



# WELLINGBOROUGH PARTNERSHIP

*the Local Strategic Partnership for Wellingborough*



## **Minutes of Safer Task Group / Crime & Disorder Partnership Meeting**

*DRAFT – subject to approval at the next meeting*

### **Meeting held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2008 at 11am in the Tithe Barn, Wellingborough**

Present:

Joe Hubbard	WBC
Hugh Fenton	LSP
Marie Rose	Fire and Rescue Service
Matt Chester	Compass Unit
Richard James	Police
Pete Chisholm	Police
Lynne Chapman	Police
Carole Stephenson	WBC
Christine Thompson	Victim Support
Darren Frost	Probation
Helen Cook	Police Authority
Kate Baker	Police
Caroline Exton	GOEM
Karen Buckley	Heartlands Mediation
Ann Marie Hawkins	NCC
Ali Reynolds	Police
Quentin Goodman	Youth Offending Service

**1.**

#### **Apologies**

Nicola Hicks	WBC
David Cross	Town Centre Manager

**2. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Agreed

**3. Matters Arising (other than those on the agenda)**

Hallmarks should be a standing item on the Agenda

**4.**

KB gave a presentation on Police Public Attitude survey – copy attached.

The British Crime survey was last undertaken in June 2008 but is not localized.

Northants Police started their own survey in May 2008. They try to sample the younger elements of the community, who are not always easy to engage. Areas where public opinion is poor are targeted. The report will be circulated shortly on a monthly basis to the CDRP Managers to distribute to the members of the CDRP. The CDRPs in the county can influence the questions that are asked but these need to be the same questions for each CDRP.

**5.**

**Section 1**

MC highlighted the 2 areas that are currently Red.

Arson is on the increase. The figures are provided by the Fire and Rescue Service direct to Compass. This is because the Police figures only represent approx 20% of all fire incidents. The information however is not detailed enough to report on wheelie bin fires/car fires etc.

MR will obtain detail for the next meeting.

The Arson task force are looking jointly at arson hot spots. They are currently working well on the Hemmingwell. This is to be widened to other areas. MC and MR agreed that the Arson Task Force and Compass unit need to work closer together.

The joint roll out of the Smartwater is continuing with Croyland in October and Castle/Swanspool in November.

Sean Johnson is now the Arson task Force co-ordinator. Arson will be picked up in the Signal crime sub-group.

Repeat Domestic Crime is on a sustained increase. This could be due to the increased confidence of the public in reporting repeat incidents having received a positive response to an earlier incidence. Or that people are experiencing domestic abuse more often. The Sunflower provision should have an impact but this has only been operating for the last 6 months and only deals with the most serious incidents. These figures are reflected across the county.

Evaluation of IDAP has not been carried out locally. There is a county bid to support IDAP. All the CDRPs in the county are in red for this category.

NORDAF are working with all agencies to assist in addressing this issue, this includes CPS working with perpetrators.

Repeat Domestic Violence will be focused on in the Offender management Sub-group.

Serious Acquisitive Crime and Assault with injury need to be monitored as these are National indicators and LAA targets.

It was noted that even when Wellingborough is performing well it is still above the average for other CDRPs.

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## **Section 2**

### **Vulnerable Children and Young People – Hugh Fenton**

BCU funding had been obtained for Service 6 to link with the SCTs to evaluate where the targeted work should be delivered. The youth will be asked what they would like and Service 6 aim to deliver within one week. Crimes against School children identified in the compass report are green, this is with no work to date being done.

### **TCTF – Pete Chisholm**

A meeting is planned for Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September using the recent EVA to provide an action plan. This will include items such as the relocation of the taxi rank. The majority of the work is however environmental. Pub Watch now have funding to purchase poly carb glasses. Bar Life is now however fully carb. Previous experience indicates that the introduction of poly carb glasses reduces town centre violence.

### **Offender Management -**

It is unclear who is the lead for this group.

**Action:** Richard James to establish who is the lead.

### **Aquisitive Crime – Ali Reynolds**

It is planned for this group to meet in the next 10 days and again before the next CSOG. Initial investigation says that burglaries are the area for focus. Autocrime is on the decrease however car key burglaries are increasing.

### **Signal Crime – Carole Stephenson**

Members have been identified – Pete Chisholm, Dennis Murray, Kay Mingay and Wendy Mills. Currently there is a bid for £25k to support this group. Compass are to be asked to identify the hot spots for the group to work on.

### **ASB Processing – Kay Mingay**

At the last meeting 2 individuals were deselected however 3 new ones adopted.

### **Business/Retail Crime – Pete Chisholm**

A bid is currently being worked to support making these initiatives sustainable. There has been a spike in burglaries non dwelling on PFIE and FRIE. The Smartwater bid is still being progressed.

### **DAAT – Carole Stephenson**

Terms of reference need to be established and the agreement of statutory agencies' attendance.

7. **Section 3**  
PC updated this area.  
There has been an increase in 'bag dippings' on the Swanspool beat. Predominately these are people that travel in from outside the area. Plain clothes operations have been carried out.  
Nightsafe is working well in the Town Centre. All the premises are visited in the early evening. If they do not adhere to advise given then their licence may be subject to review.  
Hemmingwell had a 65% reduction in ASB during the HOPE week. There has still not been any burglaries on properties that were given smartwater.
8. **Section 4 – SCTs**  
Op Ragged had been carried out June – August targeting motor cycle nuisance. 4 stolen vehicles were recovered. There had been very positive press. A 38% reduction in reporting of motor cycle nuisance had been achieved on the same period last year. Croyland had an 88% reduction and Wellingborough East 83%. Partnership funding from WBC for ally gating had also assisted this.  
Gang work - subject to proactive patrols.  
Trading Standards had carried out test purchasing primarily for alcohol but had also for knife purchases. Two knives were sold to under 21's. This was encouraging.  
The Muslim Forum has been spoken to and there have been no significant racist incidents.  
66 young people had played football with the PCSOs.  
With the return of staff from maternity leave and 3 new probationers it is anticipated that the SCTs will only be short by 2 members of staff.  
CS attends the SCT users group meeting and suggested that a PCSO attends Scrutiny Committee to outline to members the work that the SCTs are involved in.
9. **Section 5**  
AR updated that there are currently 4 in the Red Catch and Convict strand, of which 2 had recently received custodial sentences.
10. **Section 6**  
Neighbourhood Renewal – The recent NR survey results had been disseminated in two presentations at The Well. CS advised that it was problematic to compare the surveys between years as those carried out last year had not included Hemmingwell. This had been carried out separately.  
Partnership Strategic Assessment MC advised that the draft assessment had been circulated to all attendees. There is a Critical Readers meeting planned to look at the priorities and objectives.  
Area Based Grant Commissioning 09/10. Meeting is planned for 16<sup>th</sup> September to evaluate and prioritise these as funding requested in #100k.  
Partnership Health Check – AMH was successful in a bid to assist all CDRPs with areas where there are regional commonalities.

Unpaid work Placements. There are currently 11 ongoing in Wellingborough. There is also an electrical workshop that can assist charitable organizations with electrical goods that have been donated. Work can be carried out in individuals' gardens, subject to risk assessments. SCTs and Probation can link together with local priorities.

SCTs can promote the work that the unpaid workers do in local newsletters.

Not in my Neighbourhood. PC advised that this is being carried out during 13 – 17 October. This is to promote awareness of partnership working. The Mobile Police Station will visit Tesco's, Morrison's and the 3 NR areas on 14<sup>th</sup> October. The theme is Crime Prevention, specifically burglary dwellings and auto crime. VOSA will also be available to speak with the young drivers.

Partnership Advisory Group – AMH stated that this was a County resource which could be used to assist with CDRP performance and should be used as a first point of contact, in conjunction with the Chair.

**11. Any Other Business**

HF advised that Community Consultation on the Community Plan and Community Safety indicators had been undertaken. Although there had not been a large response, those received did not invalidate the priority areas.

**Date of Next Meeting**

**Monday October 20<sup>th</sup> 2008 at 11am in the Committee Room, Swanspool House, Wellingborough.**