



York & North Yorkshire Safer Communities Forum

Notes of the meeting held at 10.00 am on 19th February 2008 at Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Northallerton

Present:

N Hutchinson (NYFRS) – Chair
P Brambleby (NY & York PCT)
A Briggs (NYP)
T Collins (York CC)
N Custance (GOYH)
J Dillon (Scarborough BC)
R Flinton (NYCC)
N Garside (Harrogate CDRP/Harrogate BC)
J Holderness (NYPA)
Cllr J Kenyon (NYPA)

S Maddison (NY DAT)
M Ryan (Probation)
H Smith on behalf of Jonathan Kerr (Craven DC)
L Smith (Richmondshire CDRP/P Simpson Hambleton DC)
Cllr H Swiers (Executive Member NYCC)
R Taylor (Hambleton CDRP)
J Waggott (Ryedale DC)
H Watts on behalf of M Connor (Selby DC)
D Winspear (Craven CDRP)

In attendance:

N Irving (NYCC)
J Spencer (NYCC)

J Cornforth (NYCC)

Apologies:

M Connor (Selby DC)
S Hill (Domestic Abuse JCG)
J Kerr (Craven DC)

C Les (NYPA)
S Pudney (NYPA)
J Williams (NYCC)

1.0 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Nigel Hutchinson welcomed everyone to the meeting and commented that it was very supportive to see the Police represented by a senior officer, Adam Briggs.

2.0 DRAFT NOTES AND ACTION POINTS FROM 20TH DECEMBER 2007

The notes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record and approved, subject to one amendment. Page 3, para 4 should read "*Nigel Custance confirmed that a joint signature would still be required from the BCU Commander and each **CDRP** Chair*".

Matters arising:

Action

Item 4.0 - Funding

Liz Smith sought an update on BCU money for Domestic Abuse. Rosemary Taylor said that Supporting People is planning to spend £312,000 on supported accommodation, split between the seven districts. Offender Programmes' in Harrogate and Scarborough have been awarded additional funds.

Adam Briggs to confirm BCU funding for domestic abuse.

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Item 5 – New Structure of the NYSP

Nigel Hutchinson asked if a representative of YNYSCF could attend the NYSP Healthier Communities Thematic Partnership. Peter Brambleby (chair of the Healthier Communities Thematic Partnership) confirmed that he would be happy to accept a representative. As Janet Waggott already attends she agreed to represent the Forum.

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Rosemary Taylor told the meeting that representation at the Children and Young People's Board was also an issue. It was noted that Peter Simpson and Peter Brown already attend the meeting and could represent YNYSCF if appropriate.

Item 6.4 - Data and Information

Richard Flinton confirmed that the paper written by Bill Cross was nearly complete and would be issued as soon as possible. Alison Leslie (or her replacement as Lead on the D&I JCG) to confirm its release.

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Nigel Custance reported on CDRPs/A&E Departments; individual A&E departments are being encouraged to work with CDRPs. Energy and enthusiasm is required from the PCT together with support for establishing linkages. Peter Brambleby confirmed that his thoughts were very similar; the problem with this issue is that it sits outside the current IT contract and it is not a high priority, he reported that scope for success is limited this year. Nigel Custance highlighted the risk was that the equipment might not be used. Nicky Garside said that Harrogate had been through the Ethics Committee and were doggedly determined to bring this to a satisfactory close, Harrogate are very happy to share their knowledge with others. Adam Briggs asked that staff safety in A&E Departments was included in the figures.

3.0 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Nigel Hutchinson was nominated as Chair of the Forum and duly accepted the role for a three year term to coincide with delivery of LAA2.

Two names had been submitted for position of Vice Chair; Jim Dillon and Peter Brown. Cllr Jane Kenyon commented that a ballot paper should have been produced for the election of a Vice Chair and that membership of the Forum should not be restricted to officers. Neil Irving outlined the voting procedure agreed at a previous meeting of the Forum, but, Jeremy Holderness was concerned that this did not meet the statutory requirements in relation to the Forum's role as the County Statutory Group. It was decided to hold the vote electronically once the rules have been confirmed. NH to investigate constitutional issues concerning the Forum, including voting arrangements.

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It was agreed that when appointed, the Vice Chair will attend the NYSP Executive on behalf of the YNYSCF.

Rosemary Taylor emphasised the workloads attached to the position of the Vice Chair and his/her role as Chair of the Working Group.

4.0 DRAFT RESPONSE TO THE NYSP SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY CONSULTATION

Nigel Hutchinson asked for any comments on the draft response. Richard Flinton asked if North Yorkshire fitted into the national indicator set as North Yorkshire was primarily a very safe place to live. Jeremy Holderness asked the meeting what the public wanted and whether the general public had been consulted over priorities for the LAA. Rosemary Taylor stated that alcohol is a driver for antisocial behaviour and is cross cutting; Richard Flinton said that other issues were equally cross cutting.

The draft response was signed off and accepted; submission is due on 22nd February 2008.

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5.0 LAA1 – PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORT

Jennefer Cornforth informed the meeting that causes for concern were included in the report and she would monitor the results closely. Returns from Target Officers were included for information.

Nigel Hutchinson proposed that he, in the absence of the Vice Chair, speak to the leads on KSIs and Re-Offending Rates to discuss remedial action and discuss refocusing. Adam Briggs informed the meeting that, since Alison Leslie would shortly be taking up a new role, the replacement lead from Police for Violent Crime would likely be Javad Ali. Also, Peter Bagshaw would likely be leading for the Police on the Road Safety “95 Alive” strategy. Adam to confirm

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6.0 LAA2 – DEVELOPMENT

Nigel Hutchinson reported that feedback was due with Hugh Williamson by 29th February 2008.

Clarification was sought by 27th February 2008 on those items which required updating or completing. Responses to be sent to Nigel Hutchinson and/or Neil Irving.

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7.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY AGREEMENT

Nigel Hutchinson presented his report. Under the regulations a Community Safety Agreement is required to be produced annually, a final version for this year ideally being published by the end of the financial year.

Cllr Jane Kenyon asked that a timescale be published for completion of outstanding work. Nicky Garside pointed out that only draft Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessments for each of the CDRPs were available at the present time. CDRPs to be encouraged to complete the JSIAs as soon as practicable,

CDRP Chairs

The meeting approved the recommendations, as follows:

- a. That the Forum delegates authority for formal sign-off of the Community Safety Agreement, once complete, to the Chairman;
- b. That the Forum agrees to the approach for production of the Community Safety Agreement as set out in the report.

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8.0 FUNDING PROPOSALS

Nigel Hutchinson thanked Liz Smith and Justine Williams for their hard work in trying to capture the figures and present them clearly.

Liz Smith presented the papers and recapped on some issues, decisions would need to be made as the papers are considered individually in sequence. Key decisions are what level of area based grant is agreed upon, what reductions to CDRPs could be accommodated; £735,000 is the figure that decisions will be made on today. Richard Flinton expressed concern about working upwards from CDRPs when there are key county wide issues which needed addressing. Jim Dillon said that the local issues of CDRPs should not be overlooked.

Decision 1: Top slicing – the meeting agreed.

Rosemary Taylor supported the 80:20 cut, some principles would need to be adopted and support from agencies should be facilitated. Janet Waggott expressed concern in accepting a cut without an agreed buffer. Hazel Smith raised a similar concern for Craven. Nicky Garside asked if the crime data figure was approved, Liz Smith confirmed that the figures had been provided by GOYH, Dave Winspear suggested that the figures were due to change and asked if the new figures would affect the sums. Jeremy Holderness asked what the Funding Group would be doing (its role), whether the structures were right and whether the Forum was in a position to take this forward, the Audit Commission “Use of Resources” was driving this.

Decision 2: 80:20 arrangement, with a caveat that there is a buffer and county wide agencies working together more effectively – the meeting agreed.

Liz Smith reported that Richmondshire and Ryedale receive a significant cut and a buffer is introduced to assist such districts, no CDRP should lose more than £10,000. Mike Ryan expressed concerns about there being no buffer available for DAT in a similar fashion to CDRPs.

Decision 3: Apply a buffer – the meeting agreed.

Decision 4: No CDRPs to lose more than £10,000 – the meeting agreed.

The current top slice agreed is not enough, it is suggested that the CDRPs top slice some more money, a percentage of 15% giving a new total of £167,000 to be divided at a future meeting. Richard Flinton expressed concerns about the value of the total pot, Liz Smith had bids from DAT £75,000, Alcohol £50,000, PPO £55,000 and Domestic Abuse which do not exceed the total amount. Hazel Smith said that funding was met locally and she was concerned about alternative funds being provided from a county level for Domestic Abuse.

Decision 5: Further reduction from CDRPs – the meeting agreed subject to commissioning of Domestic Violence across the board.

Decision 6: Reduction of 15% - the meeting agreed.

A pot of £167,000 to be divided, as above. No other bids have been received. Richard Flinton queried whether Domestic Violence will be adequately covered, Rosemary Taylor explained the current arrangements and how funds would be met for the first six months by CDRPs. Liz Smith confirmed that BCU monies are additional.

Decision 7: £167,000 divided across priorities – the meeting agreed.

Decision 8: Moving to 80:20 rule – the meeting agreed.

Liz Smith said a meeting will need to be held very quickly to confirm the top slicing recipients. Nigel Hutchinson suggested that the Funding Group, Chaired by Liz Smith, should be responsible for the decisions surrounding this and the Forum be consulted by email for expedience. The meeting agreed.

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Janet Waggott thanked Liz Smith for all her hard work and the outcomes have been very successful and vast progress has been made.

9.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

10.0 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

13th November 2008 at 10.00 am at North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters.

Attendees of the JOWG need to be confirmed and, together with dates, will be issued as soon as possible.

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