

HUMBERSIDE POLICE AUTHORITY

CONSULTATION AND PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

6 DECEMBER 2005

<u>PRESENT:-</u>	Ms Branton in the Chair
Elected Members:-	Councillor De Freitas.
Magistrate Member:-	Mr Palmerley
Independent Members:-	Mr Abdul Rahman, Mr Ali and Mrs Tibbett
Officers: -	Ms V Wise, Consultation and Partnership Officer, Mr N Kingston, Assistant Chief Executive, Mr A Leaver, Assistant Chief Constable, Chief Superintendent T Sheard and Ms S Blair, Better Times Ltd.

The Committee met at Pacific Exchange, Kingston upon Hull.

- 25 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/OFFERS OF GIFTS OR HOSPITALITY** – The Chair reminded Members of the need to record any personal or prejudicial interest in items on the agenda and to disclose any relevant receipt or offering of gifts or hospitality.
- Mr Abdul Rahman, Mr Ali, Ms Branton and Mr Leaver declared personal interests in minute 36, as members of the Force Independent Advisory Group/B Division and D Division Independent Advisory Groups.
- 26 **APOLOGIES** – Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Phillips and Tress.
- 27 **MINUTES** – **Resolved** – That the minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on 6 September 2005, having been printed and circulated amongst Members, be taken as read and correctly recorded and be signed by the Chair.
- 28 **UPDATE ON THE MINUTES** – No updates were raised.
- 29 **(19) ACTION SCHEDULE** – Members received a rolling schedule of actions arising from previous meetings of this Committee.

The Consultation and Partnership Officer referred to minute 130 and advised that a company to provide the Police Authority website had been chosen. Confirmation was awaited from the Force regarding whether the software would be compatible and it was requested that written confirmation of this be

sought.

She referred to minute 23 regarding a request for a thematic budget setting panel and advised that instead of holding one meeting it was felt that the issue would be raised with a wider audience by writing to all Panel and PACDT Chairs requesting that they raise this via their meetings.

A Member referred to minute 20 regarding the race equality scheme and queried whether there were any mechanisms in place for monitoring. The Assistant Chief Executive advised that both the Force and the Police Authority had in place Race Equality Schemes for 2005-2008. He indicated that the Authority had a responsibility to look at the implementation and monitoring of its own scheme and to look at how the Force implemented its scheme. He suggested that a report on progress should be submitted to the next meeting of this Committee.

The Assistant Chief Executive referred to minute 22 regarding Stop and Search and indicated that under recommendation 62 of the Lawrence Report it stated that Stop and Search and Stop and Talk should be monitored by the community and he queried whether this was currently done by the Force IAG and the Divisional IAGs. The Assistant Chief Constable advised that this was not currently done but was something that could be looked into.

A Member advised that he had raised a question regarding the figures for stop and searches leading to arrests for white and ethnic minority groups and he had not yet received a response. The Assistant Chief Constable agreed to pursue this matter.

Resolved – (a) That the action schedule and updates be noted; (b) that written confirmation be sought from the Force regarding the compatibility of the website software with the Force's current software, and (c) that a report on the progress of the implementation and monitoring arrangements for the Race Equality Scheme be submitted to the next meeting of this Committee.

30 **(20) PUBLIC CONSULTATION IN A DIVISION** – The Chief Executive submitted a report that outlined the results of public consultation at Police Authority Crime and Drug Teams (PACDTs) in A Division during 1 September to 1 December 2005.

The Consultation and Partnership Officer referred to the 117% increase in racially aggravated offences and advised that this equated to 0.08 instances per 1000 households.

Members expressed concern regarding the length of time some callers were kept waiting and the Assistant Chief Constable advised that a considerable amount of work was being done in this area. A Member indicated that at the last Call Handling Project Board it had been reported that, despite some callers having to wait longer than was acceptable, the average time taken to answer calls was 2 minutes.

A Member referred to a comment made by the Chief Constable, at a different meeting, relating to the resourcing model and the fact that it had not been run since 2002 and queried when it would be done. The Assistant Chief Constable advised that he would ask the Chief Constable about this matter and respond directly to the Member concerned.

Reference was made to anti social behaviour and the importance of involving partner agencies to tackle this issue. The Assistant Chief Constable advised that there were key and significant developments regarding neighbourhood policing and anti social behaviour and that the roll out of PCSOs and local authority wardens would help in tackling this issue together in a coherent way. Chief Superintendent Sheard advised that considerable progress had been made in engaging with partners and he updated on the progress being made with the 4 local authorities.

The Chief Constable submitted a report that outlined the Force response to (i) community concerns raised at the PACDT during 1 September to 1 December; (ii) the impact of any local Force and/or partnership initiatives as a consequence of these concerns, and (iii) any demonstrable movement in performance at a local level that could be measured as a result. He advised that this report did not contain as much information as the reports for the other Divisions but that this would be rectified in future.

Resolved – (a) That the issues and concerns raised at PACDTs in A Division be fed into the planning of the budget and setting priorities; (b) that matters of operational policing continue to be referred to the Chief Constable for his action (c) that the Chief Constable's response to the issues raised in the report be noted, and (d) that this report be forwarded to all A Division PACDT Chairs for their information.

31 **(21) PUBLIC CONSULTATION IN B DIVISION** – The Chief Executive submitted a report that outlined the results of public consultation at Police Authority Neighbourhood Panels (PANels) in B Division during 1 September to 1 December 2005.

The Consultation and Partnership Officer referred to the 36% decrease in drug offences and advised that this equated to 0.31 instances per 1000 households.

The Chief Constable submitted a report that outlined the Force response to (i) community concerns raised at the PANel during 1 September to 1 December 2005; (ii) the impact of any local Force and/or partnership initiatives as a consequence of these concerns, and (iii) any demonstrable movement in performance at a local level that could be measured as a result.

Resolved – (a) That the issues and concerns raised at PANels in B Division be fed into the planning of the budget and setting priorities; (b) that matters of operational policing continue to be referred to the Chief Constable for his action; (c) that the Chief Constable's response to the issues raised in the report be noted, and (d) that this report be forwarded to all B Division PANel

Chairs for their information.

- 32** **(22) PUBLIC CONSULTATION IN C DIVISION** – The Chief Executive submitted a report that outlined the results of public consultation at Police Authority Neighbourhood Panels (PANels) in C Division during 1 September to 1 December 2005.

The Consultation and Partnership Officer referred to the 20% increase in racially aggravated offences and advised that this equated to 0.003 instances per 1000 households. She referred also to the 24% increase in robbery and advised that this equated to 0.04 instances per 1000 households.

The Assistant Chief Executive queried how it was ensured that public priorities were reflected in the Force's actions. The Assistant Chief Constable referred to the difficulties in dealing with both the priority crimes set by the PSU, Police Authority and nationally and the requirements of the public and advised that it was necessary to strike a balance. He reiterated the work on neighbourhood policing and the North Lincolnshire pathfinder and indicated that he felt that these initiatives would help to meet public needs and ensure that sufficient resources were still available to meet the priority crimes set by the Government and the Authority.

The Chief Constable submitted a report that outlined the Force response to (i) community concerns raised at the PANel during 1 September to 1 December; (ii) the impact of any local Force and/or partnership initiatives as a consequence of these concerns, and (iii) any demonstrable movement in performance at a local level that could be measured as a result.

It was requested that the information contained in these reports be given to Panel/PACDT Chairs in order for them to disseminate via their meetings.

Resolved – (a) That the issues and concerns raised at PANels in C Division be fed into the planning of the budget and setting priorities; (b) that matters of operational policing continue to be referred to the Chief Constable for his action; (c) that the Chief Constable's response to the issues raised in the report be noted, and (d) that this report be forwarded to all C Division PANel Chairs for their information.

- 33** **(23) PUBLIC CONSULTATION IN D DIVISION** – The Chief Executive submitted a report that outlined the results of public consultation at Area Committees and Ward Forums during 1 September to 1 December 2005.

The Consultation and Partnership Officer referred to the 25% increase in robbery and advised that this equated to 0.097 instances per 1000 households. She referred also to the 14% decrease in drug offences which equated to 0.06 instances per 1000 households.

Reference was made to the use of electric wheelchairs on the highway and it was reported that although the Assistant Chief Constable was not aware of any collisions, the issue had been highlighted previously and consideration

could be given to repeating this. Members also expressed concern regarding the increasing trend of using mini motos in public areas and on the highway and indicated that this was an issue that needed to be taken seriously. The Assistant Chief Constable confirmed that any vehicle being used on the road had to have the appropriate documentation. Anyone caught riding one of these mini motos on the road would have them confiscated. It was suggested that it would be worthwhile to work with the sellers of these machines and to provide a leaflet indicating where they could be used.

The Consultation and Partnership Officer indicated that it was hoped that an update on consultation methods in D Division would be submitted to the next meeting of this Committee.

The Chief Constable submitted a report that outlined the Force response to (i) community concerns raised at the Ward Forums and Area Committees during 1 September to 1 December; (ii) the impact of any local Force and/or partnership initiatives as a consequence of these concerns, and (iii) any demonstrable movement in performance at a local level that could be measured as a result.

Resolved – (a) That the issues and concerns raised at Area Committees and Ward Forums in D Division be fed into the planning of the budget and setting priorities; (b) that matters of operational policing continue to be referred to the Chief Constable for his action; (c) that the Chief Constable's response to the issues raised in the report be noted; (d) that this report be forwarded to all Area Directors for their information and (e) that Members receive further reports on any proposed consultation model for D Division.

34 (24) THEMATIC PANEL MEETING - BME COMMUNITIES – The Chief Executive submitted a report that informed Members of the outcomes of the thematic PANel meeting for black and minority ethnic communities held on 19 November 2005.

Appendix A to the report contained the notes of the concerns and issues raised by those in attendance and the Force and Authority responses to these. An action schedule had been produced and this was shown at Appendix B. It was intended that regular meetings would be held with another meeting in the new year, possibly in the Princes Avenue area.

Mr Abdul Rahman indicated that he had attended the Panel meeting as a representative of a BME organisation/BME groups and not as a Police Authority representative. He thanked Secretariat staff for organising the event and suggested that they should be held in all Divisions.

The Assistant Chief Executive indicated that holding meetings such as this contributed to the Authority's obligation for ongoing community consultation. He suggested that Stop and Search/Stop and Talk monitoring could be done via these meetings or through the FIAG. He also suggested that this meeting could be used to inform the community about how the Force and Authority were developing Race Equality Schemes.

Resolved – (a) That the report be noted; (b) that further reports be received from Humberside Police on the actions taken as a result of the action points highlighted at Appendix B; (c) that further reports be received on thematic panels held by the Authority, and (d) that this report be sent to all representatives on the Force IAG and the Divisional IAGs.

- 35 **(25) POLICE AUTHORITY PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY** – The Chief Executive submitted a report that informed Members in respect of the Public Opinion Survey conducted by MRUK Research in September 2005.

Concern was expressed that the survey sample had again been split equally across the Divisions rather than in relation to population. The Consultation and Partnership Officer advised that MRUK had weighted the figures to reflect areas of larger populations and indicated that she would obtain the formula that they had used and investigate further to ensure that the results were representative.

In addition to those groups listed in the report, it was suggested that the findings be circulated to the FIAG and the DIAGs.

The Assistant Chief Executive referred to the issue of giving feedback and to the use of newer technologies such as text messaging and e-mails. The Assistant Chief Constable advised that these methods were not currently used but were something that the ongoing work on incident handling may highlight. He referred also to the pilot being run in Grimsby and advised that time to feedback had been built in to this model and evidence had been received that people were being kept better informed. It was also indicated that the Quality of Service Implementation Board had also picked this up.

Resolved – (a) That the report and usage of the survey results, highlighted in the report be noted; (b) that, in addition, the report be circulated to the FIAG and the DIAGs, and (c) that the formula and weightings applied be obtained to check that the survey is adequately representative.

- 36 **(26) INDEPENDENT ADVISORY GROUPS** – The Chief Executive submitted a report that informed Members of the proposal that the Police Authority assume responsibility for administering the Force Independent Advisory Group.

The Consultation and Partnership Officer circulated 2 documents from representatives of the FIAG requesting that the decision be deferred to enable consultation both with and within the Group.

The Assistant Chief Constable apologised for the lack of consultation and indicated that it had been done in a genuine effort to ensure that the FIAG was properly supported.

Resolved – (a) That this matter be deferred and that the Community and Race Relations Officer be requested to enter into a meaningful dialogue with

the FIAG, and (b) that the Police Authority be involved in these discussions.

Mr Abdul Rahman, Mr Ali, Ms Branton and Mr Leaver declared personal interests in the above matter, minute 36, as members of the Force Independent Advisory Group/D Division Independent Advisory Group.

- 37 **(27) HUMBERSIDE POLICE AUTHORITY YOUTH FUND** – The Chief Executive submitted a report that updated Members on applications to the Youth Fund and requested approval of outstanding completed applications that, if approved, would take up all of the remaining funds.

Resolved – (a) That a payment of £500 to the New Generation Recreation Association be approved on the basis that their application form meets the criteria for successful bids from the fund; (b) that a payment of £500 to the North East Lincolnshire Motor Project be approved on the basis that their application form meets the criteria for successful bids from the fund; (c) that a payment of £500 to the Grass Roots Sports Project be approved on the basis that their application form meets the criteria for successful bids from the fund; (d) that a payment of £500 to the Bridlington Skatepark Committee be approved on the basis that their application form meets the criteria for successful bids from the fund; (e) that a payment of £500 to the Hull and East Riding Sports Club be approved on the basis that their application form meets the criteria for successful bids from the fund; (f) that further updates on applications to the fund be submitted to future meetings, and (g) that a cheque presentation event for the successful applicants be organised at the earliest opportunity.

- 38 **UPDATE PRESENTATION - BOUNDARY ANOMALIES - ANLABY COMMON/BRICKNELL ESTATE** – The Assistant Chief Constable referred to the areas in Anlaby Common and on Bricknell Estate that fell within the East Riding but were currently policed by D Division and advised that, to ensure that the policing boundaries were co-terminous with local authority boundaries, these areas would be policed by C Division from 1 April 2006.

Resolved – That the change be noted and a progress report be submitted to the June meeting of this Committee.