



York & North Yorkshire Safer Communities Forum

JOINT OFFICER WORKING GROUP (JOWG)

Notes of the meeting held at 10.00 am on 11th September 2008 at Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Northallerton

Present:

N Hutchinson (NYFRS) – Chair
C Anderson (Road Safety JCG)
T Bryant (NYCC)
J Mowat (on behalf of M Chance) (CDRP Managers Rep)
S Hill (Domestic Abuse JCG)
L Ingleson (YOT)
L Race (on behalf of L Marginson) (PPO JCG)
R Taylor (Alcohol JCG)
N Warnes (Violent Crime/Data & Information JCG)

Apologies:

M Chance (CDRP Managers Rep)
N Custance (GOYH)
N Irving (Horizon Scanning/Communications JCG)
S Maddison (Substance Misuse)
L Marginson (PPO JCG)
S Pudney (Performance JCG)
L Smith (Funding JCG)

1.0 MINUTES/ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting were signed off as a true and accurate record.

2.0 PRIORITY SETTING / FUNDING ALLOCATION

NH explained the process for setting priorities/allocating funding.

It was intended that a priority setting template for each work area would be presented at the meeting. There are a number of outstanding templates that need to be returned ASAP. NH also commented that some of the completed templates would benefit from additional information to assist in the decision making process

There will now be a consultation period until the 11th October – templates will be available on the NYSP website and Forum members will be invited to comment.

Subject leads to return outstanding templates / provide additional information ASAP

JM queried whether the ABG figures provided for two years were definite. NH confirmed the amounts are only indicative, but stressed it was important to have a robust forward plan for Forum activity. Any alterations to ABG allocated will have to be reflected across agreed allocations.

NH stressed that the ABG is a separate pot of funding to the pump priming grant allocated to road safety and violent crime.

3.0 PRIORITY SETTING TEMPLATES FOR 2009/2010 AND 2010/2011

Domestic Abuse: SH would like to take forward the Making Safe project and annual conference applications. The application for funding of the second year of the Making Safe project is to be increased to £20K

SH

SH will re-submit template giving consideration to an application for Social Perpetrators Courts

Alcohol: RT talked through the alcohol template. The principle behind the application for the alcohol post is that match funding will be sought from other agencies with the aim of long-term mainstreaming of the post.

RT

CA queried Rosemary's confidence in receiving match funding – there is clearly no guarantee and a contingency plan would be a part-time position.

NH requested more detail is submitted in support of the alcohol bid.

PPO: Report outstanding, to be followed up.

LR

Violent Crime: NW had initially considered applying for funding to expand the Night Marshalls scheme across the county – given the financial implications this was not considered feasible.

NW

NW commented that alcohol was a key issue in relation to violent crime. NH requested that further work is done and if appropriate a bid is re-submitted to reflect discussions ASAP.

NW to consider using some of the £100K PPG funding to support alcohol related interventions.

Road Safety: Road safety is well funded across the county through a government grant to the 95 Alive Partnership. It was therefore confirmed that road safety would not be bidding for funding as part of this process.

Given that a proportion of this funding is available to CDRPS through a bidding process (£70K, plus a contingency pot of £135K) NH questioned whether CDRPs should be spending their ABG allocation on road safety issues.

RT queried whether 95 Alive would fund all of the work CDRPs currently undertake in relation to locally identified safety concerns. If this is not the case then CDRPs will need to continue allocating funding to locally identified issues. NH stressed the need for 95 Alive and the CDRPs to join-up with regards to funding.

JM is meeting with John Everson of the 95 Alive Partnership to discuss pooling funding from York.

Chris
Anderson / 95
Alive
Partnership
to engage in
further
dialogue with
CDRP
managers

Data and Information: The group agreed in principle to use the remaining ABG for 2008/09 to support development of a JSIA.

NW as Chair of Data and Information to develop initial proposal for how the remaining ABG will be utilised.

However it was agreed that a longer term vision is required – NH agreed to speak to John Marsden and Adam Briggs and seek further clarity.

Substance Misuse: £78K is currently allocated to the DAAT from the ABG.

No template has been received – however a report on how the DAAT utilise this funding is being prepared.

NH stressed that there shouldn't be an assumption that those bodies who have received funding in the past will automatically be allocated funds in the future.

Anti-Social Behaviour: It was agreed that funding does not need to be allocated from the top slicing pot to fund county wide ASB activity – this issue is addressed in the locality by CDRPs.

However, the Forum needs to understand how much is spent by CDRPs on ASB activity so that they can be sure that the issue is being addressed. This should come out of the work being done by Liz Smith in relation to CDRP expenditure.

There is also a need to ensure the joining-up of activity across the county – particularly in relation to communication and the LAA ASB perception targets

Young Offenders: LI presented the applications for funding relating to posts around developing and improving Education, Training and Employment outcomes for young people.

RT queried why the Youth Justice Board were not providing funding – they do provide funding, but not for these posts.

CA asked if the Children's Board supported young offenders – LI said that they supported young offenders in other ways.

NW to develop proposal

NH to seek clarity on data hub

SM to submit report detailing DAAT activity with the £78K

LS to explore CDRP expenditure on ASB

TB to review CDRP activity in relation ASB

4.0 PRIORITY ACTIONS ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

NH presented the assessment criteria. Number 7 was amended to:

“Confirmation sought that funding will deliver outcome”

An additional criteria was added:

“Joint funding proposal where match funding is appropriate”

The criteria were approved by the group with these amendments.

Following the consultation period it was proposed that a task and finish group, comprising non-interested parties, meet to assess the bids against the criteria and consider the comments received during the consultation period. A

TB/NH

recommendation from this group will then be considered at the next meeting of the JOWG.

5.0 PRINCIPLES FOR ALLOCATION OF ABG

NH presented the report prepared by Liz Smith. The JOWG were asked to support the recommendations for approval at the November Forum. The report was supported by the group.

NH emphasised the point around partner contributions to community safety. He suggested the national indicator set would provide a useful framework for partners to consider the strands of work that could potentially be supported.

The group supported the £3,428 allocation to support the development of the JSIA.

NH asked members to consider the allocation of the remaining £32,000 and suggest possibilities for funding. RT put forward a case for alcohol, NW and LR both supported the proposal.

It was agreed in principle that NW uses some of the £100K violent crime PPG to support alcohol and that the outstanding ABG funds are allocated to Data and Information (as discussed previously) subject to an agreed set of outcomes. The outcome of the allocation of funds should be reported back to NH & TB.

NW

6.0 COMMUNICATIONS JCG RECOMMENDATIONS

TB presented the recommendations from the Communications JCG. The recommendations were approved by the group. It was agreed to involve York in the communication process.

8.0 HORIZON SCANNING PROPOSAL

TB presented the proposal from the Horizon Scanning JCG. It was agreed that this will be a standing item on the JOWG agenda. Partners will be able to bring relevant developments to the JOWG and a decision can be made on which body takes forward any relevant issues.

10.0 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

20th October 2008 – 2.00 pm until 4.00 pm at Fire HQ, Northallerton
8th December 2008 – 10.00 am until 12 noon at Fire HQ, Northallerton