



**LINCOLNSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY
COMMUNITY AND PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE
13 OCTOBER 2011
1.30PM TO 3.10PM**

PRESENT:

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

SECRETARIAT: Mr J Horton (Engagement and Communications Officer), Mr J King
(Committee and Administration Officer), Miss V Mason (Research and Performance Officer)

FORCE OFFICERS: Chief Superintendent L Freeman (Head of Neighbourhood Policing),
Inspector P Baker (Neighbourhood Policing), Mr S Croft (A/Performance Manager)

APOLOGIES: Mr N Cooper, Mr R Must, Mr K Smith

Also in attendance: Mr F Mann

14/11 DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND/OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

None.

15/11 MINUTES – 14 JULY 2011

Resolved:	Responsible Officer:
1. That the minutes of the meeting held on the 14 July 2011 be taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.	-

16/11 ACTION SUMMARY

Item C1 (14 July 2011) External Consultation: The Head of Neighbourhood Policing read out a prepared note on the tasking and resourcing available for managing road safety related anti-social behaviour. Members noted the update with thanks.

Resolved:	Responsible Officer:
1. That progress with the Action Summary be noted.	-

17/11 EXTERNAL CONSULTATION

The A/Performance Manager referred to a number of improvements that had been made to the way data was presented in the report, including details of survey sample sizes, the provision of comparative data from the previous quarter, the inclusion of direction of travel indicators and identification of statistically significant changes. The Chairman welcomed the further developments that had been made to the format of the report.

Members were advised that in general the data presented showed little variation since the previous quarter's update. Anti-social behaviour (ASB) remained of greater concern to the public than crime, with both the Neighbourhood Policing Database and the Confidence Survey revealing Road Safety and Vehicle Nuisance as priority concerns. Keeping service users informed remained a challenge to the Force and was the most common reason for user dissatisfaction. Members were advised that the level of satisfaction in this category had fallen by approximately 8% over the previous quarter. This period had corresponded with the Crime Helpdesk service being withdrawn, whose role had been to support this aspect of service. It was reported that the Assistant Chief Constable (Safer Neighbourhoods) was conducting activity to ensure that the degradation in performance was understood by officers and staff. It was anticipated that that the impact of his intervention would have a positive outcome to improve the experience of service users, particularly in keeping victims of crime informed.

Resolved: 1. That the report be noted.	Responsible Officer: -
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18/11 ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION UPDATE

The Engagement and Communications Officer (ECO) reported on the scope and results of the most recent Authority engagement and consultation activities. To provide variety within the quarterly updates, Members were advised that reports would also be used as a vehicle for highlighting specific aspects of engagement activity. The current update focussed on the Authority's increased presence within the social media arena, in particular the use of Facebook, Twitter and YouTube for engaging with communities. Members noted that there had been a significant increase in Twitter activity and were pleased to note that Lincolnshire had recently become the second most followed Police Authority in the country behind Surrey. The Chairman stated that he had become a recent convert to social media thanks largely to the efforts of the ECO. He was aware that new social media platforms were constantly being developed and that it was important that the Authority maintained a watching brief. The ECO confirmed that developments in social media were being monitored as part of the Authority's Social Media Strategy.

Members were advised that consultation on priority setting to inform the development of the Policing Plan 2012 - 2015, had identified four key themes around the need for higher visibility of police officers, improving feedback to victims of crime/reports of crime and intelligence, improving accessibility and reducing waste/costs and increasing efficiency. It was clear from the results that improvements in the quality of service provision remained a high priority for the

people of Lincolnshire. The Chairman confirmed that the outcomes from consultation activity would be fed into the forthcoming planning workshop for the Policing Plan.

Resolved:	Responsible Officer:
1. That the report be noted.	-

19/11 CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE UPDATE

The Authority’s Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People provided a detailed briefing on current issues relating to child protection from both an Authority and Force perspective. The report suggested that the Portfolio Holder’s remit be further extended to include vulnerable adults as the work of the Public Protection Unit (PPU) included both vulnerable children and vulnerable adults. Members supported the proposal, which would enable the Portfolio Holder to take cognisance of the wider work and risks of the PPU.

Members received a briefing on a number of recent developments which had come too late for inclusion in the update. The Portfolio Holder welcomed a recent announcement by the Child Safeguarding Board that it was to form a special group in response to growing intelligence that vulnerable missing children, particularly girls, were becoming an increasing problem in Lincolnshire. However, on the back of that announcement he was deeply concerned to learn that Lincolnshire County Council’s Children’s Services was to change the ‘Team around the Child’ (TAC) process, which might adversely impact on vulnerable children as the numbers of early referrals were likely to drop as a consequence of the new process and so reduce successful early interventions. It was understood that the driver for change was the need to make financial savings due to cut backs in funding. Members were advised that the Head of PPU had brought the matter to the attention of A/ACC (Protective Services) who had subsequently written to the Director of Children’s Services to raise his concerns and to seek further clarification. The Committee was advised that a number of partner organisations had also expressed deep reservations about the new process, which had been progressed in haste and without the opportunity for consultation or evaluation of the potential impact on partners. The Portfolio Holder invited the Committee to consider formulating its own response focusing on the lack of consultation and the increased risk to vulnerable children. Members suggested that in light of the approach being taken by the Assistant Chief Constable (Protective Services), it might be more appropriate for the Committee to write to the Chair of the Child Safeguarding Board to add the Authority’s support to their concerns about the new process. The Chairman recommended that the Portfolio Holder liaise with the Secretariat to determine a way forward. Councillor members of the Committee requested that they be provided with further information so that the matter could be forward with Children’s Services on behalf of the Authority.

Resolved:	Responsible Officer:
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1. the report be noted;	-

2. the Portfolio Holder and Secretariat consider how best to relay the Committee's concerns about changes to the TAC process;	Portfolio Holder/RPO
3. Councillor members of the Committee be provided with information about changes to the TAC process;	RPO
4. the "Satisfactory/Static" level of assurance received from the Portfolio Holder with regards to Children and Young Persons, be endorsed.	RPO

20/11 INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT - PARTNERSHIPS

The Committee was advised by Inspector Baker that the Force would support the Action Plan appended to Internal Audit report on Partnerships, if the Authority accepted a proposal to redefine its definition of 'Partnership'. The current definition, in the context of the Force's partnerships was considered to be extremely wide ranging and would lead to an unnecessary bureaucratic process.

The Authority's Vice Chairman suggested that it would make common sense to retain the existing definition, which was contained within the Authority's Partnership Strategy. It was his view, and that of the Committee, that the alternative definition proposed by the Force was overly complex and bureaucratic. However, he wanted to reassure the Force that the Committee would only be interested in having oversight of key strategic partnerships rather than every formal and informal partnership entered into by the Force. The Chairman considered that the findings of the report could be agreed in principle and that a mapping exercise could then be undertaken to identify those strategic partnerships that were of interest to the Committee. The Head of Neighbourhood Policing stated that whilst he understood the Committee's intentions, the definition still needed to be clarified to make clear that future reporting would be restricted to the activities of formal strategic partnerships. The Chairman suggested that Inspector Baker work with the Secretariat on a suitable definition and progress the mapping exercise, which could be approved 'off line' by Members prior to the next meeting.

Resolved:	Responsible Officer:
That	
1. the report and appendix be noted;	-
2. a suitable definition for 'Partnership' be drafted for consideration and approval 'off line' by the Committee prior to the next meeting;	DCE / Insp Baker
3. a mapping exercise be undertaken to identify strategic partnerships for oversight by the Committee for approval 'off line' by the Committee prior to the next meeting.	DCE / Insp Baker

21/11. STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS UPDATE

The Authority's representative on the County Community Safety Board (CCSB) expressed his deep concern that the minutes of the CCSB held on 8 September 2011 had not been amended to reflect his view and that of other representatives, that decisions around the

restructuring of Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) should include statutory partners. The Chairman undertook to make clear the concerns to the Chairman of CCSB.

Members were advised that North and South Kesteven CSPs had agreed in principle to merge although it would not be until the next round of meetings in November before there was some clarity over how the merger would proceed. The Chairman also referred to a growing recognition that a single County CSP would emerge following rationalisation of county structures with local delivery retained at a district level.

The Authority's representative on the County Road Safety Partnership apologised for being unable to clear the minutes of the last meeting in time consideration by Members. He advised that these would be circulated to the Committee in due course.

<p>Resolved:</p> <p>That</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the report and attached appendices be noted; 2. the Chairman relay to the Chairman of the CCSB the Committee's concerns regarding the decision to publish unamended minutes of the CCSB meeting held on 8 September 2011; 3. the minutes of the County Road Safety Partnership be circulated to Committee members. 	<p>Responsible Officer:</p> <p>- Chairman</p> <p>CAO</p>
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22/11 FORCE RISK REGISTER/COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN UPDATE

<p>Resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the oral update be noted. 	<p>Responsible Officer:</p> <p>-</p>
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23/11 POLICE AUTHORITY RISK REGISTERS

The Chairman invited the Committee to consider whether to change the current score for critical risk C13 regarding the fragility of existing partnerships. Members considered that the score should remain unchanged, although it was likely that the risk would begin to reduce once decisions had been made about the future structure of CSPs. It was further agreed that the developing controls for risk C13 would be updated to reflect the commitment of CCSB to progress towards a new CSP structure.

<p>Resolved:</p> <p>That</p>	<p>Responsible Officer:</p>
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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the report be noted; 2. developing controls for critical risk C13 be updated to reflect the commitment of CCSB to progress towards a new CSP structure. 	- RPO
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24/11. ASSURANCE UPDATE

<p>Resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the level of assurance for 'First Contact' remain unchanged. 	<p>Responsible Officer:</p> <p>-</p>
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25/11 COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

<p>Resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That progress with the Work Plan be noted. 	<p>Responsible Officer:</p> <p>-</p>
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26/11. PREVENT - 6 MONTHLY REVIEW

The Authority's Portfolio Holder for Protective Service - Counter Terrorism, provided a brief update on national and local developments. It was confirmed that the Force had published an Action Plan to reflect the national priorities set out in the recently published National Prevent Plan. Whilst the threat of terrorism within the Lincolnshire remained low, there were a number of sensitive sites in the County that needed to be managed. Overall, he was content that the current level of assurance should remain as 'Satisfactory'.

In noting the update, Members recorded their thanks to Detective Sergeant Simon Bromiley for his work as the Force and Regional Prevent lead.

<p>Resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the oral update be noted. 	<p>Responsible Officer:</p> <p>-</p>
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Chairman