



**CHARNWOOD COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP  
17TH JUNE 2010**

**PRESENT:** Councillor D. Snartt (Chair) – Charnwood Borough Council  
Mr P. Collin – Chamber of Commerce and Trade  
Ms D. Cunningham - DAAT  
Mr B. Greaves – Police Authority  
Mr R. Holland – Probation Service  
Ms G. Kelly – JP Representative  
Mr S. Phipps – Charnwood Borough Council  
Ms S. Taylor – Charnwood Neighbourhood Housing

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Charnwood Borough Council: Ms W. Brown  
Ms A. Fadesco  
Ms N. Gibson  
Mr T. Kiernan

Leicestershire County Council: Ms G. Samra-Rai

Leicestershire Police: Sergeant P. Kear  
Inspector D. Southall  
Mr C. Woodward

Mr Paul Snape attended the meeting as Vice-chair of the ASB Delivery Group.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Radford

L. Aston, A. Bailiss, M. Ball, N. Chapman, P. Green, N. Lambert,  
T. McCabe, A. Roberts, L. Rowbotham, W. Spinks

**I. GRAFFITI WALL FUNDING APPLICATION**

Representatives of Boothwood Primary School gave a presentation in support of its funding application for a graffiti wall at the school.

In support of the application, W. Brown stated that each child had written individual letters in support of the application to her, following which she and D. Burge attended a workshop at the school and a series of presentation for the bid to address anti-social behaviour issues had been prepared.

The funding would run a series of workshops at the school in respect of graffiti art, the consequences of graffiti, the history of urban art, a mural on an internal wall of the school and prepare of piece of mobile art work, which could be displayed in the

Council offices. The funding would include the time of a professional graffiti artist and all materials.

**AGREED** that £1,500 be awarded to Boothwood School to support the work of a graffiti project.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th April 2010 were agreed.

3. MATTERS ARISING

(i) Minute - 2(ii) – Matters Arising – NHS Leicestershire County and Rutland

In response to a question, the Chair stated that no data had been received to date and he would continue to request performance data in respect of the Loughborough Hospital and Walk-in Centre from NHS Leicestershire County and Rutland.

**AGREED**

1. that an item in respect of performance data be included on the Forward Programme for consideration at a future meeting;
2. that Councillor Snartt continue to request performance data in respect of the Loughborough Hospital and Walk-in Centre from NHS Leicestershire County and Rutland.

(ii) Minute 2(iii) – Performance update and Delivery Group Reports

C. Woodward stated that the Partnership was still waiting for a response from Leicestershire County Council in respect of a Traffic Regulation Order from the Ministry of Transport, to allow the use of bus bays for taxis after 11.00pm each evening, for wider dispersal of taxi ranks in High Street, Loughborough.

**AGREED** that the Chair and C. Woodward make further contact with Leicestershire County Council to request a response to the Traffic Regulation Order.

(iii) Minute 2(vi) – Cats-Eyes Asset Tracking System

In response to a question, T. Kiernan stated that a notice had been served on the company to reclaim money for the outstanding systems. An alternative supplier had provided further systems in the short term and the All Crime Delivery Group would be considering a number of suppliers for the longer term.

**AGREED** that the information be noted.

#### 4. PERFORMANCE UPDATE AND DELIVERY GROUP REPORTS

A presentation detailing performance figures was given by C. Woodward. The slides contained within the presentation were circulated with the agenda as a separate document (copy filed with the agenda) and can be accessed at:

<http://www.charnwoodtogether.com/files/agenda-item-05-performance-data.ppt>

During discussion of the figures, further comments on specific areas were made by Sergeant Kear, Inspector Southall, W. Brown and A. Fadesco as follows:

##### Serious Acquisitive Crime

There had been an improvement in the figures at both LPUs.

##### Domestic Burglary

There had been improvements in the figures. Reference was made to the following:

- Greater offender management techniques;
- Operations Consequence and Umbel had a significant effect;
- Domestic burglary was one of the targets for focus for the year;
- Some of those recently imprisoned for domestic burglary crimes lived outside the area.

##### Theft from a Motor Vehicle

There were hotspots within the Loughborough LPU area, most particularly in the Hastings Ward, where there were known persistent habitual offenders. The problem had been identified and with the use of available resources officers would build on last years figures. Tactics such as placing tracking devices in cars in hotspot areas would be used.

Reference was made to the following:

- 18% of all crime from motor vehicles was stolen number plates and people driving away without paying for petrol at petrol stations;
- People were learning not to leave valuables on display in parked vehicles;
- A target in the Action Plan was for the theft of motor vehicles to be below the stated target;
- Thefts of catalytic converters from 4x4 vehicles were taking place, often using children to work under the vehicles.

##### Robbery

There were no robberies reported during the previous week and the statistics were back on target. There were high detection rates.

### Cycle Theft

There was excellent performance with continued reductions in the area. Partnership working with the University and cycle tagging had been successful.

### Serious Violent Crime

Figures were improving, with a small number of incidents.

### Assault with Less Serious Injury

There were a number of incidents that fall under this heading, including harassment. In respect of domestic violence, further support was required. Research showed there was a slowing down in reporting of domestic violence across the board and there should be further encouragement for continued reporting. 75 officers were trained within the North Policing area in respect of preparing paper work for domestic violence cases.

### Hate Incidents

The Chair reported that he had attended the launch of the 'Stamp it Out Campaign'. Leicestershire Police had teamed up with welfare groups, councils, businesses and sports teams to launch the campaign and had created a website through which people can report crimes committed against them.

### Anti-social Behaviour

The data gave a snap shot of the years 2008/09 and 2009/10, comparing the number of complaints. For the 5th consecutive year, there had been a reduction in the number during the summer months, which was different to the police figures, officers were unsure of the reason for the discrepancy.

The greatest number of reports was in respect of noisy behaviour, intimidation and harassment, with the highest totals reported in Beats 11 (the University) and 18 (Town Centre). The increase in the number of reports of street drinking had been artificially high due to the patrols during the weeks leading up to Christmas 2009.

In response to questions, officers stated:

- (a) The primary cause of higher reporting levels is the increased use of Sentinel by front line officers, rather than increased instances of ASB.
- (b) C. Woodward had arranged for Mark Goodfellow to give a presentation in respect of CRAVE data to a future meeting of the Partnership to allow the Partnership had a greater understanding of that data.
- (c) The CRAVE survey data does not have large enough sample size to obtain reliable data at beat level.

- (d) There are issues to address in areas where there were there are low levels of ASB reporting and low levels of confidence.
- (e) There were differences in tolerance of ASB within different communities. For example in the Peel Drive area there were high instances of ASB, although the CRAVE data suggests high levels of confidence in Police and Local Authority to deal with anti social behaviour. In the well attended PACT/Neighbourhood Forum meetings ASB had not been raised as an area of concern, and it appears that residents are more tolerant of anti social behaviour. There was a need to increase community involvement to drive down such activities.
- (f) There is often a contradiction between the perceptions of ASB and actual activity.
- (g) In respect of patterns of ASB, officers had analytical tools to cover activity across areas. The Charnwood LPU use an 'ASB van' on Friday and Saturday evenings and combine its usage with a raft of enforcement measures. All police, council and CNH data was used for tactical assessment data at JAG meetings.

#### CRAVE Survey Data

The drop in confidence shown in the latest data includes the period following the Pilkington case. When there was a major incident the residents tended to forget the local successes that had occurred.

B. Greaves made reference to following:

- The Police Authority figures he received from the Authority's analyst were more optimistic than the submitted data;
- In respect of the fall in figures in confidence and CRAVE following Pilkington, it had been less than anticipated and was sufficiently small not to be of significance. The key factor in respect of confidence was a presence on the ground and interaction with residents, rather than media publicity.
- Compared with figures for other Partnerships, Charnwood was no longer out of line. Differences between Loughborough and Charnwood LPUs no longer existed.
- There had been successes, in particular in respect of domestic burglary and cycle theft.

The Chair stated that the Partnership was working well, with all partners involved.

Reports from Delivery Groups were submitted as follows:

(i) All Crime

D. Southall stated that the All Crime Group was the result of the merger of the Acquisitive Crime and Violent Crime Delivery Groups. The Group had

been meeting since April 2010 and a draft Action Plan formulated, within which the primary targets were a reduction in burglary and theft from motor vehicles.

In response to a question, D. Southall stated that fire related crimes were shown within crime against property and ASB figures.

(ii) Anti-social Behaviour

W. Brown made reference to the following matters:

- In respect of the Delivery Plan, a DVD had been produced for circulation to all housing tenants in respect of how to report ASB and the services they could expect to receive, that included addressing minimum standards.
- In respect of the Alternative Incremental Approach, the scheme would be launched next week. Partner officers had received training in respect of autism and would become champions within their own organisations.
- In respect of problem profiles, eleven new ones had been established, with multi-agency groups. During April/May 2010 there had been 97 interventions.
- At a court hearing on 17th June 2010, two ASB injunctions had been made against a couple on the Warwick Way estate.
- Charnwood Borough Council would be taking part in a pilot scheme in respect of vulnerability, working with a County Council Task and Finish Group. Both local BCUs would also be involved.

D. Southall welcomed the good partnership working and stated that the incremental approach to CRASBOs was successful.

**AGREED** that the information be noted.

5. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ACTION PLAN

The Anti-social Behaviour Action Plan was submitted for the consideration and approval of the Partnership.

W. Brown stated that M. Grewcock of the Fire and Rescue Service wished to take an active role in the Steering Group and work with the action team to address incidents of arson associated with young people.

In response to a question, W. Brown stated that reviews of the Action Plan would be dovetailed in to regular up date reports to the Partnership.

**AGREED** that the Anti-social Behaviour Action Plan be approved.

## 6. ALL CRIME GROUP ACTION PLAN

The All Crime Group Action Plan was submitted for the consideration and approval of the Partnership.

D. Southall stated that there were two main priorities within the Action Plan. There would be specific sub-groups to address individual issues, with specialist leads. Reports would be submitted back to the Delivery Group.

**AGREED** that the All Crime Group Action Plan be approved.

## 7. PREVENT ACTION PLAN

The PREVENT Action Plan was submitted for the consideration and approval of the Partnership.

S. Phipps stated that as the draft strategy had been printed there were uncertainties in respect of funding and the Prevent Strategy Group would meet to finalise the document later in the month. Funding had since been confirmed as £115,000, down from the original £163,000, because the Action Plan had not been finalised, changes could be made to accommodate the reduction in funding.

In response to questions, S. Phipps stated:

- (a) The focus of the Strategy was the impact in Charnwood rather than reflecting national terrorism.
- (b) The funding was for one year.

B. Greaves reported that there had been significant cuts to the national PREVENT budget.

### **AGREED**

- 1. that the PREVENT Action Plan be approved;
- 2. that the Partnership delegate authority to the Prevent Strategy Group to finalise the PREVENT Action Plan, taking account of the reduction in funding reported to the meeting.

## 8. FUNDING

A report detailing funds currently received by the Partnership, together with funding proposals was submitted.

A further paper was tabled (copy filed with the agenda), reporting a reduction in the budget of 8% and how that reduction could be accommodated. If the proposals were agreed at the meeting they would be taken to the County Group for consideration at its meeting to be held on 24th June 2010.

The Budget on 22nd June 2010 could include further funding reductions for the financial year 2011/12. No posts within the Partnership were reliant on this funding, although that was not the case in other Authorities.

## **AGREED**

1. that the current funding position be noted;
2. that the suggested areas for savings be agreed.

## **9. HUMAN RIGHTS AND EQUALITIES – HATE PROJECT**

At the invitation of the Partnership, Justin O'Brien, Hate Incident Officer at Human Rights and Equalities Charnwood (HREC) gave a verbal report in respect of the Hate Project.

The HREC, Charnwood Borough Council and the Police were involved in the three year project to provide support and awareness in respect of Hate, with objectives and deliverables to take forward. There are currently eight reporting centres in the community for Charnwood and officers were looking to develop new centres for each of the different equality strands, for example disability. Further work would be undertaken in conjunction with Leicestershire County Council in respect of its Hate Incident project, to support victims.

The project aimed to increase reporting and support, which was seen as being under reported at the present time, together with providing training and development for colleagues through a series of awareness sessions.

Any reports submitted to the CBC, Police, LCC, John Storer House, Loughborough Women's Aid or Age Concern were referred to HREC.

In response to issues raised and questions, J. O'Brien stated:

- (a) In respect of making contact with hard to reach groups, information would be circulated to ethnic and faith groups, including mosques in Loughborough and the Bangladeshi Association.
- (b) Racial incidents were the most reported type of hate crime.
- (c) Homophobia, gender and disability hate crimes were less well reported and would be targeted as part of the project.
- (d) HREC was a partner agency of the 'Stamp it Out' campaign and would be circulating posters to advertise the campaign further.
- (e) Some organisations wanted to buy in to the centres, to distribute leaflets but would not necessarily meet the required standard as a reporting centre.

T. Kiernan stated that the project was a good example of partnership working and congratulated HREC on obtaining the funding, Charnwood is the only District Council to do so in the County with this type of project. The Council Offices is a reporting centre, however, frontline staff need additional training.

S. Taylor stated that the Audit Commission report had noted that Charnwood Neighbourhood Housing was weak in this area and she would contact J. O'Brien to arrange training for CNH staff and tenant groups.

The Chair requested details in respect of the number of incidents and areas covered, as he was concerned that reports were not received from all relevant groups.

### **AGREED**

1. that the information be welcomed;
2. that details of the number of incidents and areas covered be submitted to the Chair.

## 10. PROBATION AND RE-OFFENDING MONITORING PROJECT

At the invitation of the Partnership, Simon Doran from Leicestershire County Council gave a verbal report in respect of progress on the work of the South Charnwood Integrated Offender Management and the Policing and Crime Act 2009, including implications for Community Safety Partnerships and the integrated Domestic Abuse programme.

A report was tabled (copy filed with the agenda) including background information, analysis and links between the analysis and local priorities, together with proposals for the Integrated Offender Management pilot initiative in Birstall (copy filed with the agenda).

S. Doran stated that this was a crucial year to address NI 18 to try to reduce re-offending by 10% and highlighted the reports as follows:

- Domestic Burglary in South Charnwood – to analyse distance people travelling to commit offences in Birstall. MAPPON and the Offender Management drugs team would be involved. The Partnership was requested to approve the scheme to take it forward.
- Domestic Abuse – a new facility to support domestic abuse perpetrators.
- A major project to support the County Resettlement team to work with people released from custody after a period of less than twelve months in prison, as part of the 'Futures Unlocked' mentoring facilities.

The following issues were raised and comments made by members of the Partnership:

- (i) The research would be a good starting point to address issues referred to in the report.

- (ii) There was information available, and a decision needed to be taken in respect of delivery.
- (iii) CNH would consider how it could support the project.
- (iv) The key to the project would be voluntary mentoring and early contact. Areas to address should be assisting with housing needs, employment, finance and personal relationships.

In response to issues raised and questions, S. Doran, S. Phipps and T. Kiernan stated:

- (a) By Spring 2011 a strategy would be formulated and priorities set.
- (b) The project would make contact with people while they were still in custody, in anticipation of their release. It was a small team and it was looking to establish systems and processes to outline current funding.
- (c) A. Fadesco had led working with the 'Futures Unlocked' programme, to identify those in custody and target them six weeks prior to their release. Housing benefit and allocations were the key elements.
- (d) A large number of ex offenders are returned to the Peel Drive area and a high number to Shepshed this causes particular problems for local communities.
- (e) Without support people would return to their criminal ways.
- (f) T. McCabe was preparing an update report to the pilot in respect of Offender Management in the Hastings Ward and could submit a report to a future meeting of the Partnership.
- (g) The proposal to establish a sub-group should be welcomed, with a delivery plan agreed during the summer identifying deliverables.

#### **AGREED**

- 1. that the information be noted;
- 2. that the Partnership support the Integrated Offender Management Pilot Initiative in Birstall;
- 3. that T. McCabe submit a report to the next meeting of the Partnership in respect of the Offender Management pilot scheme in the Hastings Ward.

#### **II. COUNTY COUNCIL LEVEL ACTIVITY**

A verbal update report in respect of County level activity was given by G. Samra-Rai as follows:

- (i) The Government has instructed the County not to undertake the Place Survey until it receives further information.
- (ii) HIMP – The project is currently undertaking a review, with a workshop on 16th June 2010. The workshop would consider what had been achieved over the past two years, the gaps and barriers and a focus for the forthcoming year and over the period of the next strategy (2011-2013).
- (iii) Domestic Abuse - The Domestic Abuse Strategy Board met in May 2010 to consider the commissioning proposal. Agreement was received from the Police, North West Leicestershire and Children and Young People Department.

Board members from PCT, Supporting People, Hinckley & Bosworth, Harborough, Charnwood and Blaby were present at the Commissioning sub-group meeting that agreed the proposal.

The County intends to proceed to commission the IDVA service as identified in the proposal, ensuring quality of service was assessed as an important part of the commissioning process, and would undertake to ensure that smaller providers were not unfairly disadvantaged in the process.

**AGREED** that the information be noted.

## 12. SCRUTINY OF THE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

An extract of the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 15th April 2010 in respect of the Scrutiny of the Community Safety Partnership was submitted for the information of the Partnership.

The Chair made reference to the positive comments given to the Scrutiny Committee by local residents during the consideration of the item and those of the Cabinet and its recommendations to continue the work it was undertaking.

In response to a question, T. Kiernan stated that the focus of the report had been the work of the Peel Drive area and as the Partnership was scrutinised every six months a focus could be made at the next meeting of the work in the South Charnwood area.

**AGREED** that the information be noted.

## 13. FORWARD PROGRAMME

This item had been included on the agenda to provide details of matters programmed for future meetings of the Partnership.

**AGREED** that the forward programme for the Partnership, taking account of decisions taken elsewhere on the agenda, be as follows:

ITEM	DETAIL	DATE	ACTION BY
Street Pastors	A briefing in respect of the work of Street Pastors. Invite a Street Pastor to the meeting.	19th August 2010	A. Fadesco
CRAVE Data	A presentation by Mark Goodfellow in respect of CRAVE data.	19th August 2010	C. Woodward
Strategic Assessment	A further report in respect the Strategic Assessment for 2010/11.	19th August 2010	A. Fadesco / T. Kiernan
Offender Management Pilot – Hastings Ward	An update report	19th August 2010	T. McCabe
Total Place	An update report in respect of the process	TBA	D. Cunningham
Probation Services	A presentation detailing the changes to the Service and added value to the Partnership	TBA	R. Holland
G and S Services	A presentation on the work of G and S Services	TBA	F. Whittington
Loughborough Women's Aid	A presentation to advise the Partnership of the work undertaken by Loughborough Women's Aid.	TBA	A. Fadesco
Futures Unlocked	A presentation	TBA	A. Fadesco
Performance Data	From NHS Leicestershire County and Rutland in respect of the Loughborough Hospital and the Walk-in Centre	TBA	Cllr Snartt / L. Rowbotham

#### 14. OTHER BUSINESS

(i) Review of the Drugs and Alcohol Service

D. Cunningham made reference to the review being undertaken across the County, with a consultation taking place between 7th June and 30th July 2010, members of the Partnership were encourage to take part in that process. Details were available at:

[http://www.drugs.org.uk/content/content\\_main.asp?idarea=16&idareasub=79](http://www.drugs.org.uk/content/content_main.asp?idarea=16&idareasub=79)

**AGREED** that the information be noted.

(ii) Euro Crime

N. Gibson made reference to a BBC programme in which Chris Carey of the Council's Enviro Crime team had taken part. The team had been selected due to the high prosecution rates in a rural area in respect of fly tipping. The programme would be aired during September/October 2010.

## **AGREED**

1. that the information be noted;
2. that the date of the programme be circulated to members of the Partnership once known.

### (ii) Safer Summer Campaign

The 'Safer Summer' campaign of the Police and partners would run from 1st June to the 5th September 2010 and include the World Cup activities during that period. The emphasis of the Campaign would concentrate on the key issue of reducing Anti-Social Behaviour and in doing so divert young people towards appropriate activities, especially those organised by partner organisations.

**AGREED** that the information be noted.

### (iii) SAFE Mag

C. Woodward circulated copies of the SAFE Mag, aimed at 18 to 25 year old males, with messages to keep them safe while out in the evenings.

A copy of the magazine can be accessed at:

<http://www.charnwoodtogether.com/files/safe-mag.pdf>

### (iv) Charnwood Neighbourhood Housing

S. Taylor made reference to a DVD CNH were be involved in, regarding a case study of the Marios Centre. Further details would be given to the Partnership when available.

## 15. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Dates for future meetings of the Partnership have been agreed as follows:

19th August 2010  
21st October 2010  
16th December 2010  
17th February 2011  
21st April 2011

All meetings will commence at 1.30pm and be held in Committee Room 3 at the Council Offices, Southfields, Loughborough.

**AGREED** that the information be noted.