

HUMBERSIDE POLICE AUTHORITY

COMMUNITIES AND PARTNERSHIPS COMMITTEE

3 JUNE 2008

<u>PRESENT:-</u>	Mr Palmerley JP in the Chair
Elected Members:-	Councillors Jawaid, Hull, Parsons and Uzzell
Independent Members:-	Mr Doherty and Mr Shipley
Officers: -	Mr J Mabbett, Consultation and Partnership Manager, Mr S Donald, Acting Assistant Chief Constable (O) and Ms S Blair, Better Times Ltd.

The Committee met at Pacific Exchange, Kingston upon Hull.

- 51 **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.

- 52 **APOLOGIES** – There were no apologies for absence submitted.

- 53 **MINUTES** – **Resolved** – That the minutes of the meeting held on 4 March 2008, having been printed and circulated amongst Members, be taken as read and correctly recorded and be signed by the Chair.

- 54 **UPDATE ON THE MINUTES** – The Chair referred to minute 43 and advised that an extensive report had been received prior to the meeting on 4 March 2008 that clearly evidenced to both the Police Authority and the HMIC the extent of work that had been undertaken by the Force to ensure that they were 'match-fit'. The Chair stated that he had not been aware of the report prior to the comments made at minute 43. The Chair advised that the results of the inspection were awaited.

In response to a query from the Consultation and Partnership Manager, the Acting Assistant Chief Constable (O) advised that he would ensure that a copy of the Every Child Matters report be submitted to the next meeting of this Committee.

Resolved – (a) That the updates be noted, and (b) that the Force provide a copy of their Every Child Matters report to the next meeting of this Committee.

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

The Consultation and Partnership Manager referred to minute 47 and updated Members that the Equality and Diversity Officer employed jointly by the four regional Police Authorities was no longer in post therefore the work on the new combined equalities scheme had not been conducted. The Consultation and Partnership Manager advised that this work would be completed and brought to the next meeting of this Committee.

Resolved – That the action schedule and update be noted.

- 56** **(38) COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT** – The Director of Performance and Resources submitted a report that outlined the results of public consultation and community engagement events held across the four divisions during March, April and May 2008. The report also informed of activity relating to incidents of anti-social behaviour and associated sanctions.

The Consultation and Partnership Manager highlighted ongoing consultative concerns within A Division and advised that the Consultation and Partnership Officer was liaising with Humberside Police and partners within the Division to look at how the situation could be improved. He referred to a later report on the agenda that explored this matter further (minute 57 refers).

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.

The Acting Assistant Chief Constable referred to paragraph 9 and the subject of Test Purchase Operations within A Division. He provided Members with additional information advising that 540 Test Purchase Operations had been conducted within North East Lincolnshire; at the beginning of the program, there had been a 33% fail rate. During a 12 month period, 50 penalty notices had been issued to licensees and as a result, after the 12 months, the fail rate had fallen to 5%. He commented on the positive picture painted throughout the report if multi agency work.

Resolved – (a) That the issues and concerns raised at community consultation events across the Humberside Police force area 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, and (c) that this report be forwarded to the Chairs of all community consultation events across the Humberside Police Force area for their information.

- 57** **(39) IMPROVING POLICE AUTHORITY CONSULTATION** – The Director of Performance and Resources submitted a report that introduced a series of recommendations to improve Police Authority consultation.

The Chair advised Members that the report had been submitted for information purposes and encouraged Members to provide the Consultation and Partnership Manager with feedback and any comments on the document with a view to a report being submitted to the next meeting of the Committee to approve the recommendations for change.

Members agreed that the Force be consulted on their plans for future consultative processes to minimise the risk of duplications and requested that a report be submitted from the Force to the next meeting of the Committee.

Resolved – (a) That Chief Constables be consulted on the recommendations contained within the report in accordance with the Police Act; (b) that a report be submitted by the Force to the next meeting of the Committee to set out their plans for future consultative processes, and (c) that as a result of consultation with the Chief Constable and the views expressed by Members, a further report be submitted to the next meeting of this Committee with a view to approving recommendations for change.

- 58 **(40) CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION PARTNERSHIPS** – The Director of Performance and Resources submitted a report that informed Members of local developments relating to Crime and Disorder Partnerships (CDRPs) and corresponding performance information.

Following a query from Members, the Acting Assistant Chief Constable advised he would investigate the statement at paragraph 15, “assault without injury remained roughly at the same levels as in 2003/04” and provide clarification to Members as to what this referred to.

Resolved – (a) That further reports be received on both national and local developments that affect Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships; (b) that these reports continue to include CDRP performance information, and (c) that information be provided to Members to provide clarification in relation to the statement, “assault without injury remained roughly at the same levels as in 2003/04”.

- 59 **(41) LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS AND LOCAL AREA AGREEMENTS UPDATE** – The Director of Performance and Resources submitted a report that informed Members of progress in the development of Local Area Agreements (LAAs) both nationally and across the Humberside Police area.

Resolved – That a further report on the development of Local Area Agreements be submitted including information on the final and agreed set-up targets.

- 60 **(42) INDEPENDENT ADVISORY GROUPS** – The Director of Performance and Resources submitted a report that informed Members of the progress of the Force level Independent Advisory Group that sat under the support and administration of the Police Authority.

The Acting Assistant Chief Constable (O) referred to paragraph 15 of the report and assured Members that Chief Officer representation would be provided to all future meetings of the FIAG.

Resolved – (a) That annual reports be submitted detailing the functions and progress of the Force level Independent Advisory Group with a view to enabling them to become fully independent, and (b) that following the above assurance, Chief Officers support the FIAG by representation at its meetings in accordance with their original commitment.

- 61 **(43) CITIZEN FOCUS PROJECT** – The Chief Constable submitted a report that informed Members of the progress of the Citizen Focus Project.

The Chair advised that the results of surveys referred to at paragraphs 5 and 13 of the report, namely the Cultural Baseline Assessment and a survey of all households covered by a Neighbourhood Watch Group, were awaited and would be reported to a future Police Authority meeting.

Resolved – That the report be noted.

- 62 (44) **VOLUNTEERING** – The Chief Constable submitted a report that provided Members with an update on the recruitment, retention and deployment of volunteers within Humberside Police.

Members referred to paragraph 17 of the report and the high rate of attrition within the scheme and requested a further report from the Force to demonstrate the outcomes of the proposals. The Acting Assistant Chief Constable advised that there were currently 64 fully active volunteers, an increase of 14 than that stipulated within the report. He went on to advise that a further 25 applications had been received and that exit interviews were being conducted to establish the reasons behind the poor rates of retention. He advised that a further report containing more detail on this matter would be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee. Following a query from a Member, the Acting Assistant Chief Constable (O) advised that he would also include information on the scheme's accredited status and the benefits provided to volunteers for the provision of their time.

Resolved – (a) That the report and the invaluable contribution volunteers will make towards Neighbourhood Policing be noted, and (b) that a further report be submitted to the next meeting of this Committee to provide additional information on (i) retention issues; (ii) the scheme's accredited status and (iii) the benefits provided to volunteers for the provision of their time.

- 63 (45) **HUMBERSIDE POLICE RESPONSE TO ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ON GREENWOOD AVENUE** – The Chief Constable submitted a report that addressed concerns raised by Members in relation to the continuing issue of anti-social behaviour on Greenwood Avenue in Hull (minute 39 refers) and set out the action that had been taken by the neighbourhood team and partner agencies to address the matter.

The Communities and Partnerships Manager advised that he had spoken to the manager from Hull's Crime and Disorder Partnership prior to the meeting who had advised that whilst the Partnership were not currently supporting 'No Alcohol Zones' as they did not feel there was sufficient evidence to do so, they were working closely with the police on the matter.

The Acting Assistant Chief Constable (O) stated that he was satisfied that the matter was high on the agenda of the local police and partner agencies involved.

Resolved – That the report be noted.

- 64 (46) **EQUALITY SCHEMES UPDATE - UPDATE REPORT** – The Chief Constable submitted a report that updated Members on progress in relation to the Equality Schemes.

Resolved – That the report be noted.

- 65 **(47) HUMBERSIDE INDEPENDENT CUSTODY VISITING SCHEME MONITORING REPORT** – The Director of Performance and Resources submitted a report that presented a monitoring account of the Humberside Independent Custody Visiting Scheme during December 2007 - May 2008.

Resolved – (a) That the report be noted; (b) that a further report on the Custody Visiting Scheme be submitted in six months, specifically the results of any recruitment or merging of the four Divisional Panels in order to resolve the issue of missed visits in B and D Division.

- 66 **(48) HUMBERSIDE POLICE AUTHORITY YOUTH FUND** – The Director of Performance and Resources submitted a report that detailed applications to the Youth Fund.

Resolved – (a) That the report be noted; (b) that the following awards be made from the Humberside Police Authority Youth Fund:- (i) £500 to the Hull LGBT Forum; (ii) £500 to the Rudston Tennis Club; (iii) £500 to the Hull and District Rugby League Association with permission granted to use the Humberside Police Authority logo on the equipment; (iv) £500 to the Youth in the Community Project, Hessle High School; (v) £500 to The Groves Neighbourhood Watch Group; (vi) £500 to the East Marsh Football Project; (vii) £500 to the Crosby Out of School Club's Robin Hood Project; (viii) £500 to the ACTIV project; (ix) £500 to the Haltemprice Adventure Activity Club, and (c) that further updates on applications to the fund be submitted to future meetings.