



York & North Yorkshire Safer Communities Forum

Key Messages Monday 22nd January 2007

Strategic Filter Group report

The SFG presented the notes of their previous meeting of 20th December 2006. The Group reported they would meet following each Forum meeting to progress work agreed by the Forum. The SFG would also produce an exception report for the Forum on progress, performance and activities of the JCGs to reduce the number of notes circulated.

YNYSCF Structure

Following discussions at the previous meeting an updated version of the YNYSCF structure paper was presented and agreed in principle. Further amendments – including more robust representation for the City of York Council through all tiers of the partnership and formalised representation of JCGs and partners on the SFG were required, but such changes were considered inevitable during this developmental period.

JCG reports

CDRP Managers

Draft Terms of Reference agreed by the Forum. Ongoing work includes producing an CDRP Finance Report to a common template which could show local spend on individual issues such as violent crime, burglary reduction etc. The Finance Report will form a standing item on the YNYSCF agenda in future.

Alcohol

Draft Terms of Reference agreed by the Forum. The Group is working towards a NY Strategy for Alcohol Harm Reduction and associated action plans. The group were seeking to establish links with the Healthier Communities Partnership (HCP) of the NYSP as outcomes from the work on Alcohol would impact on HCP LAA targets.

Domestic Abuse

Draft Terms of Reference agreed by the Forum with an agreement to include an outline membership list. The first meeting had shown the extent of enthusiasm and goodwill for a countywide strategic resource. The Group would be brainstorming current action plans at their forthcoming meeting on 2nd February.

Information Sharing

Draft Terms of Reference and a business case for a Data Management project by NY Police were circulated. Each were separate entities although concerned with the same outcome. Acting DCC Collins informed the Forum that – whilst confident of securing resources he was still seeking confirmation of funding for the Data Management Project. It was agreed both County Data Analysts should be included in the Information Sharing JCG.

PPO

Outline Terms of Reference were agreed by the Forum subject to slight change by the group at their following meeting. The group will meet on a quarterly basis. It was noted the national PPO scheme was being re-launched on 27th February 2007.

Local Area Agreement (LAA) Update

A further submission was to be made to GOYH on 2nd February 2007. Initial feedback from GOYH on the original draft had been positive and comments had been incorporated into the second draft. Further work was still necessary in the Safer Communities section to include detail and links to

- Hotspots and disaggregating data to show local actions
- SIAs (Strategic Intelligence Assessments) and the National Intelligence Model (NIM)
- PPO targets
- City of York & CoY LAA
- Reward Element Targets (RETs) – currently 2 RETs are proposed in the Safer Communities field (in the field of violence and road safety). The negotiation period will determine which of the 15 current draft RETs will form the final 12 in the final LAA

Horizon Scanning

The Forum received a report aimed at identifying issues of significance to community safety partnerships. These included:

**Supporting the implementation of Neighbourhood Policing
Delivery of the Local Government White Paper
Delivering recommendations of the CDA review
Meeting Government Office requirements (partnerships and performance)
Local implementation of the Respect Agenda
Integration of Every Child Matters to the community safety agenda**

Partnership Agreements

The NYPA reported that their Audit Commission recent inspection had been critical of the lack of a partnership agreement (PA) for the Authority, however there was little clarity or guidance on what constituted a sound partnership agreement. Whilst Hull's PA has been praised the Forum was concerned that it was an extremely lengthy document expressing sentiments already laid down in other governance documents amongst partners in NY. The Forum agreed to pass the issue on to the NYSP for discussion as it was a requirement likely to spread across other agencies in the near future. Contact: Stuart Pudney (NYPA)

Neighbourhood Watch

A recent review of Neighbourhood Policing suggests that the issue of Watch groups has been neglected in recent years. It is hoped to re-energise and offer increased support to these groups in the coming year. NYP will offer further details as a programme of activity is developed. Contact: Supt. Alison Leslie (NYP)

Election of Chair

Harold Mosley formally stepped down as Chair of the Forum. Two nominations for Chair were received. Since the adoption of the new YNYSCF Structures rendered the previous Terms of Reference out of date it was agreed to defer this item until further guidance could be sought from the NYSP on appropriate voting and governance arrangements. In the interim the current Vice Chair, Nigel Hutchinson (NYFRS) would assume the Chair.

Harold Mosley

Nigel Hutchinson thanked Harold Mosley as outgoing Chair for his work and commitment in guiding and developing the Forum over the past year. In particular he thanked Harold for working to bring partners to the table and effectively co-ordinate the Safer Communities element of the LAA and wished him a very happy retirement!