



**LINCOLNSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY
COMMUNITY AND PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE
20 JANUARY 2011
10.00AM TO 11.55AM**

PRESENT:

MEMBERS: Mr J Atter (Chairman), Mr P Przyszlak (Vice Chairman), Mr N Cooper, Mr G Dark
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 R Bannister (Assistant Chief Constable – Protective Services), Mr S
Croft (A/Performance Manager), D/Sergeant S Bromiley (Special Branch)

APOLOGIES: Mr J Cooke, Mr K Smith

36/10 DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND/OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

None.

37/10 MINUTES – 13 OCTOBER 2010

Resolved:	Responsible Officer:
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.	-

38/10 ACTION SUMMARY

Agenda item A2 (13/10/10) – The Chairman advised that his local Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) had yet to make contact with regards to his role as a link Member. The Engagement and Communications Officer undertook raise the matter with the NPT concerned.

Agenda Item D1 (13/10/10) - The Deputy Chief Executive explained that a Task & Finish Group had not been appointed as income generation would be picked up under the Policing Change Programme (PCP). The Assistant Chief Constable (Protective Services) undertook to

ascertain whether income generation had been included within any of the current work streams under PCP.

<p>Resolved:</p> <p>That</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. progress with the Action Summary be noted; 2. the status of income generation within the PCP be clarified. 	<p>Responsible Officer:</p> <p>- ACC (Protective Services)</p>
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39/10. EXTERNAL CONSULTATION

The A/Performance Manager updated the Committee on external consultation results, related policing activities and outcomes. The format of the report had been designed to follow the strategic aims of the Force and had been structured in a way that would echo the content of the monthly Force performance pack. In welcoming the new format, Members requested that actual figures be included alongside percentages and that an executive summary of key findings/issues be included in future.

During the reporting period the majority of respondents considered Lincolnshire to be a safe place to live and were very positive in their perceptions of the police force. There was a general perception amongst respondents that anti social behaviour (ASB) was on the increase despite the numbers of recorded incidents reducing by 5% over the course of the year. The Committee was advised that the “It All Adds Up” campaign would be used to provide factual information to educate the public about actual levels of recorded incidents of ASB in the County.

Members were encouraged by the upward trend of public confidence as measured by the British Crime Survey with the Force achieving a 49% satisfaction rate, placing it 32nd nationally. However, concerns were expressed about the approach taken by the Force in not publicising the 0300 111 0300 non emergency number because of fears that the volume of calls would overwhelm the Force Communications and Control Centre. The A/Performance Manager suggested that a national non emergency number was likely to be rolled out at some future point and would be comprehensively publicised. The Force preferred to encourage members of the public to bring concerns and issues to the direct attention of their local Neighbourhood Policing Teams.

The Chief Executive expressed his surprise that almost 50% of respondents did not want to receive any police related information such as crime prevention advice or details of local ASB/crime levels. The A/Performance Manager advised that the figure had remained fairly consistent for some time. Members requested that consideration be given to the inclusion of an additional question within the Neighbourhood Matters survey to find out the reasons why people did not want to be kept informed.

<p>Resolved:</p> <p>That</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the report be noted; 2. future reports include actual figures and an executive summary of key findings/issues; 3. the Neighbourhood matters Survey include an additional question to ascertain why respondents do not require police related information. 	<p>Responsible Officer:</p> <p>-</p> <p>A/PM</p> <p>A/PM</p>
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40/10. ENGAGEMENT AND PRIORITIES CONSULTATION UPDATE

The Engagement and Communications Officers summarised the findings of the most recent Police Authority surveys and presented Members with an updated version of the Engagement Plan for consideration.

Members were interested to note that the majority of respondents had indicated a preference for receiving information about the Authority via electronic means such as e-mail, texting and the internet. This was in contrast to a recent Force survey which had indicated a preference for police related information to be published in local papers. The Engagement and Communications Officer suggested that social media sites such as ‘Facebook’ and ‘You Tube’ were also becoming increasingly popular vehicles for getting key messages across to the public. A number of Members registered a strong interest in receiving more information about social networking and how to use the sites. The Chairman suggested that a clear strategy should be developed setting out the methodologies and techniques for communicating with the public and other stakeholders, including the use of social networking services.

The Deputy Chief Executive advised that the findings of consultation surveys around the Force priority and budget setting would be included as part of the 2011/2012 budget setting process.

<p>Resolved:</p> <p>That</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the findings of the survey with regard to future decision making around the Force priority and budget setting process be noted; 2. the engagement activities undertaken to date be noted; 3. the dates of future engagement opportunities be noted. 	<p>Responsible Officer:</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>
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41/10. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE UPDATE

The Research and Performance Officer advised that the term Every Child Matters (ECM) had been replaced by the Coalition Government with the phrase “help children achieve more”.

However, the Government had indicated that this did not signal a change of policy direction or lack of focus on children's issues. However, in light of the change in terminology, the title of the Authority's ECM portfolio holder had been amended to Children and Young People portfolio holder.

The Committee was invited to agree a level of assurance in relation to child protection and safeguarding young people. Members were advised that a "Satisfactory" level of assurance had been recommended by the portfolio holder.

<p>Resolved:</p> <p>That</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the report be noted; 2. the change of title from 'ECM portfolio holder' to 'Children and Young People portfolio holder' be noted; 3. the Satisfactory level of assurance received from the Children and Young People portfolio holder be endorsed. 	<p>Responsible Officer:</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>
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42/10. STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS UPDATE

The Deputy Chief Executive invited the Committee to consider the latest updates from the strategic partnerships within which the Authority participated and to consider the potential for change in the County's partnership landscape as a result of budget constraints in the coming years. The Chairman advised Members of proposals being considered by the County Community Safety Board for reforming existing community safety partnership (CSP) structures. He also emphasised the importance of ensuring that the Authority had a "place at the table" and was in a position to influence discussions. The Chief Executive advised that Lincolnshire County Council was proposing a new strategic body comprising itself, the Police Authority, NHS and District Councils sitting above public services and being responsible for a range of activities supported by a programme and project group. He also confirmed that under the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill, Police and Crime Commissioners could not be members of CSPs as this would compromise their accountability to local Police and Crime Panels. The Committee agreed to maintain a watching brief and to receive a further update at the next meeting.

Members queried whether there had been any further movement with regards to Place Based Budgeting (PBB). The Chief Executive stated that it remained a confused picture with no clarity over where funding would come from for PBB initiatives.

<p>Resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the report be noted. 	<p>Responsible Officer:</p> <p>-</p>
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43/10. FORCE RISK REGISTER/COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN UPDATE

<p>Resolved:</p> <p>1. That the oral update be noted.</p>	<p>Responsible Officer:</p> <p>-</p>
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44/10. 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 C05 concerned low levels of public trust and confidence in Lincolnshire Police. Members agreed that the addition of new and developing controls including the development of a Force Public Services Charter justified a further reduction in the overall risk score from '8' to '6'. The A/Performance Manager advised that the Service Improvement Board had reached agreement over the content of the Charter, which would be presented to the next meeting of the Committee.

The Chairman suggested that the Committee had a much better understanding of the public's needs and wants through the consistent messages that were now flowing from Force and Authority survey results. It was agreed that the overall risk score for critical risk C07 should be reduced from '6' to '4'.

The Committee considered that the overall risk score for critical risk C13 relating to the fragility of existing partnership should be increased from '6' to '9' to reflect the direction of travel. It was further agreed that critical risk NC08 would be merged with C13 as they were very similar.

The Chairman requested that the 'Priority Actions Required' table presented as part of the Critical Risk Register Executive Summary be amended in line with the decisions made by the Committee.

<p>Resolved:</p> <p>That</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the risk score for critical risk C05 be amended to 2 : 3 : 6; 2. the risk score for critical risk C07 be amended to 2 : 2 : 4; 3. the risk score for critical risk C13 be amended to 3 : 3 : 9; 4. critical risks C13 and NC08 be merged into a single risk; 5. the Priority Actions Required table presented as part of the Critical Risk Register Executive Summary be amended in line with the decisions made by the Committee; 6. the Committee receive a report on the Force Public Services Charter at its next ordinary meeting. 	<p>Responsible Officer:</p> <p>RPO</p> <p>RPO</p> <p>RPO</p> <p>RPO</p> <p>RPO</p> <p>A/PM</p>
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45/10. COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

The Engagement and Communications Officer invited Members to review and update the Committee work plan for the current year and to consider proposals for 2011/12.

The Authority's Stop and Search portfolio holder queried the high level of priority which had been suggested for the future monitoring of the Force's use of Stop and Search powers. The Chairman requested that a level of assurance be provided from the portfolio holder at the next Committee meeting so that Members could make an informed decision.

The Deputy Chief Executive referred to the Committee's oversight of Independent Advisory Groups (IAGs) and questioned how the Force saw the joint relationship developing in future years. The Assistant Chief Constable (Protective Services) confirmed that the relationship continued to be very positive and advised that IAG representatives were currently assisting the Force with a number of homicide enquiries. The challenge was to improve training and co-ordination of IAGs and to integrate them within the organisation's decision making process, including involvement in pre-operational planning and in the development of Force policies and procedures.

Resolved: That <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. progress with the Committee Work Plan 2010/11 be noted;2. proposals for the Committee Work Plan 2011/12 be approved;3. the Committee receive an update on the Force use of Stop and Search powers at its next ordinary meeting.	Responsible Officer: - - RPO
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46/10. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved: 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).	Responsible Officer: -
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47/10. FORCE 2010/11 PREVENT UPDATE

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