



**LINCOLNSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY  
COMMUNITY AND PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE  
13 OCTOBER 2010  
2.00PM TO 5.00PM**

**PRESENT:**

**MEMBERS:** Mr J Atter (Chairman), Mr P Przyszlak (Vice Chairman), Mr J Cooke, Mr A Dezonie, Mr R Must, Mr R Sellars,

**SECRETARIAT:** Mr M Burch (Chief Executive), Mr H Hunt (Deputy Chief Executive), Mr A Hardwick (Marketing and Media Officer), Mr J Horton (Engagement and Communications Officer), Mr J King (Committee and Administration Officer), Miss V Mason (Research and Performance Officer)

**FORCE OFFICERS:** Mr K Smy (Assistant Chief Constable – Safer Neighbourhoods), Mr S Croft (A/Performance Manager), D/Sergeant S Bromiley (Special Branch), Sergeant C Broughton (CJU Partnerships), Ms G Finn (Funding and Partnerships Development Officer)

**APOLOGIES:** Mr N Cooper, Mr G Dark, Mr K Smith

None.

**21/10 DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND/OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS**

None.

**22/10 MINUTES – 13 OCTOBER 2010**

<b>Resolved:</b>	<b>Responsible Officer:</b>
1. That the minutes of the meeting held on the 13 October 2010 be taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.	-

**23/10 ACTION SUMMARY**

**Item C4 (21/07/10):** The Engagement and Communications Officer (ECO) confirmed that all Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPTs) were in receipt of details of their respective link Members. It was anticipated that NPTs would begin making contact with link Members over the next week or so. It was agreed that all link Members would be provided with written confirmation of their allocation of NPTs.

**Item C6 (21/07/10):** The ECO advised Members that an Independent Advisory Group (IAG) “development day” had been organised for 22 January 2011. A virtual group had been set up in the interim and appeared to be working very well. Whilst the ECO was the only Authority representative on the group, it was suggested that the Committee might also consider nominating a Member representative following the development day.

<p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p>That</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. progress with the Action Summary be noted;</li> <li>2. link Members be provided with written confirmation of their allocation of NPTs.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Responsible Officer:</b></p> <p>- ECO</p>
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## 24/10 POLICE AUTHORITY RISK MANAGEMENT REGISTER

The Committee was invited to consider each of the critical and non critical risks sponsored by the Chairman. Critical risk “H” concerned low levels of public trust and confidence in Lincolnshire Police. Members questioned the relevance of the risk in light of the public confidence target and the Policing Pledge both being abolished. The A/Performance Manager confirmed that the single confidence measure still featured in the British Crime Survey and was used by Her Majesty’s Inspector of Constabulary to monitor Force performance. The Chief Constable had also made it clear that public trust and confidence would remain the cornerstone of policing in the County. The Assistant Chief Constable (Safer Neighbourhoods) advised that a Public Service Charter was being developed to replace the former Pledge. The Charter would encompass a much broader range of policing services and would be more meaningful to staff. The Charter was currently part of an internal consultation process although key partners such as the Authority and IAGs would be consulted in due course. Members agreed that critical risk “H” should be retained in its current form.

It was further agreed that critical risk “K” and non critical risk “F” also remain unchanged. The Committee undertook to revisit critical risk “L” at the end of the meeting as there were a number of items on the agenda that would help inform Member’s thinking.

Members noted that the need for effective engagement and consultation with local communities had been listed as a priority action under the Executive Summary. It was agreed that the action would be reviewed at the next meeting.

<p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p>That</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the report be noted;</li> <li>2. the priority action for the Committee listed under the Executive Summary be reviewed at the next ordinary meeting.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Responsible Officer:</b></p> <p>- RPO</p>
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## 25/10. FORCE RISK REGISTER/COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN UPDATE

The Chairman highlighted a small number of risks within the Force Strategic and Organisational Risk Registers. Following a number of questions and comments, these were noted.

<b>Resolved:</b>  1. That the oral report be noted.	<b>Responsible Officer:</b>  -
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## 26/10. COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

The ECO provided a brief update on progress with a number of actions contained within the Committee Workplan. Members were advised that the number of consultees was likely to reach 7,000 by the year end, which would be a significant improvement over the original target of 3,000.

The Deputy Chief Executive suggested that the success of Member links with NPTs be reviewed before the year end and be included as a new action within the Work Plan.

<b>Resolved:</b>  That  1. progress with the Work Plan be noted; 2. the Work Plan be updated to include a review of Member links with NPTs to be undertaken before year end.	<b>Responsible Officer:</b>  - ECO
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## 27/10. EXTERNAL CONSULTATION

The A/Performance Manager presented the re-vamped report which it was hoped would provide greater value to the Committee. The paper had been designed to follow the strategic aims of the Force with the order laid out to echo the content of the monthly Force performance pack.

Reference was made to a number of key messages arising from the Neighbourhood Matters (NHM) survey and through direct feedback from Neighbourhood Panels and NPT priorities. Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) had emerged as a far greater concern to the public than crime. A further key challenge for the Force was around informing the public about how to contact their local NPT with 80% of those surveyed indicating that they would do so by dialling the 999 emergency number. The Committee was pleased to note that overall public confidence continued to improve, with West Division showing a significant improvement in satisfaction levels. However, it was noted that the satisfaction levels with being 'kept informed' was around 13% lower for those crimes that were not included in the user satisfaction survey crime categories and a further 4% lower for victims of ASB.

The Committee considered that some of the positive language used around aspects of Force performance did not reflect the true picture and that future reports should also make it clear that crime statistics were based on reported crime data. Members also highlighted a key finding that 40% of victims did not bother to report crimes because they believed that the police would not be interested in incidents of minor crime. The Assistant Chief Constable (Safer Neighbourhoods), whilst accepting the points made, stated that under-reporting of incidents was a national problem for the police service. He further suggested that the public's opinions often reflected their view of the whole criminal justice service when surveyed.

In welcoming the format and content of the new style report, the Chairman stated that it was much closer to what had been envisaged. He requested that consideration be given to providing a brief summary of key messages emerging from external consultation activity as this would be extremely useful for Members. The Deputy Chief Executive further suggested that it would be beneficial if those key messages could be pulled together in time for the Authority's Planning and Strategy event scheduled for 22 October.

It was confirmed that a recent meeting of the Public Service and Confidence Board had agreed to purchase SNAP consultation software in view of the contract with Swift ending at the end of the financial year. There were a number of key advantages associated with using SNAP, including greater flexibility in terms of the design and content of surveys, quicker analysis of data and larger sample sizes. Crucially, by bringing survey work in-house the Force would achieve savings of approximately £100k per annum. The Assistant Chief Constable (Safer Neighbourhoods) reassured Members that the potential for taking a regional collaborative approach in terms of sharing the cost of license fees for SNAP would also be explored.

<b>Resolved:</b>	<b>Responsible Officer:</b>
<p>That</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the report be noted;</li> <li>2. a summary of key messages emerging from external consultation activity be included within future reports;</li> <li>3. data from the NHM survey regarding road safety be communicated to the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership.</li> </ol>	<p>- A/PM A/PM</p>

## **28/10. ENGAGEMENT AND PRIORITIES CONSULTATION**

The ECO highlighted some of the key findings from the Authority's priorities survey, which would be fed into discussions at the forthcoming Planning and Strategy event. Members were pleased to note that the methodology used for the survey had generated over 2000 returns from a diverse range of backgrounds. However, Members were reminded that the findings were just one element of a raft of on-going consultation activity as set out in the report.

Members were advised that despite putting forward reasoned and cogent arguments to explain why police officers could not be as visible or as responsive as local communities would

like, the findings suggested that the public's expectations in these areas had not really altered. The Assistant Chief Constable (Safer Neighbourhoods) referred to the perception amongst some members of the public that the Force was wasteful. He considered that opportunities for addressing negative perceptions should be exploited wherever possible, including the use of innovative methods such as YouTube and Facebook. The Chief Executive concurred and suggested that consultation activities should be seen by Members as opportunities for getting messages out as well as for listening.

<p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p>That</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the findings of the survey with regard to future decision making around Force priority setting be noted;</li> <li>2. the range of engagement activities undertaken to date be noted;</li> <li>3. the dates for future engagement opportunities be noted.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Responsible Officer:</b></p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>
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#### **29/10. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE – EVERY CHILD MATTERS**

<p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p>That</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the report be noted;</li> <li>2. the EM Portfolio holder's comments regarding the Authority and Force's current ECM status update be noted.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Responsible Officer:</b></p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>
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#### **30/10. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S STRATEGY**

Sergeant Broughton provided a brief update on progress with implementing the Force's Children and Young People's Strategy for the period 2009 to 2012.

Members queried whether Sergeant Broughton had been able to access external funding streams to help facilitate the implementation of various training packages for police staff. The Assistant Chief Constable (Safer Neighbourhoods) admitted that he was not aware of any specific county wide funding but that the various bodies who were engaged with children and young people such as Social, Education and Probation services tended to contribute in kind. Members suggested that opportunities for accessing area based grant funding be explored to assist with meeting training costs.

The Chairman thanked Sergeant Broughton for her informative report.

<b>Resolved:</b>	<b>Responsible Officer:</b>
1. That the report be noted.	-

### 31/10. PARTNERSHIP AND FUNDING UPDATE

The Funding and Partnership Development Officer (FPDO) provided a brief update on funding, community and partnership activities undertaken since May 2010. It was recommended that the Committee receive an annual update in future to enable Members to consider a summary of various activities from inception to completion. This would be presented around June/July time each year.

Members supported and encouraged positive action in relation to securing additional income for the Force. The FPDO stated that the Home Office had frozen a significant number of funding streams, and where funding was made available it would be necessary to match it with relevant Force projects and initiatives. A regional funding awareness board was due to be taken forward next year to facilitate joint funding bids and to draw-up local project proposals for regional funding. The Assistant Chief Constable (Safer Neighbourhoods) advised that the Force also took the opportunity to volunteer as a pilot for various national schemes and initiatives that would secure additional funding and/or provide free equipment, etc.

The Chief Executive suggested that as income generation was likely to get increasingly more difficult, it should be the focus of a Task and Finish Group (T&FG) supported by the Treasurer. It was agreed that a T&FG would be appointed and comprise Members drawn from both the Community & Partnership and Finance & Performance committees.

<b>Resolved:</b>	<b>Responsible Officer:</b>
That	
1. the report be noted;	-
2. the Committee receive an annual summary of funding and partnership activity around June/July each year;	FPDO
3. a T&FG be appointed to explore opportunities for income generation;	CE
4. membership of the T&FG comprise Members drawn from the both the Community & Partnership and Finance & Performance committees.	CE

### 32/10. STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS UPDATE

The Deputy Chief Executive presented updates from Strategic Partnerships within which the Authority participated. A copy of the notes of the East Lincolnshire Community Safety Partnership (ELCSP) meeting held on 19 August 2010 were also tabled and the date of the

next meeting of the ELCSP was confirmed as 25 November 2010, and not as reported in the paper.

The report included proposals set out by Lincolnshire County Council for re-engineering their future involvement in partnership working. Members also noted that the Lincolnshire Board, set up and led by the County Council was seeking to encompass “*at least health and policing budgets...*” within placed base budgets (PBB). The Committee was unclear about the Board’s intentions and expressed its disappointment at not having been consulted. The Chief Executive reminded Members that the Chairman of the Authority had attended a meeting of the Board shortly before the September full Authority meeting. He considered that whilst the government had been focussing on larger metropolitan authorities for PBB, it was possible that they were also exploring a County model, opening the door for Lincolnshire. However, he firmly believed that the prospect of any budgets currently overseen by the Authority being taken forward by the Board as extremely unlikely.

The Assistant Chief Constable (Safer Neighbourhoods) suggested that there was a strong desire on the part of the County Council to withdraw from partnerships that did not appear to add value or that were not a statutory requirement. He considered that the Council’s plans for extending PBB into health stemmed from its involvement in providing services to the elderly, and the Excellent Ageing Lincolnshire project in particular, with the police service being cited as an example of good partnership working.

The Chairman suggested that the Committee maintain a watching brief and receive a substantive update at the next ordinary meeting.

<p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p>That</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the report and attached appendices be noted;</li> <li>2. the County Council’s proposals for future partnership arrangements and for PBB be noted, and that the Committee receive a substantive update at the next ordinary meeting.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Responsible Officer:</b></p> <p>- DCE</p>
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### 33/10. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

<p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p>That the press and public be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that the following items involved the disclosure or likely disclosure of exempt information as detailed in paragraph 7 of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).</p>	<p><b>Responsible Officer:</b></p> <p>-</p>
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### 34/10. RICH PICTURE

<b>Resolved:</b>  1. That the presentation be noted.	<b>Responsible Officer:</b>  -
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### INCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

### 35/10. POLICE AUTHORITY RISK MANAGEMENT REGISTER

<b>Resolved:</b>  That  1. the County Council's proposals for future partnership arrangements be included as a new/developing control for critical risk "L"; 2. the direction of travel for critical risk "L" be amended to show a increasing risk.	<b>Responsible Officer:</b>  RPO  RPO
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**Chairman**