



**LINCOLNSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY
COMMUNITY AND PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE
14 JULY 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 Dezone, Mr R Must, Mr R Sellars

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

FORCE OFFICERS: Mr S Croft (A/Performance Manager)

APOLOGIES: Mr N Cooper, Mr K Smith

01/11 DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND/OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

None.

02/11 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR MUNICIPAL YEAR 2011/2012

Resolved:	Responsible Officer:
1. That Mr J Atter be elected Chairman of Community and Partnership Committee for the municipal year 2011/2012.	-

03/11 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR MUNICIPAL YEAR 2011/12

Resolved:	Responsible Officer:
1. That Mr P Przyszlak be elected Vice-Chairman of Community and Partnership Committee for the municipal year 2011/2012.	-

04/11 MINUTES – 19 APRIL 2011

Resolved:	Responsible Officer:
1. That the minutes of the meeting held on the 19 April 2011 be taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.	-

05/11 ACTION SUMMARY

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

06/11 EXTERNAL CONSULTATION

The A/Performance Manager advised that overall levels of satisfaction had marginally increased to 83.4% for the rolling 12 month period to March 2011 compared with 80.9% for the 12 months to March 2010. This was inline with the continuing long term trend although it was noted that confidence levels measured by the British Crime survey and in-Force data captured from the Neighbourhood Matters survey appeared to have levelled off. However it was too early to say whether the recent re-structuring of the Force and publicised cuts in public spending for the police service was having an adverse influence on public perception. The Committee requested that future reports include a direction of travel indicator alongside the percentage figures to assist Members in assessing the effectiveness of confidence measures.

Survey findings continued to indicate that Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) issues remained more of a concern for the public than actual recorded crime levels with Road Safety featuring prominently. Members queried whether it would be possible to tease out some of the specific issues captured under the broad heading of Road Safety. The A/Performance Manager suggested that the survey could be amended to include a number of focussed questions which would enable a more detailed analysis to be undertaken. Members also queried the level of resources that were being prioritised and measures being put in place by the Force to tackle Road Safety related ASB as a primary area of concern to the public. The Deputy Chief Executive undertook to raise the issue with the Assistant Chief Constable (Safer Neighbourhoods) on behalf of the Committee.

Members were advised that the National non-emergency number 101 was being rolled out by the Government. Lincolnshire was likely to 'go live' in October 2011 and preparations were already in hand to deal with a potential increase in the volume of calls. Members queried what impact there would be on the current single non-emergency number 0300 1110300 in terms of its future continuance and associated contractual obligations and financial penalties.

Resolved:	Responsible Officer:
<p>That</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the report be noted; 2. future reports include a direction travel indicator alongside percentage figures; 3. survey questions be formulated to capture more detailed information in respect of Road Safety related ASB issues; 4. the Committee be advised on the level of resourcing and measures being put in place to address Road Safety related ASB; 5. the DCE be advised of the 'go live' date for the national non emergency number 101; 6. the DCE be advised on the impact of introducing the national non-emergency number 101 on the current single non-emergency number 0300 1110300. 	<p>-</p> <p>A/PM</p> <p>A/PM</p> <p>ACC (SN), DCE</p> <p>A/PM</p> <p>A/PM</p>

07/11 ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION UPDATE

The Engagement and Communications Officer advised on the scope of the most recent Authority engagement and consultation activities, and invited Members to consider the latest version of the Engagement Plan.

The Committee was advised that the scheme to develop Member links with Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPTs) had been more successful in some parts of the county than in others. It was suggested that the merger of a number of NPTs and changes in personnel following the restructuring of the Force had impacted on the effectiveness of the scheme overall. In addition to the recommendation that a reminder be sent to all NPTs about their Member links, the Committee requested that the allocation of teams be reviewed to ensure that they were appropriately matched to Members in terms of geographic area. It was further requested that Members taking part in the scheme be surveyed to ascertain where it was working well and why and what could be done to improve those areas that were experiencing problems.

The Chairman encouraged Members to volunteer for future 'LincsTweetBeat' events. Members interested in taking part were invited to declare their interests to the Engagement and Communications Officer.

Resolved:	Responsible Officer:
<p>That</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. engagement activities undertaken to date be noted; 2. a reminder be sent to all NPTs about their Member links; 3. the allocation of NPTs be reviewed to ensure that they are appropriately matched to Members in terms of geographic 	<p>-</p> <p>ECO</p> <p>ECO</p>

area;	
4. Members be surveyed to ascertain where the Member links scheme has worked well and why and what could be done to improve those areas that were experiencing problems;	ECO
5. Members interested in taking part in future LincsTweetBeat declare their interest to the Engagement and Communications Officer.	All

08/11 CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE UPDATE

The Research and Performance Officer provided a brief update on current child protection issues. As there had been little change since the last update, the Children and Young People portfolio holder had recommended that the Committee's assurance level/direction of travel indicator remain as 'Limited/no change'.

In noting the report, Members requested clarification from the portfolio holder on what further action was needed to achieve an improved level of assurance.

Resolved:	Responsible Officer:
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1. the report be noted;	-
2. the comments of the Children and Young Persons Portfolio Holder be noted;	-
3. the "Limited/no change" level of assurance received from the Portfolio Holder with regards to Children and Young Persons, be endorsed;	RPO
4. the portfolio holder clarify what further action was needed to achieve an improved level of assurance.	Portfolio holder / RPO

09/11 STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

The Deputy Chief Executive referred to a meeting of the County Community Safety Board held on 6 June 2011, at which potential changes to the existing community safety partnership (CSP) structure had been discussed. It was noted that whilst no decisions had been made a sub-group had been appointed to consider the role of districts in future strategy and delivery. The Committee was invited to formulate a position statement for the Authority as regards the proposed CSP restructuring. Members agreed to appoint a Task and Finish Group to take the matter forward. Reference was made to concerns emanating from partnerships that they were not being consulted on the proposed changes and had begun to question the rationale for restructuring prior to police and crime commissioners being in post. The Chairman advised that he was in the process of arranging a meeting of CSP chairs in response to the changing partnership landscape, and in particular to proposed cuts in community safety funding by the County Council and the imminent arrival of police and crime commissioners.

<p>Resolved:</p> <p>That</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the report and attached appendices be noted; 2. a Task & Finish Group be established to consider the Authority's position on the proposed restructuring of CSPs; 3. John Atter, John Cooke, Richard Davies, Rodney Must and Kelly Smith be appointed to the Task & Finish Group; 4. the Task & Finish Group be provided with the following background papers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - extracts from the latest draft version of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill relating to CSPs; - a briefing on the outcome of the proposed meeting of CSP Chairs; - a briefing on the rationale for restructuring of CSPs. 	<p>Responsible Officer:</p> <p>-</p> <p>DCE</p> <p>-</p> <p>DCE</p>
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10/11 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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11/11 POLICE AUTHORITY RISK REGISTERS

The Research and Performance Officer advised that the Risk Management Task and Finish Group had completed its review and assessment of risks facing the Authority in light of the revised strategic objectives detailed in the Policing Plan 2011-14 and the Authority's Strategy and Operations Plan. The group had concluded that the Committee Chairman should sponsor just one critical risk relating to the fragility of existing partnerships. Following the strategic partnership update, the Committee agreed that the likelihood of the risk occurring had further increased. Members were advised that New/Developing Controls for the risk would also be updated to reflect an advisory audit being undertaken on partnerships, which was due to be completed in September 2011. The Deputy Chief Executive suggested that the development of an overarching Force policy on partnerships was likely to emerge as a key recommendation of the audit.

Resolved:	Responsible Officer:
<p>That</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the report be noted; 2. the Likelihood score for critical risk C13 be increased from 3 to 4 providing an overall current risk score of 12; 3. the New/Developing Controls for critical risk C13 include reference to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the advisory audit on partnerships being undertaken by Internal Audit; - the appointment of a Task and Finish Group to consider the Authority's position on proposed changes to the CSP structure; - the proposed meeting of CSP Chairs. 	<p>- RPO RPO</p>

12/11. ASSURANCE UPDATE

The Research and Performance Officer invited Members to consider the levels of assurance with key issue areas owned by the Committee.

Protective Services – Children and Young People

This issue had been discussed earlier in the meeting and an assurance level of 'Limited/no change' agreed.

Protective Services – Counter Terrorism

The Authority's portfolio holder recommended that the issue be removed from the Assurance Framework having been assessed as 'Satisfactory/improving' since the Framework had been introduced in January 2011. The nature of counter terrorism meant that a 'Full' level of assurance was unlikely to be achieved. Members were advised that the County Council was expected to play a greater role in tackling counter terrorism in future in terms of influencing environmental factors.

The Research and Performance Officer assured Members that there were mechanisms in place for the Committee to revisit the issue as necessary including on-going oversight by the portfolio holder, a 6 monthly update by Special Branch and quarterly reviews of the Assurance Framework.

First Contact

Members were advised that First Contact had been initially assessed as 'Satisfactory/no change' following the development of success criteria. A number of notable successes were highlighted including the 'Task don't Ask' initiative, which were welcomed by Members.

<p>Resolved:</p> <p>That</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protective Services – Counter Terrorism be removed from the Assurance Framework; 2. a ‘Satisfactory/no change’ level of assurance has been received in respect of First Contact. 	<p>Responsible Officer:</p> <p>RPO</p> <p>RPO</p>
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13/11 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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Chairman