

Carlisle and Eden Community Safety Partnership Joint Scrutiny Panel

Minutes

**Date: 4 August 2011 Venue: Flensburg Room, Civic Centre, Carlisle
Time: 2.00pm**

Present:

Carlisle City Council: Councillor Mrs Bradley (as substitute for Cllr Mrs Prest)
Councillor Mrs Luckley
Councillor Mrs Parsons

Cumbria County Council: Councillor J Stephenson

Cumbria Police Authority: Mrs Christine Egan

Eden District Council: Councillor J Thompson
Councillor D Harding
Councillor S Orchard

Officers: Mrs N Broomfield (Policy and Performance Officer, Cumbria Police Authority)
Mrs G Kartach (Scrutiny Officer, Eden District Council)
Ms L Wilkinson (Business Manager, Carlisle and Eden Community Safety Partnership)
Mrs N Edwards (Scrutiny Officer, Carlisle City Council)

Democratic Services Officer: Ms R Rooney (Lead Committee Clerk, Carlisle City Council)

CEJS.12/11 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs Prest, Carlisle City Council.

CEJS.13/11 Membership

It was noted that there had a change to the representation from Carlisle City Council, Eden District Council and Cumbria County Council. Named substitutes were required from Eden District Council, Cumbria County Council and Cumbria Police Authority.

RESOLVED that Eden District Council, Cumbria County Council and Cumbria Police Authority nominate substitute representatives to the Carlisle and Eden Community Safety Partnership Joint Scrutiny Panel.

CEJS.14/11 Election of Chair

RESOLVED that Councillor J Thompson, Eden District Council be appointed Chairman of the Carlisle and Eden Community Safety Partnership Joint Scrutiny Panel for 2011/12.

CEJS.15/11 Appointment of Vice-Chair

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs O Luckley, Carlisle City Council be appointed Vice Chairman of the Carlisle and Eden Community Safety Partnership Joint Scrutiny Panel for 2011/12.

CEJS.16/11 Reports for Information

RESOLVED that it be noted that the following reports had been circulated to all Members of the Panel for their information:

- Carlisle and Eden Joint CDRP Scrutiny Panel Terms of Reference – March 2010
- Protocol between the Scrutiny Members of Carlisle City Council, Eden District Council and the Carlisle and Eden CDRP – March 2010

CEJS.17/11 Disclosures of Interest

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

CEJS.18/11 Declaration of Whip

There were no declarations of Whip at this meeting.

CEJS.19/11 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.20/11 Minutes of the Last Meeting

It was requested that two amendments were made minute CEJS/9/1/11 from the minutes of the previous meeting:

- that the line 'the CDRP would respond to community priorities' be amended to read 'the CDRP would consider community priorities'
- in the resolutions the word 'priority' be added before hotspots.

The Panel expressed their disappointment that the Leadership Group had not submitted a written response to the recommendations they made at their meeting on 27 January 2011. Ms Wilkinson gave a verbal update on each of the recommendations:

'a risk assessment of each of the crime types to decide what the priorities should be for the forthcoming year'

The assessments for the priorities were contained within the Strategic Assessment and the Task Groups drilled down to more detailed data. The Task Groups were also pro active in identifying priorities in the coming year. This work was carried out before the production of the Partnership Plan.

'whether the CDRP structure is appropriate to deliver outcomes and give consideration to efficiency savings'

The structure of the CDRP was considered alongside the Plan and included consideration of the Multi Agency Anti Social Behaviour Risk Assessment Meeting (MAASBRAM) and the local problem solving groups.

'working up prospective performance targets for the forthcoming year'

The Partnership had agreed not to use an overall percentage reduction for performance, more detailed information was considered by the Task Groups. In response to a question Ms Wilkinson explained that the work of the previous Drug and Alcohol Team had been incorporated into the work of the Task Groups and a number of different projects covered the issues regarding drugs and alcohol.

'what has worked and carry out a value for money assessment'

The CDRP had previously compared their outcomes to the outcomes of other Community Safety Partnerships but this was no longer carried out. Mrs Broomfield reminded the Panel that the Strategic Assessment contained more detailed information that could be used by each of the authorities. Ms Wilkinson added that the Leadership Group considered performance reports at their meetings and information from those reports could be circulated to Members. The CDRP also reviewed their work on a quarterly basis and produced a full review every six months.

'the effects of the economic climate and do some financial modelling based on funding cuts of 5%, 10%, 15%, 20%, 25% and 70-80%'

The CDRP budget was already in place when the Panel made this recommendation but financial modelling would have to be considered for next year as the Partnership may have to consider a 50% cut to their budget and there may be a loss in support staff. The work was being undertaken on the Strategic Assessment for next year and the budget would be built into the Assessment.

'how the effects of the economic climate will be monitored so emerging trends are picked up'

There was no specific work being carried out with regard to economic climate but emerging trends would be picked up from the performance management reports. Mrs Broomfield added that the Police Authority's information on economic trends would be included in next year's Strategic Assessment.

'doing a risk assessment of partnership choices and potential withdrawal from the CDRP or reduced contributions and look at how potential gaps could be filled'

The Partnership constantly looked at its relationships and encouraged organisations to stay by incorporating their priorities into the Plan.

'whether priority hotspots would be targeted'

Priority hotspots were identified and work was undertaken with other organisations and partners to target those areas.

'focussing ASB work on repeat victims and vulnerable people'

The MAASBRAM concentrated their work on victims and repeat victims of anti social behaviour.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held 27 January 2011, including the amendments as above, be approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting;

that the Panel receive written responses to their recommendations from the Leadership Group as set out in the 'Scrutiny Protocol between the Scrutiny Members of Carlisle City Council, Eden District Council and the Carlisle and Eden CDRP';

that the Strategic Assessment, Thematic Partnership Risk Register and the performance information from the Leadership Group reports be circulated to all Members of the Panel;

that an update on the Multi Agency Anti Social Behaviour Risk Assessment Meeting (MAASBRAM) be presented to the next meeting of the Panel.

CEJS.21/11 Partnership Plan 2011-12

Ms Wilkinson submitted the Carlisle and Eden Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership Plan for 2011/12. She explained that the Plan set out how the CDRP would address the priorities that had been identified in the Strategic Assessment. She highlighted the CDRP structure and explained that each of the Task Groups had their own action plan which gave specific details of projects and how the budget had been devolved. The priorities of the Task Groups and of the Partnership Plan were agreed by the Leadership Group.

Ms Wilkinson outlined a number of projects undertaken by the CDRP and highlighted the new Domestic Violence Champions. The Champions would be fully trained and based in a variety of organisations so those who required support would be signposted to the services they needed the most.

Ms Wilkinson took the Panel through the CDRP budget for 2011/12 drawing Members attention to various successful projects funded through the CDRP. She highlighted the mobile CCTV units and the Door Supervisor pilot that had been held in Appleby during this year's horse fair. The CDRP had paid for door supervisors to be present so that licensed premises could open during the fair. It was hoped that the licensees would then consider the benefits of employing the staff themselves next year.

In response to Members questions Ms Wilkinson confirmed that the Drug and Alcohol Action Team would continue, she also clarified that Riverside Carlisle, Eden Housing Association and Carlisle City Council all had representatives on the Leadership Group. She added that she understood the importance of gaining the right accommodation in the right area to enable people to rehabilitate and reminded the Panel of the difficulties that housing associations encountered when providing accommodation.

A Member asked if the budget for the CDRP was enough to enable them to achieve their objectives. Ms Wilkinson clarified a number of issues with regard to the budget. She explained that there had been a significant reduction in the overall budget compared to last year due to an underspend and a carry forward. The carry forward would be used this year to fund a number of projects and it was hoped that some of them would be sustainable and be able to continue. She added that the pool budget was £30,000 contribution from Carlisle City Council and next year there would be a reduction in the SSCF contribution.

A Member asked what contribution Eden District Council made to the Partnership and Ms Wilkinson explained that they provided office space and support staff, however, next year there may be no support staff for the Partnership.

In response to a question Ms Wilkinson clarified the budget for the Violent Crime Task Group and the Anti Social Behaviour/Criminal Damage Task Group. She outlined the projects that both Groups supported and explained that the Violent Crime Task Group gained financial support from other organisations and could achieve a great deal with limited resources.

RESOLVED that the financial process that was used to produce the CDRP Budget 2011-12 be circulated to all Members of the Panel;

that an update on the Domestic Violence Champions be presented at the next meeting of the Panel;

that feedback on the Door Supervisor pilot held in Appleby be presented at the next meeting of the Panel;

that the Panel reminded Carlisle City Council and Eden District Council that Community Safety Partnerships were a statutory function and requested them to confirm that they would give serious consideration to their financial contributions to secure the future of the Carlisle and Eden CDRP Partnership.

that the Leadership Group give consideration to the future of the CDRP and inform the Panel of their plans and proposals for the future of the Carlisle and Eden CDRP Partnership;

that the Panel ask the Leadership Group to ensure that the resolutions as set out in minute CEJS/10/1/11 be used as the framework when identifying the CDRP priorities.

CEJS.22/11 End of Year Performance Report 2010-11

Ms Wilkinson submitted the twelve month review of the Carlisle and Eden Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership for 2010/11. She highlighted a number of successful projects including the deployment of temporary CCTV.

RESOLVED that the 12 month review of the Carlisle and Eden CDRP be welcomed

CEJS.23/11 Presentation on the Police Commissioners and their Possible Impact on Partnerships and the Role of the CDRP.

Mrs Broomfield gave a short presentation on the proposed Police Commissioners and the impact they would have on Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) and the Carlisle and Eden Joint Scrutiny Panel.

Mrs Broomfield gave an overview of the proposals and outlined the role of the Police Commissioners. She gave an example of the structure and where Joint Scrutiny would fit in and the relationship between CSPs and the Police Commissioner. Although the details of the proposals were not finalised Mrs Broomfield outlined some of the implications for the scrutiny of the CSPs and what the next steps were.

RESOLVED that Mrs Broomfield be thanked for her informative presentation;

that an update on the Police Commissioners and their possible impact on Community Safety Partnerships be presented at the next meeting of the Panel.

CEJS.24/11 Date of Next meeting

RESOLVED that the Chair of the Carlisle and Eden CDRP be formally invited to attend the next meeting of the Panel;

that the next meeting of the Panel will take place in November 2011 to consider the Strategic Assessment.

The meeting closed at 4.05 pm

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