



York & North Yorkshire Safer Communities Forum

Key Messages

Tuesday 20th March 2007

Chair

Following Harold Mosley's retirement at the previous meeting the NYSP Steering Group agreed that Nigel Hutchinson (Vice Chair) should assume the role of Chair until after the appointment of the new Chief Constable for NY Police by which time the partnership would have had the opportunity to develop further and refine governance arrangements.

Partnership Agreements (PAs)

Further to concerns raised at the last meeting about the nature of PAs the Police Authority had produced a series of standard paragraphs on key issues highlighted by the Audit Commission for inclusion in CDRP Constitutions. These had been disseminated to CDRPs.

Strategic Filter Group report

The SFG presented a discussion paper on the Focus of Attention for 2007/08 of the Forum. The report highlighted four principal work areas with associated activities:

To develop a programme of work over the medium term (up to 2010) in support of CDRP's achievement of the two LAAs and the wider community safety agenda

Including developing and maintaining risk based community profiles and action plans for each of the JCGs

To establish effective governance arrangements including guiding principles, for delivering the safer aspect of the two LAAs

Including establishing a robust performance and budget management and reporting arrangements

To identify and meet the ongoing information needs of stakeholders in a systematic and timely way

The critical factors being to meet the information needs of all partners and ensuring information is sufficient to inform decisions regarding resource allocation.

To develop an electronic portal to aid inter-agency communication and visibility of work being done within the Forum and CDRPs (e.g. performance information, project progress, minutes of meetings) across all stakeholders

Ensuring that communication meets the need of all stakeholders, including local communities. It was agreed to use the NYSP website as the starting point of development.

The Forum agreed the SFG would continue to develop and refine the proposals within the paper in time for the next meeting.

JCG reports

Update and exception reports included the following:

CDRP Managers

Main focus of work – production of the finance report which outlines: total income and expenditure, current spend across the YNYSCF's four priority areas and partner contributions to each partnership. It posed a number of questions including – how to determine future funding allocation, spreading the cost of countywide/shared posts, partner contributions to partnerships and mainstreaming of successful projects. It

was agreed the SFG and JCGs should consider this report in time for the next meeting.

Alcohol

The report highlighted the positive work ongoing towards production of an Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy for the County – the content and outline of which has already been agreed by the group. It was agreed a draft strategy would be brought to the next Forum meeting

Domestic Abuse

The Group had met a second time, but a third meeting was cancelled as a result of the high number of apologies received. The group had identified a clear set of priorities (children in abusive families, universal preventative work, protecting families, multi-agency training, funding and performance management) and agreed an outline workplan. Links to the Safeguarding Board were considered essential and the Chair was working to ensure these and other key links across partners and partnerships.

Information Sharing

The first meeting had been scheduled for 22nd March 2007. Alison Leslie was confirmed as Chair. ACC David Collins confirmed that arrangements to support the D&I Unit within NY Police remained under discussion.

PPO

The group had met, published Terms of Reference and established links with the regional NOMS PPO Pathway Action Team. The group agreed a work schedule including – undertaking an audit of compliance with the strategy and CJS premium service, development of a performance management framework, development of the 'youth' aspects of the PPO strategy, evaluation of Spotlight scheme, development of the 'resettle and rehabilitate' strand and risk management.

Funding

GOYH had still not confirmed SSCF allocation for April 1st and time was now critical. It was agreed the Chair would write to GOYH urging confirmation of allocations as soon as possible as the SSCF underpins the delivery of the LAA and CDRP strategies.

Yorkshire & Humber Sub-Regional Alcohol Network Structures

It was agreed Janet Flanagan would represent the interest of the partnership on this group.

Local Area Agreement (LAA) Update

North Yorkshire: Bill Cross reported that final amendments to the agreed document were being finalised and it would be signed as planned in London on 29th March 2007.

Attention was now turning to delivery arrangements and two seminars to induct Target Lead Officers (TLOs), Performance Monitoring Officer (PMOs) and Thematic Partnership Lead Officers (TPLOs) had taken place. A diagrammatic representation of these arrangements is attached. The Forum will receive quarterly monitoring reports from the SFG.

In discussion it was confirmed that the Safer Communities strand included two stretch targets – for the reduction of violence and the numbers of killed and seriously injured on the county's roads. Bill Cross confirmed Pump Priming Grant (PPG) associated with these targets must be used specifically to deliver programmes to achieve these outcomes. The NYSP Steering Group / LAA Management Group had agreed that Performance Reward Grant (PRG) monies should be allocated across four broad areas – the York and North Yorkshire Community Development Foundation (to increase the capacity of the Voluntary and Community Sector), a retention to contribute to pump priming projects as part of any future LAA, a share to be distributed by the NYSP to Thematic Partnerships to aid work on priorities and a share to LSPs to support delivery of local community strategies. The precise split of funds will be determined closer to the end of the agreement when the NYSP will consider the priorities across the county and likely PRG levels are clearer.

Date & Time of Next Meeting

Thursday 21st June 2007 at 10am County Hall, Northallerton