



WELLINGBOROUGH PARTNERSHIP

the Local Strategic Partnership for Wellingborough

EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION GROUP 10 January 2008 @ Swanspool, Wellingborough

DRAFT – subject to approval at next meeting

Present:	Terry Wright	WBC
	Carole Stephenson	WBC
	John Wevil	Older People
	Joe Hubbard	WBC
	Hugh Fenton	Wellingborough Partnership
	Christopher Fray	NREC (Chair)

1. Apologies were received from Anjona Roy (NREC) and Dorcas Munday (Ability Northants).
2. Notes of the meeting of 25 September 2007 were agreed.

3. **Matters Arising**

3.1 Hate Incidents

AR had approached Ludlow Johnson (Chair of Hate Incidents Forum) and Sandra Bell (Ability Northants) in relation to disability issues within disability incidents. The Police are committed to explore the issues within the Police Critical Incident policy. This matter had been referred back to the County Hate Incident Forum. AR would report future progress.

3.2 Critical Incidents/Community tensions

CF noted that NREC continues to work with the police, presently focusing on possible tensions arising from the David Haynes murder trial thought to be held in early February 2008.

CF mentioned the contribution of the 'Off da Streets' group in helping to diffuse community tensions in relation to critical incidents.

TW noted that he and CS were to meet AR to further consider the local authority response and policy stance to critical incidents

3.3 Hate Crimes

JEH noted that the national indicator set for use with LAA2 had been launched. The county were currently in negotiation about possible use of targets to measure outcomes that were in the process of being defined. It was thought that chosen targets may be 'high level', i.e. reduce crime, giving rise to the need to have local targets to reflect local area priorities.

4. **Wellingborough Sustainable Community Plan**

HF noted that a partnership event was planned for either 11/18 April 2008 to develop the next Sustainable Community Strategy for Wellingborough. This would build upon the existing Community Plan and seek to link with LAA2 and partners' strategic objectives and priorities

5. **Local Area Agreement**

JEH reported that outcomes, measures and targets continued to be refined. The Countywide Sustainable Community Strategy framing LAA2 was to be launched at an event on 17 January 2008 prior to the release of the first draft LAA2 late January 2008.

AR noted that guidance from the Commission for Equalities and Human Rights had been distributed and forwarded to the LAA office to inform embedding equalities in the LAA.

6. **Community Cohesion**

It was noted that the countywide strategy was now out for consultation.

7. **Information Sharing**

7.1 AR reported on the NREC planned Regional Equalities conference to be held on 18 March 2008 at the Saints Ground, Franklins Gardens, Northampton. With the Regional Minister in attendance, the conference will focus on equalities, human rights and regeneration.

7.2 CS reported on attendance at the New Communities Forum launched in Northampton to support new communities through a collective voice and a hoped for development worker.

8. **Next Meetings**

The next meetings are scheduled for:

13 March 2008
19 June 2008
25 September 2008

commencing @ 2.00pm in the Committee Room at Swanspool House, Wellingborough