

MINUTES of a meeting of the **DERBYSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES BOARD** held on 1 September 2010 at the Derbyshire Police Headquarters, Ripley.

PRESENT

3D Consortium/Amber Valley CVS

L Allison

Derbyshire Police Authority

G Goucher

Bolsover District Council

Councillor B Murray-Garr

W Lumley

Erewash Borough Council

Councillor C Corbett

Derbyshire Constabulary

M Creedon

H Veigas

High Peak Borough Council

M Forrester

Probation

D White

Derbyshire County Council

Councillor C Hart

S Goodwin

D Lowe

South Derbyshire District Council

M Aflat

Derbyshire Dales District Council

Councillor L Rose

D Wheatcroft

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of J Jaroszek (Erewash Borough Council), S Pintus (Derbyshire County PCT), Councillor D Stone (Chesterfield Borough Council) and Councillor J Wharmby (High Peak Borough Council).

38/10 **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR** The Board supported the appointment of the Vice Chair Councillor C Hart to the Chair pending the review of DPF/LAA arrangements.

Councillor Mrs C Hart – in the Chair

39/10 **MINUTES OF SAFER COMMUNITIES BOARD MEETING RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 2 June 2010 be confirmed as a correct record.

40/10 **MATTERS ARISING – GYPSY AND TRAVELLERS UPDATE (min 21/10 refers)** New legislation was to be devised on the issue.

41/10 **MATTERS ARISING - PERFORMANCE REPORT (min no 24/10 refers)** An inspection report had been commented on by the

Constabulary regarding NI 27 - local concerns about anti social behaviour. A Public Health Consultant had been engaged to undertake work in connection with NI 39 - hospital admissions for alcohol related harm.

42/10 MATTERS ARISING - CHIEF CONSTABLES LETTER REGARDING COMMITMENT TO JOINT TARGET TO INCREASE PUBLIC CONFIDENCE (min no 35/10 refers) The Chief Constable reported that as the new Home Secretary had removed the confidence target, the Board's concern regarding the measurement had not been pursued.

43/10 SAFER COMMUNITIES TASKING AND ADVISORY GROUP MINUTES RESOLVED that the minutes of the Safer Communities Tasking and Advisory Group (SCTAG) held on 4 August 2010 be received.

44/10 PERFORMANCE REPORT Of the nine national and two local indicators four were currently green, four amber and three red as set out below:-

Green

NI 16 Serious acquisitive crime rate –Chesterfield's individual target was red and the dwelling/house burglary group was to report back on actions being taken.

NI 32 Repeat incidents of domestic violence

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

NI 18 Adult re-offending rates for those under probation supervision

NI 20 Assault with injury crime rate – dealing with incidents between younger adults was to be investigated.

NI 47 People killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents

Red

NI 27 Understanding of local concerns about anti-social behaviour and crime issues by the local council and police - it would not be possible to measure this target in future following the removal of the Place Survey.

NI 39 Rate of Hospital Admissions per 100,000 for Alcohol Related Harm

NI 49 Total number of primary fires per 100,000 population.

Although an announcement had not yet been made on the future of the LAA, it was asked that the SDRI group commence work on targets and

measurements that may be more appropriate and meaningful in the future taking into account strategic assessment intelligence.

RESOLVED to note the report.

Action – S Goodwin/ SDRI group

45/10 PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT FUND APPLICATIONS

Three applications for funding had been received by the SCTAG on 4 August 2010. A bid from Chesterfield CSP was deferred pending further information. The other two applications were considered and supported. Both applications focussed on supporting areas of under performance against LAA targets.

Authority	Project	Funding
High Peak CSP	Dreamscheme. A national initiative aiming to inspire and enable communities. Young people do work in the community to earn “points”, which can then be transferred into trips and activities.	£3,000
High Peak/ Derbyshire Dales CSPs	StreetGame provides anti-social behaviour and crime diversion activities at priority sites throughout the High Peak and Derbyshire Dales	£1,800
	TOTAL	£4,800

RESOLVED that the Board approves the High Peak CSP Dreamscheme and the High Peak/Derbyshire Dales CSPs StreetGame projects, for funding from the ABG Performance Management Fund.

Action - High Peak/ Derbyshire Dales CSPs

46/10 PLACE SURVEY AND DATA SHARING UPDATES Safer Derbyshire had undertaken work to establish a data sharing protocol with Derby Royal Hospital to share its accident and emergency (A&E) data to enable improved analysis. Negotiations were also underway with the Chesterfield Royal Hospital with a view to obtaining A&E data from early 2011. If successful, consideration would be given to approach other smaller A&E sites in the county.

Notification had been received on 10 August 2010 from Grant Shapps MP, Minister for Housing & Local Government of the scrapping of the Place Survey. This would mean that no data would be collected to assess changes in people’s perception of ASB and fear of crime across the county

and no national comparison would be available from which bench marking could take place.

The SCTAG had discussed how local area confidence would be assessed in the future including various options that were currently being considered, such as Community Forums, Resident Surveys, and the police “Have Your Say” events. Activity and measurement of confidence across the County would be considered by the SCTAG as a follow up to the Chief Constable’s letter in relation to confidence discussed at the last Board meeting. The Board agreed that a meaningful confidence measurement was required.

RESOLVED that the Board notes the report.

Action - SCTAG

47/10 **ABG BUDGET - CAPITAL PROJECT BIDS** At the last Board meeting it had been agreed that the SCTAG sub-group be given delegated authority to discuss and approve capital project bids from districts and partners in support of Operation Relentless 2010. The SCTAG had considered and supported projects, totalling £117,107 as set out below, which were approved by Derbyshire County Council’s Cabinet meeting on 3 August 2010. Bids against the balance of £12,378 would be considered at the SCTAG meeting in October 2010.

Area	Bid	Amount
SDDC	Burglar Alarm Scheme	£10,000
HPBC	CCTV Camera System for Hadfield Railway Station	£10,000
CBC	Broad Pavement Violent Crime Solution	£20,814
BDC	CAN Van Camera Replacement	£11,000
BDC	Mobile Laser Quest Unit	£8,500
DDDC /HPBC	Improving Public Confidence in Safety (Night-time economy)	£7,380
EBC	West Park Skate and BMX Park	£15,000
AVBC	Alfreton Welfare Park MUGA	£7,273
BDC	Whitwell Burglary Project	£27,140
NED	Anti-Burglary	
CBC	Prevention of Domestic Burglary	
		£117,107

RESOLVED that the Board notes the report

Action – All partners

48/10 **ABG REVENUE FUNDING 2010-2011** At the meeting on 24 February 2010 a budget summary was provided detailing the total Safer & Stronger Area Based Grant (SCB ABG) revenue funding of £892k. The Board agreed that the budget be fully allocated to cover the cost of specific posts servicing county wide priorities and a £25k allocation to each of the eight Community Safety Partnerships across the county. It was agreed that the balance of £102k should be retained as a performance management fund with recommendations from the SCTAG as to its allocation based on areas of under performance in relation to Local Area Agreement targets.

Following the general election in May 2010 and the subsequent emergency budget, Derbyshire County Council received notification of an in year cut to the SCB ABG revenue budget of £80k. Having sought views from partners it was proposed that the £80k be taken from the performance management fund as the only area of ABG revenue funding that had yet to be fully allocated. This would reduce the fund to £22k.

RESOLVED that the Board notes the reduction in the Area Based Grant revenue and supports the SCTAG proposal to cut £80k from the performance management fund for 2010-11.

Action – Sally Goodwin

49/10 **INTERIM EVALUATION OF ABG FUNDED POSTS** At its meeting on 2 June 2010 the Board had supported the process of evaluating all posts funded through Area Based Grant in anticipation of budgets cuts, to be announced as part of the Comprehensive Spending Review in October 2010. The evaluation would be complete by November 2010, but the Board had requested an interim report on progress.

The evaluation covered the following posts:-

- 8 x Anti-Social Behaviour Officers
- 4 x Independent Domestic Violence Advocates
- 2 x Independent Sexual Violence Advocates
- 1 x Priority and Prolific Offender Prison Officer
- 2 x Priority and Prolific Offender Probation Service Officers
- 2 x Alcohol Arrest Referral Workers

Work had been ongoing and it had been reinforced to lead officers that there was a need to consider other ways of delivering the service provided by these posts or a reduction in costs and this would be included in the final evaluation.

Lead officers would meet again on 1 October 2010 for consideration of draft final reports and scoring of posts in relation to the following factors;-

- Statutory function (or linked to a statutory function)
- Risk
- Cost/Value for Money
- Mitigation/other options

The Board asked that effectiveness also be considered for scoring purposes. A full report with supporting documentation would be provided to the SCB meeting on 17 November 2010.

Members were concerned that there was a need to progress the evaluations and it would be realistic to work on a cut in budget of 40% until the actual figure was known.

RESOLVED that 1) the Board notes the report; and

2) lead officers include effectiveness as a factor for scoring purposes.

Action – Sally Goodwin/Lead Officers

50/10 **VAL UPDATE** The Board was provided with a six month update on the progress of the Violence Alcohol and Licensing Groups (VALs) across the county and the implementation of previous recommendations.

The reorganisation of Police divisions in April 2010 had had an impact on VALs. Amber Valley and Erewash VAL now straddled two Police divisions and two police licensing teams. This had led to some issues around consistency of approach and therefore meeting frequency had been increased to speed up the bedding in of the new structures. The changes had allowed best practice to be shared around the County. The VAL Chair's had changed in Chesterfield and NE Derbyshire with three out of the six VALs now being chaired by partners other than the police.

There were a number of issues for VALs to consider moving forward including Challenge 25. This was the preferred scheme in the implementation of the new mandatory licensing conditions which included the requirement for all licensed premises to have an age verification policy. The recommended ID would be PASS hologram ID such as a B-Line card rather than a passport or driving licence which created problems if lost. The scheme would be the subject of a countywide media push during

Operation Relentless, which would be running from 27 September to 7 November 2010.

RESOLVED that the SCB notes the report and a further update, detailing outputs and outcomes from the VALS be provided in six months time.

Action – Howard Veigas

51/10 BARONESS STERN'S REPORT AND VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN & GIRLS UPDATE The Stern review was commissioned by the Government Equalities Office and the Home Office following concerns that the conviction rate for rape remained low despite repeated attempts to improve it.

Baroness Stern's review focused solely on rape offences and took place over a 6 month period during 2009. It was based on direct interviews with over 200 individuals (including victims, representatives from victims' organisations, judges, police officers, prosecutors, doctors and others), responses to online and written surveys and recognised the findings from Sara Payne's report, "Rape: the victim experience review" and Sir George Alberti's report, "The Health Aspects of violence against women and children taskforce" The report acknowledged changes that had been made over recent years, including the changes to the definition of rape, the appointment of specialist trained police officers and prosecutors, as well as the introduction of Independent Sexual Violence Advisors (ISVA).

In Derbyshire the support services to victims of rape and serious sexual assault was overseen by the Serious Sexual Violence Sub-Group which brought together city and county representatives reporting into the Local Criminal Justice Board and the Safer Communities Board as required. This group would ensure that the recommendations in the Stern report were considered and implemented as far as possible.

There was currently a Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) located in the Amber Valley area of the county and the Board currently funded two ISVAs, employed via Derbyshire Rape Crisis, to provide support services to victims accessing SARC services. These posts were currently being evaluated as part of the wider review of posts funded by Area Based Grant. Services provided by Derbyshire Rape Crisis via the SARC were also currently under review with a view to re-commissioning the whole service, including ISVAs, from April 2011. There was currently a high level of commitment to providing services for victims in the county but the implications of the Health White Paper were already leading to some uncertainty regarding taking forward services.

Dependent upon the outcome of the evaluation of the ISVA posts (and IDVA posts) and the spending review, further consideration may have to be given to the local authority contribution to the provision of support services to victims in line with the Stern recommendations in the future.

RESOLVED that the SCB notes the report and acknowledges the recommendations of the Stern Review and considers this report in the context of reviewing the ABG funding for Independent Sexual Violence and Domestic Violence Advisors in the autumn.

Action – Sally Goodwin

52/10 INTEGRATED OFFENDER MANAGEMENT (IOM)

Integrated Offender Management was supported by the Home Office and the Ministry of Justice and aimed to build on existing programmes by extending multi-agency identification and assessment, offender management and information sharing frameworks for those in the community who presented the highest risk of re-offending and harm.

The approach highlighted that community safety partners working with criminal justice partners could achieve better outcomes by working in partnership with other agencies, integrating core business to make the best use of shared skills and resources. IOM involved a different way of carrying out core work and simplifying and strengthening governance to provide clarity around respective roles and responsibilities.

Since 2004, effective multi-agency arrangements in the County had helped achieve success in reducing rates of re-offending by prolific and priority offenders (PPOs) often drug related. The Home Office had circulated a key set of principles for IOM which would keep a County scheme focussed on uniting partners to tackle offenders together; delivering a local response to local problems; ensuring offenders faced their responsibilities and consequences; making better use of existing resources and governance; and ‘scoping’ of all offenders at high risk of causing harm/re-offending.

It was proposed that the County start to ‘scope’ those offenders who were at risk of causing harm and/or re-offending by prioritising key offender groups to be managed under an IOM scheme. Some areas had included Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA) in their IOM approach, but this is deemed to be unnecessary duplication in Derbyshire, which already had a robust approach to MAPPA.

Governance of a County IOM Scheme could be brought under the umbrella of the County PPO Steering & Implementation Group (SIG) which

would manage the development and roll out of an IOM scheme across the County. The SIG could be accountable to the Safer Communities Board and also report to the Local Criminal Justice Board as required.

The Probation Service would be involved in both the City and County schemes and therefore asked that they reflect each other as closely as possible.

The Board recognised that the future of the Local Criminal Justice Board was also unclear at this point and the governance arrangements may therefore need to be revisited in the future.

RESOLVED that 1) to adopt an Integrated Offender Management (IOM) Scheme for the County;

2) the Prolific & Other Priority Offender (PPO) Steering & Implementation Group be expanded to an Integrated Offender Management Steering & Implementation Group and undertakes the development of an Integrated Offender Management Scheme for the County; and

3) the Board undertakes the governance role for the Integrated Offender Management Scheme with reporting to the Local Criminal Justice Board as required.

Action – Sally Goodwin

53/10 **REVIEW OF CSP STRUCTURE / FUNDING** A number of strategic reviews were taking place within agencies to deliver budget reductions and efficiencies in anticipation of the Comprehensive Spending Review scheduled for 20 October 2010. The potential impact of these individual reviews on community safety activity across the County needed to be considered and the Board's support for a holistic approach to the review of community safety funding across the County was sought.

At the SCTAG meeting on 4 August 2010, all partners who funded community safety related posts across the eight district partnerships agreed to the collation of information, including costs, relating to all posts currently supporting the CSP structure. This exercise would include those posts funded either by a single agency, via three ways (District/Police/DCC) and others funded by such sources as ABG or PSA Reward monies.

The strategic role of the Safer Communities Board would be required and the remit of the Board also met the statutory regulations which required a

county level group to identify priorities and produce a Community Safety Agreement.

The Derbyshire Criminal Justice Board (DCJB), chaired by the Chief Constable Mick Creedon and comprising Chief Officers from the criminal justice agencies, had a strategic aim to improve trust and confidence in the criminal justice system across communities in Derbyshire. There were already some cross cutting criminal justice and community safety issues which were managed jointly and it was apparent that the development of greater cross cutting community safety and LCJB priorities, workstreams and structures would feature prominently in the strategies of the Coalition Government. This was supported by the proposed structure chart in the Police & Social Responsibility Consultation document, a copy of which was attached to the report. However, the Government had announced the withdrawal of funding for all LCJB support teams from April 2011 onwards and therefore it was proposed that a feasibility study be commissioned by the Board to examine a potential merger of the Derbyshire Safer Communities Board and the Derbyshire Criminal Justice Board, including the future utilisation of the LCJB support team beyond April 2011.

RESOLVED that 1) the Board endorses a holistic approach to the review of partners' funding to all community safety related posts across the county;

2) a further report be presented to the Board in November 2010, identifying potential budget reduction opportunities and efficiency savings arising from this review, together with an impact assessment on current community safety partnership arrangements across the County whilst accepting that finalised details may not be available until full details are known of the CSR;

3) the Board commissions a feasibility study to examine a potential merger of the Derbyshire Safer Communities Board and the Derbyshire Criminal Justice Board.

Action – Sally Goodwin

54/10 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS – DIRECTLY APPOINTED POLICE COMMISSIONERS** Observations had been requested by 20 September 2010 on the proposal for directly appointed police commissioners. The Police Authority had already drafted a response and it was felt that this may be informative for partners.

55/10 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS – COMMUNITY PAYBACK** The Board was informed that a television programme on community payback

was to be screened shortly which included footage which had been secretly filmed in Derbyshire. The content was unknown.

56/10 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING RESOLVED** that the next Board meeting be held on 17 November 2010 at Police Headquarters, Ripley commencing at 9.30am.

57/10 **DATES OF 2011 MEETINGS RESOLVED** that meetings of the Board be held at a venue to be confirmed commencing at 9.30am on :-

Wednesday, 9 March 2011

Wednesday, 1 June 2011

Wednesday, 7 September 2011

Wednesday, 23 November 2011