



WELLINGBOROUGH PARTNERSHIP

the Local Strategic Partnership for Wellingborough



Minutes of Safer Task / Community Safety Officer Group Meeting

DRAFT – subject to approval at the next meeting

Meeting held on Monday 25th February 2008 11am in the Committee Room, Swanspool House, Wellingborough

Present:	David Cross	Town Centre partnership
	Karen Buckley	Heartlands Mediation
	Elly Simms	WBC
	Ann-Marie Hawkins	NCC
	Joe Hubbard	WBC
	Maria Thomas	WBC
	Marie Rose	Fire & Rescue Service
	Matt Chester	Compass Unit
	Carole Stephenson	WBC
	Nicola Hicks	WBC
	Ali Reynolds	Police
	Vanessa Forbes	Education Representative
	Richard James	Police
	Helen Cook	Police Authority
	Elaine Ketchum	LCJB
	Phil Whiteman	LCJB
	Dipana Patel	NCC – NR
	Stephanie Canning	Health Partnership

1.	Apologies	
	Dean Smith	Police
	Debbie Roe	Police Authority
	Christine Thompson	Victim Support
	Hugh Fenton	LSP
	Gordon O’Hara	Wellingborough Homes
	Louise Moyney	Police/PPO
	Caroline Exton	GOEM

2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Agreed

3. **Matters Arising**

No matters arising

4. **Section 1**

JEH talked through the Performance Improvement Bulletin with the group.

Violent crime remains the main area for concern. A reduction of 28.6% is required from the current position to meet the violence offences target. Wellingborough CDRP remains significantly above the most similar CDRP average. Although there is a downward trend projected it will not be at a great enough rate to meet the target. **RJ** informed the group that a piece of research is being undertaken looking at the 3 types of violence (domestic, town centre and residual). This will be shared with the group as soon as it is available. Town centre violence has been predominantly upward over the past 12 months.

CS suggested that the group needs to reconsider our working sub-groups in light of the findings of the PSA and agreed priorities for the forthcoming year as identified by the group.

Robbery – the trend based on performance over the last 12 months is downward. If current performance is maintained the target will not be met. Wellingborough CDRP remains significantly above the most similar (MS) CDRP average. **AR** outlined to the group that there have been recent significant arrests in this area but it remains a cause for concern.

There have been substantial recent successes regarding burglary dwelling. Wellingborough CDRP is in line with its most similar CDRPs. Currently the target has been met. The trend based on the last 12 months has been steeply downward. Current performance represents a 58.9% decrease from the baseline.

Vehicle crime – A reduction of 26.5% is required from the current position to meet the target. Wellingborough CDRP is significantly above the most similar CDRP average. Based on the 12 month projection performance will continue to reduce, however, not by a rate sufficient enough to meet the target if performance based on the last year is maintained. **AR** informed the group that key offenders have recently been released and this may have had an impact on the increases. It is usually thefts from vehicles, especially sat navs and tools, that are stolen. Rural areas have been hit harder than the town centre. **JEH** suggested that work could be undertaken with parish councils to raise awareness.

Criminal damage – Wellingborough CDRP is in line with its MS CDRP average. **ES** informed the group that reports of asb are down at the moment. **CS** suggested that people are reporting incidents to PCSOs but not officially reporting them as an incident?

AR also informed the group that there are issues in Finedon. **CS** responded that a meeting is being held with the leader of the council to consider these problems.

Stretch violence target – Current performance represents a 7.9% increase from the baseline. A reduction of 16.8% is required from the current position to meet Wellingborough CDRPs contribution to the SSC2 violence target. A reduction of 14.2% is required to meet the interim milestone. The 12 month projection indicates that the interim milestones will not be achieved if the rate of change over the last year is maintained.

5. Section 2

Robbery – **NH** – the next meeting of the robbery sub-group will be held on the 27 February. Most of the work of the sub-group has been organizing the gang workshop planned for 4th March. It is unlikely that this date will now be achieved and the group is considering a more suitable date in the future.

Burglary Dwelling – **NH** informed the group that the planned activity to install Smartwater on the Hemmingwell estate is progressing well although the timeline for installation has been set back due to resourcing issues and risk assessment procedures.

Vehicle Crime – **AR** updated the group and re-iterated that the biggest problem at the moment is theft of tools from vans. There have been significant recent arrests and awareness raising leaflets have been circulated. In the future the signs in the 3 main country parks (Sywell, Irchester and Summer Leas) may need to be replaced.

ASB Processing group – **ES** informed the group that the processing group have dealt with 62 cases of which 44 have been resolved. She highlighted issues around information sharing since stock transfer. **AR** informed the group that a protocol is being worked up at the moment. **ES** to prepare a report outlining the issues and barriers and share with Richard James and Ali Reynolds.

Town Centre Task Force – **AR** informed the group that a revised action plan is being developed at the moment. This will be shared with the group as soon as it is finalized. Less retail crime is being reported and banning orders are being complied with. Pubwatch is very supportive of the group's activity.

Retail Crime – **DC** reported that there is currently no funding identified to support the continuation of the RCI after March 2009. Clearly this initiative is extremely valuable, in that, there have been good successes in reducing retail crime and keeping known perpetrators out of our town centre. There needs to be consideration of this matter at the next meeting.

Hate Crime Forum – **CS** reported that hate crime incident reporting has dropped considerably over the last year. To try and combat this training is being arranged for all frontline staff to identify what constitutes a racist incident.

CS also reported that whilst NCC funding is in place for 2008/09 to support admin work for casework, there will no be provision after this time. The group will need to consider funding this work locally from March 2009.

DV Forum – **NH** reported that the first joint AGM has been held. The group have elected ‘joint’ officers for the merged forum (except Treasurer). Concern was raised about the lack of East Northants CDRP representation on the forum (following the loss of and EN post). **NH** to send a letter to the chair of EN CDRP outlining the issues and copy to Richard James.

DAAT – **JEH** – Nothing further to report at this time.

6. Section 3

AR informed the group that the top 2 crime beats are Hemmingwell and Swanspool. The crime types that will be focused upon are criminal damage on the Hemmingwell and retail crime on the town centre.

7. Section 4

AR outlined the recent restructuring of SCTs. Sgt. Nick Lyle will take over from Jo Fletcher to cover Croyland. Tom Griffen will be covering the East and Ali Quinn will cover the West.

There are still issues around representation on the community panels.

RJ reported that HMIC will inspect SCTs in May 2008 to consider how well they have embedded in terms of neighbourhood renewal/management.

8. Section 5

NH updated the group with regard to individual PPO status and highlighted specific individuals that are of concern to the group. As at the end of December there were 11 PPOs in resettle and rehabilitate, 14 in catch and convict, 1 in prevent and deter, 15 in prison (working towards the programme) and 2 are currently inactive. Of the total 22 are drug dependent and engaged with the ROSE project.

9. Section 6

Wellingborough commissioning – The funding allocations have still not been confirmed by GOEM. It is likely that even when the funding has been confirmed it will not be received until the middle of the year (as last year).

CCTV – **NH** informed the group that a meeting is arranged for the end March to progress the upgrade of the CCTV cables (funded through the WBC capital programme). It is likely that a consultant will be employed to work up the spec. The recording equipment at St Johns is also to be upgraded to digital (NBC applied for this funding). This will ensure much improved image quality.

NR Issues – **DP** informed the group that work will be focused in specific areas, especially Hemmingwell and Swanspool.

10. Any Other Business

Helen Cook (Police Authority) outlined the Northamptonshire Community Engagement Strategy and recommendations. Through the BSG it was agreed that each CDRP adopt the document. This needs to be included in our local plan with reference to our specific local strategy on community engagement (to be developed)

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 7th April 2008 at 11am in the Committee Room, Swanspool House, Wellingborough.