

HUMBERSIDE POLICE AUTHORITY

CONSULTATION AND PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

7 MARCH 2006

<u>PRESENT:-</u>	Cllr Uzzell in the Chair
Elected Members:-	Councillor De Freitas, Phillips, Rudd and Tress
Independent Members:-	Mr Abdul Rahman
Officers: -	Mr J Mabbett, Consultation and Partnership Manager, Ms V Wise, Consultation and Partnership Officer, Mr N Kingston, Assistant Chief Executive, Mr A Leaver, Assistant Chief Constable, Mr A Khan, Community and Race Relations Officer, Ms T Harsley, East Riding Safe Communities and Ms S Blair, Better Times Ltd.

The Committee met at Pacific Exchange, Kingston upon Hull.

- 39** **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 declared a personal interest, as a member of the D Division Independent Advisory Group, in minute 51.

No further interests were declared or disclosures made.

- 40** **APOLOGIES** – Apologies for absence were received from Mr Palmerley.

- 41** **MINUTES** – **Resolved** – That the minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on 6 December 2005, having been printed and circulated amongst Members, be taken as read and correctly recorded and be signed by the Chair.

- 42** **UPDATE ON THE MINUTES** – The Consultation and Partnership Manager referred to minute 29 regarding the website and advised that the web pages had now been completed by the contractor. He would be talking with them on 8 March to arrange staff training and the process for uploading all of the necessary information. He remained confident that the site would be up and running in approximately one month.

Resolved - That the update be noted.

- 43 **(28) ACTION SCHEDULE** – Members received a rolling schedule of actions arising from previous meetings of this Committee.

The Consultation and Partnership Manager referred to minute 126 regarding an SLA for PACDTs and advised that a meeting, involving the Force and partners, was to be held on 14 March to find a way to improve the forums and involve other agencies in respect of problem solving.

He referred to minute 23 and reported that a Local Policing Plan would be submitted to the Police Authority on 21 March. In response to a suggestion from a Member, local performance indicators had been included to measure the level of consultation/engagement with the public and a target of 7% set.

The Assistant Chief Constable referred to minute 38 regarding boundary anomalies and reported that a paper would be submitted to the Police Authority on 21 March outlining the financial issues and requesting a decision from Members regarding whether they wished to spend money on this issue. He confirmed that any new arrangement would not be implemented by 1 April 2006.

Referring to minute 34, the Consultation and Partnership Manager advised that arrangements were being made for another BME thematic panel to be held and that this would take place on either 13 May or 3 June in the Princes Avenue area of Hull. Following this meeting, venues in other areas of the Force would be considered.

Resolved – That the action schedule and updates be noted.

- 44 **(29) PRESENTATION – CDRPs** - Tracy Harsley of East Riding Safe Communities attended the meeting and gave a presentation on the workings of CDRPs and specifically information regarding activities in C Division.

She reported specifically on (i) the development of a 6 monthly rolling action plan that replaced the previous requirement for CDRPs to produce an audit every 3 years; (ii) the use of British Crime Survey Comparator Crimes that were ensuring CDRPs looked at crimes that they had not necessarily concentrated on before; (iii) the production of monthly graphs that were submitted to the Board and were available to partners; (iv) the commissioning of problem profiles and use of action plans; (v) funding; (vi) the issuing of fixed penalty notices; (vii) domestic violence; (viii) their annual conference that was to be used as a vehicle for publicising what treatment services were available and had been used last year to establish Local Delivery Groups; (ix) the receipt of Safer and Stronger Communities funding that had enabled the establishment of the first wardens in East Yorkshire, in Bridlington; (x) Local Area Agreements and Local Public Service Agreements, and (xi) the future for CDRPs.

Members raised questions regarding (i) the use of Acceptable Behaviour Contracts, which Ms Harsley advised were officer intensive but generally an effective tool, and (ii) relationships with schools, colleges and LEAs and Ms

Harsley reported that East Riding Safe Communities had a good relationship with schools in their area and often worked with LPTs to give presentations to schools.

Resolved – (a) That the presentation be noted, and (b) that representatives of other CDRPs be requested to attend future meetings to give presentations.

- 45 **(30) 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 December 2005 to 28 February 2006.

The Chief Constable submitted a report outlining the Force's response to (i) the issues raised; (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.

Members commented on the excellent response from the Force and requested that the author be thanked for the comprehensive report.

Reference was made to the number of Forward Groups established across A Division, which highlighted the steps that communities were taking to help themselves, and suggested that when the North East Lincolnshire CDRP attended this meeting to give a presentation (in accordance with minute 44), a representative from one of these groups should also be invited.

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; (d) that this report be forwarded to all A Division PACDT Chairs for their information; (e) that a letter be sent to Chief Inspector V Thompson congratulating her on an excellent report, and (f) that North East Lincolnshire CDRP and a representative of one of the Forward Groups be requested to give a presentation to the next meeting of this Committee.

- 46 **(31) 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 December 2005 to 28 February 2006.

The Chief Constable submitted a report outlining the Force's response to (i) the issues raised; (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.

Members expressed concern regarding the use of the term "youths causing annoyance" and the Assistant Chief Constable advised that use of this term would be avoided in future.

Reference was also made to the letter appended to the Force response, outlining the situation regarding structural changes and the implementation of the National Neighbourhood Policing Model and the Volume Crime Model and Members commended this document.

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.

- 47 **(32) 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 December 2005 to 28 February 2006.

The Chief Constable submitted a report outlining the Force’s response to (i) the issues raised; (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 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.

- 48 **(33) 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 December 2005 to 28 February 2006.

The Chief Constable submitted a report outlining the Force’s response to (i) the issues raised; (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.

Members expressed concern (i) that some areas had not submitted figures, and (ii) regarding the use of the term “total multi-agency”.

It was suggested that details outlining the impact of ASBOs be investigated for future reports.

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 details showing the impact of ASBOs be considered for future reports.

- 49 **(34) CONSULTATION ARRANGEMENTS WITHIN D DIVISION** – The Chief Executive submitted a report that informed Members of the current progress relating to revised consultation arrangements in Hull.

The Consultation and Partnership Manager advised that a report, to which the Police Authority had contributed, was to be submitted to Hull City Council's Cabinet Committee outlining ways to improve consultation arrangements in Hull.

Resolved – That the report be noted and any further updates be submitted as appropriate.

- 50 **(35) CONSULTATION WITH LOCAL BUSINESSES** – The Chief Executive submitted a report that informed Members of plans to undertake a programme of consultation with the local business community. A proposed questionnaire was attached at Appendix A to the report.

The Consultation and Partnership Officer reported that she and the Consultation and Partnership Manager had recently attended a Federation of Small Businesses event. She advised that many small businesses were victims of crime but did not have a voice in relation to crime and disorder issues.

Members commented on the proposed questionnaire and suggested the inclusion of a question to identify the type of business. Ms Harsley advised that business crime was not an area that CDRPs had concentrated on. A Business Crime survey had been conducted last year and it had been found that many had been victims of crime but had not reported it. She requested that consideration be given to involving CDRPs in the exercise. The Assistant Chief Executive suggested that questions could be included to determine whether small businesses had heard of CDRPs and if they would be willing to be involved with them.

The Assistant Chief Constable, whilst commending the exercise, reminded of the priorities that had been set for and by the Force. Ms Harsley indicated that CDRPs could assist by offering crime prevention advice and crime reduction surveys etc.

Resolved – (a) That the use of the questionnaire, amended to incorporate the suggested additional questions, be approved in a programme of consultation with small businesses across the Humberside Police Force area; (b) that the costs involved in the circulation and distribution of the questionnaire to each of the business organisations mailing/membership lists be agreed; (c) that updates from any consultation with the local business community be received as and when appropriate; (d) that progress reports from Humberside Police on actions taken as a result of consultation with local businesses be received, and (e) that the CDRPs be involved in this exercise.

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

Members suggested that the way in which the Divisional Independent Advisory Groups were working should also be looked at. The Community and Race Relations Officer advised that now that the situation with the FIAG was clarified he would be dedicating time, over the next 6 months, to look at the FIAGs – their structures, any gaps and how they could be strengthened.

Resolved – (a) That the report be noted; (b) that the transfer of administration to the Police Authority be agreed; (c) that the Chief Constable agree to support the FIAG by the provision of representation at Chief Officer level; (d) that the Chief Constable agree to the transfer of any funding within the Force for the FIAG to the Police Authority in respect of its administration, and (e) that a review be undertaken of the effectiveness of the administration of the FIAG with a view to making it truly independent in twelve months.

Mr Abdul Rahman declared a personal interest in the above matter, minute 51, as a member of D Division IAG.

52 **(37) HUMBERSIDE POLICE AUTHORITY RACE EQUALITY SCHEME** – The Chief Executive submitted, in accordance with minute 29, a report that provided Members with an update on the implementation and monitoring arrangements in connection with the Humberside Police Authority Race Equality Scheme 2005-08.

It was suggested that this should form a standing item on agendas for this Committee and that monitoring information should be included.

The Assistant Chief Executive reported on recent recruitment exercises for both Members and staff and the monitoring that was currently being conducted. He also advised regarding the role of the Personnel Committee in monitoring the Force.

Resolved – (a) That the report be noted; (b) that the Humberside Police Authority revised Action Plan incorporating the six key actions be approved and that this be appended to the Race Equality Scheme itself; (c) that the use of the Humberside Police Authority Race Equality Impact Assessment Framework be approved, and (d) that the ownership of the Humberside Police Authority Race Equality Scheme be assumed by this Committee and, to ensure that the contents of the Action Plan are implemented and that the Authority fulfils its race equality duties, this matter become a standing item on agendas for this Committee.

53 **(38) DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION ACT AND HUMBERSIDE POLICE AUTHORITY** – The Chief Executive submitted a report that informed Members of changes to the Disability Discrimination Act and explained what

these changes meant for Humberside Police Authority.

The Community and Race Relations Officer advised of Impact Assessment training that the Force had delivered that covered all 6 strands of diversity and informed that this could be shared.

Resolved – (a) That the report and the new duty facing police authorities be noted, and (b) that the Race Equality Impact Assessment Framework be utilised as a generic Diversity Equality Assessment Framework.

- 54 **(39) REVIEW OF THE PARTNERSHIP PROVISIONS OF THE CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998** – The Chief Executive submitted a report that informed Members of the recently published review of the partnership provisions of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

Members referred to attendance at CDRP meetings and advised that they needed a schedule of the dates. The Consultation and Partnership Manager indicated that the purpose of the report was to refresh the Authority's commitment to CDRPs, look at how we engaged with them and ensure that Members were adequately briefed before attending meetings.

Resolved – (a) That the report be noted; (b) that the proposal in relation to improving Police Authority Member commitment to CDRPs be agreed, and (c) that this report be forwarded to the full Police Authority meeting, with Members identified as representing the Police Authority on the CDRPs to attend CDRP meetings at executive levels with full secretariat support.

- 55 **(40) HUMBERSIDE POLICE AUTHORITY YOUTH FUND** – The Chief Executive submitted a report that provided Members with a brief review on the success of the Police Authority Youth Fund in 2005/06 and requested the allocation of additional funding.

Members, whilst supporting the proposal to replenish the fund, requested clarification regarding where the budget allocation would come from.

Resolved – (a) That the Police Authority Youth Projects Fund be refreshed from the start of the next financial year, 1 April 2006, subject to clarification, at the Police Authority meeting on 21 March 2006 regarding where the budget allocation would be taken from, and (b) that the fund for 2006-2007 be increased in order to make available £10,000 to local projects and schemes.