



# York & North Yorkshire Safer Communities Forum

## JOINT OFFICER WORKING GROUP (JOWG)

Notes of the meeting held at 10:00am on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2009 at Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Northallerton

### Present:

Nigel Hutchinson (NYFRS) – Chair  
Nigel Custance (GOYH)  
Sarah Hill (Domestic Abuse JCG)  
Lynda Marginson (PPO JCG)  
Chris Anderson (Road Safety JCG)  
Liz Smith (Funding JCG)  
Stuart Pudney (Performance JCG)  
Drew Fussey (Alcohol JCG)

Nick Warnes (Violent Crime / Data & Information JCGs)  
Laurence Murray (For Lesley Ingleson – YJS)  
Neil Burnett (LCJB)  
Sue Maddison (DAAT)  
Lesley Dale (NYCC – Secretariat)  
Stephanie Hanlon (NYFRS - Minutes)

### Also in attendance:

Cathrine Hall (NYCC – JSIA Task and Finish Group)

### Apologies:

Neil Irving (Horizon Scanning / Communications JCGs)  
Liz Smith (Funding JCG)  
Jane Mowatt (Safer York Partnership)  
Lesley Ingleson (Youth Justice Service)  
Rosemary Taylor (Alcohol JCG)  
Andrew McMillan (North Yorkshire Police)

### Action

#### 1.0 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

#### 2.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes agreed as a true record subject to amendment to page 6.  
(add to page 6 8.12.08) Pump Priming Grant has been committed to a number of projects; budget spend is on track and good progress has been made with a 20% reduction towards current funds target.

#### 3.0 MATTERS ARISING

NH updated the meeting in response to concerns raised in previous meetings regarding the lack of engagement by the NHS in the work of the Forum/JOWG etc and individual CDRPs. He reported that he had met with Jayne Brown (Chief Executive of PCT) who is aware that the PCT needs to revisit its engagement strategy and partnership working arrangements. Jayne had explained her intention to realign structures within NHS to support partnership working but this is not likely to come to fruition before the end of this financial year.

It was noted that a Director of Partnerships is currently been advertised. A follow up meeting is to be arranged between NH and Jayne Brown in the new financial year.

NH

An issue was raised with regards to the recent national media coverage on the accuracy of recorded of Violent Crime data. NW reported that there were no issues in respect of the accuracy of North Yorkshire's recorded violent crime data.

#### 4. JSIA PROGRESS UPDATE

##### Report presented by Cathrine Hall (CH)

A data pack has been produced and a meeting has taken place on the 5<sup>th</sup> February with CDRP managers and various agencies to clarify the data sets and priorities of the individual districts. A JSIA document is being development with Harrogate CDRP as the lead document, with the outline content to be replicated for all other CDRPs. The first draft JSIA, for Harrogate should be agreed by mid to late February.

Regarding DAAT, information is being updated in collaboration with DAAT and other agencies are also providing up to date information.

A timetable has been established and it is hoped that final drafts will be issued to all CDRP Managers by mid to late March 2009. These documents will then be put forward for consideration by the CDRPs and for use in the development of the CDRP Plans for 2009. CDRPs have approved the timetable.

Cathrine and the team were congratulated for what they have achieved to date on this challenging but very important piece of work.

The D&I JCG meeting in March has been cancelled and the next meeting will be held in April. This meeting will be looking at lessons learnt and the membership of the group in light of the JSIA work mentioned above.

It was reported that there is an emerging agreement that Road Safety will become an important feature within JSIAs county-wide. This provided reassurance to CA, Chair of the Road Safety JCG.

An issue was raised around the proposed signing-off of JSIAs by the Forum as it was felt that this is the role of the CDRPs. Though true, it was felt that the Forum would need to consider the aggregated JSIAs' priorities to inform the Community Safety Agreement for 2009/10.

It was raised that the CSA for 2009/10 needs to include performance targets and any other key issues at a county-wide level, to ensure a more meaningful product which can support and drive forward the work of the Forum. Agreed.

Two options have been suggested with regard to how to take forward the CSA:-

- 1) Extend the meeting of the JOWG on the 16<sup>th</sup> April to look at the CSA.
- 2) Hold a separate meeting of key partners to aggregate all strategic assessments and to agree the main priorities for the Forum.

Either way, the outcome will be captured as priorities within the CSA. As a way forward NH suggested Liz Smith, as lead on the visioning working group first raise at the Feb Forum meeting the poor response by volunteers to the working group and seek an agreed way forward on both the Vision document and the CSA. Agreed

In addition the JOWG agreed the following:

- That the outcomes from the JSIAs be taken and fed into the draft Community Safety Agreement (CSA) to be brought back to the June Forum for sign off, and to set out project milestones to meet this timescale.
- That JSIA task and finish group submits a report to the Feb Forum meeting providing an assurance that work is progressing well and a quality product will be available for sign off by CDRPs and the Forum by the end of March.
- That the momentum needs to be maintained after the completion of the suite of JSIAs to ensure a solution over the medium term is identified and implemented.
- To involve Chris Fox, as an expert in this field, on how best to take the CSA forward and linking this to local priorities in each district area. CH undertook to speak to Chris Fox.
- Moving forward, there is a need to improve on the management of the timetable for production on the 2010 CSA, ensuring that the Forum receives a draft document at its November 2009 meeting so that implications can be fed into partner agencies business plans for the following year.

CH

## 5. IOM PRESENTATION

### **PowerPoint Presentation by Neil Burnett (local development lead for LCJB/Police) – Copy of the presentation available with the minutes**

An overview of IOM, the proposals for an IOM approach in York and North Yorkshire and to give key stakeholders an opportunity to be involved in the development stages.

Currently developing a Scarborough & Ryedale IOMU they are looking to establish a team of 15-16 police and probation staff under supervision of senior probation officer to deal with cohort offenders under probation supervision.

Separate LCJB workstream is currently working on compliance and enforcement measures.

Items to consider:

- Governance arrangement future of PPO and IOM.
- Impact of economic climate in relation to support.
- Link through to domestic violence
- How to forge better links with the LCJB

SP queried if timely qualitative data to measure progress will be developed. NB confirmed this is a challenge and work is being done around this.

Regarding a role for DIP, a local implementation team will be pulled together and will meet weekly; this will incorporate drugs and alcohol offenders. SM felt this could be an added workload for drugs and alcohol teams which would put pressure on them as there is no partnership support county wide for alcohol

Regarding female offenders, SH requested her group be included in the local implementation team.

Regarding the roll out timetable, LM reported that there will be an IOMU in each of 3 main localities by end of next financial year, with the IOMU being rolled out further by Oct/November 09 following evaluation. Any specialist agencies should make themselves known so they can be involved.

The group agreed that there is a need for the Forum:

- To be aligned to the IOMU; to operate a shadow monitoring arrangement with key groups
- To organise agency input
- To be made aware of actions taken and for this to be fed back to future JOWG meetings where suggestions for change to Forum business to realign with IOM business can be agreed.

## 6. ABG PROPOSED BIDS (Report presented by Nigel Hutchinson)

NH gave an overview of the ABG proposed bids where revised bids were submitted and the original task and finish group were reformed to consider the revised proposals. Though the proposal process the working group supported agreed a the following proposals:

- Domestic Violence IDVA
- Analytical Team
- IOM Coordinator
- Domestic Violence Temp Accommodation
- Alcohol Brief Interventions
- Alcohol Coordinator
- DAAT

The following 2 bids were not supported:

- ETE Manager
- ETE Custody Liaison Officer

The working group will report back with proposals to the February Forum meeting. There is a need to obtain clarity around funds and figures with approval to be gained from the Forum.

Laurence Murray (LM) felt that clarity needs to be given as to what indicators falls under the Forum's remit. NI 19 and NI 45 are both LAA objectives with a cause for concern, yet the 2 bids under this LAA objective were not supported (as in reported in Agenda item 9). LM queried where the ETE target should sits if the Forum's partners did not see the link between ETE and community safety. NH recognised the link between ETE and community safety however this is a cross

cutting issue which tends to be overlooked when the particular LAA target(s) sit under the responsibility of only one of the NYSP Thematic Partnerships. It was also raised that this strand comes under the C&YP section of the Government Office and not Community Safety. A discussion between NH and Cynthia Wellborn (CYP) may identify ways to move the NI45 forward. Further, it was suggested that YJS make an approach to the CYP thematic partnership for funding.

The group was informed that there **may** be no requirement for the post of the ETE manager as they are currently waiting for confirmation of YJB funding for 2009/10.

CA added that there is a ring fenced grant within road safety and ETE could be looked at through this partnership.

SM queried whether the DAAT Board's views on their bid for ABG top-slice had been fed into the panel. NH, NC and LD gave an overview of how decisions were made to support bids but confirmed nothing further had been received from the DAAT Board in support of their bid. However it was stressed that the CDRP managers comments had been fed into the panel.

SM undertook to take the question back to the DAAT Board to obtain clarification. Also identified that in future alternative funding stream need to be looked at i.e. Heath/LSP.

SM

A discussion followed on additional Home Office funding which had recently been announced. NC stated that the only funds the Home Office are aware of are funds around domestic violence and any windfall monies will potentially be no more than £35,000 to complement the proposals. Should the additional funds become available the equivalent amount of ABG funds intended for use on domestic violence initiatives would be held back for allocation to other priority areas identified mid year. This would be for the Forum to decide.

SM aired concerns about delay in notification around ABG allocation having potential redundancy implications. Lead officers will be notified of the proposed allocation as soon as possible but that the actual allocation will only be confirmed by the Forum at its meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> Feb, and any advance notice should therefore be treated as provisional.

**7. VISIONING STATEMENT (Report presented by Nigel Hutchinson on behalf of Liz Smith)**

NH reported that Forum members who had put their names forward at the November meeting of the Forum to sit on the Visioning Working Group, had not had not come forward to produce a draft document.

LD undertook to circulate the appendix produced by Liz Smith. It was agreed that all members of the group submit comments back to LD by Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February in order that a report could be presented to the Forum for consideration.

LD  
ALL

DF stated that the vision had been discussed at the CDRP meeting in December where it was felt that there was little appetite for a 10 year vision.

Members made the following observations/suggestions:

## Action

- Marrying the vision with the county wide assessment.
- Review the CSA in areas as part of the process and refresh that every 3 years.
- A 3 year rolling plan is a vision that could be managed and reflect better what is going on, on the ground.
- That a 10-15 year plan should look at embracing how business will be done differently.
- It was recognised priorities will change significantly over this period however it was felt the current vision statement looked more at local visions and didn't look to future aspirations 'what we would want a safer community to look like'.
- Look at how we are going to achieve targets nationally and ahead of time with existing strategies and how this is marketed to the communities.
- To link other existing 10 year strategies together i.e. DAAT

It was agreed that members feed back comments to LD.

**ALL**

### **8. YNYSCF CONSTITUTION COMMENTS** Report presented by Nigel Hutchinson

NH stated that comments received on the draft constitution have been forwarded to NYCC legal department to consider and a revised final draft will be presented to the Forum's Feb meeting for approval.

Members agreed that Moira Beighton should be invited to attend the Forum to answer any questions around legality issues.

**LD**

### **9. LAA PERFORMANCE MONITORING** Report presented by Stuart Pudney

SP reported that NI 47 is doing well however NI 19 and NI 45 are both a cause for concern. Other targets including APACS need monitoring.

1 extra target of 'Single Top-down numerical target for force'. This target is around police confidence "how much would you agree or disagree that the Police and local council are dealing with the anti-social behaviour and crime issues that matter in this area". Guidance has been sought from the Forum on engagement. This target (12% improvement) will be considered significant to the Home Office and may be a multi-agency target in which case the Forum will need to consider this.

The general view is that there is a need to monitor progress against all 32 (or thereabouts) Community Safety themed national Indicators, but with particular attention being given to those within the LAA documents for the County and the City of York.

SP to report back on the extra target once guidance has been obtained.

**SP**

### **10. QUARTER 3 FINANCE UPDATE**

An update on the position in relation to LAA Pooled Funding carried forward from 2007/08 and on Pump Priming Grant (PPG) was given to the group as a handout. Captured in item 11.

A total of £200k has been allocated to support the stretch targets under the remit

of the Safer Communities Thematic Partnership, of which £48k has been profiled for spend in 2008/09. There had been £45k expenditure against these allocations to Q3. The forecast outturn is that this year's allocations will be fully spent by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.

**11. NYSP 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2009 (Verbal report presented by Nigel Hutchinson)**

NH reported on PPG spend and the need to provide confirmation to the NYSP Executive at its next meeting that all PPG monies have been allocated and will be spent by the end of March 2010. NW and CA to provide written confirmation to LD on proposed and actual spend against PPG asap.

NW/CA

NW stated that he had £26,000 yet to spend. Suggestions had been put forward where the money could be used such as the alcohol referral, however on looking further into this the suggestion these were not feasible or robust enough to commit the money.

NH stated that the NYSP Executive had considered a report at its last meeting from the Community Engagement and Neighbourhood Management working group. Having agreed a framework the NYSP Executive approved the working group to become an implementation group. A meeting has been scheduled for next month to take this forward.

Regarding the Inward Migration and Community Adhesion Strategic Review – there will be implications for safer communities and the review will identify this.

Regarding the Place Survey, no results had been received as yet however CLG will get the final results around the middle of February. These will be collated and fed back to the NYSP.

It was commented that Violent Extremism and Prevent Agenda appears to be missed from the agenda. NH suggested that this is picked up under Horizon Scanning and confirmed this would be considered at all future meetings of the Forum as a standard agenda item.

**12. HORIZON SCANNING**

Nothing new to report at this meeting.

**13.0 AOB**

LAA target setting – set up with NYCC CDRP meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> Feb and hope that by this time to finish off target setting.

NW reported on a Youth Restorative Justice Scheme that had been set up in Scarborough and Whitby. Where a minor crime and young person is involved police has alternative methods for dealing with the issue. The scheme will reduce 1<sup>st</sup> time entrants, give a better success rate regarding re-offending and increase community confidence. The scheme will affect 1<sup>st</sup> time entrants and re-offenders. If the scheme is a success this will be rolled out across county and it will be tracked through NI 19.

DF mentioned that Selby carrying out a fundamental review of partnership working as there was a need to work out an effective and efficient way of delivering the objectives of the CDRP. The review is in its early stages and

opens discussion with a first meeting of statutory partners on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2009.

#### **14.0 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

16<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at 10:00

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