

MINUTES of a meeting of the **DERBYSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES BOARD** held on 1 June 2011 at Police Headquarters, Ripley.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs C Hart – in the Chair
(Derbyshire County Council)

Amber Valley Borough Council

P Carney

Derbyshire Fire and Rescue

J Scott

Bolsover District Council

Councillor B Murray-Carr
M Ritchie

Derbyshire Police Authority

P Hickson

Chesterfield Borough Council

R Hilton

Erewash Borough Council

J Jaroszek

Derbyshire Constabulary

M Creedon
H Veigas

North East Derbyshire District Council

A Towleron

Derbyshire County Council

S Goodwin
D Lowe

South Derbyshire District Council

Councillor R J Wheeler
F McArdle

Derbyshire Dales District Council

Councillor L Rose
D Wheatcroft

3D Infrastructure Consortium

L Allison

Observers – P Sharpe and R Spilsbury, Derbyshire Criminal Justice Board

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors J Brown (Amber Valley Borough Council), S Blank (Chesterfield Borough) and C Corbett (Erewash Borough Council) and W Lumley (Bolsover and North East District Councils), S Pintus (NHS Derbyshire), A Waldie (Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service) and D White (Probation Service).

4/11 **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meetings of the Board held on 17 November 2010 and 17 February 2011 be confirmed as a correct record.

5/11 **SAFER COMMUNITIES TASKING AND ADVISORY GROUP RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Safer Communities Tasking and Advisory Group held on 11 May 2011 be received and adopted.

6/11 MATTERS ARISING AND OUTSTANDING ACTIONS - a)

Min 56/09 – Delivery Plan for National Indicator 7 – Third Sector

A working group had been meeting since 2009, reporting progress to the Culture Board. This role was currently being considered and it was agreed that the Safer Board should discharge this action.

b) Min 5/10 (67/09) – National Hate Crime Plan ACPO and Home Office Guidance was not longer being published and the Board agreed to discharge this action.

7/11 PART NIGHT LIGHTING PROPOSALS

Peter Booth, Head of Commercial Services, Derbyshire County Council informed the Board of the proposal being considered to introduce part night lighting (switching off midnight to 05.30am) and permanent switching off of lighting to assist in delivering energy and carbon savings.

Derbyshire maintained 88,500 street lights and was currently targeted to ensure 99% of all street lights were operating properly. Without the ability to reduce the cost of energy used for street lighting the £400,000 savings being sought would need to be found from the budget available for maintaining street lights. This would inevitably result in increased lighting faults with affected lights being off all night.

Part Night Lighting and permanent switching off of some lighting no longer providing a community benefit, was being utilised by other authorities as a cost effective method for reducing both energy costs and the carbon impact. This contributed to reducing the amount of carbon credits which would need to be purchased, in future, as part of the Carbon Reduction Commitment Energy Efficiency Scheme.

The Council's Communities, Culture and the Environment Improvement and Scrutiny Committee had considered the proposal and confirmed certain locations where part night lighting should not be used. Local issues and needs would be taken into account as would community safety. Once the initial consultation had been completed, consultation on specific schemes would be undertaken.

RESOLVED that the Board notes the proposal for energy saving.

8/11 PERFORMANCE REPORT

Of the eleven LAA targets at the end of the three year period, five were green, two amber and four red as set out below:-

Green

NI 16 Serious acquisitive crime rate

NI 20 Assault with injury crime rate

NI 49 Total number of primary fires per 100,000 population.
LI 1 Number of first-time entrants to the youth justice system at court entry level
LI 2 All drug users in effective treatment

Amber

NI 1 % of people who believe people from different backgrounds get on well together in their local area

Red

NI 18 Adult re-offending rates for those under probation supervision
NI 27 Understanding of local concerns about anti-social behaviour and crime issues by the local council and police
NI 39 Rate of Hospital Admissions per 100,000 for Alcohol Related Harm
NI 47 People killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents

NI32 – Repeat referrals to a MARAC was shown as green due the restrictions of the CorVu system but was in fact just off target at 24% against a target of 27%. Performance was consistently improving.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

9/11 **COMMUNITY SAFETY AGREEMENT** The Board was asked to consider the new County Community Safety Agreement for the period 2011-14. The priorities had been determined via the joint police, city and county threat and risk assessment process. In the absence of a Local Area Agreement and any related targets, proposed new targets and key performance indicators were set out in the agreement at Appendix A to the report.

The Safer Communities Board agreed that it did not wish to set targets but instead agreed the proposed targets as key performance indicators with supporting indicators, as set out in Appendix A to the report. Performance would be monitored quarterly by the Board with a view to seeking improvement.

In the absence of the Place Survey, the Residents Survey or the Citizens Panel could be used to measure overarching ASB perceptions or a confidence target at county level. The SCTAG supported the Citizen's Panel option. Both survey questions were set out in the Appendix for the Board to consider. The Board discussed the value of perception or confidence based questions and felt that their value was limited and therefore should not be included in the future.

Appendix B to the report set out a list of jointly agreed actions to support delivery of the Agreement, and proposed that the Board should receive 6 monthly updates on progress against the action plan.

Partners would need to formally sign up to the Equality Impact Assessment of the Agreement set out at Appendix C against which the Board would also receive six monthly updates.

The Board would hold partners to account for delivery of the Agreement.

RESOLVED that the Board 1) adopts the 2011-14 Community Safety Agreement subject to the removal of perception based targets raised at the meeting and approves the proposed key performance indicators and supporting indicators together with the action plan;

2) formally signs off the Equality Impact Assessment (EIA); and

3) agrees to receive quarterly reports on performance and six monthly updates on progress against the action plan and EIA action plan.

Action - Sally Goodwin

10/11 ASB CONSULTATION - DERBYSHIRE RESPONSE In February 2011 the Home Secretary had issued a consultation document around anti-social behaviour proposing a radical streamlining of the toolkit practitioners used.

The consultation document posed a number of questions which were considered, in detail, at a specific workshop at the County ASB Forum meeting in March 2011. A copy of the response submitted for the 17 May 2011 deadline was attached for the Boards information. Outcomes from the consultation were expected to be announced in October 2011.

RESOLVED that the Board notes the countywide response to the national consultation.

Action - Howard Veigas

11/11 ESTABLISHMENT OF CRIME SAFETY PARTNERSHIP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOMICIDE REVIEWS Section 9 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 came into force in April 2011. This established multi-agency domestic homicide reviews on a statutory basis, to ensure that all agencies identified lessons that could be learned from domestic violence (DV) homicides, with a view to

improving policies and practice to better protect and safeguard victims of domestic violence.

In line with the statutory guidance, it was proposed that the issue be dealt with at a County level, including Derby City, within the existing governance structures. The feedback from cases was currently reported informally into the MARAC Governance Board by Superintendent Debbie Platt, Head of Public Protection for the Police. This could be formalised. There were approximately 30 Domestic Violence related homicides across the East Midlands each year with up to five of those happening in Derbyshire. Over the last 12-14 months at least three DV homicides had occurred in Derbyshire which would fit the criteria for a homicide review.

There were potential budget implications in relation to the production of an overview report for each case, which had to be completed by a competent independent individual with relevant experience at an approximate cost of £10-12k per report.

The guidance was being considered in detail to determine exactly what was required, map out a process and establish what resources already supported the process and what resources may be needed.

Concern was raised about implications of the requirement at both a district and county level. It was suggested that perhaps district executive level managers could play a part in the chairing of review panels. This was to be explored further as part of establishing the process.

RESOLVED that the Board endorses the proposal to establish a joint county level process to undertake Domestic Violence Homicide Reviews and receives a further detailed report in September 2011.

Action - Sally Goodwin

12/11 UPDATE ON FEASIBILITY OF JOINT WORKING Since the last update to the Board a significant amount of work had been undertaken around identifying key areas of work which could be streamlined and brought together as a county, city and criminal justice approach. Work had focussed around two areas initially, ASB and Domestic and Sexual Violence, with a view to developing joint strategies and governance arrangements where appropriate. The report set out proposals which were supported by the Derbyshire Criminal Justice Board, to remove some existing groups and replace these with joint city and county strategic groups.

It was proposed that the next phase of potential joint working would focus on Alcohol linked to work around developing a joint approach to working with the new Police Crime Commissioner from May 2012.

RESOLVED that the Board 1) notes the report and supports the joint approach to ASB and Domestic & Sexual Violence; and

2) supports a joint approach to Alcohol as the next phase.

Action - Sally Goodwin

13/11 UPATE ON POLICE CRIME COMMISSIONERS IN RELATION TO COMMUNITY SAFETY The Board was updated on the latest information regarding Police and Crime Commissioners following a meeting of the Local Government Association Community Safety Advisors on 27 May 2011. The House of Lords had scheduled weekly meetings throughout June and July to discuss the Police and Social Responsibility Bill. The Government was still fully committed to elections in May 2012. The issues of funding, transition, Police and Crime Panels, Police Authorities and local arrangements were still to be confirmed.

RESOLVED that the report be noted and an extraordinary meeting be called if required to discuss the issue further.

Action - Sally Goodwin

14/11 INTEGRATED OFFENDER MANAGEMENT UPDATE The county Integrated Offender Management (IOM) Scheme, involving criminal justice partners and colleagues from across the pathway agencies, was on target to be delivered from three bases across the county in Ilkeston, Chesterfield and Buxton. It was anticipated that the scheme would cover approximately 240 offenders across the county.

The total IOM cohort of 240, as at 1 June 2011, would be 'tracked' over a 12 month period against a set of success measures which would be agreed in conjunction with the Derby City scheme. The county IOM Steering & Implementation Group would oversee performance in relation to the reducing of re-offending by this cohort, which would ultimately feed into future SCTAG and Safer Communities Board performance reports.

There had been a half day briefing event for multi agency staff on 20 May 2011 at Chesterfield FC Stadium. A briefing sheet outlining the principles of IOM was attached to the report.

RESOLVED that 1) the Board notes the update report; and
2) the IOM be included in the Community Safety Plan.

Action - Sally Goodwin

15/11 PREVENT PLAN REFRESH The Government's Counter Terrorism Strategy was currently under review. Comments had been fed into the consultation specifically around the Prevent element, which currently sat with community safety partners at the county level. Prevent had previously worked alongside other wider cohesion strategies, but the Government's proposal was likely to be to separate these two streams of work. The outcome of the consultation and further guidance around taking Prevent forward in the future was being awaited. In the meantime the local Prevent Plan had been refreshed following the Counter Terrorism Local Profile (CTLP) process, which identified the threat from Islamic and domestic extremism within the county.

Chief Executives had attended a specific briefing by Derbyshire Constabulary Special Branch Officers to discuss the CTLP and had agreed, in principle, to sign up to the recommendations and a specific action that they would ensure briefings for their own frontline staff, where appropriate. These briefings would be co-ordinated via Seamus Carroll in the Community Safety Unit at DCC. Any local authority that had not written formally accepted these recommendations and team briefings were asked to undertake this action.

A copy of the Derbyshire Prevent Action Plan 2011 was attached to the report for information.

RESOLVED that the Board 1) notes the refreshed 2011 Action Plan and that District Council Chief Executives formally acknowledge the recommendations and support the staff briefing process ; and

2) receives six monthly updates on progress against the Plan

Action - Sally Goodwin

16/11 OPERATION RELENTLESS EVALUATION AND PLANS FOR 2011 The Operation relentless 2010 Evaluation report was circulated for information. It was felt that the current format had run its course and future operations may wish to concentrate on projects that had produced good quality results and achieved local needs which would allow activity to be streamlined.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

Action - Howard Veigas

17/11 COMPOUND EFFECTS OF CUTS/ LOOKING FORWARD TO 2012-13 The Board was informed that a report had been produced and presented to the Local Criminal Justice Board on which services would be affected by the cuts. A risk assessment matrix needed to be applied to this document to highlight any services or tasks that were not being addressed. When this had been undertaken the document would be shared with Chief Executives and Senior Managers.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

Action - Howard Veigas

18/11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Board be held on Tuesday, 6 September 2011, commencing at 2.00pm at Derbyshire Police HQ, Ripley.