

CONSULTATION ARRANGEMENTS WITHIN D DIVISION

INTRODUCTION

1. This report seeks to inform Members of the current progress relating to revised consultation arrangements in Hull.

INFORMATION

2. In January 2006 following discussions between representatives of Hull City Council, the Deputy Divisional Commander of D Division and the Consultation and Partnership Manager a report recommending to the City Council the establishment of Area Based Community Safety Teams and improved consultation processes was prepared.
3. A copy of the report is at Appendix A.
4. The report acknowledges the requirements of Humberside Police Authority to improve its consultation with the communities in Hull in order for it to better discharge its statutory duty.
5. The report recognises that since the establishment of the area committee structure in the city that Humberside Police Authority has utilised this as a vehicle for consultation. There is now an acceptance that this approach is no longer an appropriate way to proceed and that a more inclusive process needs to be developed in order to consult with the community and that approach needs to be broader than pure consultation, incorporating the whole area of community safety.
6. As part of the revised consultation process the report proposes the establishment of community safety consultation events at area level of three per annum, embedded within a proposed strategy for area based community safety teams. These events could be supported by resources from Humberside Police Authority.
7. It is considered that taken in the round, these proposals if implemented will go to effectively meet the Authority's obligations with respect to consultation in the city which has been lacking.

CURRENT SITUATION

8. The report has been circulated for consultation to the Area Directors and for consideration at Area Committees. That consultation process has now been completed.

9. The proposals are to be placed before cabinet for final resolution.
10. The Consultation and Partnership Manager is regular contact with representatives of the Hull Crime & Disorder Partnership who will be responsible for implementing the proposals.

RECOMMENDATIONS

11. It is recommended that Members:
 - i. Consider the contents of this report
 - ii. Receive further updates on progress as appropriate

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Background Documents: None