

## **SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the South  
Cambridgeshire Crime and Disorder Reduction  
Partnership held on Tuesday, 27 January 2009  
at 9.00 a.m.

**PRESENT:** Cllr JE Reynolds, Cambridgeshire Police Authority – Chairman

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| <b>Members:</b> | CI Vicky Skeels       | Cambridgeshire Police  |
|                 | Ms Vicky Crompton     | Cambridgeshire Drug and Alcohol Team                           |
|                 | Siobhan Dennehy       | Cambridgeshire County Council                                  |
|                 | Mike Harding          | Cambridgeshire Probation                                       |
|                 | Rick Hylton           | Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire and<br>Rescue Service     |
|                 | Cllr Ray Manning      | South Cambridgeshire District Council                          |
|                 | Jenny Massie          | Cambridgeshire Police  |
|                 | Cllr David McCraith   | Cambridgeshire County Council                                  |
|                 | Cllr Mrs Linda Oliver | Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire<br>Authority              |
|                 | Tim Theaker           | Cambridgeshire Primary Care Trust                              |
|                 | Patrick Adams         | Democratic Services Officer                                    |
|                 | Philip Aldis          | Community Safety Officer                                       |
|                 | Gemma Barron          | Partnerships Manager   |
|                 | Bridget Fairley       | Partnership Support Officer                                    |
|                 | Anita Goddard         | Housing Services Manager                                       |
|                 | Denise Lewis          | Interim Corporate Manager - Community and<br>Customer Services |

### **Action**

#### **22. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

22.1 Linda Oliver and John Reynolds declared a personal interest as County Councillors and David McCraith declared a personal interest as a District Councillor.

#### **23. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

23.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 27 October 2008 were accepted as a correct record.

#### **24. MATTERS ARISING**

24.1 It was noted that a report on the meeting of the Substance Misuse Task Group and updates on a survey relating to Drug Misuse and the Homeshield scheme would be discussed at the next meeting.

#### **25. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

25.1 Rick Hylton of Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service was elected unopposed as the Vice-Chairman of the Partnership. Phil Aldis agreed to write to Jon Neish thanking him for his work on the Board as a representative of Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service.

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**26. CDRP TERMS OF REFERENCE**

26.1 Gemma Barron introduced this report on suggested terms of reference for the Partnership. These had been introduced on the recommendation of the District Council's Corporate Governance Committee.

26.2 The following points were made:

- Consistency was required in the use of Chairman or Chairperson
- The representative from Cambridgeshire Probation did not have to be on the Board of that organisation
- The Primary Care Trust was now known as NHS Cambridgeshire
- The Fire Service should be included in paragraphs 7.11 and 8.3

26.3 The Group **AGREED** the revised terms of reference at Appendix B.

**27. QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT - SIOBHAN DENNEHY**

27.1 Siobhan Dennehy introduced this report on the progress being made in pursuing the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership Group's targets for 2008/09.

**Burglary**

27.2 It was noted that burglaries had increased from last year and the Partnership was not expected to meet this year's target. Orchard Park was a "hotspot" and efforts were being made to educate the public on how to make their homes safer.

**28. QUARTERLY PRIORITY UPDATES FROM LEAD OFFICERS**

28.1 These were **noted**.

**29. AGREE CDRP ACTION AND RESPONSE TO PERFORMANCE REPORT - JOHN REYNOLDS**

29.1 This was **NOTED** as part of the discussion on the quarterly updates.

**30. ROLLING PLAN 2009-12 - PHILIP ALDIS**

30.1 Phil Aldis presented this report on the draft CDRP rolling plan for 2009-12.

30.2 The rolling plan had been discussed by the District Council's Scrutiny Committee in January and once agreed by the Group it would need to be adopted by the District Council.

30.3 Each priority was examined in turn by the Group. It was noted that each target was to be achieved by the end of the financial year.

**Reducing Re-offending**

30.4 The Group was reassured by Chris Savage that policing in South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge City was well co-ordinated.

**Reducing Domestic Violence**

30.5 It was noted that the target of a 5% increase in referrals to the Independent DV Advocacy Service would increase the workload of an

already stretched service. It was noted that the economic recession could lead to an increase in domestic violence.

### **Reducing Burglary**

30.6 It was noted that acquisitive crime usually increased in times of economic hardship, making this a challenging target. The target reduction in terms of a thousand dwellings was to help reflect the anticipated increase in the population in the District.

30.7 It was queried if action 1.4 included the cleaning of roads. Ray Manning stated that additional litter picks had been arranged in the District, including the major slip roads.

### **Improving communication**

30.8 Councillor Linda Oliver expressed concern at the cancellation of the annual conference, although it was understood that regular presentations at Neighbourhood Panels would allow more frequent updates. It was recognised that sending a large volume of information to parish clerks on crime reduction did not guarantee a detailed discussion at parish council meetings or the dissemination of this information to the village's residents. It was agreed that a short report on how to improve communication should be discussed at the Group's next meeting.

30.9 It was agreed that successes needed to be reported to Councillors representing the local community.

30.10 The Group **AGREED** to approve the draft Rolling Plan.

30.11 The Group **AGREED** the wording and content of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership targets, and task the Executive Group to set the actual numerical target once data becomes available.

30.12 The Group **AGREED** that they would provide detailed monitoring information about their projects and initiatives that were in the Rolling Plan.

30.13 The Group **AGREED** to promote the new rolling plan through media news releases.

30.14 The Group **AGREED** to discuss the conference and feedback to Neighbourhood Panels at the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership development day.

## **31. FUNDING**

31.1 Bridget Fairley summarised the different projects that had received Safer Stronger Communities Funding in 2008/09. It was noted that the funding was on target.

31.2 Phil Aldis explained that the Community Safety Strategic Board would be considering a proposal from the County Council to reduce the funding to Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships in 2009/10. Should the proposal be accepted this would reduce South Cambridgeshire Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership funds from £90,120 to £77,443.

- 31.3 Phil Aldis summarised the proposal and stated that some of the Partnership funds would be ring-fenced for tackling violence and serious acquisitive crimes. The Group discussed the issues and asked Councillor Reynolds and Councillor Manning to feed the following comments to the Community Safety Strategic Board (CSSB) taking place later that day:
- The Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership was concerned at the limited involvement of the both the Partnership and the District's officers in the forming of these proposals
  - Whether the Group could exchange £15,993 capital for revenue funding, as it did in 2008/09
  - That the Group agreed with the principle of ring-fencing for NI15 (violent crime) and NI16 (serious acquisitive crime) but rather be allocated the funds to spend on its priorities and then evidence how they contribute to NI15 and NI16.
  - The Group was concerned over the levels of funding for Domestic Violence (approximately 19% of the total County revenue budget and 40% of elements 2 and 3), as the District's also contribute £6,500 for a Domestic Violence Co-ordinator.
  - The Group suggested that if top-slicing was required, then perhaps some could be focussed on drugs and/or alcohol abuse.

31.4 It was hoped that the Group would be permitted to use capital funding for revenue projects as was the case this year. Concern was expressed at the short notice given for these changes and the lack of proper consultation.

31.5 Chris Savage reported that the Group could find it difficult to justify the £5,000 expenditure on tackling serious violent crime in a rural District.

31.6 The allocation of funding for MARAC was generally supported.

### **Speedwatch**

31.7 Chris Savage introduced the report on the "Speedwatch" scheme by explaining that it was running well in East Cambridgeshire and there was considerable demand for introducing it into South Cambridgeshire.

31.8 Concern was expressed that the areas of highest public concern were not necessarily areas where accidents had occurred due to excess speed.

31.9 The Group supported the scheme but agreed that at this stage only a small number of units should be purchased to ensure that supply did not exceed the demand for the scheme from the villages in the District. It was also unclear whether there would be sufficient funding for capital projects to be directed into this scheme. It was therefore decided not to allocate any funding to the scheme at this time from the Group's funds.

## **32. HALLMARKS OF EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIPS ACTION PLAN - BRIDGET FAIRLEY**

32.1 Bridget Fairley introduced this report which recommended improvements based on the Home Office document "Delivering Safer Communities: A Guide to Effective Partnership Working". The Group **AGREED** to include this on the proposed Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership development day.

**33. CDRP DEVELOPMENT DAY - CHRIS SAVAGE**

- 33.1 The Group **AGREED** that a Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership development day be held in April.

**34. ALCOHOL STRATEGY - VICKY CROMPTON**

- 34.1 Vickie Crompton updated the Group on progress being made towards the Cambridgeshire Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy.
- 34.2 The Group supported the Strategy but decided to defer endorsement to the next meeting to allow a proper discussion at the Development Day.

**35. UPDATE ON PARTNERSHIPS SUPPORT OFFICER POST - PHILIP ALDIS**

- 35.1 Phil Aldis reported that Bridget Fairley was soon to start her maternity leave, and plans to return part-time next year. The maternity cover post will therefore be part-time and will be advertised soon.
- 35.2 The Group joined the Chairman in thanking Bridget for her work to date and wishing her well in the coming months.

**36. CDRP PUBLICITY PLANNER**

- 36.1 Noted.

**37. FORWARD PLAN**

- 37.1 It agreed that "Preventing Extremism and Terrorism" should be added to the Forward Plan.

**38. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

- 38.1 The Group noted the following meeting dates:
- 27 April 2009 at 10am
  - 27 July 2009 at 10am
  - 26 October 2009 at 10am

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**The meeting ended at 10.40 a.m.**

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