



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 15th December 2008 11am in the Committee Room, Swanspool

Present:	Joe Hubbard	WBC
	Hugh Fenton	LSP
	Richard James	Police
	Pete Chisholm	Police
	Carole Stephenson	WBC
	Graham Cochrane	Probation
	Helen Cook	Police Authority
	Caroline Exton	GOEM
	Karren Buckley	Heartlands Mediation
	Ali Reynolds	Police
	Louise Slaven	PPO Manager
	Nicola Hicks	WBC
	Elly Simms	Wellingborough Homes
	John Hughes	PCT
	Marie Rose	Fire and Rescue Service
	Ann Marie Hawkins	NCC
	Dave Harley	Police
	Kay Mingay	WBC
	Elaine Ketchum	LCJB
	Councillor Dean	WBC

- 1. Apologies**

Christine Thompson	Victim Support
Clive Jekyll	DAAT
Matt Chester	Compass Unit
Lynn Chapman	Northamptonshire Police

David Cross Town Centre Partnership
Vanessa Forbes Education

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Agreed

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

None

4. Section 1

The performance improvement bulletin was circulated prior to the meeting.

JEH talked the group through the report. The CDRP is underachieving in two areas:-

Domestic abuse repeat victimisation. An increase of 4.6% has been recorded from the baseline and performance has deteriorated over the past 12 months. A reduction of 12% is required to meet the target. **GC** pointed out that we are actively encouraging victims to report such crimes so the figures may well rise before we see reductions in the future.

Serious acquisitive crime. The long term trend is slowly upward which indicates that the target will not be met if current performance is maintained. **AR** reported that the increase is due in the main to priority offenders who have recently been released from prison. There have been such recent successes in terms of custodial convictions. **AR** also outlined that 40% - 50% of burglaries are due to insecure properties. Wellingborough has been fortunate to have received additional force resources to help deal with the situation. **AR** also reported that there has been an increase in theft of motor vehicles. **DH** pointed out that the areas that have been 'smart watered' are not being hit. **DH** is working on reducing the supply of stolen goods and work is ongoing with second hand dealers to encourage them to look into who they are buying from and keep records.

Whilst percentage figures for robbery have increased significantly the actual numbers are very small.

HF raised the issue of the numbers of young people who are victims has risen and the RAG status has changed from amber to red. **HF** assured the group that this is more of a blip than a long term trend. We are not sure who the perpetrators are at the moment. **RJ** suggested that there is a need for additional measures to be implemented for each strand. The planned development meeting in January should help progress this.

5. Section 2

Vulnerable Children and Young People – Hugh Fenton

No additional comments.

TCTF – Nicola Hicks

The last TCTF meeting was unable to go ahead due to lack of attendance. NH updated the group on two successful bids - Alcohol Related Partnership Activity funding (30k) and Tackling Violent Crime funding (£15k). The bids are attached for information.

Offender Management – Graham Cochrane

Action plans have now been developed. NH informed the group that WENDAF has met and local plans have been inserted. Attached for information. RJ informed the group that there will be dedicated patrols during the xmas period targeting known perpetrators with home visits.

Aquisitive Crime – Ali Reynolds

NH to circulate the updated action plan for this group. The group discussed issues around circulating updated action plans or situation reports. It was agreed that this would be discussed at the development day in January.

Signal Crime – Carole Stephenson

The group has now met and an action plan has been completed. Actions to tackle criminal damage are yet to be inserted into the plan.

CS informed the group that hate crime training for frontline staff is due to commence in January. This will be delivered by the REC. ES suggested the possibility of joint training with Wellingborough Homes.

PC raised the issue of the graffiti machine. CS has spoken to John Casserley to progress this and will speak to him again to find out the current status.

6. Section 3

LC was not present so the group agreed to defer this item for the next meeting by which time the development day would have taken place.

It was agreed that the TOR be circulated and comments are invited before the next meeting when it will be discussed as agenda item. HF raised the issue about 'branding' and whether the TOR and plans should be in LSP name or Community Safety Partnership? JEH suggested that this could be discussed at the development day in January.

7. Section 4 – SCT's

PC reported to the group that there are some staffing pressures emerging. There are currently 5 PCSO vacancies and 1 PC vacancy. The next intake is January 09. **PC** also informed the group that a bag dipping operation has taken place in the town centre and that extra staff (uniformed and plain clothes) will be deployed during the xmas period.

There was a lack of representation at the smart water seminars (Park Farm and Finedon Road Industrial Estates) so individual premises will now be targeted.

JEH highlighted the increase in confidence of local people (Public Attitudes Survey)

ASB Processing Group – Elly Simms

There are 12 individuals on the group at the moment. Numbers of referrals are down at the moment.

Business/Retail Crime – David Cross

David was unable to attend the meeting. **NH** updated the group on the successful re-accreditation for the Safer Business Award (2008). This is the first group in the county to achieve the SBA.

7 individuals are currently excluded from the center and 2 more are pending. Shoplifting is down at the moment. It was highlighted that membership of WENPAC may fall due to the closure of Woolworth.

DAAT – Clive Jekyll

CJ was unable to attend the meeting. **CS** informed the group that the Substance Misuse Group met last week. The group is focusing on terms of reference and action plans.

HF mentioned the successful alcohol event held in Corby recently. This may be something that the SMG considers for the future. **ES** highlighted to the group that there are issues with older people presenting with alcohol problems (especially in sheltered accommodation).

8. Section 5

LS requested that members of the group consider the type of information that they would like at each meeting. All members to consider and e-mail **NH** who will then pass comments to Louise.

LS highlighted that there are increases with numbers of PPO's in 'red' catch and convict strand. Arrests and intel logs have increased.

A dedicated PPO Officer has now been employed.

9. Section 6

Public Attitude Survey – The group agreed that this would be picked up through the performance improvement bulletin.

Two Tier Working & Business Planning – **SS (GOEM)** informed the group that a piece of work is being undertaken to look at how we work in a two tier authority. It is an opportunity to identify gaps and also the possibility of sharing good practice. Individuals will be contacted by Sally to discuss.

10. Any Other Business

CS shared with the group that Councillors for Brickhill Ward are considering using their ward support funds (£3k - £4k) to purchase smart water kits for local people in the ward who live outside the NR areas identified as risk areas. Partner assistance would be required in the roll out. **AR** informed the group that Louise Fleckney (Police) is meeting with Councillor Lora Lawman to discuss in the New Year. The CDRP agreed to support.

MAPPA Presentation – Mike Chandler

Presentation slides attached.

Intensive Intervention Project – Helen Bradshaw

Presentation slides circulated at meeting.

The group would like to formally thank Ann-Marie Hawkins and John Hughes for their support and wish them all the best for the future.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday February 16th 2008 at 11am in the Committee Room, Swanspool House, Wellingborough.