

PILOT PROJECT EVALUATION

EAST RIDING SAFE COMMUNITIES LOCAL DELIVERY GROUPS/HEDON POLICE AUTHORITY NEIGHBOURHOOD PANEL

INTRODUCTION

1. Members will recall receiving a report at the last Consultation and Partnership Committee in which they were asked to recommend a pilot project involving the joining of Hedon Police Authority Neighbourhood Panel with the East Riding Local Delivery Group for the area (minute 127 refers).
2. This report is an evaluation of that meeting and makes recommendations to Members about future PANel/LDG collaborations.

BACKGROUND

3. East Riding Safe Communities launched their vision of Local Delivery Groups (LDGs) at their annual Community Safety Conference in April this year. The aim of the LDGs is to contribute to a 17.5% reduction in recorded crime over the next three years, which is the agreed target for the local Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership. For logistical ease the delivery groups will follow the boundaries of the LPTs. LDGs began meeting in various places across the East Riding in May.
4. The functioning LDGs have a core member base including:
 - Police
 - Crime Prevention Panel
 - Young Peoples representation
 - School/appropriate representative from the education sector
 - Drug Forum
 - Fire and Rescue Service
 - Neighbourhood Watch
 - Safe Communities
 - Appropriate Health Sector representation
 - Elected Members where appropriate

5. The initial plans for LDG meetings included at least three public meetings per year where local residents could have an input into LDG plans and raise any issues they think the LDGs should be focussing on. It was with this in mind that it was decided to hold the joint meeting of the Hedon LDG and Hedon PANel.

INFORMATION

6. This meeting was attended by:
 - LPT Inspector
 - Wawne Local Neighbourhood Beat Officer
 - East Riding Safe Communities representative
 - 6 Members of the Hedon LDG
 - 17 members of the public
 - Humberside Police Authority representative (PANel Chair)
 - PANel Clerk
7. The invited LDG Members met at 7pm for a half hour briefing before the public PANel meeting took place at 7.30pm. The LDG group consisted of representatives from the local Crime Prevention Panel, Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, Parish Council Clerk, East Riding Safe Communities, Local Policing Team, ERYC Street Scene department, secondary school, and Police Authority.
8. The purpose of this meeting was to introduce the idea of working together under the Local Delivery Group umbrella, and to identify each other's skills and areas of expertise in order to be able to identify individuals who can deal with issues raised by members of the public.
9. The public meeting commenced at 7.30pm with a short presentation by East Riding Safe Communities in which the concept of LDGs was explained to the public along with a full introduction of the Members in order that local people could identify any possible means of help/support for any issues which were not police related.
10. ERYC Street Scene gave a brief overview of the work they undertake – mostly low level nuisance issues such as fly-tipping, parking problems, grass verges, dog fouling, etc
11. The Local Policing Team Commander updated the public on crime and safety issues in the local area with input from the Wawne Neighbourhood Beat Officer. The remainder of the meeting followed the standard PANel format.

ISSUES AND ACTION POINTS

12. The LDG took away a number of action points from this meeting which were raised by local residents in the Open Forum part of the meeting, these were:

- Research into local by-laws regarding parking on grass verges and pavements
 - Parish Council involvement in making all residents aware of the parking by-laws via local newsletter and at meetings
 - Helping the village residents to re-generate their Neighbourhood Watch Scheme
13. These issues will be addressed by the LDG and fed back directly into the village, and residents, by the LDG Members, and are in addition to the usual action points taken away by the Local Policing Team as a matter of course following a PANel Meeting.

CONCLUSION

14. The Local Delivery Group element of this meeting worked extremely well with a number of local issues and concerns being dealt with that would normally remain unresolved as 'non-policing' issues. In contrast to other PANel meetings there were no questions raised that could not be dealt with on the spot through the involvement of non-police professionals and prominent local community figures.
15. Public support for the LDG was shown by positive public feedback at the end of the meeting and further involvement in the LDG by a Wawne Parish Council member and local church leader.
16. Feedback from the LPT Commander and Community Beat Officer was also positive due to the reduction of non-policing issues directed at them and the frustration this sometimes causes for residents and officers alike.
17. The format of this meeting, with the LDG contribution to the Police Authority PANel, added value to the Police Authority consultation process in a number of ways:
- The meeting was more inclusive with, most notably, input from schools, which has traditionally been lacking at PANel meetings.
 - A broader cross section of the community attended, this may be due to initial interest in the LDGs, but their feedback following the meeting was encouraging.
 - It demonstrated the Police Authority's commitment to more resolution based consultation methods direct problem solving displayed.
 - Ultimately, the Police Authority was seen to pro-actively facilitate local problem solving.

RECOMMENDATIONS

18. It is recommended that the Committee:
- i. Discuss the contents of this report and direct any queries to the Consultation and Partnership Officer.
 - ii. Consider the 'added value' element of LDG involvement with PANel meetings across C Division for future joint working.

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