cameras which is supported by LSP funding.

The Chairman advised that the Partnership will recall that the Safer Lancashire Board was rebranded as the Lancashire Community Safety Strategy Group with no role for the CSP offered. The Chairman stated that it has now been confirmed that he will be the deputy representative for the Borough Councils in Southern Division along with Garry Hall from Chorley BC who will be the designated representative on this group. The Chairman added that this puts the CSP firmly back in the strategic arena.

#### **5. POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONERS**

The Chairman, David Tilleray advised the Partnership that the election for the Police and Crime Commissioner will take place on the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2012. The Chairman advised that he has been involved in the election preparation on what is essentially a complex process with one commissioner for Lancashire but with the count done on a borough footprint and with Blackburn Council coordinating the count on behalf of the Lancashire footprint area. The Chairman provided an overview of the candidates and added that the successful candidate will be invited to the Lancashire Community Safety Strategy Group meeting at the end of November 2012.

#### **6. PERFORMANCE MONITORING**

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

Chief Inspector Kevin Boyce advised the Partnership that performance is currently very good and West Lancashire remains a safe place to live, work and visit. He continued by advising that there has been significant decreases in all crime categories over the summer period. This was particularly pleasing for the constabulary as this period included some significant national events including the European football Tournament and Olympics. Chief Inspector Boyce acknowledged that there has been an increase in domestic violence

offences but this was seen as a positive indicator with more victims coming forward and reporting issues. Chief Inspector Boyce praised the continued partnership approach to tackling community safety issues in West Lancashire and highlighted the work of the Local Priorities Group and Revolution under IOM as areas of good practice.

Chief Inspector Boyce advised the Partnership that due to restructures in the Division there would be a different approach to how the Constabulary do business with the Chief Inspector roles taking on themed leads in the near future. This is currently being scoped and Chief Inspector Boyce stated that he would update partners in the New Year.

The Chairman acknowledged the proposed changes to strategic police structures and added that the CSP will await the appointment of the PCC before making any decisions on its future structure. The Chairman added that we will need to do something different in the future and discussions were ongoing within the police division on how we can develop more effective joint working across the division to enable better access to the PCC.

Steve Mahon presented the Partnership with a performance update on behalf of the ASB Team. Steve stated that performance against ASB mirrored the good performance reported by the police. Steve continued by providing an overview of the ASB Teams performance information which was contained in the meeting pack.

Phi Jones provided the Partnership with an overview of performance on behalf of LF&RS. Phil advised that the second quarter performance which was provided in the meeting pack was very good. Phil continued by providing a detailed overview of the performance information submitted and highlighted that much of the success can be attributed to partnership working. Phil highlighted the Little Digmaor Beatsweep and work undertaken by the Local Priorities Group and its contribution to ensure primary fires were recorded accurately.

Phil advised the Partnership that his temporary role is coming to an end and he will be replaced by Frank Robinson. The Chairman thanked Phil on behalf of the Partnership for his efforts in ensuring the continued excellent performance by LF&RS in West Lancashire.

Dorothy Shields provided the CSP with an overview of performance for Probation. Dorothy referenced two reports in the CSP meeting pack entitled 'Reducing Reoffending in Partnership' and 'Community Payback'. Dorothy provided a detailed overview of performance and highlighted that although the adult reoffending rate has gone up on average across Lancashire we have recorded a reduction in West Lancashire. Dorothy acknowledged the positive work being undertaken through Revolution and highlighted the complexities of working with prolific younger offenders who are given less than 12 month sentences. This often involves a lot of effort taking them back to court for outcomes that often just involve fines etc.

Dorothy continued by emphasising an example of good practice where the ASB Team raised an individual for concern who had recently entered the

borough and had a history of serious offending. This resulted in a joint agency warning being given through collaborative working and this individual will continue to be monitored if he comes back to West Lancashire.

Julie Cummins was unable to attend the meeting but an update was provided. The YOTs figures speak for themselves with recidivism an area of concern for the whole of LYOT. All of LYOT staff are being trained in restorative justice approaches. Research/evidence has shown when RJ approaches are used it is the most effective way of reducing recidivism as well as the most effective way of achieving victim satisfaction. Although LYOT are currently completing some RJ they want to do more by way of the formal mediation so directly involving victims rather than just delivering in the main indirect reparation. The YOT have 3 days training in November for the South Lancashire team and will then be getting together as a team to draw up an implementation plan. Expected implementation date will be December 1<sup>st</sup>. The YOT remain keen to get involved in any reparation projects in West Lancashire and any suggestions should be sent to Julie Cummins.

Jan Tyrer provided an overview for the Partnership of the Discover Services performance. Jan stated that they continue to record low numbers through the arrest referral process with some offenders not acknowledging their problems and other offenders coming from out of West Lancashire. Jan continued by providing an overview of performance and highlighting good work around conditional cautions and referrals into treatment.

Greg Mitten stated that he would welcome working closely with Discover on accommodation issues. Greg advised that a recovery worker from Red Rose Recovery would be based in West Lancashire through CVS 1 day per week. Jan welcomed this offer.

Andrew Hill presented the CSP with a brief overview of the performance information for the Environmental Protection service. Andrew stated that there are no significant issues and provided an overview of performance. Andrew added that work is currently being undertaken to combine the Street Scene Service with Dog Enforcement.

## **7. COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING FOR 2012 / 13**

Cliff Owens provided the CSP with an overview of the funding template which was contained within members meeting packs. Cliff advised that all funded interventions are currently on track or have already been delivered and the CSP is expected to spend its full allocation. Cliff advised that the full details were contained in the performance and funding template provided.

## **8. FRESHERS WEEK 2012**

Andrew Hill advised the Partnership that we have finalised the matrix in relation to what was delivered by partners for Freshers Week. We had 29 different activities within the plan and most of which contained several elements of delivery resulting in a lot of delivered actions over the period. The

matrix will be sent out and shared with partners within the next week. In terms of what we delivered the outputs were excellent. The CSP contributed just £1,000 this year due to a loss of funding and the Students Union also funded personal safety equipment to support the SSHH campaign and the overall objectives of the plan. Andrew stated that although all outputs were delivered as evidenced within the evaluation matrix, over the period we have recorded an increase in ASB. Further partnership work will need to be undertaken to manage community expectations on the red routes between the University and Town Centre.

Councillor Sudworth on behalf of the CSP thanked partners for their support and commended the work undertaken. Councillor Sudworth stated however that he shares Andrew's concerns regarding the recorded increase in ASB complaints. He added that the general feeling is that this cohort of students is livelier and will require timely interventions to nip this problem in the bud. Councillor Sudworth added that he is supportive of students but the quality of life of local residents is an important concern.

Chief Inspector Boyce stated that generally West Lancashire is a safer place with less crime and ASB. He added that ASB on the red routes can be difficult to unpick as it can be a mixture of genuine issues and tolerance levels. In general terms he added that the Students Union is very supportive and the work they undertake is very good and the police will continue to recruit Special Constables from the University.

## **9. LITTLE DIGMOOR BEATSWEEP**

Cliff Owens advised the Partnership that the Little Digmaor Beatsweep held during the lead up to the bonfire period was very successful with approximately 60 tons of detritus removed. The Beatsweep was supported by a range of community safety partners and contributed to the overall success of the Brightsparx activities planned through the West Lancashire Local Priorities Group.

## **10. BRIGHTSPARX 2012**

Phil Jones advised that LF&RS recorded its best performance figures in years for the Little Digmaor area and attributed this to the Beatsweep organised through the Local Priorities Group on behalf of the CSP. Phil added that the challenge over this year's bonfire period was to maintain excellent performance recorded the previous year. Phil continued by providing an overview of the extensive activities undertaken and added that the 'Go for It' event although attracting less numbers than previous years did have in attendance the targeted young people. This statement was supported by the police who recorded 200 lower ASB offences during the bonfire period compared with last year.

Additional activities supported by the CSP were also delivered by Young Peoples Services and Skelmersdale Action for Youth. These activities significantly contributed to reductions in ASB and directed young people

across Skelmersdale into positive activities over the Halloween and Mischief Night Period.

## **11. HERITAGE CRIME EVENT**

The Chairman, David Tilleray advised the Partnership that Heritage Crime was identified as a small but increasing issue on a national level. This predominantly involves metal theft but can also include priceless heritage items including stone etc which can be either stolen or damaged. The Chairman stated that the event held on the 18<sup>th</sup> October proved to be very successful with presentations from English Heritage and Cheshire West being well received. Further good quality presentations were delivered by Lancashire Constabulary and the Council. The Chairman stated that a number of points were identified on the day and the Alliance to Reduce Crime against Heritage (ARCH) stated a clear wish for the council to join the alliance and contribute to a better understanding of the local and national picture on heritage crime. The Chairman added that there was a promise of support from English Heritage and a further officer meeting will be held to discuss a way forward to put measures in place to mitigate future risk to local heritage sites.

## **12. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ISSUES**

Jan Tyrer advised that she is currently working closely with Eleanor Maddocks to identify a suitable substance misuse worker for the Women's Refuge.

## **13. CANNABIS CULTIVATION ACTION GROUP**

Andrew Hill provided the Community Safety Partnership with an update on progress for the West Lancashire Cannabis Cultivation Action Group. Andrew stated that the group was set up as a result of increasing concerns about residential accommodation being used to cultivate cannabis.

Andrew advised that the work of the group has now concluded as planned and the objectives of the group were met. The work has been cited as best practice within Lancashire Constabulary. The group developed an action plan containing 20 defined actions which concluded with two training events for the police and community safety partners which resulted in approximately 100 front line staff receiving training. The group achieved excellent publicity throughout the six months and partnership working to tackle the issue of Cannabis Production was strengthened with robust and effective processes put in place.

This has resulted in closer partnership collaborative working in tackling offenders and has led to better quality intelligence being received by the police from both the community and from front line multi-agency staff. Andrew concluded by stating that all partners worked really well in support of this group and he thanked them for their contribution and participation.

#### **14. STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT REFRESH**

Cliff confirmed that the CSP Analyst has refreshed the Strategic Assessment matrix for 2012 in consultation with CSP colleagues and all existing priorities for West Lancashire remain the same. Cliff added that the current Partnership Plan needs no amendments. The refreshed Strategic Assessment will be finalised in November 2012 and will be shared with the Strategic Review Group and CSP.

#### **15. COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES**

No issues recorded.

#### **16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Sam Jones advised the Partnership that LDAAT will be re-commissioning substance misuse services (drugs and alcohol) across the community, criminal justice and prisons in Central Lancashire (Preston, Chorley, South Ribble and West Lancashire) during 2012-13.

Sam added that the changes in commissioning responsibilities around prison drug treatment provide a real opportunity in Central Lancashire to improve on current service models and create a whole system approach to adult substance misuse treatment. This will allow us to strengthen the link between the criminal justice and health agendas locally, deliver seamless care pathways by removing barriers from service users and drive efficiencies by reducing management costs in the treatment system.

The new service will be a recovery orientated, integrated substance misuse treatment service working across the prison and community boundaries within the Central Lancashire footprint.

Sam further advised that LDAAT is part of the Public Health restructure and this will possibly be her last CSP meeting. Sam added that linkages will continue with the CSP.

#### **17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the West Lancashire CSP will be held on Wednesday the 30<sup>th</sup> January 2013 at 6.00pm at the **West Lancashire Investment Centre, White Moss Business Park, Skelmersdale, WN8 9TG**