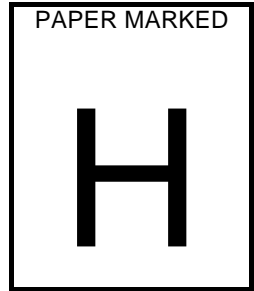


LEICESTERSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY



Meeting **CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

Date **THURSDAY 1 OCTOBER 2009 – 2.00 P.M.**

Report of **CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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

Purpose of 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.

Commentary

2. Between 3 July and 20 September 2009 CDRP meetings have taken place at Melton on 10 July 2009, Rutland on 22 July, Hinckley and Bosworth on 23 July, Oadby and Wigston on 3 August, Blaby on 20 August, Harborough on 24 August, Leicester City on 27 August, Charnwood on 27 August and North West Leicestershire on the 11 September.
3. Please note that due to changes in membership at the time of the Leicester City meeting on 27 August there was no member allocated to that CDRP. In any event that meeting clashed with the Authority AGM.
4. Members' feedback from the following meetings Melton, Blaby, Harborough, Charnwood and North West Leicestershire can be found at Appendix 1 to this report. Feedback has not been received regarding the Rutland meeting on 22 July, the Hinckley and Bosworth meeting on 23 July or the Oadby and Wigston meeting on 3 August.

Six Hallmarks

5. Each CDRP should be undertaking steps to ensure it is complying with the Government standards for CDRPS. These are minimum standards and are based on the six 'Hallmarks' of an effective partnership. As part of this each CDRP should implement a strategy to address crime and disorder and substance misuse issues in their area. The six hallmarks as follows:-
 1. Empowered and effective leadership.
 2. Intelligence-led business processes.
 3. Effective and responsive delivery structures.

4. Community engagement.
5. Visible and constructive accountability.
6. Appropriate skills and knowledge.

Feedback Form

6. The current CDRP feedback form is available as a word document and as an electronic link that sends an email to the Authority inbox. Reference to the six Hallmarks has been included on the amended form, which can be found at Appendix 2 to this report. Members' comments are requested on the proposed amended CDRP feedback form. This form is hoped to be a guide to members on what themes to be looking out for at their CDRP and prompt them to ask questions.
7. Guidance to CDRP's is available from the Home Office and can be found at the following website <http://www.crimereduction.homeoffice.gov.uk/regions/regions00.htm>

Recommendation

8. The Authority is recommended to:
 - a) note the feedback from CDRP meetings as outlined in Appendix 1; and
 - b) approve the feedback form be amended to include the CDRP progress against the six hallmarks in Appendix 2.

Implications

Financial: none. Legal: none. Diversity: none. Risk Management: none.

Background Papers

None.

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CDRP Feedback since 2 July Consultation and Communication Committee

Melton Area Safer Communities Partnership

Core Group meeting 10 July 2009

Member attending: Sarah Hoare, Engagement and Communications Officer

Appointment of new chair

Cllr David Wright has stepped down as now Deputy Leader of Melton Borough Council. There was only one nomination so it was agreed that Cllr Ron Marks would be the new Chair of the partnership. New Vice Chair was agreed as a joint position between Insp Nigel Peters from the Constabulary and Kevin Pearson from the Fire Service.

Priority Theme area

Partners gave updates.

1. ASB – Advice letters to parents of youths and warning letters sent. The number of warning letters has increased recently. ASB group working with youths, schools etc informing about ASB, a summer booklet giving advice about activities for youth had been distributed. This consisted of 5 activities that the youths are to attend and they have to attend all 5 in order to go to the last one which is a trip to Alton Towers. The other activities were a visit to FHQ, Firearms and Dogs and Helicopter Dept, visit to the Prison and a team building day.
2. There has been increased reporting of ASB. There is a new leaflet being produced and distributed informing people of how to report the different types of ASB. Some ASB is the responsibility of the Council and some is the responsibility of the Police.

Re-branding of partnership

3. A leaflet was produced to promote the 'partnership' to the community through the local media. Now there is new chair it was felt this was a good time to do this. It was agreed that the leaflet should have the partnership logo and not separate police and council logos.

Substance Misuse

4. A Drugs and Alcohol forum has been set up to deal with drugs and alcohol treatment, prevention and enforcement. Lots of initiatives are ongoing under each of these headings such as education/parent awareness. Journey mapping – to show what happens to those who have a problem and how those people are treated. Alcohol is now included as part of DATT.

Crime

- develop new business watch
- pilot project strengthening Neighbourhood Watch (NHW)
- develop Street Watch – different term for NHW
- funds to strengthen Farm Watch

- utilising intelligence to target Prolific Priority Offenders
- Harby Project

Success where someone was caught breaking into a trailer

Domestic Violence

- DVEC
- Expansion outreach
- Children's centres outreach
- New awareness rural areas
- Mini MARAC approach DV forums
- DV walkthrough – simulation explaining people's experience in Melton Town.

Road Safety

New strategy in place to reduce RTC through new framework, working with local police, road shows in schools and target known or perceived areas.

Pub Watch – giving information about drink driving.

Community Safety event - 1 August Melton Fire Station.

Probation

Work in hand to reduce re-offending. Targeting those most likely to re-offend. Looking to form positive links through mentoring.

The Family Intervention Programme is being used to support victims of domestic violence and excluded children.

Funding

Bids were discussed for an 'after dark' project and an alcohol treatment session. This led to a discussion on night time economy strategy.

Blaby Community Safety Partnership 20 August – Blaby – David Prince

Member attending David Prince

Has the Police Authority's Policing Plan been presented as an agenda item at one of the Partnership meetings?

NO: see below

Are the Authority's Local Policing Objectives set for 2009/10 consistent with the action plan being implemented by the Partnership?

YES: strategy agreed along with action plan, on which progress was reported

Are there any major inconsistencies in the issues being addressed by the Partnership and those being addressed by the local policing objective?

NO: see above

Confidence Question

The Place Survey ranked “police and other public services” (ie not police and local council) as second highest in Force area, exceeded only by Rutland, and 62nd nationally. Blaby’s satisfaction in dealing with ASB incidents has risen 9 points to 79.2%. We are performing better than the South Area Average for Contact, Action, Follow Up and Treatment.

Current Issues Being Addressed by the Partnership

Just before the meeting I had met with Insp. Brown, the new LPU commander, and we reviewed the performance and reorganisation issues referred to below. I am also attending the next JAG as observer (see below re review of the JAG).

This CDRP meeting heavily focussed on current crime and disorder performance, threats to performance and recommendations. It felt a good meeting in that we had the information to do this, and had evidence as to what is working and what the main threats are and what more needs to be done.

We remain concerned that the CDRP remains in the bottom third on most areas compared with its Most Similar Group, although there some encouraging trends and actions in progress that the LPU Commander believes will lead to improvements. There is a decreasing trend for ASB, particularly in Nuisance and Rowdy behaviour, and a decrease in Damage to Motor Vehicles.

Action is being targeted on the worst surveyed speeding hotspots.

Issues Arising from Analysis and Discussion of iQuanta Data

An action plan has been agreed to target ASB around the October half – term, 5 November and Halloween, which was last year’s spike in offences. The LPU is targeting known offenders through intelligence, and this has led to a detection rate of 34.8% in burglary as serial offenders were caught. Blaby has continued the funding of Youth diversionary activities, and is assessing the impact of this. It is also engaging its Youth Council in crime prevention issues and the Force is laying on visits and activities of interest to the YC members.

The main discussion was on Serious Acquisitive Crime and domestic burglary, which is the main threat to CDRP performance affecting serious acquisitive crime indicators (N16), BCS comparator crime and All crime performance. We have tasked the Tactical group with intensifying the current action plans, which include neighbourhood communications, locks and security campaigns for the most vulnerable areas, an extensive smartwater campaign and Force targeting of known criminals across the City boundaries especially in the North of Blaby.

The CDRP Chair reported back on his annual report to Cabinet (which we had seen in draft) and on the proposed Scrutiny arrangements at Blaby, with an invitation to the BCUC to attend.

We also considered a paper comparing our position with all the statutory requirements placed on CDRPs. Generally we comply but need to advance the communications and engagement beyond compliance (see below re strategy).

There was also discussion of the Information Sharing Protocol being signed by all the chief executives of the statutory CDRP partners. The main concern is data handling/sharing at JAGs, and the need for two part meetings and confidentiality undertakings at each meeting. A

training event is being arranged. (Our JAG's terms of reference will be reviewed as part of the wider review below).

Diversity Issues being Addressed (e.g. racial harassment – how fears, real or perceived, of minority ethnic groups are being addressed)

Hate crime is a 09/10 priority. The CDRP met the targets for support to victims of violent crime but not the 3% reduction target in the crime. Since domestic violence constitutes over a third of all violent crime resources in this area are being reviewed.

There was a detection rate of 40% for racial/religiously aggravated crimes, below the 35% target, and indications of a drop in satisfaction in dealing with racist incidents, which the LPU Commander is monitoring. The District is looking for means of incentivising its own staff on the reporting of these crimes.

Consultation

A new consultation and engagement strategy was circulated and this provides for the integration of LPU and other events. Sarah Hoare is being included in consultation on the draft and as a member of the media group overseeing its implementation.

Issues Raised by Members at the Meeting

Funding (issues for the Police Authority e.g. funding of PCSO's)

We agreed further extension of funding for the unmarked lease car, the deployment of which has led to successful arrests of people undertaking car/car content thefts and burglary.

I requested review of operation of JAG, both in its delivery of the action plan and crime trends and its alignment of members and function with the LPU Commander's proposed reorganisation and grouping of beats to match the existing community forums (subject to BCU approval). This will enable each Forum to be attended by a Neighbourhood Sergeant and the beat team and to strengthen the links with parishes. Both role and membership will be reviewed.

The meeting supported the LPU Commander's proposal (on which he had briefed me before) to outplace an ASB officer to sit alongside the district team to strengthen existing good link and achieve efficiency of process. This is subject on BCU approval and funding but both are expected shortly.

Market Harborough Community Safety Partnership
Meeting: 24th august, 2009

Member attending: Wendy Martin

The previous meeting which should have taken place on the 24th July had been adjourned because so many people were on holiday. The papers for the meeting in July had been sent out but additional information was added.

The new structure has been in place for the last five months but there are still teething problems. One of the concerns was that if the meeting was to be quarterly, the agendas may be too long and there is a risk that insufficient time is given to important matters. This will be kept under review and it was agreed that it may be necessary to hold additional meetings but

this is to be avoided if at all possible. Where a report needs to be noted this will be made clear in papers and circulated as soon as it is received.

A risk register has been drafted and we had a lengthy discussion over the control measures and how each risk was rated. It was agreed that this should be updated and should be on the agenda for the next meeting. The register will be reviewed every six months.

We looked at the information from CRAVE, the Place Survey and the information supplied for the force analyst. It was agreed that the main threat is acquisitive crime. There is also concern that whilst the crime levels are low – indeed at present the LPU is the best performing one in the force area – the perception of crime is very high and this is a threat we need to address.

Harborough and Oadby and Wigston had been seeking to jointly appoint a domestic abuse worker and had each contributed funding towards this. However there had been considerable difficulties in getting anyone appointed and the concern was that as it was capital funding the money would be clawed back. The other problem was that it would be very difficult to appoint someone to such a specialized position for six months. It was agreed that the chair would raise the problem with County Hall and ask for advice.

For the first time the partnership is to be scrutinized by the district council and it was agreed we need to be well prepared for this. After one of the business meetings we will carry out an exercise to see how we measure ourselves against the hallmarks. This will help us work out where the gaps are.

We are also in the process of developing our communications strategy. This will involve press officers from other organizations and will look at the different and innovative ways we can use.

The partnership has arranged an event for the 11th September. We have invited portfolio holders from the district council, magistrates, head teachers, parish council clerks, representatives from business and Seven Locks Housing. During the morning session it is intended to explain the work of the partnership and to involve those invited in identifying priorities for the next year. Chief Superintendents Garry Forsyth and Rob Nixon are also taking part and will be giving presentations. There will also be presentations some of the successes the partnership has had in the last year. There will be an opportunity for building relations over the lunch break. The afternoon session is for the partnership to enable them to share ideas and build contacts. We will be discussing ways of improving and we have asked a facilitator to be there to help with this.

The partnership day is intended to be an annual event and we will be asking those we invited to get their views on how we should run the next one.

The question of the Police Authority inspection was also raised and information was given to members by the chair.

Charnwood Community Safety Partnership meeting
27 August 2009

Member attending: Bernard Greaves

1. Visit by Lucy Wilson of the Audit Commission, a member of the team inspecting Leicestershire Police Authority.

Lucy Wilson was welcomed by the Chair of the meeting, Cllr David Snartt. I welcomed her on behalf of the Police Authority and indicated that we looked forward to their report and the opportunity to improve our effectiveness.

2. Presentation by Ian Seavrat of the Fire and Rescue Service. Leicestershire has the cheapest Fire Authority in the county, largely as a result of favourable geographical factors. They are undertaking a 12 week consultation on proposals to reconfigure fire stations. They are not making cuts but redeploying existing resources. Some of their stations are too close together and there are some gaps. They are planning a new station at Birstall. I referred to discussions on relocation with the police and indicate very briefly why we had not proceeded with it.

He displayed a map showing the risk locations for road traffic accidents and indicated that there was an excellent partnership with the police in responding to them. This was an important part of their commitment to partnership working to promote community safety.

3. Crime and Performance Report

Stuart Fraser's performance analysis was tabled; some members had seen it in advance. It was welcomed and referred to several times by police officers making their presentations.

The performance and satisfaction figures were presented fully and discussed at length.

The most important conclusions were

- Charnwood was performing below the MSG average although the overall position was stable, with neither a significant deterioration or improvement in the position.
- There was some concern about the composition of the MSG particularly because Charnwood was the only area in it containing a university.
- There was a significant divergence between the performance of the two LPUs, Loughborough and Charnwood, notably in relation to serious acquisitive crime and burglary in particular.
- There were strong indications that displacement from elsewhere was a factor in this. More rigorous research would be undertaken to identify more fully the pattern of this to enable a targeted response.
- Cycle theft remained a substantial problem, but investment in preventive measures had started and was likely to show results later in the year.
- The increase in hate incidents was almost certainly a result of increased levels of reporting.
- There were impressive results in relation to anti social behaviour. Loughborough LPU had the highest satisfaction rate for this in the whole force area.
- Police numbers had been increased in Charnwood in response to the pressures there.
- Funds from the partnership were being targeted on high risk areas. There remained significant sums not yet allocated.
- I would be visiting the Charnwood LPU Commander and introducing Adrienne Roberts. We would be discussing potential funding for initiatives to reduce serious acquisitive crime. Members of Charnwood Borough Council's Community Safety Team would also be visiting to facilitate these initiatives.
- I indicated that when a suitable replacement had been found I would be standing down as Chair of the Acquisitive Crime Group as in my view it now required pro-active operational leadership to drive delivery.

4. Single Confidence Target

The partnership has agreed to embrace the target collectively although strictly it is applicable only to the police and the council.

5. Leicestershire Caves Presentation

Chris Toon introduced the work of Leicestershire Caves, explaining how it involves businesses in promoting employee volunteering. He highlighted the mentoring projects undertaken with young people leaving care and with offenders and ex-offenders and demonstrated this effectiveness in helping these high groups avoid offending behaviour through changes in their lives.

6. Local Policing Summaries

Feedback was given following circulation of the summaries at the previous meeting. Points made included:

- Some areas had been missed in delivery and some had been delivered outside the area.
- It would be helpful to show how ordinary people had benefited from police action with brief testimonies from them.
- The council would welcome an opportunity to contribute to the section on partnerships.
- Some of the police representatives reported very negative feedback; they were a waste of money that could be better spent on other things; the local police beat newsletters were much more effective, had wider circulation and local residents found them more relevant. They asked that this be fed back to the Home Office.

7. Home Office Contacts

An official from the Home Office is due to visit to give a PowerPoint presentation to the partnership. A letter from Stephen Rimmer to CDRPs and CSPs was circulated and discussed. It was noted that most of the friendly packages promoted in it did not apply to Charnwood.

8. At the end of the meeting I spoke briefly to Lucy Wilson saying that I was willing to be contacted if she wished to follow up any issues from the partnership. She then had a private session with the partnership Chair, Cllr David Snartt.
9. Overall it was a constructive and positive meeting which focussed its attention on the pertinent issues. It was well chaired and led by David Snartt.

North West Leicestershire Partnership in Safer Communities 11th September 2009

Member attended Joe Orton (part) and Adrienne Roberts

- All partners seem to be represented with the exception of the PCT. The Chair is continuing to make representations about this.
- This was my first meeting so I am not fully aware of all of the priorities they are addressing and the structures they have set up.
- The intention is to develop a “hot spot” approach to the top 10 streets in the town centres in the area as a way of highlighting issues and comparing practice.
- Chris Brown told the meeting that some resource (3 officers) is going to Charnwood. This was greeted with dismay by the Chair (Trevor Pendleton) and he seemed to feel that NWL was being singled out. I emphasised that the impact of the focus on efficiency and the budget cuts we would have to deal with in coming years was a force wide matter. I would expect he will speak to Byron. The Police Authority will need its own communications strategy about the financial pressures.
- The Strategic Assessment required by law is nearly done and should be a very valuable resource for reviewing progress, good practice, problems and priorities for next year. The Police Authority should consider this at one of its MDD sessions.
- A “not in my neighbourhood” week is planned (an initiative supported by the Home Office) w/c 2nd November and the Beat Bus is being booked to go to 5 different areas. Members of the CDRP are being encouraged to attend.
- Literature from all the partners can be circulated as part of this week as it is being seen as a broad consultation
- “Safe” workshops are being planned for young people in February – these have been run before and were very successful.
- Chris Brown has put some resources into being able to produce on one spreadsheet the public order offences, ASBOS issued etc for Coalville and Measham so that any of the partners who have access can check it. The headline seem to be that in Coalville there is a greater perception of high levels of ASB than reality, whereas in Measham there have been some ASB issues.

- In the Performance Review section of the meeting there were some good achievements to report
 - SAC down 5% against a target of 3%
 - Dom Burg down 20% against a target of 3% for example.
 - Theft from motor vehicles is a problem +5.9% against a target of -3%
 - I got the impression there had been a really concerted focus on best use of resources to hit targets over the last 3 months.
 - The Partnership Manager and Chris Brown were confidently predicting further improvements in the next months reporting which would improve the CDRP's position in its MSG.

There was a long conversation about ASB – the criminalisation of young people and what could be done about it. It was agreed that this would be an item on the agenda of the next meeting to discuss it in more detail and see what actions could be put in place.

It seems a well supported and resourced CDRP – they have been successful in attracting in over £122k of additional funding and there is a high level of engagement and enthusiasm.

Leicestershire Police Authority
Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships

Member Feedback Form

Name of Partnership

Date of meeting

Member(s) attending

The Partnership

Were all partners present at the meeting?

Yes

No

If not please state which body was not represented.

What are the top 5 priorities for this CDRP? (There is no need to complete this unless there have been changes/new priorities set)

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

Briefly how are these being delivered?

What other current issues are being addressed by the Partnership?

What public consultation is planned? Who is the contact officer?

If consultation has been undertaken what results were received?

Confidence

Has the Confidence question been raised?

Yes

No

Has the District/Borough signed up to the CRAVE survey?

Yes

No

Has the Police Authority's Policing Plan 2009/12 been presented as an agenda item at one of the Partnership meetings? If so when? (If not will members' request this be placed on the agenda for the next meeting)(Once this has been discussed there is no need to complete this question again)

Date of Meeting where presented

Six Hallmarks of an effective CDRP

The Home Office has developed a framework of minimum standards for partnership working based on the six 'hallmarks' of an effective partnership framed around an obligation on the CDRP to formulate and implement a strategy to address the crime, disorder and substance misuse issues in their area. These factors are as follows :-

- 1. Empowered and effective leadership
- 2. Intelligence-led business processes
- 3. Effective and responsive delivery structures
- 4. Community engagement
- 5. Visible and constructive accountability
- 6. Appropriate skills and knowledge

Is the CDRP signed up to the six hallmarks? Yes No

How are the six hallmarks integrated into the partnership?

Other

How would you judge the levels and trends of crime and disorder in the of the CDRP? – Which areas need addressing?

Does the CDRP undertake any cross border working? If so what?

What spending decisions were made?

Other issues raised by Members' at the meeting