



York & North Yorkshire Safer Communities Forum

Notes of the meeting held at 10.00 am on 15th November 2007 at Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Northallerton

Present:

D Billing on behalf of Cllr J Kenyon (Chair NYPA)
A Carey (NYP)
M Chance on behalf of J Dillon (Scarborough BC)
T Collins (York CC)
J Cornforth (NYCC)
N Custance (GOYH)
R Flinton (NYCC)
N Garside (Harrogate CDRP)
N Hutchinson (NYFRS) – Chair
L Ingleston (YOT)
C Les (NYPA)
A Leslie (NYP)

S Pudney (NYPA)
A Richards on behalf of J Waggott (Ryedale DC)
M Ryan (Probation)
P Simpson (Hambleton DC)
I Spittal (NYP & Selby)
L Smith (Richmondshire CDRP)
Cllr H Swiers (Executive Member NYCC)
R Taylor (Hambleton CDRP)
J Williams (NYCC)
H Watts on behalf of M Connor (Selby DC)
D Winspear (Craven CDRP)

Apologies:

N Burnett (LCJB)
M Connor (Selby DC)
D Collins (NYP)
J Dillon (Scarborough BC)

J Flanagan (NY & York PCT)
Cllr J Kenyon (Chair NYPA)
J Waggott (Ryedale DC)

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| 1.0 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES | |
| Nigel Hutchinson welcomed everyone to the forum and asked that the meeting kept to its deadline of 2 hours. | |
| 2.0 MINUTES AND ACTION POINTS FROM 16TH AUGUST 2007 | |
| The notes of the meeting were accepted as a true record and approved. There were no matters arising from the previous minutes. | |
| 3.0 PERFORMANCE REPORT – LAA Q2 RETURNS INFORMATION FOR APPROVAL | |
| Jennefer Cornforth presented her report and explained how the document was put together. This is the first quarter that the data from the CDRPs had been | |

included in the report. There were some targets which were currently causing concern within this quarter; wounding, child KSIs, youth offending (Alison Leslie added that youth offending was a national problem) and drug misuse.

Peter Simpson asked that the corrective action be summarised within the report. Nigel Hutchinson summed up and supported Peter Simpson, it was important that the forum is aware of longer term forecast of what these figures actually mean.

Nigel Hutchinson told the forum that the Strategic Filter Group considers the information in more detail and that this meeting should consider the long term implications. Nigel Custance said that a complimentary monitoring tool was available to be used in conjunction with these figures.

Outcome:
JC to prepare performance monitoring report for the NYSP. Future reports to be developed as per Forum requirements following clarification of capacity with NYCC

4.0 IMPACT OF THE NEW REGULATIONS FOR YNYSCF

Nigel Hutchinson introduced his report and explained the reasoning behind the document. Terry Collins asked that documents be issued much earlier, giving people more time to digest the information.

4.1 Implications of the New Regulations (SI 1830 and SI 1831) – Actions Required by YNYSCF and/or Partners

Nigel Hutchinson explained that there was a need to revisit the structure of the forum, taking on the role of the North Yorkshire Strategy Group. The report sets out a suggested future role for the forum, reduced membership levels, election of a Chair and Vice Chair, number of meetings annually (suggest Feb/Nov) and the proposed supporting structure. Revised Terms of Reference and Purpose had also been included, together with suggested Guiding Principles.

Peter Simpson expressed concern at the proposal that all seven District Councils to be represented by just one nominated representative. In practice he believed this was unworkable and could have a direct effect on funding from District Councils, who already support CDRPs (including financially) separately to other partners. Nigel Hutchinson explained why the SFG had proposed only one District representative – in an effort to keep numbers down and the group manageable. However, Peter Simpson asked that all District Councils be represented by the relevant CEX within the new forum membership, particularly as at least three of their number are already CDRP Chairs.

Iain Spittal asked how other two tier areas were approaching this issue and for clarification for the CDRP Chairs.

Rosemary Taylor expressed concerns about debating membership instead of making decisions. Terry Collins was concerned that people could be alienated and excluded from the forum, a common sense approach was required, would four extra people really make a difference? Terry Collins also questioned the number of meetings annually, he felt that two was not sufficient.

Leslie Ingleson said that excluding the Youth Offending Team Manager was not a good idea, youngsters were involved in a number of cross cutting issues. Mandy Chance asked that the issue of alcohol be viewed in a similar way.

Nigel Hutchinson summed up the discussion, most importantly it was agreed that representation at the table should be of an appropriate level to ensure the Forum

could operate strategically. It was agreed the same principle of appropriate representation be adopted by agencies when appointing representatives to the Joint Officer Working Group.

Linkages between the two groups needs to be considered and further developed.

Nicky Garside raised the question of CDRP Managers and where they would be represented under the current structure. CDRP Managers currently hold their own meeting equivalent to a JCG. Nicky Garside asked for a more detailed chart showing the relative relationships between the proposed groups.

Peter Simpson suggested a member involvement forum for the future.

Nigel Hutchinson asked for details of each agency's named Data Liaison Officer, to be sent to Justine Williams.

Further to an enquiry from Stuart Pudney, Nigel Hutchinson briefly outlined the role of the Joint Officer Working Group, primarily implementing the outcomes of the Strategic Group's decisions. Richard Flinton expressed his support for the "strategic" and "implementation" structure proposed. Terry Collins explained to the meeting how the City of York had changed their structure a year ago and it was working well, Ian Spittal reiterated his concerns about the number of meetings.

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Resolution

To approve the proposals as per the paper with the exception that the membership of the Forum will be updated to include individual District Council Chief Executive or similar representation.

Joint Officer Working Group to progress work to produce a community safety agreement

4.2 Implications of LAA2 and the New Performance Framework and National Indicator Set (NIS)

Nigel Hutchinson introduced a letter from High Williamson regarding the development of LAA 2 and sought to establish a group to propose which indicators from the new National Indicator Set should be proposed to the NYSP for inclusion. Peter Simpson said it was appropriate that the Forum direct this group to consider only priority themes where improvement was needed. Richard Flinton supported the suggestions within the report.

Stuart Pudney told the meeting that the APACS targets were currently being developed, there was a likelihood that some of the indicators would overlap / duplicate. Therefore it was not necessary for all the indicators to be included within the proposals to the NYSP. However Stuart Pudney queried whether there would be a knock on effect for funding if these items did not appear in the LAA2. Peter Simpson explained his current understanding of the arrangements.

Nigel Custance explained that the 198 indicators, and the APACS targets, were simply performance indicators. The 35 (maximum) LAA2 targets will be those identified as areas for improvement. In terms of funding, the NYSP is yet to determine how the Area Based Grant will be apportioned, but it is likely a

reasoned case would need to be put forward to the NYSP as to why these 35 improvement targets have been prioritised and therefore why LAA funding should be directed at initiatives in support of them.

Mandy Chance told the meeting that the JSIAs were nearing completion so there will be some supporting background information to justify why priorities have been identified.

Stuart Pudney, Alison Leslie, Leslie Ingleson, Nigel Custance, Richard Flinton, Rosemary Taylor, Liz Smith, and Mike Ryan expressed an interest in being in the Working Group. Liz Smith asked that outcomes from the Working Group be issued to all forum members on completion, a list of indicators in priority order to be included together with the rationale behind the decisions.

Resolution

To establish a dedicated working group to respond formally to the NYSP by 3rd December

4.3 Approach to Formulating Strategy, Determining Priorities and Allocating Available Resources

Justine Williams introduced the report to the forum, to be read in conjunction with Appendix 1. The report detailed various funding options, including the implications to individual CDRPs of each – in particular the impact of top-slicing. Rosemary Taylor explained the figures in more detail.

Peter Simpson said that it was important to understand the context of the reports – in particular Appendix 1. Judgements should not be made without a thorough understanding of all the issues and implications. The lack of mainstreaming successful projects in previous years was also a crucial issue.

Liz Smith told the forum that the figures for Richmondshire were incorrect, and without certainty that the group had the right information it could only rightly consider principles surrounding future allocations rather than making firm decisions.

Nigel Custance sought clarification on the costs of some of the proposed initiatives and which partners/areas were included. Rosemary Taylor confirmed that for alcohol, PPO and domestic abuse proposals had been developed on the assumption that the City of York would be included in joint initiatives - however resources from the CoY LAA had not necessarily been factored in to proposals in the absence of formal discussion.

Nicky Garside queried the basic principles of gaining cost reductions through reducing posts. The danger being that remaining post holders would be stretched so thin on the ground they could not deliver effectively.

Nigel Hutchinson asked if there was enough information available today to set some principles to move forward. Peter Simpson said that an element of top slicing could be agreed, although David Billing expressed concerns about a large top slice. Peter Simpson asked what the timescales were for this project, Nigel Hutchinson told the forum that the target was Christmas in order for CDRPs to be able to plan appropriately and redundancy notices issued where necessary.

Nigel Hutchinson explained the principles; base element, tapered efficiency or cut over a three year time frame 20%, 15% and 10%. Richard Flinton said that setting the challenge was the initial proposal, making recommendations.

Outcome

To establish a dedicated working group to develop

The meeting agreed that a top slice of a minimum £200,000 be the initial steer for the Working Group (Option 13). No efficiency saving percentage was agreed upon at this time.

Nigel Hutchinson, Jim Dillon, Janet Waggott, Rosemary Taylor, Liz Smith and Carl Les, together with a representative from the County Council agreed to be part of a Working Group. Rosemary Taylor said that there was a general assumption that this funding would actually arrive.

and propose detailed arrangements for the allocation of Area Based Grant for a 3 year period commencing 2008/09.

Proposals should take account of the Forum's direction as follows:

- a) 5% reduction in base as a minimum
- b) 200k topslice as a minimum

Nigel Hutchinson asked that some Partnership Action Plans were outstanding, this information was required as soon as possible to assist with decisions.

5.0 DEVELOPMENT/APPROVAL OF SPENDING PLANS ASSOCIATED WITH PPG

5.1 SAF4a – Reduce the Number of KSIs in Road Accidents

Justine Williams reported that no feedback had been received.

5.2 SAF8 – To Reduce Violent Crime

Mandy Chance told the meeting that the JCGs for violent crime and alcohol were linked. The Working Group were tasked with nominating a new lead officer for the Data Information Group.

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6.0 ALCOHOL STRATEGY

Rosemary Taylor presented her report which summarised the strategy, she wished to take this strategy to the wider world of LAA. Cross cutting changes were highlighted. DAT monies cannot be spent on alcohol issues, as yet the Government have provided no money for the cause. Rosemary Taylor asked the forum to agree this strategy and make it a priority at a strategic level.

Peter Simpson wished to support this wholeheartedly, it hit so many points such as the children's agenda and crime.

Nigel Hutchinson asked that the fire and rescue service be included in the executive summary (items 4 and 5).

Nicky Garside asked who and when would the strategy be introduced. Rosemary Taylor confirmed it would be released following the NYSP's consideration when all partners would approve and hopefully seek to adopt it. Nigel Hutchinson agreed to present it formally to the next NYSP meeting

Outcome
To approve the Alcohol Strategy for submission to the next NYSP meeting with a view to adoption by other Thematic Partnerships as part of their work programmes / priorities

7.0 SHARED BUSINESS PLANNING WITH LCJB

Nigel Hutchinson agreed to speak to Neil Burnett about the planning event mentioned within the report, the report itself was agreed in principle.

8.0 PERFORMANCE REPORTING AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE JSIA IN CITY OF YORK

Iain Spittal presented his report detailing the journey that City of York has taken over the last 12 months. The report used a traffic light system and could be used as a tool for performance reporting. This was a model which is being rolled out over the county, the report links to the proposals for joint strategic consultation between City of York and others.

Dave Winspear asked Nigel Custance if all regions should be using the same template, it was considered to be important that the information was collated in the same way for all.

Nigel Custance reported that the Data Information Group is going to collate the JSIs.

9.0 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

20th December 2007 at 10.00 am at North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters.

Special meeting to consider the outcomes of the working groups

19th February 2008 at 10.00 am at North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters.