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Meeting **CONSULTATION & COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE**

Date **THURSDAY 22 JANUARY 2009 – 2.00 p.m.**

Report of **CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

Subject **CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION PARTNERSHIPS – UPDATE**

Purpose of the report

1. The purpose of this report is for members to provide feedback from their respective meetings of local Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) meetings and to provide the opportunity to discuss a guidance document received from the Association of Police Authorities.

Local CDRPs

2. In 2006 the Committee adopted a feedback form to be completed by each member attending their respective Partnership group meetings. Since the last meeting of this Committee meetings are understood to have been held at Charnwood, Melton, North West Leicester, Blaby, Harborough, Oadby & Wigston and Leicester City. The members' report on the meeting held at Harborough is attached at Appendix 1 to this report. Members will be asked to provide oral feedback from any other meetings attended.
3. The Engagement and Communications Officer is compiling a matrix detailing known meeting dates for 2009/10. This will be regularly updated. It is intended as a tool to assist the Engagement and Communications Officer in effectively supporting members. A copy will be tabled at the meeting.

Association of Police Authorities (APA) Guidance

5. At the last meeting of this committee it was proposed that the APA self assessment framework produced on the role of police authorities within Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships, be completed and presented to this committee for discussion to further develop the role of the Police Authority within local CDRPs. Unfortunately due to recent low staffing levels within the Police Authority Secretariat work on this will be presented at the next meeting of this Committee.

Recommendation

6. Members are recommended to:-
 - a. Provide an update on developments within their respective CDRPs;
and
 - b. discuss the Meetings matrix.

Implications

Financial: none. Legal: the Police Authority are statutory partners on CDRPs and therefore have a responsibility to ensure that the statutory requirements of CDRPs are met. Diversity: none. Risk Management: none.

Background Papers

None.

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Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships

MARKET HARBOROUGH

14th November, 2008

This was a very short meeting as several members of the Partnership were absent and one of the members had resigned. Proposals had been put forward for spending. However it was agreed that unless a proposal had a clear objective supported by evidence, costings, action plan and evaluation it could not be considered by the group.

12th December, 2008

There was confirmation that funding had been granted by the European Commission for a project to raise the profile of domestic violence. There are three other partners from across the EU. It was agreed that once the project was up and running the Partnership would receive reports on progress. It was also suggested that a project management board should be set up to oversee the project and this would report to the partnership.

Two of the proposals for funding which had been put forward at the last meeting were put forward again this time with detailed information and an action plan. Both requests were granted.

17th December, 2008

This was not a partnership meeting but a meeting of the responsible authorities to discuss the structure of the partnership, communication, responsibility and the strategic/tactical balance of issues to consider.

It was agreed to put a proposal for a simplified partnership structure to the main meeting and also endeavour to put together a draft constitution for the strategic partnership.

9th January, 2008

There was an update on the Daphne Project (the domestic violence project funded by the European Commission). Market Harborough is to be the lead for this project. A project management board will be sent up now that the contract has been signed. This will report back to the Community Safety Partnership.

After some discussion the partnership agreed to adopt the structure proposed by the meeting of the 17th December. There was a presentation to show how the simplified structure would work and the benefits of such a structure.

The crime figures showed that there had been a decrease in overall crime although there had been an increase in theft from vehicles. However the overall trend is down.

Immediately after this meeting a group consisting of the Police, Police Authority, District Council and the councillor holding the portfolio for community safety to carry out a strategic assessment. After lengthy and detailed discussions, the group came up with four priorities for the coming year. As the new structure will come into being from the 1st April, the tactical group will be responsible for drawing up action plans to address the priorities. Each member of the strategic group will take responsibility for one of the priorities and a member will also oversee how the funding is used. The strategic group will meet four times a year. It is proposed that the tactical group will meet every month. In-between meetings, members of the strategic group will ensure that the action plans are addressing the priorities.