

**Carlisle and Eden Community Safety Partnership
Joint Scrutiny Panel Minutes**

Date: 28 March 2012

Venue: Committee Rooms B & C, Civic Centre, Carlisle

Time: 2.00pm

Present:

Carlisle City Council:	Councillor Mrs Luckley Councillor Mrs Parsons
Cumbria County Council:	Councillor J Stephenson
Eden District Council:	Councillor J Thompson (Chair) Councillor S Orchard
Officers:	Mrs N Edwards (Scrutiny Officer, Carlisle City Council) Mr K Gerrard (Director of Community Engagement, Carlisle City Council) Mr G Capstick (Carlisle Local Strategic Partnership Manager, Carlisle City Council)
Democratic Services Officer:	Ms R Rooney (Lead Committee Clerk, Carlisle City Council)

CEJS.01/12 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs Prest, Carlisle City Council, Councillor Harding, Eden District Council, Christine Egan, Cumbria Police Authority, Jane Muller, Chair of the Carlisle and Eden Community Safety Partnership and Samantha Bagshaw, Eden District Council.

CEJS.02/12 Disclosures of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest, either personal or prejudicial, submitted at this meeting.

CEJS.03/12 Declaration of Whip

There were no declarations of Whip at this meeting.

CEJS.04/12 Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED that there were no items on the agenda that were confidential and that press and public should be allowed to remain within the meeting.

CEJS.05/12 Minutes of the Last Meeting

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held 17 November 2011 be approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

CEJS.06/12 Update on Police and Crime Commissioners and Police Crime Panels

An update on the Police and Crime Commissioners and Police and Crime Panels was submitted.

The update outlined the key roles of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) which would be voted for in November 2012 and would replace the Police Authority. The Commissioner would be scrutinised by the Police and Crime Panel who had the power to request relevant information, review the draft police and crime plan, consider the PCC's annual report, veto the PCC's proposed precept or proposed appointment for Chief Constable and could hold a confirmation hearing in relation to a proposed appointment by a PCC of a Chief Finance Officer, however the PCC did not have to act on the recommendations.

Preparations for the incoming PCC were underway and were being overseen by the Police Authority's Transition Board which included representatives of the County and District Councils.

Work was underway in Cumbria to establish the Police and Crime Panel (PCP) through a working group made up of officers representing the County Council, the District Councils and the Police Authority. The work was being overseen by the Cumbria Leadership Board and the Leaders and Chief Executives of the councils met on 29th February to discuss the hosting and membership of the panel.

The working group would have to give consideration to the links between the work of the Police and Crime Panel, which would be solely responsible for scrutinising the Commissioner, and that of the council scrutiny panels which scrutinise work on community safety by their own organisations and wider partners through the CSPs.

Councillor Thompson had attended a workshop by the Home Office and gave a brief outline of the information provided at the workshop. He informed the Panel that the PCP would not execute its functions until the PCC had been appointed. The funding for the PCP would begin in October 2012 and consisted of £53,500 for admin support and £920 per member for expenses, there would be no member allowance paid.

RESOLVED – That the update on the Police and Crime Commissioners and Police and Crime Panels be noted.

CEJS.07/12 Carlisle and Eden Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership – Partnership Plan 2012-13

The Director of Community Engagement (Mr Gerrard) presented the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) - Partnership Plan 2012/13.

Mr Gerrard reported that the CDRP Partnership Plan was produced each year based on the Strategic Assessment which had been approved by the Panel at its meeting in November 2011. He informed the Panel that the CDRP Partnership was faced with many challenges in the coming year and they had been reflected in the Plan.

The CDRP Leadership Group had resolved to continue working with the large reduction in funding and the partners had been very proud of the priorities and felt that the funding had been used effectively. He added that the reduction in funding would affect how the CDRP tackled the priorities as set out in the Plan.

The Carlisle Local Strategic Partnership Manager (Mr Capstick) added that the funding for 2011/12 had been £80,000 and the reduction for 2012/13 meant that funding for 2012/13 was zero. He asked Members not to underestimate the value of the money that had been spent but reminded the Panel that the work of the CDRP came from the good will and revenue budgets of the partnership organisations and there was no indication that this would change.

In response to Members questions Mr Capstick reported that there was a small amount of money left but the entire budget had been committed. The CDRP also had some small assets which would remain.

The Panel were encouraged to hear that the CDRP intended to continue and congratulated them on their successful work.

In considering the Partnership Plan Members raised the following comments and questions:

Had the 'target activity to address ASB, criminal damage and deliberate fires' began and could the work be monitored?

Mr Capstick responded that the work had begun and activities were being carried out in areas with the most need. He added that Carlisle's Problem Solving Groups were based on Police intelligence for an evidence lead approach to identifying hotspots.

Members felt that the Joint Scrutiny Panel could contribute to the work of the Problem Solving Groups by examining and monitoring their work.

Mr Capstick agreed to submit a performance report on the work of the Problem Solving Group to their next meeting. In response to a further request Mr Capstick also agreed to provide a review of the work of the four Task Groups.

At the request of the Panel Mr Gerrard gave an overview of the Strategic Assessment and how it fed into the Partnership Plan.

What was involved in the co-ordinated approach to environmental crime and its enforcement?

Mr Capstick outlined a number of activities which were being undertaken within Carlisle in respect of fly tipping and industrial waste dumping. He added that the Partnership allowed for a targeted and co-ordinated approach to enforcing environmental crime.

The Panel requested a copy of the Cumbria Domestic Violence Business Plan and more information on the North Cumbria Domestic Violence Champions Network.

RESOLVED - 1) That the Panel supported the Carlisle and Eden Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership Plan 2012/2013.

2) That performance reports on the work of the Problem Solving Groups and the four Task Groups over the previous twelve months be submitted to the next meeting of the Panel.

3) That a copy of the Cumbria Domestic Violence Business Plan and more information on the North Cumbria Domestic Violence Champions Network be circulated to all Members of the Panel.

CEJS.08/12 Review of Carlisle and Eden Community Safety Partnership Joint Scrutiny Panel

The Terms of Reference for the Carlisle and Eden Community Safety Partnership Joint Scrutiny Panel had been circulated and Members were asked to give consideration to the work of the Panel over the last twelve months and if they felt the Panel added value and if it should continue.

The Terms of Reference would require some amendment in line with the changes that had happened to the CDRP structure and the loss of the staffing support.

Members agreed that the Panel should continue in its current format as there had been value in the open communication between authorities.

RESOLVED – 1) That the Carlisle and Eden Community Safety Partnership Joint Scrutiny Panel continue, in its current format, into 2012/13.

2) That the Terms of Reference for the Carlisle and Eden Community Safety Partnership Joint Scrutiny Panel be amended to reflect the changes in support to the Carlisle and Eden Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership

3) That a Member from Carlisle City Council chair the Carlisle and Eden Community Safety Partnership Joint Scrutiny Panel for 2012/13.

CEJS.09/12 Date of Next meeting

RESOLVED – The meetings of the Carlisle and Eden Community Safety Partnership Joint Scrutiny Panel would take place in August 2012, November 2012 and March 2013.

The meeting closed at 2.45pm

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