

**SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT
CRIME & DISORDER REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP**

REPORT TO: CDRP Board

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CDRP REVIEW GROUP PROPOSALS

Purpose

1. For the board to approve the recommendations by the CDRP Review Group.

Background

2. At its meeting on Tuesday 26 April 2011, the CDRP Board agreed that a CDRP Project Review Board would be established to review how the CDRP operates and the resources required (see minute 95, CDRP Board minutes, 26/04/2011).
3. In taking this work forward the review board agreed a set of key principles that would form the basis of any future delivery model. These principles were:
 - Creating flexible and dynamic structures that can respond to changing local priorities or external issues.
 - Moving away from static partnerships, to supporting joint working in communities, practically as one team on the ground
 - Reducing costs by cutting the number of partnerships, meetings and bureaucracy.
 - Meeting the legislative requirements of the Crime and Disorder Act

Proposal

4. The Review Group proposes that
 - a monthly District Tasking and Co-Ordination group (DTCG) is established to take joint action on local operational community safety issues.
 - the CDRP Board should take a strategic view, shaping priorities and holding agencies to account in an annual meeting (reflecting the approach taken by the Cambridgeshire Together Board).

Monthly District Tasking and Co-ordination Group

5. The DTCG will address local emerging community safety issues that have been identified by any CDRP partner agency through emerging crime data or by Neighbourhood Panel priorities. Partners will be expected to identify items for the agenda, particularly where they require other partners' input and assistance, or need to make other partners aware of issues
6. Key to the success of the DTCG is having the right people at the table for each agenda item. It is envisaged that partners will identify an appropriate representative, ensuring they are briefed on their agency's priorities and planned approach, as well as being empowered to make decisions and commitments at the meeting.

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7. Another vital element of the DTTCG is to enhance information sharing, not just regarding to cases/problems but also to ensure more efficient use of resources and approaches across the Partnership.
8. The DTTCG will have senior engagement from partner agencies. Jean Hunter, SCDC Chief Executive, has offered to chair the group initially to help establish the group, although all partners will be expected to share the chairing responsibilities, particularly if they have brought a complex agenda item to the meeting.

Annual CDRP Board meeting

9. The review group recognised that quarterly board meetings are resource intensive. This proposal will shift the focus for improving community safety to the DTTCG, and as a result will remove the need for the CDRP board to meet on such a regular basis.
10. However the Review Group wants to ensure partners and the DTTCG are accountable to the CDRP Board. By meeting annually in the autumn, this would facilitate the Board holding agencies to account for delivery on priorities and local issues, as well as setting strategic CDRP priorities for the following year through the existing Strategic Assessment process.

Summary

11. In summary, the proposed approach takes into consideration:
 - Not all priorities/problems require all partners to contribute
 - Information sharing about specific cases or initiatives, proposed approaches or emerging priorities is key to the success of the DTTCG, and will help partners identify whether they need to contribute or not and what action they need to take.
 - DTTCG membership should be at an appropriate level so that tasking and co-ordination of staff and resources can take place.
 - DTTCG membership is flexible, with attendance and seniority being determined by the priority, and people attending for the part of the meeting relevant to them.
 - For complex issues or issues involving more detail to be looked at, additional groups may be established on a Task and Finish approach
 - The CDRP Board remains accountable to the District Council's Scrutiny and Overview Committee, and normally attends in September

Recommendations

12. The Board is recommended to approve the following proposals:
 - Establish a District Tasking and Co-Ordination group to meet from September 2011
 - With immediate effect to disband the Executive Group
 - From October 2011, CDRP Board meetings to convert to an annual meeting

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