

## HUMBERSIDE POLICE AUTHORITY

### CONSULTATION AND PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

6 MARCH 2007

- PRESENT:-** Ms Branton MBE, in the Chair
- Elected Members:-** Councillors Brookes, Stroud, Tress and Uzzell
- Magistrate Members:-** Mr Palmerley, JP
- Officers: -** Ms S Ismail, Chief Executive, Mr J Mabbett, Consultation and Partnership Manager, Ms V Wise, Consultation and Partnership Officer, Mr A Leaver, Assistant Chief Constable (OS), Ms S Blair, Better Times Ltd and Superintendent G Collinson, Hull CitySafe.

The Committee met at Pacific Exchange, Kingston upon Hull.

- 32 **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.
- No interests were declared or disclosures made.
- 33 **APOLOGIES** – Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Mr Abdul Rahman and Councillors De Freitas and Phillips.
- 34 **MINUTES** – **Resolved** – That the minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on 5 December 2006, having been printed and circulated amongst Members, be taken as read and correctly recorded and be signed by the Chair.
- 35 **UPDATE ON THE MINUTES** – There were no updates to report.
- 36 **(24) ACTION SCHEDULE** – Members received a rolling schedule of actions arising from previous meetings of this Committee.

The Chair referred to minute 20 regarding the Humberside Police Authority Race Equality Scheme and the Consultation and Partnership Officer advised that, via the Yorkshire and Humber Joint Police Authorities Committee, a situation analysis was being conducted regarding diversity schemes. The final report would identify who had completed schemes for each of the strands of diversity to be monitored and would enable best practice in the region to be shared.

The Consultation and Partnership Manager referred to minute 51 and advised that, in his opinion, the FIAG was not yet in a position for him to recommend that it become fully independent.

In reference to minute 64 regarding consultation in A Division, the Consultation and Partnership Manager advised that the work of the Forward Groups was being monitored, however, he was not yet satisfied that the topics that they were discussing and the geographical coverage were sufficiently satisfactory to warrant changing the current PACDT. It was requested that a report on progress be submitted to the next meeting of this Committee.

The Assistant Chief Constable (OS) referred to minute 5 and it was confirmed that the Neighbourhood Policing Team Inspector had contacted Councillor Brookes to discuss issues in the Cleethorpes South area.

Reference was made to minute 22 regarding alcohol and underage drinking and the Consultation and Partnership Officer advised that she had contacted the 4 CDRPs to discuss how they were dealing with alcohol and young people. She advised that she had also researched the situation nationally and commented on the National Alcohol Strategy that had been produced a couple of years ago. She referred also to research that had been conducted by Government Office for Yorkshire and the Humber into the effect of the changes in licensing legislation. It was queried whether each CDRP had an alcohol strategy and protocols for dealing with underage drinking and it was requested that a report outlining the situation in each of the CDRPs be submitted to the next meeting of this Committee.

**Resolved** – (a) That the action schedule and updates be noted; (b) that a report on the progress of the Forward Groups in A Division be submitted to the next meeting of this Committee, and (c) that a report identifying whether the 4 CDRPs have alcohol strategies and protocols for dealing with underage drinking be submitted to the next meeting of this Committee.

37

**PRESENTATION – HULL CITYSAFE** – Superintendent G Collinson attended the meeting and gave a presentation regarding activities being undertaken within Hull CitySafe. He referred to the steady improvements being made and the recent increase in profile that had been achieved in the media. He referred to the implementation of a Common Tasking Framework which enabled concerns raised at a local level to be taken on board by a variety of partners working together. He advised that by the end of March this would be rolled out across the whole of Hull. He commented on CitySafe's involvement in a number of projects and indicated that he felt that Partnership would not be far off achieving the target of a 30% reduction in crime that had been identified for 2007/08.

Members referred to the conducting of operations and requested that they be provided with briefings on such activities, at appropriate times taking into account the need to control the amount of advance information that was circulated in order to make these covert operations successful. Members also

commented on the funding of such operations and the Assistant Chief Constable (OS) indicated that internal funds had been identified for the financing of these activities.

**Resolved** – (a) That the presentation be noted, and (b) that a report outlining the principles of the Common Tasking Framework and the partners involved be submitted to the next meeting of this Committee.

- 38**      **(25) 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 December 2006, January and February 2007.

The Chief Constable submitted a report outlining the Force's response to the concerns raised and the actions taken by the Division as a consequence.

It was commented that concerns and priorities raised a consultation meetings by local people often did not match the national priorities that were set for the Force.

Reference was made to activities in Cleethorpes North and South and to the recent purge on Cleethorpes seafront and centre which had displaced the problem. A Councillor for the area thanked the Chief Constable for his attendance at a public meeting and Inspector A Biggs for his actions. It was indicated that some partner agencies did not have staff available at times when they were needed and it was suggested that this matter be raised with the 4 CDRPs. The Assistant Chief Constable (OS) advised that it had been a conscious decision for PCSOs to finish working at 11pm, however, the activities of PCSOs were currently being considered and it may be that this needed to be reviewed.

**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, and (e) that each of the CDRPs be contacted to identify whether partner agencies are providing staff at times when they are needed.

- 39**      **(26) 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 December 2006, January and February 2007.

The Chief Constable submitted a report outlining the Force's response to the concerns raised and the actions taken by the Division as a consequence.

**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.

- 40 **(27) 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 December 2006, January and February 2007.

The Chief Constable submitted a report outlining the Force's response to the concerns raised and the actions taken by the Division as a consequence.

Members discussed the issuing of letters to the parents of children who had been caught acting in an anti-social way and to the issuing of fixed penalty notices for littering and drinking and the consequences for those receiving multiple notices.

**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.

- 41 **(28) 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 December 2006, January and February 2007.

The Chief Constable submitted a report outlining the Force's response to the concerns raised and the actions taken by the Division as a consequence.

Members commented on the quality of all of the Force response reports to the issues raised at public meetings and requested that letters of thanks be sent to the authors of each.

**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 letters of thanks, for the comprehensive Force response reports, be sent to each of the Divisions.

- 42 **(29) CHANGES TO PUBLIC CONSULTATION IN C DIVISION** – The Chief Executive submitted a report that outlined the progress that had been made towards the establishment of new Police and Community Partners Forums in C Division.

The Consultation and Partnership Manager advised that a meeting had taken place of all of the Chairs and Clerks of the C Division Panels. There had been some confusion over what to call the groups and he advised that it had been agreed by this Committee on 5 December 2006 that they would be called Police and Partners Community Forums. He indicated that he would write to Chairs and Clerks of Panels to clarify this.

A Member queried what was being done regarding possible duplication between CDRPs and Panels and the Consultation and Partnership Manager advised that the Police and Justice Act had reconfirmed the role of Police Authorities in consultation and conferred a new role in relation to anti social behaviour. There was a possibility for duplication on consultation issues and it was therefore important to ensure that there was one effective process in place that satisfied the requirements of all agencies.

**Resolved** – (a) That the report be noted, and (b) that further reports be submitted to this Committee on the progress of the new Police and Partners Community Forums.

- 43**      **(30) PROPOSED CHANGES TO CONSULTATION IN B DIVISION** – The Chief Executive submitted a report that proposed changes to the Police Authority Neighbourhood Panels in B Division in response to the introduction of provisions contained within the Police and Justice Act 2006, the Crime and Disorder Act Review, the introduction of Neighbourhood Policing and the Local Government White Paper 2006.

In order to maintain a corporate approach the Chair suggested that the consultation meetings be called Police and Partners Community Forums.

**Resolved** – (a) That Police Authority Neighbourhood Panels be reconfigured as described in the report; (b) that the Police Authority Neighbourhood Panels be rebranded and adopt the title Police and Partners Community Forums, and (c) that further reports be submitted to this Committee on their progress.

- 44**      **(31) RESTORATIVE JUSTICE** – The Chief Constable submitted a report that detailed developments in Restorative Justice and restorative practices in Humberside.

Members indicated that it would be useful to receive an outline of exactly what restorative justice was and the partners that were involved in this process. Superintendent Collinson commented on the roll out of restorative conferencing in Hull and the Chair requested information on how many restorative conferences had been held in the last year and whether there was any evidence to demonstrate that the use of this method prevented individuals for subsequently offending.

**Resolved** – (a) That the report be noted; (b) that further reports on the development and effectiveness of restorative justice be submitted to this Committee, and (c) that a presentation be given to the next meeting of this

Committee on the points raised by Members.

- 45 **(32) ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – NEW RESPONSIBILITIES FOR POLICE AUTHORITIES** – The Chief Executive submitted a report that outlined the current local Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) strategies and highlighted future proposals for scrutiny of ASB issues in line with new legislation for Police Authorities to consult with communities on Anti-Social Behaviour.

**Resolved** – (a) That the report be noted; (b) that quarterly updates on Anti-Social Behaviour by Division be submitted to this Committee as part of the regular Divisional Consultation reports; (c) that the level of information identified at paragraph 30 of the report, together with details of age ranges, be agreed for inclusion in future reports, and (d) that the report be referred to the full Police Authority.

- 46 **(33) BRITISH CRIME SURVEY – PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN HUMBERSIDE POLICE** – The Chief Executive submitted a report that informed of the results of the recent British Crime Survey findings in respect of public confidence in Humberside Police.

The Consultation and Partnership Manager referred to paragraph 14 where he had indicated that the Force would be assessed as poor where any of the fair criteria had not been met and advised that this may now not be the case.

It was queried whether the same 1014 households were surveyed by the British Crime Survey each quarter and it was indicated that the Police Authority contacted 1500 different households each year. The Assistant Chief Constable (OS) indicated that the results were disappointing and would be taken seriously and a report would be submitted to the full Police Authority.

**Resolved** – (a) That the report be noted, and (b) that the Chief Constable be requested to report on how the Force intend to address the issues raised within the report, and (c) that further reports be submitted to this Committee or to the Police Authority as appropriate.