

Minutes of a meeting of the Leicestershire Safer Communities Strategy Board held at County Hall, Glenfield on Thursday, 12 June 2014.

Present

Cllr David Cope	Member of the Community Safety Partnership Strategy Group for Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
Cllr Malise Graham	Melton Borough Council
Cllr Tony Greenwood MBE	Blaby District Council
Cllr Bill Liquorish	Community Safety Partnership Strategy Group Chair - Harborough District Council
Julian Mallinson	Substance Misuse Board – Leicestershire County Council
Jane Moore	Head of Supporting Leicestershire Families and Safer Communities – Leicestershire County Council
Mr. Joe T. Orson CC JP	Lead Members for Safer Communities, Leicestershire County Council
Cllr. Trevor Pendleton	Community Safety Partnership Strategy Group Chair – N. W. Leicestershire District Council
Chief Inspector Sian Walls	Leicestershire Police

Officers

Ronan Browne	Melton Borough Council
James Fox	Leicestershire County Council
Walter McCulloch	Assistant Director of Children and Young People's Service, Leicestershire County Council
Sandra Parker	Oadby and Wigston Borough Council
Gurjit Samra-Rai	Leicestershire County Council
John Richardson	N.W. Leicestershire District Council
Sharon Stacey	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
Jane Toman	Blaby District Council
Chris Traill	Charnwood Borough Council
Joanne Twomey	Leicestershire County Council

48. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

It was proposed, seconded, and AGREED that Mr. J. T. Orson CC JP be elected Chairman of the Board for 2014/15.

Mr J. T. Orson CC JP in the Chair

49. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN.

It was proposed, seconded, and AGREED that Cllr. T. Pendleton be elected Vice-Chairman of the Board for 2014/15.

50. INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Cllr Stephen Corral (Leicestershire Fire Authority), Cllr David Bill (Hinckley & Bosworth), Cllr David Snartt (Charnwood), Cllr Kevin Loydall (Oadby & Wigston), Mr Bob Bearn (Probation Services), Chief Supt. Sally Healey (Leicestershire Police) and Mike Sandys (Chair of the Substance Misuse Board).

51. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2014 were taken as read and confirmed as a correct record.

52. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

Community Safety Partnership Information Sharing (minute 16)

James Fox reported that, following the concerns raised by Cllr Malise Graham, it had been confirmed that the commissioners of substance misuse services generally did not have access to personal data from the substance misuse providers to share with other partners in Community Safety Partnerships. Information sharing arrangements needed to be established with those agencies that 'owned' the data.

Further consideration could be given to alternative means of addressing this issue. First, however, it would be necessary to identify what specific information needed to be shared and how it would be used, to assess the legal basis for such information sharing.

RESOLVED:

That James Fox be requested to confirm this information in a letter to Cllr Malise Graham.

53. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairman invited members who wished to do so to declare any interests in respect of items on the agenda for the meeting.

Mr J. T. Orson CC declared a personal interest in agenda item 8 (Street Lighting and Crime Analysis) as a Melton Borough Councillor (minute 9 refers).

54. CHANGE TO THE ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The Chairman sought and obtained the consent of the Board to vary the order of business from that set out on the agenda for the meeting.

55. SAFER COMMUNITIES PERFORMANCE - END OF YEAR.

The Board considered a report from James Fox, which detailed the 2013/14 quarter 4 Safer Communities Performance data. A copy of the report is filed with these minutes.

The Board acknowledged the input of the Supporting Leicestershire Families Programme in reducing the number of young people coming into the system.

Jane Moore reported that Family Support Workers had provided help and support to over 300 families on many issues including school attendance, domestic abuse and financial management, and good results were being seen. National reports had highlighted the work and achievements made in Leicestershire which was rated third highest in terms of the number of outcomes achieved through the programme.

The Board requested that a more detailed report on the work and achievements of the SLF Programme be presented at its next meeting.

In response to questions raised regarding the 3.7% increase in overall crime in the area, the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) reported that the Force Performance Management Regime would change for 2014/15 to take account of the Home Affairs Select Committee's decision to discontinue the use of numerical targets.

The Board noted that in future, the performance of the PCC and the Police would be judged by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary against the performance of other similar force groups (i.e. Essex, Bedfordshire, Hampshire, Hertfordshire, Kent, Sussex and Nottinghamshire). The PCC advised, however, that he had still tasked the Chief Constable with a 'significant reduction' in crime target (circa 6%) to ensure Leicestershire was brought back in line with other similar force areas.

In the light of these changes, the Board requested that the PCC present a report at its next meeting detailing the revised Force performance framework and how this would link in with what else was being done across the County.

RSOLVED:

- (a) That the 2013/14 End of Year performance information be noted;
- (b) That acquisitive crime trends be reported to the Board during 2014/15;
- (c) That a more detailed report on the work and achievements of the SLF Programme be presented to the Board at its next meeting;
- (d) That the PCC be requested to present a report at the next meeting of the Board on the revised performance framework and how this linked in with what else was being done across the County.

56. STREET LIGHTING AND CRIME ANALYSIS.

The Board considered a report from James Fox, which outlined the findings of an analysis which had been undertaken into the implementation of part-night lighting in Leicestershire and crime.

The Board welcomed the information provided and agreed that further analysis should be undertaken over a longer term.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the findings of the analysis of part-night lighting and crime be noted;
- (b) That the outcome of further analysis undertaken be reported to the Board at a future meeting.

57. ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014 COMMUNITY TRIGGER.

The Board considered a report from Gurjit Samra-Rai, the purpose of which was to update the Board on developments in preparation for the implementation of the Anti Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, specifically the Community Trigger.

Gurjit Samra-Rai reported that the Community Trigger document attached as Appendix 1 to the report had been amended to include an appeals process. A copy of the revised document would be circulated to members for information.

The Board noted the following:

- It would be up to Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Chairs to take ownership of any complaint received within their locality;
- The local Joint Action Group (JAG) would determine whether or not a complaint was deemed to be a Community Trigger and if activated, would consider the victims concerns and prepare a report for the CSP Chair. The CSP Chair would then be required to provide feedback to the victim. Good links between CSP Chairs and their local JAG would be essential;
- It would be necessary for each CSP to take the Community Trigger proposals through their Cabinet process for approval;
- Guidance was being produced and training programmes regarding the process would be provided during September and November;
- It would be important for CSP Chairs to make it clear to victims that the Community Trigger would be about ensuring processes had been followed properly and not to raise victims expectations about what could be achieved through the Community Trigger process.

Cllr Malise Graham suggested that it would be important to make it clear in Section 4 (Equalities Monitoring) of the Community Trigger reporting form, what would be done with the data collected.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the progress made to date on preparations for the implementation of the Community Trigger be noted;

- (b) That Section 4 of the Community Trigger reporting form be amended to make it clear what would be done with the data provided, once collected;
- (c) That the final version of the Community Trigger document be presented to the Board at its meeting on 25 September 2014 for further consideration.

58. ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR BILL - VERBAL UPDATE.

The Board received a verbal update from Gurjit Samra-Rai regarding the Anti Social Behaviour Bill (the Act) which received Royal Assent on 13 March 2014.

Gurjit reported that the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Task and Finish Group would be producing a report detailing the work undertaken and recommendations regarding the required changes to be implemented as a result of the Act. This would be presented to all District Chief Executives and Community Safety Partnership Chairs shortly.

The Board noted that the Police would be providing some multi-agency training in September which would be scenario based. CSPs would also be providing joint training events later in the year. These would be delivered by a barrister and include workshops to consider issues at a local level.

In addition, the County Council would be offering half hour briefings for interested staff during September and November. District Council officers would also be able to attend.

RESOLVED:

That the progress being made by the Anti Social Behaviour Task and Finish Group to prepare of the implementation of the new Anti Social Behaviour Act be noted.

59. DOMESTIC HOMICIDE REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS - PRESENTATION.

The Board received a presentation from James Fox which outlined the individual and multi-agency recommendations arising from a review of Domestic Homicide Reviews conducted in Leicestershire. A copy of the presentation slides are filed with these minutes.

The Board noted that a recent DHR had been sent to the Home Office in April, the outcome of which was awaited. A report would be presented to the Leicestershire and Rutland Local Safeguarding Children Board to ensure this fed into its work to support children and young people affected by domestic violence. Consideration was also being given on how best to share appropriate information with schools.

RESOVLED:

That the individual and multi-agency recommendations detailed in the presentation be noted.

60. TRANSFORMING REHABILITATION - VERBAL UPDATE.

On behalf of Mr Bob Bearne, Ms Jane Moore updated the Board on the Transforming Rehabilitation programme.

Ms Moore explained that the Leicestershire Probation Trust had ceased to exist on 31 May and the business of the Trust had transferred to the National Probation Service (NPS) and the Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC) for Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Nottingham and Rutland on that date. The latter organisation would remain in public ownership until proposed sale towards the end of the year.

The Board noted that there would now be two strategic leads for probation in Leicestershire, one representing the NPS (Ms Carolyn Maclean) and one representing the CRC (Mr Bob Bearne). The Senior Officer Group was currently working with Bob Bearne to look at representation of the two organisations across Community Safety Forums.

RESOLVED:

That the update now provided be noted.

61. OTHER BUSINESS

Domestic Abuse Delivery Group

AGREED:

That, at the Chairman's request, a report be provided to the next meeting of the Board on the progress being made by the new Domestic Abuse Delivery Group, which had replaced the Domestic Abuse Strategy Board.

62. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS.

The Board noted that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 25 September 2014 at 10.00am.

The Board further noted the dates of meetings for 2015 which would be held on the following dates:

Thursday 19 March 2015 at 10.00am
Thursday 18 June 2015 at 2.00pm
Thursday 17 September 2015 at 10.00am
Thursday 10 December 2015 at 2.00pm

10.00 - 11.20 am
12 June 2014

CHAIRMAN