



York & North Yorkshire Safer Communities Forum

Notes of the meeting held at 10.00 am on 16th August 2007 at Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Northallerton

Present:

N Hutchinson (NYFRS) – Chair
N Burnett (LCJB)
A Carey (NYP)
M Chance on behalf of J Dillon (Scarborough BC)
M Connor (Selby DC)
J Cornforth (NYCC)
J Flanagan (NY & York PCT)
N Garside (Harrogate CDRP)
C Iley Christie (NYCC)

C Les (NYPA)
A Leslie (NYP)
K O'Neill (NYCC)
S Pudney (NYPA)
P Simpson (Hambleton DC)
L Smith (Richmondshire CDRP)
R Taylor (Hambleton CDRP)
J Waggott (Ryedale DC)

Apologies:

D Collins (NYP)
T Collins (York CC)
N Custance (GOYH)
J Dillon (Scarborough BC)

R Flinton (NYCC)
L Ingleston (YOT)
Dr P Kirby (NYPCT)
J Williams (NYCC)

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1.0	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES	
	Nigel Hutchinson welcomed everyone to North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, and went on to explain the current staffing issues at North Yorkshire County Council.	
2.0	NOTES OF THE MEETING 21TH JUNE 2007	
2.1	The notes of the meeting were accepted as a true record and approved.	
6.4	LCJG should read LCJB.	
11.1	Should read "moving on to greener pastures".	
3.0	MATTERS ARISING	
3.1	There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.	

4.1 SAFER COMMUNITIES PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

- 4.1.1 Jennefer Cornforth presented her paper and explained the data collection sheet. The Strategic Filter Group had met and it had been agreed that issues of concern should be made the subject of an exception report, and that the relevant target lead officers would be invited to attend the subsequent Strategic Filter Group Performance meeting to discuss remedial action. Janet Waggott said that it was important to not overlook targets which were being exceeded to identify potential over provision.
- 4.1.2 Peter Simpson supported a headline document with care taken to avoid significant time lag in reporting. He suggested development of a trend report would be very useful on a longer timeframe.
- 4.1.3 Nigel Hutchinson explained that this was a starting point and there had been a significant step forward, the issues would be discussed at the next filter group and improvements made to the content and format of future reports as appropriate.

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4.2 LAA FUNDING UPDATE

- 4.2.1 Jennefer Cornforth presented this paper, offer letters had been sent on Friday. Annex A summarised the pool funding and confirmed the pump priming grant (violent crime and road traffic collisions).
- 4.2.2 Nigel Hutchinson reported that he had had meetings with Nigel Custance and Richard Flinton, to discuss the pump priming grant. (See also note under 5.1.1 of these minutes.)

5.0 PROGRESS AND EXCEPTION REPORTS

5.1 Alcohol

Clare Iley Christie asked for comments regarding a draft Alcohol Strategy document that had been circulated prior to the meeting for consultation. Comments are due by 28th September 2007. The Joint Alcohol Group were meeting in September and after that the document will be more widely circulated. Nicky Garside asked if the document would be given to the Health Group, Janet Flanagan explained the way in which the PCT are dealing with this.

Nigel Hutchinson reported that he had met with Dr Janet Soo-Chung yesterday and alcohol had been discussed. It was important to involve PCT in this Forum, also that the Alcohol Strategy needs to be assimilated into the Forum's work.

Janet Flanagan sought confirmation of how the strategies will work, Nigel Hutchinson explained that the strategies, action plans and funding plans, for consideration at this Forum in November, will be fed into the NYSP mechanism and member bodies after that for implementation in 2008. Peter Simpson said it was important to draw strategies and show clearly how they all fit together.

Mandy Chance told the meeting that the LSP were leading on the issue in Scarborough.

5.1.1 **Violent Crime**

Alison Leslie presented a paper on violent crime. At the last Strategic Filter Group she had raised the issue of control of the pump priming grant, the CDRPs are key to the delivery of this work. Liz Smith said she understood that this Forum would be responsible for the devolvement of these funds.

Confirmation is being sought from NYSP that the Forum has delegated Authority from NYSP to determine allocation of the PPG, subject to any Terms and Conditions applied. The Forum agreed to this approach and for the Strategic Filter Group to determine the detailed allocation within a framework to be agreed by the Forum.

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Nigel Hutchinson asked that David Collins (NYP) and Chris Anderson (NYFRS), as current and future Chairs of the 95 Alive Road Safety Strategy, be included in correspondence as regards road safety strategy.

Nicky Garside asked that the disaggregated targets be clearly defined within the NYSP document. Nigel Hutchinson suggested the Government Office could assist in providing this detail. Stuart Pudney said that LAA targets differed from agency targets in some cases, Nigel Hutchinson said this will need to be taken into account during rollout of action plans flowing from the various strategies.

5.2 **Data and Information**

Alison Leslie presented her report. The Chief Constable is reviewing the business case for the partnership data unit and a decision is awaited. Rosemary Taylor expressed strong disappointment that in January 2007 the Data Partnership Unit was reported to be near implementation, yet now in August it appears the unit may not even be established. Stuart Pudney agreed to raise the matter with the Chief Constable and Nigel Hutchinson said he would also raise the issue.

SP

Liz Smith queried the attendance of the Chief Constable at this Forum. Nigel Hutchinson agreed to raise this issue directly with him.

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In light of the current situation, Nigel Hutchinson outlined an alternative solution to meet the needs of the Forum over the medium term including the potential to use the NYCC data unit. However, to meet the urgent needs by the Forum to determine its priorities for 2008/09 a concerted effort is being made to assemble a community profile using available data for use at the November Forum meeting.

5.3 **Domestic Abuse**

Alan Carey highlighted funding for the coordinators, this is not just a North Yorkshire issue, other counties are experiencing the same problems. The second point was taking forward "good practice", and thirdly a commission to review Domestic Abuse in North Yorkshire, this cost £7,000 and the paper has not been revisited since its publication. Alan Carey intends to follow up these issues and to submit routine progress update and exception reports to future meetings.

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5.4 PPO

Neil Burnett updated the meeting, highlighting aspects of his paper. A number of useful meetings and dialogue had taken place regarding the funding of the PPO Coordinator post. A compromise situation had almost been reached to receive funds for the post to the end of the financial year.

Martin Connor informed the meeting that Selby resolved not to increase their payment. This leaves the choice, potentially of the shortfall being made up by other means, or alternatively curtailing the post. PPO Coordination beyond 2007/08 is subject to review. Neil Burnett will pursue a resolution to the PPO Coordinator for this year.

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5.5 CDRP Managers

Most issues of concern have been discussed previously; the DAT review will be welcomed by CDRP managers.

6.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Rosemary Taylor said there is a lack of a link between the Forum and the Children and Young Peoples TP. There needs to be a linkage between representatives on the various Thematic Partnerships.

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6.2 Janet Waggott circulated a recent Ryedale report "Safer Ryedale" for information.

6.3 It was agreed to approach the Chief Constable to attend the February 2008 meeting of the Forum to set out his perspective and priorities as it relates to the Safer Communities agenda.

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7.0 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

15th November 2007 at 10.00 am (venue to be confirmed)