

NORTH EAST (INNER) AREA COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 1ST DECEMBER, 2008

PRESENT: Councillor Lobley in the Chair
Councillors R Harker, V Kendall,
B Lancaster, M Lobley, M Rafique, E Taylor
and P Wadsworth

34 Declaration of Interests

Councillor Lancaster declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 8, North East Divisional Community Safety Partnership – Progress and Performance Report due to her position on the West Yorkshire Police Authority. Minute No 38 Refers.

35 Apologies

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Dowson and Harris.

36 Open Forum

The agenda made reference to the provision contained in the Area Committee Procedure rules for an Open Forum Session at each ordinary meeting of an Area Committee, for members of the public to ask questions or to make representations on matters within the terms of reference of the Area Committee. On this occasion, no matters were raised under this item by those members of the public who were in attendance.

37 Minutes

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 20 October 2008 be confirmed as a correct record subject to the inclusion of Councillor J Dowson under those in attendance.

38 North East Divisional Community Safety Partnership – Progress and Performance Report

The report of the East North East Area Manager summarised a number of local actions and activities delivered across the North East Police Division during the quarter covering 1st July 2008 to 30th September 2008. Also included in the report was a performance matrix for the end of quarter 2 (2008/09) which gave information on what key indicators the partnership is committed to help improve and progress being made in doing so. It was noted that the information in the report was relevant to the whole North East Divisional Area and there was therefore some relation to events outside the North East Inner Area Committee wards.

The Chair welcomed the following to the meeting:

Draft minutes to be approved at the meeting
to be held on Monday, 2nd February, 2009

- Beverly Yearwood, Area Community Safety Co-ordinator, LCC
- Chief Inspector Chris Rowley, West Yorkshire Police
- Inspector Jim Croft, West Yorkshire Police

It was explained that the highlight report provided was designed to assist the North East Divisional Community Safety Partnership (DCSP) in reporting to the Safer Leeds Executive. The Area Committee confirmed that they felt this was useful information to be included in future performance and update reports from the DCSP to the Area Committee. The close working relationship between the Police and Area Management were stressed, demonstrated by a recent agreement to allow the Area Committee to have an input into the distribution of monies recovered under the Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA).

A number of Members commented on the success of local tasking teams in their wards and the improvement that has made to the coordination of efforts across agencies together with the positive involvement of Members at a local level. Councillor Harker commented that the development of tasking teams was one of the best initiatives he had seen as a local Councillor,

It was reported that a working group was to be established from officers involved in the DCSP and the East/North East Childrens Partnership to look at how the successful approach undertaken through tasking teams may lend itself and connect to preventative work with families/households.

In relation to figures detailed in the report it was reported that serious acquisitive crimes, domestic burglaries and theft of and from motor vehicles had risen across the division and these areas would be given immediate priority. Reductions had been seen in the amount of violent crime, assault and robbery across the division. The North East Police Division had also achieved the highest satisfaction levels across the West Yorkshire force.

In response to Members questions and comments, the following issues were discussed:

- High levels of Police on the street had been a reason for the high public satisfaction levels.
- 23% of the active criminals across West Yorkshire resided in the area covered by the North East Police Division.
- Anti-social behaviour.
- Response times to reported crimes.
- Offender management and strategies to prevent re-offending.
- A planned property marking scheme to discourage the sale of stolen goods.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the progress and relevant local actions contained in the highlight report for quarter 2 be noted.

- (2) That the performance information for the end of quarter 2 and corrective actions being put in place where appropriate be noted.
- (3) That the information provided at the meeting by the Police and Community Safety Co-ordinators on key issues being addressed in the current quarter for each ward be noted.
- (4) That the Area Committee receives twice yearly Progress and Performance Reports from the North East Divisional Community Safety Partnership and Members be issued with quarterly reports.
- (5) That up to £3,500 Well-Being funds be made available to carry out a property marking scheme in Inner North East Leeds.

39 Actions and Achievements Report

The report of the East North East Area Manager provided Members with an update on actions and achievements of the Area Management Team since the last Area Committee meeting in September 2008. It also provided a quarter 3 summary of progress against the Area Delivery Plan 2007/08.

The following issues were highlighted in the report:

- Oakwood Town and District Centre Scheme
- Community Centres
- Mandela Centre
- The Palace Centre
- Open Door Project
- Probation Services – Community Payback scheme
- Volunteer Thank You Event
- Beckhill Implementation Group
- IMPaCT
- Moor Allerton Partnership

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

40 The Children and Young People's Plan 2009-14 and the Development of Local Priorities for Action and Revised Children's Services Arrangements for More Effective Locality Working with Families

The reports of the Directors of Children's Services outlined the development of local priorities for action under the Children and Young People's Plan 2009-14 and revised Children's Services arrangements for more effective locality working with families.

The Chair welcomed Shaid Mahmood, Locality Enabler to the meeting.

It was reported that the Children and Young People's Plan would give opportunity to shape local priorities. Draft priorities had already been identified on a citywide basis but local engagement would inform local priorities.

New partnership arrangements would be used to identify actions that traditional services had not covered and Member's attention was brought to arrangements for the Leeds Children's Trust and ways of improving outcomes.

In brief summary, the following issues were discussed.

- The use of case studies in reports to members to demonstrate how new arrangements could improve outcomes for children.
- The importance in use of plain English in reporting to members to enable members to challenge and question officers
- The Leadership Challenge and examples of integrated working across services including the requirement for one individual to take overall responsibility where several partners organisations are involved in a case.
- The impact of issues such as high teenage conception rates and those not in education, employment or training.
- Further to the request for an Elected Member to work with the locality Enabler and represent the Area Committee, it was reported that Councillor Lancaster had previously been nominated as the Children's Champion for the North East Inner Area Committee.

RESOLVED – That the reports be noted.

41 Well-Being Budget – Project/Activity Proposals

The East North East Area Manager submitted a report which detailed proposed projects/activities to deliver local actions relating to agreed themes and outcomes of the Area Delivery Plan. The report also detailed recommendations of the Area Committee's Well-Being Working Group and their recommendations for noting and/or approving. The latest financial position of the Wellbeing (revenue and capital) budget was also provided.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the report be noted.
- (2) That the following amounts of Wellbeing budget be approved:
 - (a) North Leeds Bowling Club - £7,000 – capital
 - (b) Air Cadets 208 Squadron - £3,000 – capital
- (3) That the approval of £5,690 from the Roundhay Ward Pot for the establishment of festive lights in that ward be noted, with the intention for the Member Working Group to consider an Area Committee wide programme of festive light installations at a future date and if agreed, the cost of the initial set up from within this figure to be reimbursed to the Roundhay Ward pot.

42 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Monday, 2 February 2009 at 4.00 p.m.