

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **DERBYSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES BOARD** held on 2 June 2010 at the Derbyshire Police Headquarters, Ripley.

**PRESENT**

Mrs J Birkin  
(Derbyshire Police Authority) – In the Chair

**Amber Valley Borough Council**

P Carney

**Derbyshire County PCT**

S Pintus

**Bolsover District Council**

Councillor B Murray-Garr  
W Lumley

**Derbyshire Dales District Council**

Councillor L Rose  
D Wheatcroft

**Chesterfield Borough Council**

Councillor D Stone  
T Durham

**Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service**

B Davis

**Derbyshire Constabulary**

D Collins  
M Creedon  
P Rouse

**Erewash Borough Council**

Councillor C Corbett

**Derbyshire County Council**

Councillor C Hart  
S Goodwin  
D Lowe

**High Peak Borough Council**

Councillor J Wharmby

**South Derbyshire District Council**

Councillor R Wheeler  
F McArdle

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of J Jaroszek (Erewash Borough Council), R Hilton (Chesterfield Borough Council) and D White (Probation).

**18/10 MINUTES OF SAFER COMMUNITIES BOARD MEETING**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 24 February 2010 be confirmed as a correct record.

**19/10 MATTERS ARISING – NI 18 ADULT REOFFENDING**

**PRESENTATION (min 3/10 refers)** This presentation would be made to the next meeting.

**Action - D White**

**20/10 HATE CRIME THE CROSS-GOVERNMENT ACTION PLAN**

**(HCAP)** ACPO was still in the process of refreshing its Hate Crime Manual,

which had been delayed until June 2010 when it was due to be presented to ACPO Cabinet. The guidance would be reviewed as soon as it was available and the need for a County Hate Crime Plan would then be assessed. A report would be submitted to the Board at the earliest opportunity.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**21/10**      **GYPSY AND TRAVELLERS UPDATE** Partners gave verbal updates on issues involving gypsies and travellers within their district and views on the inter agency guidance.

Frank McArdle, Chief Executive of South Derbyshire District Council extended an invitation to the Police and the County Council to attend a public meeting on the issue which was being arranged for 1 or 15 July. This meeting would be used to inform residents of the powers and issues that the district council had when dealing with gypsies and travellers. The costs involved with the clean up of sites was a concern for all but also it was highlighted that the court now required a payment of £200 for each complaint/caravan for powers to allow families to be moved on. This rose to £500 if contested by the individuals concerned. In many cases this money was wasted as families moved on just prior to the eviction taking place.

Another issue highlighted by more than one partner was the fact that when offences occurred or damage was caused there was almost no possibility of those causing the offences to be charged or recompense to be sought.

Districts that provided sites were still experiencing problems as the travellers were choosing to use public open spaces rather than use the official sites.

The Chair thanked partners for their updates and asked that any comments on the guidance document be forwarded to David Lowe by the 16 June 2010.

District Chief Executives would draw up a document on the concerns regarding the charges payable for complaints which would be passed on to David Lowe to take the issue forward on behalf of the Board.

**RESOLVED** that 1) partners' comments on the guidance document be forwarded to David Lowe by the 16 June 2010;

2) District Chief Executives draw up a document on the concerns regarding the charges payable for complaints to enable David Lowe to take the issue forward on behalf of the Board.

**Action – All partners/District Chief Executives/D Lowe**

**22/10**      **BOLSOVER ASB HOME OFFICE SUPPORT** Following the results of the Place Survey 2008/09 which showed that 32% of people thought there was a problem with ASB in the Bolsover area, the Home Office had offered Bolsover District Council support from the Government's ASB Squad in order to undertake a self assessment template, develop an ASB Delivery Improvement Plan and produce and publish a set of Minimum Service Standards. Funding of a grant of £5K for 09/10 and a further £20K for 10/11 was awarded to implement the improvements and a further £2K to undertake three surveys in confidence cold spots within the Bolsover district. Bolsover had accepted this offer.

It was felt that it would not be possible to undertake three full surveys to establish perceptions prior to the end of March, but a post intervention survey would be conducted in the Castle Estate, Bolsover, and The Croft at South Normanton, a block of Council accommodation. The information received from these surveys would form part of a review of work practices and the appropriate use of interventions. In particular whether or not residents found it easy to report ASB and if they were kept informed throughout the process, these being key issues of concern of the Home Office. Feedback on the surveys was still to be received.

Following the Home Office guidelines, a series of Minimum Standards had been developed by the Partnership and published on Bolsover District Council's website and the Safer Derbyshire website.

**RESOLVED** that the SCB notes the report

**23/10**      **SAFER COMMUNITIES TASKING AND ADVISORY GROUP MINUTES RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Safer Communities Tasking and Advisory Group (SCTAG) held on 5 May 2010 be received.

**24/10**      **PERFORMANCE REPORT** Of the nine national and two local indicators five were currently green, four amber and two red as set out below:-

Green

NI 16 Serious acquisitive crime rate

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

**NI 1 - % of people who believe people from different backgrounds get on well together in their local area** Feedback from the 'Bringing People Together' Campaign which ran between 11 April and 23 May 2010 would be brought to a future meeting.

#### **Action – Sally Goodwin**

**NI 27 - Understanding of local concerns about anti-social behaviour and crime issues by the local council and police.** An inspection was currently taking place and the findings would be shared with the Board.

#### **Action – Paul Rouse**

**NI 39 - Rate of Hospital Admissions per 100,000 for Alcohol Related Harm.** Further work was being undertaken looking at the factors involved in this indicator that could be influenced by the partnership.

#### **Action – Sally Goodwin**

It was pointed out that the Performance Management Fund had a current balance of £90,000 (actual £102,000). No bids had been received at the last SCTAG meeting and partners were asked to consider future bids.

#### **Action – CDRP Chairs**

**RESOLVED** to note the report.

**25/10**      **PLACE SURVEY – NI 27 BREAKDOWN BY COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP** It was reported that nationally, 25% of those surveyed felt that police and other local public services sought local people's views on community safety issues. In Derbyshire this was only 20% with a target of 27.2% by 2011. Erewash (20.7%), Amber Valley (21.7%) and Chesterfield (21/2%) were the areas of most concern.

Work was ongoing to address the issue and the next Place Survey was scheduled for October which would follow the Relentless Campaign.

**RESOLVED** to note the report

**26/10**      **NI CHANGES FROM THE SMARTER GOVERNMENT DOCUMENT** The “Putting the Frontline First: Smarter Government” document committed the Government to reducing burdens and increasing flexibility for local areas. The areas of change included reducing the National Indicator set, de-ringfencing and streamlining grants, aligning performance frameworks, and reviewing inspectorates.

Of the 18 indicators that would be removed four were in the Safer Communities Block. One was in the LAA (NI049 Number of primary fires and related fatalities and non-fatal casualties, excluding precautionary checks) and three were from the place survey (NI02 % of people who feel that they belong to their neighbourhood, NI023 Perceptions that people in the area treat one another with respect and consideration, NI037 Awareness of civil protection arrangements in the local area). The removal of these indicators was not a signal about the importance of certain policies or programmes. Most of the indicators that had been removed were based on data that was collected by Government. Where individual areas had an LAA target associated with a removed indicator, the Government was working to ensure that the reduction did not impact on these LAAs, in terms of either loss of target or reward.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted

**27/10**      **COUNTY COMMUNITY SAFETY AGREEMENT (CSA)**The Police had led a joint city and county partnership strategic intelligence assessment process in December 2009 and the findings from this had been taken into consideration in determining that the priorities within the current Community Safety Agreement 2008-11 were still valid. The Agreement and its action plan had been updated accordingly.

There was one issue of concern in relation to support services for victims of sexual violence and an exception report had been submitted to the Local Criminal Justice Board (LCJB). The report detailed the funding situation, highlighting the current risks to victim services and the possibility of losing Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) accreditation status. The chair of the LCJB, Mick Creedon would raise the funding issues at the next meeting of the Derbyshire Partnership Forum Executive and include Derby City representation, as appropriate.

**RESOLVED** that the Board notes the refreshed Agreement and updated action plan.

**Action – M Creedon to progress SARC**

**28/10**      **ABG FUNDED POSTS EVALUATION TEMPLATE**      In anticipation of potential budget cuts in the public sector from 2011 onwards, the Board had agreed to the evaluation of all posts subject to the three year funding arrangement under the Community Safety Agreement which was due to end in March 2011. A summary of all the relevant posts, with costs, together with an evaluation template was attached to the report. The evaluation template had been agreed by the SCTAG together with the proposal that the evaluation process was co-ordinated by the County Council's Community Safety Unit, which would ensure that all relevant partners had an opportunity to feed in to the process.

A summary of findings would be collated by the Community Safety Unit and evaluated by the SCTAG on 27 October 2010 before the summary was presented to the Safer Communities Board meeting on 17 November 2010.

Board members asked that interim information be provided to the September meeting of the board.

**RESOLVED** that the Board approves the evaluation template and the proposed process for the evaluation of Area Based Grant (ABG) funded posts, reporting back to the Safer Communities Board in November 2010 with an interim report in September.

**Action – S Goodwin**

**29/10**      **VAL VEHICLES – REVISED PROPOSAL**      In November 2009, Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service had been awarded £146,253.45 of

capital funding, following a successful RIEP bid to purchase seven vehicles and associated equipment, to be utilised for multi-agency licensing enforcement activity. The vans would be deployed by the Violence, Alcohol and Licensing Groups (VAL's) operating across the county, based on the success of a van already in use within Amber Valley and Erewash.

RIEP funding could not be used for revenue expenditure but with the exception of Derbyshire Dales and High Peak all partners were committed to funding vehicle maintenance costs.

Following consultation with partners it was proposed to reduce the number of vehicles from seven to three, with an agreed list of standard equipment equating to approximately £9,000 per vehicle. In addition to the standard equipment, Chesterfield Community Safety Partnership has requested an external CCTV and an all weather digital screen for displaying safer drinking messages. The vehicles would be allocated as set out below:-

Erewash & South Derbyshire 1 Vehicle (existing)  
High Peak & Derbyshire Dales 1 Vehicle (pending a decision regarding affective usage of the vehicle)  
Chesterfield 1 Vehicle (with additional equipment)  
North East Derbyshire, Bolsover & Amber Valley 1 Vehicle

The Police would procure the vehicles and associated equipment on behalf of the partners and the vehicles would become part of the Police fleet. Partners had agreed to fund additional comprehensive insurance policy to enable drivers from all partners to use the vehicles.

**RESOLVED** that the proposals to purchase a reduced number of vehicles and equipment, pending the decision of the High Peak and Derbyshire Dales Community Safety Partnerships be agreed.

#### **Action – C Flinton**

**30/10 NATIONAL INDICATOR 35 SELF ASSESSMENT – REFRESH** The self assessment against National Indicator 35 Building Communities Resilient to Violent Extremism was required on an annual basis. The assessment had been carried out in April 2010 and although the responsibility lay with each district council, it had been undertaken at the county level as previously, as part of the County Prevent Strategy. To ensure that all activity had been captured the self assessment had been

shared with districts for comment and feedback to Inspector Barry Thacker by 14 June 2010. The self assessment would then be submitted to GOEM.

**RESOLVED** that the Board notes the report and the self assessment score against NI35.

**Action – S Goodwin/B Thacker/District councils**

**31/10**      **DERBYSHIRE REDUCING RE-OFFENDING STRATEGY – UP-DATE** Performance in relation to NI18 had improved over the course of the last 10 months and had now moved from Red to Amber for the final quarter of the year 2009-10. During the next six months, the Strategy would be refreshed and the ‘achieved’ actions would be archived.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**Action - S Goodwin**

**32/10**      **RELENTLESS EVALUATION** Partners were asked to circulate copies of the Operation Relentless evaluation document to appropriate officers. The document covered the background, operational structure, partnership communication and a marketing strategy, conclusions, sustainable options and case studies. During the six week period of the operation there had been 700 less reported incidents and 110 less victims of anti social behaviour each week.

SCTAG had discussed the possibility of capital funding of £126,000 from the Area Based Grant and how this could be utilised in Operation Relentless. The use of the bid system from 2009 was recommended and due to the short timescales involved, approval was sought for a SCTAG Sub Group to be given delegated authority to discuss and approve capital project bids from Districts and Partners.

**RESOLVED** 1) to note the report; and

2) that the SCTAG Sub Group be given delegated authority to discuss and approve capital project bids from Districts and Partners.

**Action - P Rouse**

**33/10**      **ACTION ON BREACH OF ASBOS – HOME OFFICE LETTER** The board considered for information a letter on the breach of anti-social behaviour orders from the Home Office and Office for Criminal



Justice Reform. The letter set out a number of key issues relevant to the good management of ASBOs and any breach and an update on developments.

**RESOLVED** to note the report.

**34/10**      **HOME OFFICE RESPONSE REGARDING CUT TO CAPITAL FUNDING** Councillor C Hart, County Council Cabinet Member for Communities shared the response to her letter highlighting the concern at the reduction of the Safer and Stronger Communities Fund (SSCF). The cuts in grant would be applied to all recipients in England and Wales. The Board thanked Councillor Hart for raising the concerns.

**RESOLVED** to note the report.

**35/10**      **AOB - CHIEF CONSTABLES LETTER REGARDING COMMITMENT TO JOINT TARGET TO INCREASE PUBLIC CONFIDENCE** The Chief Constable had written to local councils seeking to secure support and commitment to delivering the joint target “Percentage of people who agree that the police and local councils are dealing with the anti-social behaviour and crime issues that matter in this area”, following the results of the Constabulary’s first Local Confidence Survey. The results were slightly lower than the corresponding results from the British Crime Survey and some way below both the 2010/11 and 2011/12 targets. To achieve the target a significant stepped change in performance would be required from both the Force and Local Authorities.

Forces had been mandated to undertake Local Confidence Surveys at CDRP/CSP level. The results for 2009/10 were lower than expected achieving a score of 47.3% overall for Derbyshire and were some way below the 2010/11 milestone target of 55.4% and ultimate target of 60.4% in 2011/12. The results also varied considerably across the district areas with Amber Valley the lowest at 36.8% and Derbyshire Dales with 52.0%. When the question had been broken down to and repeated for the police and local councils in isolation there was a substantial gap in how each was perceived by the public.

Councils felt that the word “crime” in the question to the public had an influence on the figures as in general the public associated dealing with crime as a police issue and not that of their local council. The wording was currently mandatory.

The success of Operation Relentless – Safe and Confident had shown that working together in partnership did achieve results and Chief Superintendent Russ Foster had been appointed as force lead to work on identifying drivers of improved public confidence. A number of representatives that had been nominated from local councils to assist in this process were members of the SCTAG and it was agreed that it would be appropriate for the SCTAG to take on the role as the tasking group.

It was felt that the Board's concern regarding the measurement should be raised and it was agreed that the Chief Constable, David Lowe and the Chair would undertake this on the Boards behalf.

**RESOLVED** that 1) District Chief Executives nominate their SCTAG representatives as their lead;

2) the SCTAG to take on the role as the tasking group for identifying drivers of improved public confidence; and

3) the Chief Constable, David Lowe and the Chair highlight the Boards concern regarding the measurement.

**Action – SCTAG/ Chief Constable/David Lowe/the Chair**

**36/10**      **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**      **RESOLVED** that the next meeting of the Board be held on 1 September 2010, commencing at 9.30am in the new conference room, Police HQ.

**37/10**      **CHAIR OF THE BOARD** Janet Birkin thanked Board members for their support and contributions during her time as chair of the Board and in particular David Lowe for his continued assistance and breadth of knowledge.

David Lowe thanked Janet on behalf of the Board for her skills in managing and directing the Board as Chair since 2005 and her commitment and dedication to the role.