

Tuesday 5 November 2013

To: Chairman – Rick Hylton

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Dear Sir / Madam

You are invited to attend the next CDRP BOARD STAKEHOLDER EVENT, which will be held in the SWANSLEY ROOM, GROUND FLOOR at South Cambridgeshire Hall, Cambourne Business Park, Cambourne, Cambridge, CB23 6EA on WEDNESDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 2013 at 10.30 a.m.

Yours faithfully **PATRICK ADAMS** Democratic Services Officer

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- b) Update from CDRP T&CG CDRP Activity Report
- c) Discussion and questions

#### 7. Looking Ahead: Next 12 months

- a) Police and Crime Panel Verbal Update from Cllr Ben Shelton 5 minutes
- b) For information only: Transforming Rehabilitation (changes to National Probation Service)
- c) For information only: Transfer of Victim Services Funding to Police and Crime Commissioner

# 8. Date of Next CDRP Stakeholder Event: February 2014 (to be confirmed)

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# Agenda Item 3

# SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 29 January 2013 at 10 a.m.

#### PRESENT

Rick Hylton – Chairman

	Amanda Mays	Road Safety Manager, Cambs County Council
	Mark Freeman DI Darren Alderson	CVS Cambridgeshire Constabulary
	Vickie Crompton Mike Hill	Cambridgeshire County Council Health and Environmental Services Director, SCDC
	Jean Hunter Cllr David Jenkins	Chief Executive, SCDC Lead Member, Cambridgeshire County Council
	Pat Mungroo	Magistrate
	Leigh Roberts	Senior Research Officer, Community Safety, Cambridgeshire County Council
	Cllr Ben Shelton	SCDC, District Councillor
	Rebecca Hudson	Probation Service
	Sir Graham Bright	Police and Crime Commissioner
	DI Mick Birchall	Cambridgeshire Constabulary
	Alex Cavanagh	Senior Policy Officer, P&CC Office
	Gemma Barron	Partnerships Manager
	Claire Dillon	Member Services Officer
APOLOGIES	Philip Aldis	Community Safety Officer
	Lyn Hesse	Cambridgeshire County Council
	Tom Jefford	Cambridgeshire County Council
	Inger O'Meara	NHS Cambridgeshire
	Nicky Phillipson	P&CC Office
	Inspector Chris Savage	Cambridgeshire Constabulary
	Cllr Mandy Smith Susie Talbot	Cambridgeshire County Councillor Cambridgeshire County Council
	Andy Tucker	Cambridgeshire County Council Cambs Fire & Rescue Service
	Louise Williams	IOM Coordinator, Cambridgeshire

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## 10. WELCOME TO STAKEHOLDER EVENT - RICK HYLTON (5 MINS)

The Chairman of the Committee, Rick Hylton, welcomed attendees to the second Stakeholder Board meeting; particularly the new Police and Crime Commissioner Sir Graham Bright.

Constabulary

The Chairman, for the benefit of new attendees, explained that the Board had been set up officially 12 months previously, following a debate about the continuity of the CDRP. Bearing in mind budget constraints and competing priorities, the aim was to put in place a Board that would reduce bureaucracy and make an impact 'on the ground'.

The three key aims of the Board were:

- 1) To set strategic priorities
- 2) To monitor performance
- 3) To review progress and celebrate success.

A separate Tasking and Co-ordination Group was put together to meet monthly and pull together representatives from key agencies, in order to discuss specific actions.

## 11. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr David Jenkins declared a personal interest as his son is a Police Officer.

Magistrate Pat Mungroo declared a personal interest as the Chair of Black Minority Ethnic (BME) for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Mental Health Foundation.

# 12. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a correct record.

#### Matters arising:

County Councillor David Jenkins apologised for not sending in apologies for the previous meeting on 12 June 2012.

Following the previous meeting, an action was set to determine the best place to discuss issues relating to road safety. A sub-group met and suggested that the Board should work more closely with the Road Safety Partnership to ensure road safety issues are embedded in the planning of new developments/communities and to assess the criteria for existing communities.

The sub-group noted the importance of Neighbourhood Panel meetings as a venue for the public to express concerns and share intelligence, but suggested that road safety should not be a main priority for the Board. Instead, work relating to safety cameras and enforcement would link-up with the Health and Wellbeing Board projects to provide a County-wide approach to tackling road safety issues.

## 13. UPDATE ON POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER (15 MINS)

Sir Graham Bright provided an update on plans for the future of the Police and Crime Commissioner's Office.

Sir Graham began by thanking members of the Board for providing an update on work carried out so far, and highlighted that as Commissioner, he will be implementing a 'public' plan to tackle on-going issues in the District, based on what members of the public feel are the main problem areas.

The key focus would be on prevention, engagement and sustainability. The Commissioner was keen to get more involved with Neighbourhood Watch schemes to encourage a more proactive approach; to build intelligence and to plug the gap between an offence being committed and support being implemented.

The Commissioner was impressed with the results of work carried out by the Youth Offending Services and Voluntary Bodies and emphasised the need for Outreach Programmes to prevent crimes by working with troubled families. An advert had already been placed for an Outreach Worker in the North of the County, and duties would include co-ordinating with Parish Councils, schools, businesses, crime prevention schemes and governing Bodies.

A seminar would be held in April in the Council Chamber of South Cambridgeshire District Council HQ to discuss best practice, flag up ideas and be used as a stepping stone for planning for the long term approach.

Councillor Ben Shelton, the SCDC Policing Champion and Member of the Police and Crime Panel, explained that the Panel had brought together representatives from neighbouring authorities and had met as a shadow group. Their first official meeting would take place on 7 February where they will agree the budget. The Panel also consists of 2 independent members and will be focussing on new developments/communities. Cllr Shelton emphasised the need for Outreach Workers in South Cambridgeshire, not just surrounding areas.

## 14. UPDATE FROM CDRP TASKING & CO-ORDINATION GROUP (INCLUDING STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE 2012/13) - JEAN HUNTER

Five priorities were set in November 2012; the focus being on intelligence gathering and work 'on the ground'.

## Anti-Social Behaviour (update by Mike Hill):

Working alongside the Housing Department, providers of Mental Health support, the Environment Agency and the Environmental Health Department at SCDC, strong action has been taken in resolving problems relating to anti-social behaviour.

Cases remain low, but specific resolutions were undertaken in Girton, Teversham, Cambourne and Whittlesford.

Emerging themes include the increased co-operation of members of the community if involved in the resolution process. Improved information-sharing systems, a victim-centred approach and more creative thinking has led to reducing the risk for vulnerable people.

Anti-social behaviour relating to road safety, i.e. dangerous parking or speeding, has been embedded in the work of the Local Health Partnership to reduce an overlap with work being carried out by the CDRP.

## Business Crime (update by DI Darren Alderson):

Business crime overall has seen a 6% reduction. This has mainly been

due to a more cohesive coordinated approach to tackling crime in rural areas. Retail crime has been reduced by moving CCTV to more appropriate places to improve the identification of perpetrators.

A dedicated PCSO has been coordinating with links already in existence, such as Cambridge City schemes and the successful Pub Watch scheme. Ecops has proved a useful tool in sharing intelligence and increasing awareness of vulnerable areas.

Despite on-going problems relating to diesel theft, a positive effect has been observed across the District; the key focus now being on travelling offenders that use road and rail links in to the District from further afield. Plans have been put in place to keep track of Integrated Offenders already in the system, to prevent repeat offending.

## Growth and New Communities (update by Mike Hill):

Plans are being put in place to 'design crime out' of new developments by building a solid relationship between Planners and the CDRP Tasking & Co-ordination Group aims. By using operational experience and lessons learnt from for example, Cambourne, a long-term creative plan would be put in place to prevent pockets of anti-social behaviour in open spaces or poorly-lit areas.

## Integrated Offender Management (update by DI Mick Birchall):

Since April 2012, 3 cases have risen to 5. This was not considered a bad thing as it shows that the scheme is working and is able to monitor more offenders successfully. Compared with neighbouring Authorities this figure is extremely low, especially when compared to Peterborough who are currently managing between 70 and 80 offenders.

Using a joined-up approach, re-offending has been reduced with improved monitoring and support being provided to offenders once released from prison. Cambridgeshire Constabulary have agreed to underwrite the ECINS software, funding for which, can be claimed back by the Board. This software will enable agencies to share intelligence and maintain a more co-ordinated approach to offender management. It can be used to monitor ASB information, Probation, Licensing, Troubled Families and multiple occupancy homes. This would be a county-wide opportunity to also include the Department of Health, in particular mental health professionals and Peer Support Groups.

The key aim moving forward was to integrate offenders back into the community by formalising the relationship. Improving on the range of practical support on offer and increasing work opportunities.

## Domestic Abuse (update by Gemma Barron):

During the first quarter, the Domestic Violence Advocacy Service dealt with 23 cases; this has since risen during quarter 2 to 52 due to its expansion and ability to take on more medium risk cases. 83% of victims are engaging with the service and a Young Persons Independent Advocacy Worker has been assigned to look after victims in the 13-19 age bracket. Safety Plans are in use and intervention with young people has helped to prevent domestic abuse from occurring. The Freedom Programme has enabled lower risk perpetrators to get involved and get help; this is a voluntary service and is proving effective.

# 15. CRIME AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN THE DISTRICT

Detective Inspector Darren Alderson gave an update on crime and antisocial behaviour across the District over the last year, and was pleased to report that there had been a total crime reduction of 6%.

His presentation is available at:

http://scambs.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s69426/Crime%20and%20AS B%20in%20the%20District.pdf

Key themes:

- Perception of anti-social behaviour has decreased;
- Confidence that Cambridgeshire Police are dealing with the things that matter to people in their community has increased by 6%;
- Satisfaction rates have risen.

## 16. DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS

#### 17. AGREE COMMUNITY SAFETY PRIORITIES 2013/14 - LEIGH ROBERTS

The Board **APPROVED** the recommendation to continue with the following priorities for 2013/14, based on the Strategic Assessment provided and outlined by Leigh Roberts.

- 1. Tackling anti-social behaviour and supporting troubled families.
- 2. Preventing and reducing crimes against businesses.
- 3. Shaping and supporting new growth, including taking account of its impact on existing communities
- 4. Committing support and appropriate resources to the Integrated Offender Management scheme in Cambridgeshire.
- 5. Supporting work to reduce domestic abuse.

The presentation that accompanied the Strategic Assessment is available at:

http://scambs.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s69427/Strategic%20Assess ment%20-%20Community%20Safety%20Priorities.pdf

## 18. DISCUSS 2013/14 CDRP SPENDING PRIORITIES - GEMMA BARRON

It was agreed that Gemma Barron would report back on CDRP Spending Priorities at the next meeting.

## **19. NEXT STAKEHOLDER EVENT - RICK HYLTON**

The next Stakeholder event will take place in June 2013; date TBC.

## 20. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

The Committee voted for Rick Hylton to remain the Chairman for the next year.

The meeting ended at 12.00 p.m.

# SOUTH CAMBRID

# **ACTIVITY REPORT: NOVEMBER 2013**

The South Cambridgeshire CDRP meets on a monthly basis to progress priorities, address emerging issues and monitor the budget. In addition to partners' core business, progress has been made against each of the CDRPs priorities:

#### Tackling anti-social behaviour and supporting troubled families

Partners have continued to fully engage with the national and countywide Together for Families agenda through the three locality meetings that bring together partners to share information to tackle ASB and identify families that might benefit from extra support. The South Cambridgeshire CDRP is leading the way in the county with regard to this way of working.

Partners are now being formally signed up to and trained on using E-CINS, the cloud-based E-CINS solution to manage casework tasks and complex cases involving vulnerable people and their families. There are currently 15 South Cambridgeshire cases being managed via E-CINS and the system is already strengthening local information sharing.

#### **CASE STUDY: Stopping Anti-Social Behaviour**

Partners have worked together to resolve a long-term case of anti-social behaviour resulting in a Council tenant being evicted. The tenant had been playing loud music on a regular basis over a number of years, which was having a detrimental impact on the family next door. The case was not quick to resolve, however, the following steps were taken:

- Noise logs provided by neighbours
- Noise equipment was placed in the property and the noise witnessed by officers
- Noise abatement notice served a breach subsequently witnessed
- A warrant was gained and equipment seized from the property. The equipment was later returned.
- After witnessing further occurrences of noise, the equipment was then seized again.
- The Council served a Notice of Seeking Possession and gained possession following a court hearing.

## Preventing and reducing crimes against business

Allocated PCSO, with local crime prevention officer, continues to build relationships with South Cambridgeshire businesses to reduce crime that could affect them:

- Focus on top ten affected smaller businesses to provide crime prevention advice and support.
- Evaluation forms introduced and lots of positive feedback has been received.
- Strengthened links with Cambridge Business Against Crime (CAMBAC), continuing to promote them within the district.
- Strong relationships between the Police and the District Council's Licensing, Environmental Health, Building Control and Growth teams continue to build.

#### Shaping & supporting new growth, and taking account of impacts on existing communities

The CDRP has facilitated closer working between partners and the SCDC New Communities Team, and a number of partners now regularly Hot Desk at South Cambridgeshire Hall. The arrangement with the Fire and Rescue Service is now particularly strong.

#### **Integrated Offender Management**

South Cambs continues to benefit from the Countywide Integrated Offender Management (IOM) scheme; three IOM clients are currently in custody.

#### **CASE STUDY: Integrated Offender Management**

Clive's heroin addiction was the trigger for his history of domestic burglary, vehicle crime, shoplifting, and violence. As part of his Drug Rehabilitation Order, he works weekly with Drugs Services, Police and Probation to address his addiction and offending. Clive wants to work again, but is currently signed off sick. Partners are helping him update his certificate to work on building sites and take a JCB course. Other support has included advice regarding debt, and food parcels have been offered to his family. Under pressure he still uses heroin and crack. He has been arrested for driving whilst disqualified. The Magistrate is pleased with Clive's progress, but Clive must give negative drug results to succeed. A further review is due soon.

#### Supporting work to reduce domestic abuse

The first meeting of the new Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Governance Group will take place on 14 November to agree a way forward for future governance and leadership of the DASV Partnership.

Home Office expert Davina James-Hanman from Against Violence and Abuse (AVA) is working with the DASV Partnership to implement new Communications and Community Engagement Strategies. An initial meeting took place in October where needs and priorities were identified and ideas are being taken forward for action.

A workshop was held on 24 September 2013 at Police Headquarters to develop a consistent, effective and sustainable countywide response to Domestic Homicide Reviews across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. 34 representatives attended from various partner agencies. The main priorities identified at the event are being taken forward by county leads.

Recent training provision for partners has included Digital Stalking training to support professionals working with children and adults using social media, and MARAC training to improve response and provide updates to partners.

#### **CASE STUDY: Domestic Violence**

Annie (21) suffered interfamilial abuse as a child, has a diagnosed mental health illness, and self-harms regularly. She met Lee (24), but within 6 months had experienced abuse from Lee including punching, kicking, false imprisonment and a broken jaw. Lee was remanded in custody, and Annie was assessed as very high risk, receiving intensive support from two IDVAs (necessary due to Annie's complex needs and for the safety of the IDVA workers). The detailed action plan agreed by the IDVAs and Annie, included welfare checks, pre-arranged safe meetings, referrals to mental health services, arranging supported living, providing a phone, and placing police markers on her mobile number and home address to keep her safe. The IDVA service recently supported Annie in obtaining a non-molestation order against Lee. Annie has now separated from Lee who has now moved out of the area. She has a new job, is making new friends and moving on with her life.

#### Spending plan 2013/14

FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
Pooled Fund start balance April 2013	£34,843
Rollover SSCF from April 2012 to March 2013	£2,233
Police & Crime Commissioner funding for April 2013 to March 2014	£20,540
TOTAL FUNDING AVAILABLE	£55,384

The agreed spending plan is set out below. The spending plan is on track and the workstreams, which link to the CDRPs priorities, are all being progressed.

ITEM	AMOUNT	NOTES & CONTEXT
Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour (priority: tackling ASB and supporting troubled families)	£10,000	£2,400 to carry out ASB Casework (the CDRP has moved to a position whereby there are no officers employed through CDRP monies and casework is carried out by existing officers). £7,600 on diversionary activities in ASB hotspot areas.
E-CINS (priority: tackling ASB and supporting troubled families)	£5,000	E-CINS is a cloud-based tool that will enable the partners to effectively manage victims, offenders and vulnerable persons on one system. The system was commissioned by the Home Office in 2010 and is currently used in seven counties. E-CINS has been commissioned by Fenland District Council on behalf of all CDRPs, Integrated Offender Management and Together for Families. The cost of £5,000 covers a two-year contribution towards a countywide contract. The implementation will be supported by officers from partner organisations.
Community Safety Accreditation Scheme (priority: tackling ASB and supporting troubled families)	£5,000	£2,000 to contribute towards the up-front cost of introducing a Cambridgeshire local authority pilot scheme i.e. training of staff. Cambridgeshire Constabulary has agreed to in kind contributions to cover administration of the scheme, local training and vetting of staff and South Cambridgeshire District Council will hopefully also contribute. The scheme will give approximately 16 local authority staff selected police powers to make best use of all available resources and strengthen the powers that staff already utilise. £3,000 to evaluate the CSAS pilot.
Lead Professionals Training (priority: tackling ASB and supporting troubled families)	£3,000	Training to up-skill and develop existing roles within organisations to take on the role of lead professional in dealing with families who require support linked to ASB, but who do not reach the Together for Families threshold.
Information & Intelligence (priority: all)	£3,500	£3,500 contribution to County Council analyst to provide support to CDRP. This will be matched by £3,500 from the District Council and £3,500 from the County Council.
TOTAL	£26,500	
TOTAL (UNALLOCATED)	(28,884)	To remain unallocated in case of Domestic Homicide Review or tackling emerging issues as deemed appropriate by the CDRP Tasking & Coordination Group.

## Looking ahead

With previously agreed support from the CDRP, South Cambridgeshire District Council will shortly be applying to Cambridgeshire Constabulary for some its officers to be accredited with a limited range of anti-social behaviour powers to help progress partnership actions and support officers to take action in a more effective manner. This will be the first local authority Community Safety Accreditation Scheme in the county and will be evaluated on its effectiveness.

The Tasking and Coordination Group continues to work towards the partnership becoming self-sufficient, with no reliance on external funding beyond April 2014.

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# **UPDATED Transforming Rehabilitation – A Strategy for Reform**

# A sixty second brief for partners

- Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Probation Trust (CPPT), along with all other probation trusts, will cease to exist in its current format from April 1, 2014. The provision of national probation services will be split between a new national public sector probation service (retaining approximately 30 per cent of current CPPT staff and other resources) and 21 Community Rehabilitation Companies (CRCs). These fully functional companies will be sold to the providers awarded the contracts towards the end of 2014.
- CPPT, Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire and Northamptonshire Trusts fall in the same geographical area and will create one of the 21 CRCs. It is expected that 70 per cent of CPPT staff will transfer to the CRC to work with low and medium risk offenders on a payment by results system. This will include the majority of offenders sentenced to community orders, suspended sentence orders and custodial sentences. If the risk associated with an offender escalates from low or medium to high or very high, or an offender breaches their licence, the management of that offender will be transferred back to the national public sector probation service. In cases where an offender breaches their order or licence and they have to be returned to court or custody, the national probation service will take over responsibility for risk management.
- Staff within the new national public sector probation service will be responsible for: initial
  risk assessments of ALL offenders, directly managing high risk offenders and those subject
  to MAPPA (multi agency public protection arrangements), providing pre-sentence advice to
  courts, advising the parole board, undertaking the victim liaison role for all cases it applies to
  and managing the local approved premises. They will also be responsible for enforcement
  and prosecuting breaches.
- A nationwide 'through the prison gate' resettlement service will also be introduced so that offenders in custody will be transferred to a prison local to their area at least three months before release. Continuous support will be given by one provider from custody into the community.
- Statutory supervision and rehabilitation will be extended to offenders sentenced to less than 12 months in custody - equating to up to 50,000 extra offenders per year. This service will be delivered by the CRCs.
- Staff from both the CRCs and the national probation service will be expected to continue to work with local partners on the joint wider community safety agenda.
- The timescale to implement the changes is tight. The operating structure of the new national probation service should be scoped by the end of the summer and CPPT staff 'virtually divided' into the two structures (according to national guidelines) by February 2014. The final phase between spring and autumn 2014 will see staff transferring to their respective employers and the new contracted providers taking over the CRCs. The MoJ has indicated there will be no compulsory redundancies, but it is expected that there will be a reduction in the numbers of back office staff required. The change programme is scheduled for completion by January 2015.

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To:Cambridgeshire Community Safety Countywide BoardFrom:Chief Executive Dorothy GregsonDate:September 26, 2013

## Providing 'victim-centered' support in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

## 1. Purpose

1.1 This report provides the Board with an overview of the ongoing partnership work to prepare for the transfer of historical Ministry of Justice (MoJ) funding for local victims' services to Police and Crime Commissioners.

## 2. Background

- 2.1 The transfer of historical MoJ funding for local victims' services to Police and Crime Commissioners is scheduled for autumn 2014. The responsibility for commissioning national support services, such as the Witness Service and Homicide Support will remain with the MoJ.
- 2.2 The total budget to be transferred has not yet been announced (and will depend on revenue raised from the Victims' Surcharge and increases in the value of Penalty Notices for Disorder and motoring Fixed Penalty Notices), however indicative budgets are expected in October 2013.
- 2.3 Police and Crime Commissioners will be responsible for commissioning local support for victims of crime in Cambridgeshire in accordance with the new Code of Practice for Victims of Crime.
- 2.4 Statistics in the refreshed victim section of the Victim and Offender Needs Assessment revealed there was 31,000 victims of reported crime in Cambridgeshire in 2012. Just over 12,000 of these victims were referred to Victim Support to be triaged by Victim Care Officers in the Customer Management Centre.
- 2.5 In 2012 victims in Cambridgeshire were supported by staff from a range of services such as:
  - Independent Domestic Violence Advocates (IDVA)
  - Independent Sexual Violence Advocates (ISVA)
  - Women's Aid and Refuge
  - Sexual Advice Referral Centre (SARC)



• The Bobby Scheme

# 3. CCJB - Victim and Witness Sub Group

- 3.1 In March 2013 the CCJB created a Victim and Witness Sub-Group, made up of representatives from the statutory and voluntary sector, to prepare for the impending changes. It was clear that even though the locus of control remains with the OPCC, providing effective victim-centered support is a shared agenda requiring a partnership approach.
- 3.2 The group is already playing a crucial role in translating the Government's victim and witness agenda and understanding how it can be delivered locally. It has already achieved particular momentum with regards to:
  - mapping the existing local services provided for victims by a range of agencies and identifying areas of need;
  - the creation of a draft Victim Strategy for the county to inform the **understand** phase of the Commissioning cycle and help **plan** the commissioning intentions for support for victims; and
  - creating a joint agency understanding of the new Draft Code of Practice for Victims of Crime, which places responsibilities on a range of statutory agencies, and preparing for its implementation.

# 5. Recommendation

5.1 Members of the Board are asked to note the contents of this report and recognise that the delivery of effective support services for victims of crime is a shared partnership agenda.

#### BIBLIOGRAPHY

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