

## HUMBERSIDE POLICE AUTHORITY

### COMMUNITIES AND PARTNERSHIPS COMMITTEE

28 JULY 2009

<b><u>PRESENT:-</u></b>	Mr Palmerley JP in the Chair
<b>Elected Members:-</b>	Councillors Beasant, Hull, Jawaid MBE and Parsons
<b>Independent Members:-</b>	Ms Branton MBE, Mr Doherty Mr Palmerley JP and Mrs Taylor MBE
<b>Officers: -</b>	Mr P Cheeseman, Strategic Development Manager (C&P), Mr K Sharp, Chief Executive, Mr N Kingston, Assistant Chief Executive, Mr S Donald, Assistant Chief Constable (O), Mr P Goatley, Assistant Chief Officer (Support), Mr M Ellis, Senior Project Manager, Ms V Wise, Strategic Development Officer (C&P), Mr R Gray, Strategic Development Officer (Corporate Business), Mr Adil Khan, Diversity Unit Manager and Ms S Blair, Better Times Ltd.

The Committee met at Pacific Exchange, Kingston upon Hull.

- 1 **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 Doherty expressed an interest in minute 12 stating that he was employed as Chief Executive of one of the eight organisations that had submitted bids in relation to the establishment of a Service Level Agreement to work with diverse communities.

Councillor Jawaid declared an interest in minute 13 and advised that he was a member of a Divisional Independent Advisory Group (DIAG).

Councillor Parsons expressed an interest in minute 19 and advised that he was a Member of the Council whose contracts team had provided a managed procurement service for the design contract for the D Division Bridewell and Divisional Headquarters development.

- 2 **APOLOGIES** – Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor Uzzell.
- 3 **MINUTES** – **Resolved** – That the minutes of the meeting held on 2 June 2009, having been printed and circulated amongst Members, be taken as read and correctly recorded and be signed by the Chair.

4 **UPDATE ON THE MINUTES** – There were no updates to report.

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

The Strategic Development Manager (C&P) referred to minute 49 and advised that the Force's response to the new Equality Standard for the police service had not been finalised; it was agreed that the Chief Constable be requested to submit a report to the next meeting of this Committee.

**Resolved** – (a) That the action schedule be noted, and (b) that a report be submitted to the next meeting of this Committee detailing the Force's response to the new Equality Standard for the police service.

6 **(2) COMMITTEE WORKPLAN** – The Chief Executive submitted a report that provided proposals for a 2009/10 Committee Workplan.

Following a request from a Member, it was agreed that a further column be added to the Workplan to detail any links with Members.

**Resolved** – (a) That the Workplan be approved subject to the above addition and be used to guide the Committee's business and agendas over the next 12 months, and (b) that updates be received as and when any changes occur.

7 **(3) SCORECARD 2009/10 QUARTER ONE** – The Chief Executive submitted a report that examined the Scorecard for the first quarter of 2009/10 in respect of the Communities and Partnerships Committee. Members were provided with an updated Scorecard that included information that had been published within Iquanta and the Performance Management Guide (PMG) since the papers had been circulated.

The Strategic Development Officer (Corporate Business) introduced the Scorecard to Members and following a discussion on the issues raised within the report, the Strategic Development Manager (C&P) highlighted the Shoplifting category within the ASB and Local Issues section of the Scorecard and advised that this issue had previously been raised to the Authority by the business community. The Assistant Chief Constable (O) assured Members of the positive work conducted by the Force in relation to this category and the achievements that had been made. Members were advised that work was also ongoing within the CDRPs. Members discussed the need for more collaborative working with the retail sector and it was agreed that the Strategic Development Manager (C&P) liaise with the Force to determine the best approach for developing a Retail/Partnership Strategy.

The Strategic Development Manager (C&P) advised that the Strategic Development Manager (Corporate Business) was developing guidance for Members to assist in the scrutiny of these reports and clarified, in response to concerns from a Member in relation to the quantity of information contained, that the Scorecard was a tool intended to provide oversight at the highest level to enable Members to then decide on the courses of actions they felt were necessary.

Following concerns in relation to the domestic burglary figures for the South Bank, Members were assured that tactical activity was ongoing within both the Force and the CDRPs and it was agreed that Councillors Jawaid and Beasant attend the next meeting of the CDRP to raise the issue on behalf of the Authority. Councillor Beasant reported that the issue had been raised at a previous CDRP meeting and that a campaign had since commenced; he advised that he would forward a copy of the campaign leaflet to the Strategic Development Manager (C&P).

The Assistant Chief Constable (O) advised Members that work was ongoing in relation to the 'Number of assaults with less serious injury offences' and it was agreed that a presentation be received at a future meeting of this Committee on the progress made. The Strategic Development Manager (C&P) requested that the four Members that represented the Authority on the CDRPs raise this matter as a specific issue and advise him as to any feedback.

The Assistant Chief Constable (O) advised of positive progress made by the Force over the last twelve months including a 23% reduction in robberies and a 13% reduction in criminal damage and following a request from the Chair, agreed to provide Members with a full synopsis of these achievements to enable them to feed the positive information into the various meetings they attended.

**Resolved** – (a) That the report be noted; (b) that the Strategic Development Manager (C&P) liaise with the Force to determine the best approach for developing a Retail/Partnership Strategy; (c) that Councillors Jawaid and Beasant, on behalf of the Authority, raise the issue of the figures relating to Domestic Burglary to their local CDRPs and provide feedback to the Corporate Development Manager (C&P); (d) that a presentation be received at future meeting of this Committee on the progress made in relation to 'Number of assaults with less serious injury offences', and (e) that the Assistant Chief Constable (O) provide Members with a synopsis of the positive achievements relating to the reduction of crime made by the Force over the past twelve months.

- 8 **(4) CUTTING CRIME – TWO YEARS ON** – The Chief Constable submitted a report that provided Members with a synopsis of the recently published Home Office paper 'Cutting Crime, Two Years On' and its potential impact on the Force.

A Member referred to the proposals made by the Home Office detailed within the report in relation to funding for a variety of initiatives and Members agreed that although the Home Office paper was a useful document, the figures contained were unrealistic.

Members commented that although neighbouring forces may take higher priority for funds such as the £34.5m for tackling knife crime, a part of the money allocated for the retail crime action plan could be linked to the proposal within the previous minute for the development of a Retail/Partnership Strategy (minute 7 refers). The Assistant Chief Constable (O) advised that the bids were to be made through the CDRPs and not the Force and therefore any proposals should be coordinated through the Community Safety Unit.

Following a suggestion of a refresh of the Force's Crime Reduction Strategy, the

Assistant Chief Constable (O) agreed to bring an informed document to the next meeting of the Committee however he stressed that in relation to the proposed Retail Strategy this should be fully developed before it was added into the Crime Reduction Strategy.

**Resolved** – (a) That the report be noted, and (b) that a further report on developments, including informed documentation on the Force’s Crime Reduction Strategy be submitted to the next meeting of this Committee.

- 9 **(5) HMIC PERFORMANCE REVIEW OF B DIVISION AND REVISIT TO A DIVISION** – The Chief Constable submitted a report that highlighted the main issues that had emerged following HMIC’s performance review of B Division and revisit to A Division.

Members discussed the report and following encouragement from the Assistant Chief Constable (O) to view the full inspection reports that had informed the paper, it was agreed that these would be published within the Members’ Section of the Authority’s website for Members’ perusal.

Members agreed the importance of ensuring that the actions outlined within the report were implemented and the Assistant Chief Constable (O) advised that he would submit a report to the next meeting of the Committee to provide Members with this information.

**Resolved** – (a) That the report be noted; (b) that the full HMIC reports for the review of B Division and revisit to A Division be published within the Members’ Section of the Authority’s website, and (c) that the Assistant Chief Constable (O) submit a report to the next meeting of this Committee with information on how the actions outlined within the HMIC’s reports were to be implemented.

- 10 **(6) VULNERABLE PERSONS – CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE** – The Chief Executive submitted a report that updated Members on progress made in delivering the obligations of Humberside Police Authority in respect of children and young people and sought approval for a scrutiny strategy for ‘Every Child Matters’ issues and the Hull Children’s Trust governance arrangements (attached as an appendix to the report).

Members discussed the report and requested that assurances be provided from the Force in relation to their undertaking of the recommendations made as a result of the Bichard Inquiry.

**Resolved** – (a) That the report be noted; (b) that the scrutiny strategy for ‘Ever Child Matters’ issues be agreed as outlined within the report; (c) that the governance arrangements for Hull Children’s Trust set out at Appendix A of the report be adopted, and (d) that Members receive assurances from the Force in relation to their undertaking of the recommendations made as a result of the Bichard Inquiry.

- 11 **(7) VULNERABLE PERSONS – EVERY CHILD MATTERS (ECM) UPDATE** – The Chief Constable submitted a report that updated Members on the progress of the Every Child Matters (ECM) agenda and attached the Every Child Matters Action Plan

as an appendix to the report.

A Member expressed concern in relation to page 39 of the Appendix and the matter of 'Identifying vulnerable children to harm in domestic violence cases and substance misuse cases' and the Diversity Unit Manager advised that he would provide an update on this issue to the next meeting of the Committee.

**Resolved** – (a) That the report and the Force's progress against its Every Child Matters template be noted, and (b) that the Diversity Unit Manager provide an update on the matter of 'Identifying vulnerable children to harm in domestic violence cases and substance misuse cases' to the next meeting of the Committee.

- 12 (8) IMPROVING POLICE AUTHORITY CONSULTATION – UPDATE REPORT** – The Chief Executive submitted a report that sought to update Members on the ongoing activities to improve the engagement/consultation functions of the Police Authority.

The Strategic Development Officer (C&P) updated Members that bids had started to be received in relation to the Citizen Panel work and it was hoped that a successful bidder would be identified within the next two weeks.

Mr Doherty expressed an interest in this item and advised that he was employed as the Chief Officer of one of the eight organisations that had submitted bids in relation to the establishment of a Service Level Agreement to work with diverse communities as outlined at paragraph 5 of the report.

**Resolved** – (a) That the report be noted, and (b) that further updates be received.

- 13 (9) FORCE INDEPENDENT ADVISORY GROUP (FIAG)** – The Chief Executive submitted a report that reviewed the status of the Force Independent Advisory Group and proposed alternative arrangements for the discharge of its functions.

Councillor Jawaid declared an interest in this item and advised that he was a member of a Divisional Independent Advisory Group (DIAG).

Members discussed the report and although agreeing to the proposed dissolution of the FIAG in principal, requested that feedback be received from members of the group before a decision was made.

**Resolved** – (a) That the report be noted; (b) that feedback be received from members of the Force Independent Advisory Group before a decision be made to dissolve the FIAG.

- 14 (10) COMBINED EQUALITIES SCHEME 2009-2012** – The Chief Constable submitted a report that provided an update on Humberside Police Combined Equalities Scheme 2009-2012.

Members were advised that the draft scheme was out for consultation; it was hoped that this would be launched in November and therefore a report would be submitted to the next meeting of this Committee.

**Resolved** – (a) That the Combined Equalities Scheme 2009-2012 continue to be developed, and (b) that the finalised Scheme be submitted to the next meeting of this Committee.

- 15 **(11) HUMBERSIDE POLICE AUTHORITY – COMBINED EQUALITIES SCHEME ACTION PLAN 2009-2012** – The Chief Executive submitted a report that sought approval to the Authority’s Combined Equalities Scheme 2009-12 Action Plan that was attached to the report as an appendix.

**Resolved** – (a) That the Combined Equalities Scheme Action Plan set out at appendix 1 of the report be approved, and (b) that progress updates on the Combined Equalities Scheme Action Plan be submitted every six months.

- 16 **(12) HUMBERSIDE POLICE AUTHORITY YOUTH FUND** – The Chief Executive submitted a report that detailed applications to the Youth Fund.

**Resolved** – (a) That the report be noted; (b) that that the following awards be made from the Humberside Police Authority Youth Fund:- (i) £500 to Fairplay Football, North Lincolnshire; (ii) £500 to Crosby and District Out of School Club; (c) £500 to Twilight Football Club – Beach Football Tournament; (d) £500 to Young Travellers Road Safety Project, and (e) that any further applications be referred for consideration against the 2009/10 allocation.

- 17 **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC – Resolved** - That in accordance with the provisions of Section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public (including the press) be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business, minutes 18 to 20, on the grounds that they may involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3 and 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

- 18 **(13) D DIVISION BRIDEWELL AND DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS, CLOUGH ROAD – PROJECT UPDATE REPORT** – The Chief Constable submitted a report that updated Members on progress made towards completion of purchase of the site identified for the proposed new D Division Headquarters and Bridewell on Clough Road (Police Authority minute 63 refers).

**Resolved** – (a) That the report and the arrangements made to manage the risks associated with the purchase of the site for the proposed D Division Bridewell and HQ be noted; (b) that the completion of the land sale be approved subject to the Condition Approval Notice to be issued by KUHCC to authorise the use of the existing access to the site from Clough Road, and (c) that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Police Authority to outline the decisions made.

- 19 **(14) D DIVISION BRIDEWELL AND DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS, CLOUGH ROAD DESIGN CONTRACT AWARD RECOMMENDATION** – The Chief Constable submitted a report that summarised the tenders received for the Design Contract for the D Division Bridewell and Divisional Headquarters development on Clough Road, Hull.

Councillor Parsons expressed an interest in this item and advised that he was a member of the Council whose contracts team had provided a managed procurement service for the design contract.

**Resolved** – (a) That the report be noted; (b) that the Clough Road Design Contract be awarded to Jacobs upon completion of the land purchase; (c) that the projected budget surplus on the fees element totalling £949,252 be used to reduce the construction provision in 2010/11; (d) that regular reports be presented to future meetings of the Authority’s Finance Committee, and (e) that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Police Authority to outline the decisions made.

**20 (15) COUNTER TERRORISM STRATEGY UPDATE - PREVENT** – The Chief Constable submitted a report that updated Members on the work conducted and required on Prevent, one of the four strands of the Government’s Counter Terrorism Strategy, Contest.

**Resolved** – That the report be noted.