

MINUTES of a meeting of the **DERBYSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES BOARD** held on 17 November 2010 at the Derbyshire Police Headquarters, Ripley.

PRESENT

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

Amber Valley Borough Council

P Carney

Derbyshire Police Authority

P Hickson

Bolsover District Council

Councillor B Murray-Carr
W Lumley

Erewash Borough Council

Councillor C Corbett
J Jaroszek

Chesterfield Borough Council

R Hilton

High Peak Borough Council

M Forrester

Derbyshire Constabulary

H Veigas

North East Derbyshire District Council

Councillor P Riggott
P Spurr

Derbyshire County Council

Councillor C Hart
S Goodwin
D Lowe

NHS Derbyshire

S Pintus

Derbyshire Dales District Council

Councillor L Rose
D Wheatcroft

Probation

D White

Derbyshire Fire and Rescue

S Helps

South Derbyshire District Council

M Aflat
Councillor B Wheeler

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of L Allison (3D Consortium/Amber Valley CVS), M Creedon (Derbyshire Constabulary) S Frayne (Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service) and Councillor D Stone (Chesterfield Borough Council)

58/10 MINUTES OF THE SAFER COMMUNITIES BOARD

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 1 September 2010 be confirmed as a correct record.

59/10 **SAFER COMMUNITIES TASKING AND ADVISORY GROUP**
RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Safer Communities Tasking and Advisory Group held on 27 October 2010 be received and adopted.

60/10 **PERFORMANCE REPORT** Of the nine national and two local indicators five were currently green, five amber and one 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

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

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

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

RESOLVED to note the report

61/10 **ABG FUNDING APPLICATIONS** The Board was informed that although there was still £17,652 available in the Performance Management Revenue Fund, no funding bids had been presented to the SCTAG meeting in October. Community Safety Partnerships were asked to consider this and submit appropriate requests especially in light of a drop in performance around NI20 - Assault with Less Serious Injury over the last quarter.

There was £12,378 available in the Area Based Grant Capital Fund. A bid was presented to the SCTAG for £8,000 to support a number of measures associated with a Designated Public Place Order (DPPO) around the Hunloke Centre in Chesterfield. This included capital spending on CCTV, which totalled £26,460. Match funding was being provided by the local Community Forum £12,000 and Chesterfield CSP £6,460. The SCTAG had supported the bid and recommended it to the Board.

The Board was also presented with three further funding applications, which had been received recently. The first application related to a police initiative entitled Operation Impact, which was linked to CCTV in town centre in an attempt to target violent crime as a result of alcohol. £4,378 had been requested from the Capital funding to assist this project, and it was the intention to start the initiative on 19 November for a period until 31 January 2011. The Board supported this.

North East Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership had also submitted an application for funding to support the production and distribution of 10,000 leaflets to vulnerable households/areas within the district to highlight improving security, particularly car key burglaries. This would be followed up by door to door visits by the Police. £3,067 had been requested for these leaflets, from the Performance Management Fund and it was felt that there would be an opportunity to share the leaflets across other districts.

Finally an application for the performance management fund had been received from Chesterfield Community Safety Partnership and North Derbyshire Women's Aid for £1000.35 to provide defender alarms to those at risk of domestic violence. This would ensure the purchase of 513 alarms, and it was stated that the alarms had been identified as being useful. Although the Board agreed that the alarms would be a useful tool, concern was raised that they were not being used countywide. However, it was felt that it would be better for the alarms to be purchased, and then SCTAG could agree how they would be distributed.

RESOLVED that the Board endorses the SCTAG recommendation to support the bid for the Chesterfield Hunloke Centre measures, and the additional funding applications.

Action - Partners

62/10 UPDATE ON THE FEASIBILITY STUDY TO EXAMINE A POTENTIAL MERGER OF THE DERBYSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES

BOARD AND THE DERBYSHIRE CRIMINAL JUSTICE BOARD The Board was informed that the feasibility of a potential merger had been discussed with the Derbyshire Criminal Justice Board (DCJB) at its meeting on 21 September 2010. The DCJB acknowledged that the development of greater cross cutting community safety and LCJB priorities, work streams and structures would feature prominently in the strategies of the Coalition Government. However, the Government had announced the withdrawal of funding for all LCJB support teams from April 2011 onwards.

The DCJB suggested that any feasibility study should first consider how the City and County could work together and then see if the LCJB could become included. It was also felt that there would be some work which would not fall within the CSP arena, such as the Board's Effectiveness and Efficiency theme, which looks at criminal justice processes.

Following the Comprehensive Spending Review announcement on 20 October 2010 all CSP Chairs had received a letter from James Brokenshire, Minister for Crime Prevention, endorsing the bringing together of all CSPs at the county level to deal with force wide community safety issues working with the new Crime & Policing Commissioner. This message was further re-iterated at the national LCJB Chairs event together with encouragement to explore merged CSP Boards and LCJBs.

Discussions were taking place around areas of work which cut across city, county and DCJB and having suitable arrangements in place to meet the demands of working with the new Elected Crime & Policing Commissioner from 2012 was also seen as a joint area of work.

A further meeting took place on 15 November 2010, chaired by ACC Dee Collins, to bring together progress to date with a view to having some clear ideas/proposals to put before the SCB and the DCJB as soon as possible. The idea of joint working had been discussed at this meeting, and how this could be further developed. This would be taken forward over the coming months, but it was stated that the ongoing costs would require further discussion. An update would be provided at the next meeting.

RESOLVED that the Board notes the report

Action - Sally Goodwin

63/10 EVALUATION OF AREA BASED GRANT (ABG) FUNDED POSTS The Board was informed that the Comprehensive Spending

Review announcement on 20 October 2010 put Derbyshire County Council in the position of having to make savings of £84m over the next four years, in addition to the £10m already identified in the current financial year. It was still not clear how ABG would feature in the Council's budget moving forward and the final detail would not be known until early in the New Year.

At the last meeting the Board agreed to work on the premise of a 40% cut to the ABG funding for planning purposes. For the year 2010-11 distribution of Derbyshire County Council's ABG revenue funding totalling £895,794 was agreed as the final year of the Boards three year commitment to the funding of posts. Following the £80k cut to the ABG revenue budget in July 2010, the Board reduced the performance management fund allocation from £102k to £22k, thereby reducing the overall budget to £815,794.

The Board also supported a proposal to evaluate a number of posts funded via ABG up to 31 March 2011 in anticipation of a cut to that funding from April 2011 onwards to include a risk/scoring process in relation to the following factors;

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

A thorough review of the current service provision supported by these posts had been undertaken. A risk assessment/scoring process was undertaken against all the posts, which was summarised at Appendix B to the report. Appendix A to the report detailed the additional ABG allocations.

As the final funding position was still unclear assumptions had been made based on the full evaluation process, including the risk scoring and the information set out in the report. Applying a 40% cut to the current ABG funding of £895,794 would leave a budget of £537,477. Subject to final confirmation of the exact budget, the priorities for ABG funding for 2011 onwards were set out as follow:-

Priority	Current Funding	Future Funding	Total Funding
PPO Probation Service Officers	£81,644	£81,644	£81,644
Alcohol Arrest Referral Workers	£57,221	£57,221	£138,865
Delivery of DAAT Strategy	£101,749	£101,749	£240,614
ISVAs (SARC)	£52,019	£50,000	£290,614

ASB Officers (ABG element only)	£199,752	£119,851	£410,465
IDVAs (ABG element only)	£89,472	£53,684	£464,149
PPO Prison Officer Post	£11,395	£6,837	£470,986
CSP Partnership Programme	£200,000	£66,491	£537,477

The Board agreed that Area Based Grant funding for ASB officers and the CSP Partnership programme funding should form part of the global CSP pot linked to agenda item 65/10.

RESOLVED that the Board notes the report and supporting documentation and endorses the allocation of ABG funding for 2011-12 based on the priorities set out in the table above, subject to final confirmation of the ABG funding available for 2011-12.

Action - Sally Goodwin – DCC Community Safety Manager

64/10 JOINT CITY, COUNTY & POLICE STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT

The Board was informed that annual police led, joint city and county strategic intelligence assessment which provided the evidence for drafting a three year County Community Safety Agreement required from April 2011, had been subject to initial scoring on 4 October 2010. There were eleven priorities identified as the outcome of that scoring which was followed by a full strategic risk assessment day at Police HQ. The actions arising out of this discussion would be considered for inclusion in the new Community Safety Agreement, as appropriate. The risk and threat scoring against all eleven priority areas identified would be reviewed quarterly. The priorities were as set out below:-

RISK AREA	THREAT SCORE	RISK RANK	PRIORITISATION RANK
ASB	2	11	9
Alcohol Related Harm	1	7	3
Drugs	4	5	4
Killed & Seriously Injured	10	9	10
Safeguarding Adults	11	3	8
Domestic Violence	7	4	5
Rape & Serious Sexual Assault	8	6	6
Safeguarding Children	3	1	1
Organised Crime Groups	5	2	2
Serious Acquisitive Crime/Offender Management	6	8	7
Terrorism (International & Domestic)	9	10	11

Consideration had been given to potential targets to be set against the Strategic assessment priorities in the absence of a Local Area Agreement from 2011 onwards, on the basis of one key overarching target for each priority area with a number of key performance indicators (KPIs). It was felt that it may not be appropriate for the SCB to set targets in all eleven identified priority areas and a summary of the discussions with district Community Safety Officers and the SCTAG was set out in the report for information. It was acknowledged that the number of potential KPIs put forward would need to be reduced and targets would be broken down to district level where possible.

RESOLVED that the Board notes the report and endorses further work around the identified priorities and potential target setting.

Action - Sally Goodwin – DCC Community Safety Manager

65/10 REVIEW OF COMMUNITY SAFETY FUNDING ACROSS THE COUNTY The Board was updated on the progress in identifying budget reduction opportunities and more efficient ways of delivering community safety across the county. Whilst the review period was four years, for most agencies budget cuts would be front loaded in the first two years. This was particularly significant to the Board in relation to the three-way funding provided by Derbyshire County Council, Derbyshire Constabulary and the eight district councils across the county which supported district community safety officer posts and the analytical team located in Safer Derbyshire.

Some county wide community safety partner agencies had also indicated that they would have problems in resourcing appropriate staff to continue to support the current eight CSP structure across the county and it was acknowledged that it may be possible to formally merge some of the district groups.

In addition, the new Elected Crime & Policing Commissioner would have responsibility for both policing and community safety from 2012 and areas would need to ensure that their community safety structures were sufficiently robust to meet the challenges of working with the Commissioner, who was unlikely to be able to support a large number of individual CSPs in any one area.

The SCTAG agreed that it could move forward based on the following possibilities:

- Bolsover and North East Derbyshire CSPs merge/join
- Erewash and South Derbyshire CSPs merge/join
- Derbyshire Dales and High Peak CSPs formally merge
- Chesterfield CSP stands alone
- Amber Valley CSP stands alone or possibly links with Erewash and South Derbyshire

The discussion also included the potential level of CSP staff that may be required to support any new arrangements. Although no firm views were formed regarding exactly what the level of appropriate support staff should be the discussion did identify potential efficiencies in relation to Community Safety Officers, ASB Officers, Partnership Sergeants and Analysts. Members of the SCTAG were of the view that in relation to support staff some further analysis of levels of crime and ASB, in each area would assist a more detailed discussion moving forward.

Appendix A to the report sets out the detail of the current joint funding and an illustration of a 40% to the overall budget. District council representatives had also identified a need to make savings but were unable to confirm at what level this might be. This funding was outside of the DCC Area Based Grant funding.

The potential ABG ASB officer funding was set out in Appendix B to the report, subject to Board approval and funding being available. The appendix also showed the Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service (DFRS) allocation of £49,938 to support ASB activities across the districts. DFRS has also identified a 40% cut to funding and was receptive to being part of a global funding pot subject to a clear plan that the funding would be spent on supporting ASB activity.

Further work was required by partners on future funding levels and establishment levels and it was proposed that this work be undertaken as a priority and a special meeting of the Board be held in early January to agree a way forward.

RESOLVED that 1) the Board notes the possibilities identified by the SCTAG and endorses further work to move towards new arrangements from 1 April 2011: and

2) all partners indicate funding levels by the end of December to enable the SCTAG to formulate recommendations for consideration at a special meeting of the Board to be held in January 2011.

66/10 **COMMUNITY COHESION - MIGRANT COMMUNITIES** The Board was informed that a steady increase in migration had impacted upon the communities, services and facilities within Derbyshire. In 2009, Safer Derbyshire had supported a Police bid to secure funding for two migrant workers for a period of two years from February 2010. The worker based at Police Headquarters had engaged, consulted and supported migrant communities through a number of community-based 'cohesion' initiatives. Partners were encouraged to make contact with the workers if they had any cohesion activities or events planned which would benefit from their skills and input.

RESOLVED to note the report

Action - Inspector Barry Thacker

67/10 **ALERTBOX SCHEME – SOUTH DERBYSHIRE** The Board was informed that South Derbyshire CSP's AlertBox scheme which had received £10,000 from DCC Area Based Grant via the Safer Communities Board, had been declared as outright winner in the Best Public/Private Partnership Working Initiative in the Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE) awards.

RESOLVED to note the report

68/10 **COMMUNITY PAYBACK** D White, Chief Probation Officer, informed the Board that, in the new year, the community payback scheme was due to be contested. The outcome was awaited, but it was anticipated that contracts would not be local or regional, they would be on a larger scale. It was not expected that Derbyshire would be able to sustain a bid, and there was therefore an element of uncertainty as to where the lead would come from. Further details would be reported as they became known.

69/10 **COMMUNITY COHESION WORKERS** It was reported that Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service had funded two community cohesion workers, one in City and one in Safer Derbyshire and it was the intention to mainstream these posts within the next twelve months.