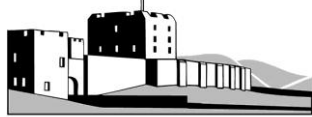


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COMMUNITY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL

Panel Report

Public

Date of Meeting: 12th January 2012

Title: Carlisle and Eden Joint CDRP Scrutiny

Report of: Overview and Scrutiny Officer

Report reference: OS 03/12

Summary:

This report provides Members of the Panel with the draft minutes of the meeting of the Carlisle and Eden Joint CDRP Scrutiny Panel which was held on 17th November 2011.

Recommendations:

Members are asked to:

- Note the minutes of the meeting (Appendix 1) and refer letter from Chair of Panel to the Authority's Executive (Appendix 2).

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

Date: 17 November 2011 Venue: Town Hall, Penrith Time: 2pm

Present:

Chairman: Councillor J Thompson (Eden District Council)

Carlisle City Council Olwyn Luckley
Judy Prest
Doreen Parsons

Eden District Council Sheila Orchard
David Harding

Cumbria Police Authority Andy Hampshire (deputy for Christine Egan)

Also present: Jane Muller (Chair Carlisle and Eden Community Safety Partnership)
Nicola Bloomfield (Cumbria Police Authority)
Gavin Capstick (Carlisle City Council)
Rachel Rooney (Carlisle City Council)
Keith Gerrard (Carlisle City Council)
Samantha Bagshaw (Eden District Council)
Louise Wilkinson (Carlisle and Eden Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership)

Democratic Services Officer: A Milburn (Eden District Council)

CEJS.25/11 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Stephenson of Cumbria County Council.

CEJS.26/11 Membership

There were no changes to the Panel's membership.

CEJS.27/11 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this meeting.

CEJS.28/11 Declarations of whip

There were no declarations of whip at this meeting.

CEJS.29/11 Exclusion of Press and Public

There were no items for consideration which required the exclusion of press and public.

CEJS.30/11 Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes CEJS.12/11 to CEJS.24/11 of the last meeting of the Panel held on 4 August 2011 were agreed as a correct record of those proceedings.

CEJS.31/11 Response from Carlisle and Eden CDRP

Members of the Panel considered a written statement of the Chair of the CDRP and the minutes of the meeting of the CDRP Leadership Group held on 16 September 2011 containing responses to the Panel's resolution of 4 August 2011 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.'

The CDRP business manager informed the Panel that a meeting of the CDRP Leadership Group had been held on 11 November 2011 where the Group had considered proposals to disband the current task groups and replace them with task and finish groups. This would be subject to a final decision being made at a meeting of the Group to be held in December. As to wider discussions of the future of the CDRP, this is also going to be further discussed in December.

CEJS.32/11 Responses from Executives – Carlisle and Eden

Responses had been received from the Executives at both Carlisle and Eden regarding the resolution of the Panel that:

'The Panel reminded Carlisle City Council and Eden District Council that the 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.'

The responses are attached to these minutes as Appendix 1 and Appendix 2

CEJS.33/11 Update Report

The CDRP Business manager updated the Panel on the following matters:

a) Multi Agency Anti Social Behaviour Risk Assessment Meeting

Thirty one cases had been referred to the meeting with only one case still active. Cases were being resolved well. A full review would be carried out by the constabulary between March and September 2012.

The MAASBRA conference had been introduced in March and the Police Authority would be getting a report on it in the next few weeks.

b) Domestic Violence Champions

This was a new project and still in the early stages. Champions were key individuals in agencies charged with building up awareness of the services available. There were currently thirty two champions across a range of agencies and three training sessions had been organised. There were some concerns about how this project

could be co-ordinated in the event of there being no support staff. It was hoped that the County Council may be able to provide some support through their domestic violence manager.

c) Door Supervisor Pilot – Appleby

This was another new project and it had received good feedback. Licensees had reported it working well. It was hoped that the licensees would be encouraged to take on their own door staff the following year.

Offences against the person and offences committed under the influence of alcohol had reduced for the Fair Week period 2008-2011. This had been the first year that a specific project had been funded by the partnership; previously funding had been provided to the Appleby Fair multi agency group.

The Chair of the Carlisle and Eden CDRP explained that due to reduced funding it had been decided to focus on hotspots, on work that could be maintained and on ownership by partners.

CEJS.34/11 Strategic Assessment

The Panel considered the Carlisle and Eden CDRP Strategic Assessment 2011.

The assessment showed that Castle Ward in Carlisle had the highest incidence of anti social behaviour. Councillor Luckley, ward Councillor for Castle ward explained that since the social landlords had tightened up on the tenants agreements the tenants were moving into private accommodation including HMOs. The result had been an increase in anti social behaviour and landlords had been contacting the Council for assistance. The CDRP business manager agreed to take these comments to the task group which included representatives from Riverside.

Councillor Luckley enquired whether the MIST project was ongoing. The CDRP business manager informed the Panel that it ran from February to August every year. There was an evaluation for the MIST project contained within the 12 monthly review.

It was pointed out that the data given in the assessment was correct as of March 2011, this being the latest full year for comparison purposes. Although the report showed anti social behaviour incidents in Penrith West had increased the most recently available figures for the ward showed a decrease.

It was noted that the figures for domestic violence were higher and the CDRP business manager explained that this was a good sign as it showed that more cases were being reported. What was needed was a reduction in the number of repeat cases. The most serious cases were reported to MARAC and these showed a significant reduction in the number of repeated offences.

Members of the Panel asked about rural theft such as theft of fuel oil and whether there were any measures planned to combat this. The CDRP Business Manager explained that there

were difficulties with prevention of fuel oil theft as locks could be broken and alarms could be avoided by thieves. Efforts were concentrated on enforcement instead.

It was RESOLVED that the recommendations contained in the CDRP Strategic Assessment be endorsed.

CEJS.35/11 Questions for the Chair of Carlisle and Eden CDRP

Councillor Luckley: the Plan refers to communicating with residents to inform and seek views, how might this happen?

The CDRP Business Manager replied that this would be done through press releases and consultation. A large scale consultation had not been done for some time, consultation could be carried out through the neighbourhood police teams. Questions were also added to the Community Voice survey.

Andy Hampshire: is there anything from the CDRP Panel that the scrutiny group should be aware of?

The Chair of the CDRP replied that there was a meeting in December to consider the future of the partnership, to see how it could maintain its work but in a different way should insufficient funding be available. The Panel wanted to be in a good position to work with the Police Commissioner when in place.

It was RESOLVED that the Joint Scrutiny Panel write to the Executives of Carlisle and Eden recognising the successful work and expertise of the CDRP.

CEJS.36/11 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Carlisle and Eden Community Safety Partnership Joint Scrutiny Panel will be held on 28 March 2012.

The meeting closed at .3.30pm.....

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Friday 25 November 2011

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Dear Members of the Executive,

I am writing as the Chairman of the Carlisle and Eden CDRP Joint Scrutiny Panel. In our last meeting (Thursday 17 November) the Panel felt that, in light of the uncertainty over the future of the CDRP, it was important to underline to you how valuable we believe their work is.

The reduction in crime and anti-social behaviour across the districts, over the last five years has been impressive. We believe that the multi-agency approach and the careful targeting of issues and areas that the Joint CDRP has adopted, has been a cost-effective way of contributing to this success.

We realise that there is a great deal of uncertainty about the future funding of the Joint CDRP and that there will be definitely less money available to it next year. However, we were heartened that the Leadership group are looking at ways of managing to make an impact on less money, including changing their task groups to Task and Finish groups. The Leadership Group are still in discussion about how best to move forward and will be able to give us a better idea after their next meeting in December. We also endorse their desire to be able to continue their valuable work with the Police and Crime Commissioner when he or she is elected next November.

We look forward to hearing your thoughts on this matter,

Yours Faithfully

Cllr J Thompson, Chairman, Joint Scrutiny Panel