

# WEST LANCASHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

**HELD:** 24<sup>th</sup> April 2013

Commenced: 6.00 pm  
Finished: 7.45 pm

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## **PRESENT:**

David Tilleray	-	WLBC (CSP Chairman)
Andrew Hill	-	WLBC
Stuart Williams	-	Lancashire Constabulary
Geoff Hurst	-	Lancashire Constabulary
Christina Shorrock	-	Lancashire Constabulary
Gill Rowe	-	WLBC
Frank Robinson	-	LF&RS
Christine Coleman	-	Edge Hill University
Robert Ruston	-	OPCC
Roger Merry	-	Ormskirk Bench
David Hindley	-	West Lancashire College
Michele Dacre	-	Lancashire Probation Trust
Les Newman	-	Skelmersdale Street Pastors
Greg Mitten	-	West Lancashire CVS
Councillor Atherley	-	WLBC
Steve Mahon	-	WLBC
Sue Hogan	-	Young Peoples Services
Yasmin Shaw	-	Red Rose Recovery
Bill Hancox	-	Edge Hill University
Gareth Dykes	-	West Lancashire PACT
Lucinda Cawley	-	NHS West Lancashire CCG

## **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:

Councillor Cropper, Councillor Sudworth, Phil O'Donnell, Dorothy Shields, Jan Tyrer, Paul Malone, John Cairns, Julie Cummins, Eleanor Maddocks, Councillor Evans, County Councillor Aldridge, Jill Bradley

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

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

#### **4. PERFORMANCE MONITORING**

The Chairman invited partner agencies to provide a verbal overview of current performance. Inspector Shorrocks advised the Partnership that we have recorded an annual reduction of 10% against the All Crime category. This included significant reductions against the Serious Acquisitive Crime category which is a basket of crimes which includes vehicle crime and domestic burglary. Excellent reductions were also recorded against Anti-Social Behaviour and Criminal Damage. Inspector Shorrocks advised that an increase was recorded against violent crime and the increase attributed to domestic violence. The constabulary view the increase in reporting against this category as a positive step with victims feeling more confident to come forward and report crime and this has been supported by various campaigns.

Inspector Shorrocks attributed the reductions achieved in 2012/13 to the ongoing hard work of the CSP partners and the work of the Local Priorities Group. The Chairman stated that the reductions achieved this year were fantastic and whilst credit must go to all partners he highlighted the excellent work of the police in tackling and reducing crime. The Chairman expressed his personal thanks to Chief Inspector Hurst and Inspector Shorrocks.

Steve Mahon provided the Partnership with an overview of performance for the ASB Team. Steve highlighted a notable reduction in complaints which has continued for consecutive quarters. Steve also stated that figures recorded by the ASB team share the same trend as the police with good reductions recorded. Steve stated that quarter 4 has recorded some good outcomes with a number of troublesome tenants evicted with excellent local press coverage.

Michele Dacre provided the Partnership with an overview of performance on behalf of Lancashire Probation Trust. Michele highlighted that probation have recorded reductions against the overall reoffending rate and the adult reoffending rate. An overall 12% reduction for Southern Division against the Revolution cohort was also recorded for the recording period January to December 2012 in comparison with the previous year and a 7% reduction was attributed to the West Lancashire cohort.

Greg Mitten introduced Yasmine Shaw to the Partnership and provided an overview of the Red Rose Recovery Service which works in partnership with the Lancashire User Forum. The business development role that Yasmine will undertake will support the reducing offending agenda and it was noted that tackling addiction can have a direct role in reducing offending.

Frank Robinson provided the Partnership with an overview of performance for Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service. Frank reported that the KPI for Accidental Dwelling Fires was down and Frank attributed this to ongoing the multi-agency work that is carried out in West Lancashire. Frank continued by providing an overview of the KPI's contained in the report which showed overall excellent reductions. Frank highlighted that there is some concern in respect to empty commercial premises and added that LF&RS are working with partners to introduce preventative measures. Frank also highlighted some concerns with Public Houses with sleeping accommodation above them and advised the Partnership that ongoing targeted work is being undertaken.

The Chairman noted that overall the reductions reported were very positive and thanked colleagues for their continued efforts.

## **5. COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING FOR 2013 / 14**

Andrew Hill, Environmental Protection and Community Safety Manager provided the CSP with an overview of the funding allocation for 2012 / 13. Andrew requested that the CSP endorse the funded interventions proposal for 2013 / 2014 which was enclosed within the meeting pack. The funding plan combined funding from the Office of the PCC which included plans to allocate £2,000 match funding towards Brightsparx and a further £5,000 in funding towards Community Action and Engagement Events with funding from the West Lancashire LSP. The total funding available from the Office of the PCC to the CSP is £10,000 with £3,000 unallocated. A further £5,000 in funding has been awarded to the CSP by the West Lancashire LSP. This funding was allocated against two specific funding bids which provide support for Brightsparx and the Freshers Week Group.

Robert Ruston advised the Partnership that a prime condition of the funding from the Office of the PCC was to support the delivery of the Police and Crime Plan. A further caveat to funding is that it cannot be used to fund police overtime. Robert highlighted some concerns with the funding plan being slightly narrow focused and not addressing some of the CSP's other priorities.

It was agreed that a meeting would be held with Robert Ruston, Cliff Owens and Andrew Hill to discuss the funding bids to the PCC in more detail.

The proposed funding plan was endorsed by the CSP.

## **6. POLICE AND CRIME PLAN**

Robert Ruston, from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner provided the Partnership with an overview of the Police and Crime Plan. Robert advised that the plan was designed to be an on line document. The Office of the PCC is now in the process of developing a delivery plan which will sit behind the Police and Crime Plan. Robert advised that some of the actions will be work carried out independently whilst others will reflect work with partner agencies. Robert further advised that priorities will reflect both LCC area and unitary priorities and will equally also reflect the priorities of the CSP's and Local Authority areas.

Robert advised that from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2014 the PCC will also be responsible for commissioning Victim Support Services. Robert advised that a longer term plan will involve intervening early and upstream to reduce demand on policing and other agencies. Robert advised that the Plan will be refreshed on an annual basis. A copy of the Police and Crime Plan can be found on the website.

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In response to the Chairman's question on the mechanics of the refresh Robert advised that there will be a process of ongoing consultation with the second round of road shows scheduled to take place over June and July 2013 and this will help influence the priorities of the PCC. Robert continued by adding that ongoing dialogue will also take place with districts and this will also have an influence on PCC priorities.

The Chairman thanked Robert for his update and asked that the issue of Cross Border Crime which continues to be a threat to West Lancashire and the pan Lancashire area be given due consideration in the PCC's priorities. The Chairman added that a tremendous amount of work goes on behind the scenes to mitigate this threat to West Lancashire and the threat it poses to the rest of the county area. This point was supported by C.I. Geoff Hurst and Robert acknowledged the issue and added that it would be included in future plans.

## **7. COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP PRIORITIES FOR 2013 / 2014**

Cliff Owens advised colleagues that the finalised version of the Strategic Assessment document was endorsed by the CSP at the January 2013 meeting. Cliff stated that the priorities for West Lancashire remained the same and we are now at the stage where we need to refresh our Community Safety Partnership Plan and more specifically update the Action Plan element of this document.

Cliff advised that the current CSP Plan is a comprehensive document which was developed to highlight our strengths as a CSP to the new Police and Crime Commissioner. Cliff recommended that the CSP support a light touch refresh of this document which would involve updating the action plan to reflect new targets for 2013 / 2014 and refreshing the action plan element of the document to reflect our delivery strategy.

The CSP agreed to support the approach of a light touch refresh of the CSP plan.

## **8. LANCASHIRE CONSTABULARY DIVISIONAL RESTRUCTURE**

Chief Superintendent Stuart Williams provided the Partnership with an overview of the proposed changes to the current divisional structures. Stuart advised that there will be a reduction in territorial Divisions to source a further £20 million in savings on top of the £40 million savings which have been made.

It is proposed that Southern and Central Division will be merged to create a 'super division'. This will also mean changes to HQ's Division and specialist police services will be affected. Stuart advised that work streams have been undertaken to manage the planned reductions and inevitably this will also lead to reductions in staffing resources. Stuart added that this process has involved a high degree of consultation with the Police and Crime Commissioner. The proposed changes are likely to be signed off around July

or August prior to the new budget being set in October. This will be followed by the release of key messages.

Stuart continued by providing an overview of the proposed changes and discussed local concerns. Stuart also advised the Partnership on the shift of resources being put to risk. Stuart suggested that as Southern Division is considered less of a risk than other Divisions it would invariably mean we will see fewer resources in this area. Stuart advised that the changes will also impact on the current police management structure and added that as part of this change Geoff Hurst would be moving back to Inspector. Stuart requested that this thanks to Geoff for doing a fantastic job be recorded for the minutes. The Chairman echoed Stuart's comments and added that Geoff has been a friend to West Lancashire and the borough is a safer place for his efforts.

The issue of the proposed changes was debated by the CSP and Stuart assured the Partnership that the constabulary remained committed to the Neighbourhood Policing model and community engagement.

## **9. PROPOSED EARLY MORNING RESTRICTION ORDER (EMRO)**

Andrew Hill, Environmental Protection and Community Safety Manager provided the CSP with an overview of the proposal for an EMRO to be introduced in Ormskirk Town Centre. Andrew explained that this proposal has been put forward in response to ASB on red routes leading from the town centre. Andrew added that the EMRO will provide powers to close licensed premises early with the focus being on licensed premises in Ormskirk. Andrew advised that when opinions are collated a decision will be made on whether evidence needs to be gathered as part of a formal consultation.

Andrew advised that this proposal was discussed at the West Lancashire Strategic Review Group and the recommended response for consideration by the CSP was as follows: -

- The CSP is satisfied that there is insufficient evidence to support the introduction of an EMRO. The CSP already has a partner group working together to reduce the issues encountered on St Helens Rd and has, through its Local Priorities Group supported the Students Union SSHH campaign in the past. Additionally there is also a group that looks at the issues encountered by residents and students in Fresher's week. Individual partners of the CSP have been asked to respond and they will provide a response appropriate for their organisation. The key CSP partner in relation to this issue is Lancashire Constabulary and we are aware of their reluctance to the introduction of an EMRO. The CSP would support the response provided by the Police in principle.

The Partnership endorsed the recommended response from the Strategic Review Group to the proposed Early Morning Restriction Order for Ormskirk Town Centre. C.I. Hurst endorsed the decision of the CSP and added that the number of ASB cases linked to the night time economy was not significant and he added that the police have sufficient powers to affect arrests, confiscate alcohol and close problem licensed premises. Christine Coleman

advised the Partnership that Edge Hill Universities position is that decisions must be evidence based and on that basis supports the proposed CSP response.

#### **10. ORMSKIRK TOWN CENTRE TASK & TIME WORKING GROUP**

Inspector Shorrocks provided the group with an update on the work of the Town Centre Task and Time Group which was developed to address the ongoing reports of noise nuisance on key red routes including St Helens Road which are linked to Ormskirk Town Centre and its night time economy.

Inspector Shorrocks advised that the group has met twice and has developed a comprehensive multi-agency action plan to address community concerns. The actions plan is supported by an intelligence led approach with work undertaken by the CSP analyst. The group aims to deliver against the agreed range of multi-agency actions to resolve local concerns and build public confidence with the implementation of sustainable solutions.

#### **11. REDUCING REOFFENDING STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN**

Michelle Dacre introduced this agenda item on behalf of Lancashire Probation Trust. Michelle provided the Partnership with an overview of the key objectives of the Reoffending Strategy and Action Plan. This document sets out how the CSP plans to manage reducing reoffending activity in Chorley, South Ribble and West Lancashire. It takes as its premise that reducing reoffending cannot be the responsibility of a single agency. The document was developed by the Southern Division Integrated Offender Management Board on behalf of the CSP

The Partnership agreed to endorse the South Lancashire Reducing Reoffending Strategy and Action Plan 2013/14.

#### **12. WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL CCTV SCHEME**

Andrew Hill provided the Partnership with an update against the project to upgrade the Councils CCTV cameras and associated network and commission a new CCTV suite. Andrew advised that this project is set to be completed shortly and the councils CCTV images are now being monitored from an excellent new control centre. Andrew added that the system which is based on an IP platform provides an improved interface for the operators and will improve their ability to detect and prevent crime. Andrew added that the council will shortly commence the second phase of the project which will involve the commissioning of 27 new public open space CCTV cameras.

The Chairman stated that this has been a huge piece of work and added that Andrew and Cliff have done an excellent job. The Chairman advised the Partnership that this project has involved a huge investment from the council and will contribute to reducing crime and the fear of crime within the borough. Andrew advised that the official opening ceremony will take place on the 20<sup>th</sup>

May 2013 and advised colleagues who wished to arrange a visit to contact Cliff.

### **13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Greg Mitten emphasised to the Partnership the work that Eleanor Maddocks and the West Lancashire Domestic Violence Support Services undertake in working upstream to increase reporting of DV. Greg advised that the team have been tireless in their work to increase the profile of domestic abuse and added that we should continue as a CSP to support this work. Greg also discussed the need to reduce the fear of crime and encourage the community to be more visible and take ownership of local open space areas. Greg stated that the use of local parks should be encouraged and asked for feedback from agencies with respect to community pathways.

Greg also advised the Partnership that One West Lancashire has now replaced the West Lancashire LSP which was dissolved. Greg advised that more information would be forthcoming and added that the previous close links with the LSP and CSP and other strategic local groups will be maintained.

Robert Ruston advised the Partnership that 2 elements of funding will be made available on the Lancashire 12 footprint from the Office of the PCC. Robert advised that a Community Action Fund in the amount of £50,000 would be available through small grants that will help groups to tackle local concerns and deliver against PCC priorities.

The Chairman introduced Lucinda Cawley to the Partnership. The Chairman added that Lucinda is the Senior Operating Officer for West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (WLCCG) and has the partnership role within her duties.

### **14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the West Lancashire CSP will be held on Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> July 2013 at 6.00pm in the Council Chamber, at the Main Council Office, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, L39 2DF