



**LINCOLNSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY
COMMUNITY AND PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE
26 MAY 2010
2.00PM TO 4.05PM**

PRESENT:

MEMBERS: Mr J Atter (Chairman), Mr P Przyszlak (Vice Chairman), Mr J Cooke, Mr N Cooper, Mr G Dark, Mr R Must, Mr R Sellars, Mr K Smith

SECRETARIAT: Mr M Burch, (Chief Executive), Mr H Hunt (Deputy Chief Executive), Mr J Horton (Engagement and Communications Officer), Mr J King (Committee and Administration Officer)

FORCE OFFICERS: Mr K Smy (Assistant Chief Constable – Safer Neighbourhoods), Mr S Croft (Performance Manager), Ms G Finn (Funding and Partnership Development Officer)

APOLOGIES: None

71/09 DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND/OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

- Mr N Cooper declared a personal interest in item 79/09 as a member of East Lindsey District Council.
- Mr R Must declared a personal in item 78/09 as his spouse was a member of a Neighbourhood Panel.

72/09 MINUTES – 24 MARCH 2010

Resolved:	Responsible Officer:
1. That the minutes of the meeting held on the 24 March 2010 be taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.	-

73/09 ACTION SUMMARY

Item A2 (24/03/10) –It was reported that Detective Chief Superintendent Roger Bannister had attended a Strategic Independent Advisory Group meeting on 12 May 2010 to put forward proposals for developing the role of Independent Advisory Groups (IAGs) in both critical incidents, operational planning and in the development of Force practices and policies. He was conscious of the balance that needed to be maintained between directing the work of

IAGs and ensuring that they were able to retain their independence. The meeting had been extremely positive and D/C/S Bannister had been tasked with working up a more detailed proposal for adoption by the IAGs. For their part, IAGs were taking forward a significant piece of work focussing on recruitment, induction and training of members and in relation to communication, co-ordination and governance of groups. There was also the possibility of developing a Pan-Lincolnshire IAG in addition to the Strategic Group, to consider County wide issues such as the development of practices and policies. Members welcomed the update and were pleased that progress was being made with developing the role of IAGs.

<p>Resolved:</p> <p>1. That a further update be presented to the next meeting of the Committee.</p>	<p>Responsible Officer:</p> <p>ACC (SN)</p>
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Item B1 (24/03/10) – Assistant Chief Constable (Safer Neighbourhoods) reminded Members of the discussions held at the last meeting around changes to the format of the External Consultation report. The Performance Manager tabled a number of mock-ups for consideration by the Committee. It was explained that a summary document would be used to identify both positive and negative areas of exceptional performance using a “traffic light” system, which would be familiar to Members. The summary would be supplemented by a snapshot to put exceptions, particularly negative exceptions, in context and to provide more detailed analysis. Members welcomed the proposed approach but were less clear about what constituted an “exception”. It was agreed that the Performance Manager would work with the Authority’s Research and Performance Officer on the format of the report and present a further iteration at the next meeting of the Committee.

<p>Resolved:</p> <p>1. That the Performance Manager and Research and Performance Officer have discussions about the future format of the External Consultation report and present a further iteration at the next meeting of the Committee.</p>	<p>Responsible Officer:</p> <p>PM/RPO</p>
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Item B6 (24/03/10) – It was reported that the Engagement and Communications Officer was developing an Action Plan to implement the 2010/11 Communication and Marketing Strategy.

<p>Resolved:</p> <p>1. That an Action Plan for implementing the 2010/11 Communication and Marketing Strategy be presented to the next meeting of the Committee.</p>	<p>Responsible Officer:</p> <p>ECO/MMO</p>
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74/09 POLICE AUTHORITY RISK MANAGEMENT REGISTER

Resolved: 1. That the item be deferred.	Responsible Officer: -
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75/09 COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

The Deputy Chief Executive presented the 2010/11 Workplan, which built on progress made in 2009/10 and identified how the work of the Committee contributed to the delivery of the Authority's strategic objectives. The Workplan was also closely aligned with the Authority's planning cycle and included a number of key areas for improvement highlighted in the joint HMIC/Audit Commission Inspection framework.

Resolved: That: 1. progress with the Workplan be noted; 2. the Road Safety Partnership be contacted with regards to the use of MAST to assist with community profiling.	Responsible Officer: - ECO
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76/09 EXTERNAL CONSULTATION

The Performance Manager updated the Committee on external consultation activities undertaken since the last report. Members were also advised about the possibility of bringing consultation activity back in-house through the use of SNAP software, a web based survey solution, which had the potential to generate significant cost savings whilst providing the same data gathering and analytic capabilities of the existing external provider. The Committee gave a cautious welcome to the proposal emphasising the importance of having a fully auditable and transparent process in place for gathering and analysing performance data. Members were reassured that proposals for bringing surveys back in-house would only be progressed with the support of the Committee.

Members noted with concern that the Force was positioned 5/5 within its Most Similar Group (MSG) for the majority of key performance areas. This appeared to contradict local consultation results appended to the report, which indicated an overall improvement in performance over the previous year. ACC (Safer Neighbourhoods) explained some of challenges involved in accurately measuring public perception through relatively small sample sizes. However, he sought to reassure Members that the overall direction of travel for trust and confidence was on an upward trend, whilst the gap between Lincolnshire and its MSGs would continue to narrow. Members questioned whether the Authority and the Force could have confidence in the survey results and whether they were getting value for money from the process. The Chairman stated that more thought was needed about how confidence in the quality of data could be improved going forward.

Resolved: 1. That the report be noted.	Responsible Officer: -
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77/09 ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITY UPDATE

The Engagement and Communications Officer provided a brief report on the success of the Authority's involvement in the recent Force Open Day event and Question Time initiative.

Resolved: 1. That the oral report be noted.	Responsible Officer: -
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78/09 AUTHORITY MEMBERS REPRESENTATION WITH NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAMS

The Engagement and Communications Officer invited Members to consider a number of suggested options for improving channels of communication between Neighbourhood Policing Teams and Neighbourhood Panels. It was agreed that each member of the Authority would become a link member for a geographic area within the County. Members would be expected to attend as many Panel meetings within their geographical area as was practicable whilst also maintaining links with local Neighbourhood Policing Teams.

Resolved: That 1. each member of the Authority be appointed as a link member for a geographic area of the County; 2. link members attend as many Neighbourhood Panel meetings within their geographical area as practicable and maintain links with local Neighbourhood Policing Teams; 3. link members be put on the mailing list for copies of agenda papers and minutes of Neighbourhood Panel meetings within their geographical area; 4. a progress report be prepared for the next Committee meeting.	Responsible Officer: ECO - ECO ECO
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79/09. COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIPS (CSPs) AND COMMUNITY SAFETY BOARD (CSB) UPDATE

The Deputy Chief Executive invited the Committee to consider the Authority's future corporate approach to engaging with CSPs, the CSB and other partners. Members considered that they had a leadership role, but needed a corporate view on issues if they were to provide a clear steer to partnerships. Membership also provided an opportunity to introduce the Authority's key priorities into the community safety arena. There was some confusion about what structures lay above CSPs and concerns expressed about partnerships becoming less strategic.

It was agreed that a Task & Finish Group would be established for a one off meeting to determine a way forward.

Resolved: That <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. that the report and attached minutes be noted;2. a Task & Finish Group be established to determine a way forward in relation to the Authority's approach to engaging with CSPs, CSB and other partners.	Responsible Officer: - CE
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80/09. PARTNERSHIP AND FUNDING UPDATE

The Funding and Partnership Development Officer (FPDO) provided an update on work undertaken since December 2009. Members were advised that following an audit on the management of grants, a number of gaps had been identified relating to recording and monitoring. It was apparent that there was no Force directive on recording grants and the FPDO had been working closely with Finance officers to ensure that when grants were banked there was a detailed record to identify not only the funding, but also an evaluation of the success or otherwise of the initiative so that there was an audit trail in place. Proposed changes to the Force's income policy were due to be presented to the Chief Officer Group and if accepted, would enable more information to be forthcoming regarding income generation.

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