

# Cambridge Community Safety Partnership

14<sup>th</sup> July 2009  
10:00 – 13:05

Committee Room 1  
The Guildhall, Cambridge

## MINUTES

### Board Members

Vicky Skeels (Chair<sup>1</sup>)  
Rick Hylton (Chair<sup>2</sup>)  
Liz Bisset  
Michael Harding  
Beth Coulthard  
Inger O'Meara

Cambridgeshire Constabulary  
Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service  
Cambridge City Council  
National Probation Service  
Cambridgeshire County Council  
NHS Cambridgeshire

### In Attendance

Paul Connelly  
Angie Conroy  
Tom Crawford  
Paul Griffin  
Michael Hendy  
Vicky Hornsby  
Simon Kerss<sup>3</sup>  
Peter Lester  
Jennifer Massie  
Louise Meats  
Brian Mitchell  
Alastair Roberts  
Leigh Roberts  
Tom Kingsley (Minutes)

Office of Children and Young People's Services  
Rape Crisis (England and Wales)  
Cambridgeshire County Council  
Cambridge City Council  
Cambridgeshire Magistracy  
Cambridge Business Against Crime (CAMBAC)  
Cambridgeshire County Council  
Cambridge University Hospitals  
Cambridgeshire Constabulary  
Cambridgeshire County Council  
Cambridgeshire County Council  
Cambridge City Council  
Cambridgeshire County Council  
Cambridge Community Safety Partnership

### 1. Welcome and Introductions.

- 1.1 Vicky Skeels had indicated that she would be delayed, due to operational activities. Rick Hylton, as Vice Chair, opened the meeting.
- 1.2 Rick Hylton welcomed Louise Meats, who was replacing Tina Le of the Cambridgeshire Drug and Alcohol Action Team. It was noted that Beth Coulthard, Tom Crawford and Simon Kerss were attending as representatives for the Youth Offending Service, Cambridgeshire Community Safety Team and domestic violence priority lead officer, respectively.
- 1.3 Apologies were received from Mike Davey, Anita Goddard, Tom Jefford, Steve Kerridge, Tina Le, Ruth McCallum, Ian Nimmo-Smith and Kevin Wilkins.

### 2. Minutes of 14<sup>th</sup> May 2009 Partnership meeting: Agreement.

- 2.1 The Minutes were agreed and would go forward for publication.

### 3. Action points: Review

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<sup>1</sup> Item 3 onwards on the Agenda

<sup>2</sup> Items 1 and 2 on the Agenda

<sup>3</sup> Item 6 onwards on the Agenda

- 3.1 The eighteen action points from the May meeting were discussed, as follows:
- Action point 05/01: Closed – Clare Warner, Commissioning Service Improvement Manager for Mental Health (NHS Cambridgeshire) has become a member of the Domestic Violence Task Group.
  - Action point 05/02: Closed.
  - Action point 05/03: Closed – Community resolution presentation set for 17<sup>th</sup> September meeting.
  - Action point 05/04: Closed – Police analysts in the Southern Division are producing fortnightly updates, which will be considered by the newly-established Burglary Task group at monthly meetings.
  - Action point 05/05: Closed – Burglary of Homes Action Plan has been revised by Steve Kerridge and Homeshield captured.
  - Action point 05/06: Closed – SmartWater picked up through newly-established Burglary Task Group.
  - Action point 05/07: Closed.
  - Action point 05/08: Closed – Burglary Task Group members receiving redacted copies of the existing Southern Division Dwelling Burglary Tactical Overview to guide activity of the Group.
  - Action point 05/09: Closed.
  - Action point 05/10: Closed – circulated on 14<sup>th</sup> May.
  - Action point 05/11: Closed – latest (and historical) profiles now on City Council’s website.
  - Action point 05/12: Closed – details to be provided outside the meeting.
  - Action point 05/13: Ongoing.
  - Action point 05/14: Closed.
  - Action point 05/15: Closed – meeting held 29<sup>th</sup> June between Dick Moore and Anita Goddard. Anita to attend next PPO Executive Board (August) to brief members.
  - Action point 05/16: Closed – quarterly reporting template revised, agreed and now in use.
  - Action point 05/17: Closed – to be covered under Item 8.
  - Action point 05/18: Ongoing.

#### 4. **Sexual violence scoping report: Presentation**

- 4.1 Angie Conroy, Policy Officer at Rape Crisis (England and Wales), gave a presentation on the “scoping of sexual violence provision in Cambridgeshire” report. Cambridge Rape Crisis had been commissioned by the Cambridgeshire Sexual Crime Task Group (CSCTG) to draw up the report and it was being presented to Partnership members, still in draft form, for any additional comments before being finalised and formally submitted.

The presentation highlighted concerns, for example: that Cambridgeshire has limited specialist sexual violence support services; that conviction rates for rape in the county are amongst the lowest in the country (3 out of every 100 convictions); that in general, the services of general practitioners was poor; that the current voluntary services were not financed properly and could not provide an extensive service; and that sex workers who have experienced sexual violence are not recorded.

Amongst the recommendations were that the county should be urged to commit long-term funding to existing services and the CSCTG; that specialist sexual violence training should be provided to the statutory sector and non-specialist agencies; and that there should be widespread advertising of the Peterborough Sexual Assault Referral Centre.

- 4.2 Following the presentation, there was a brief question and answer session. The Chair asked members to ensure that any comments on the report be sent to Tom Kingsley by 21<sup>st</sup> July.

Action point 07/01

#### 5. **Role of Vice Chair: Performance monitoring**

- 5.1 The Chair spoke to the paper circulated to members prior to the meeting. The intention of enhancing the role of the Vice Chair was to improve the visible leadership and ownership of performance management within the Partnership, in order to help foster a culture of

continuous improvement. It was again highlighted that the Partnership had too many priorities and that this was impacting upon its performance. A review of current performance management practices was conducted by the Office Support Group (OSG) and a paper defining the priority delivery structure drawn up. This paper was spoken to by Paul Griffin, on behalf of the OSG, highlighting the table that set out each priority area, the lead officer, a recommended 'deputy', and the city and county groups associated with each priority. The paper was agreed, though recent changes in personnel would have to be reflected.

- 5.2 The Chair proposed that the Vice Chair take ownership of the performance management process within the meeting, with a view to reviewing and improving, where necessary, delivery of agreed priorities: this work would be supported by the county's Research Group. The Vice Chair would also act as the Strategic Assessment Champion, ensuring that the Research Group received the necessary information to build a complete community profile.
- 5.3 Rick Hylton, as Vice Chair, reported that he had looked at the priorities as they currently stood and there was a brief discussion in relation to refocusing the anti-social behaviour priority more towards criminal damage as opposed to that already mainstreamed, a potential summer spike in assaults with less serious injury, and a request that there was a report on the positive activities that have contributed to the recent reduction in the burglary of homes. The Chair requested that each relevant lead officer take away an action point accordingly. The OSG also took an action point to amend the Terms of Reference in the light of the revision to the Vice Chair's role.

Action point 07/02
Action point 07/03
Action point 07/04
Action point 07/05

## 6. Partnership performance report Q1 2009/10

- 6.1 Leigh Roberts spoke to the report circulated to members prior to the meeting, highlighting the reported increase in offences relating to anti-social behaviour (ASB), serious acquisitive crime (burglary of homes and personal robbery) and cycle crime. The perceptions of ASB table included re-released Place Survey statistics.
- 6.2 There were a number of issues relating to the non-receipt of data: the Ambulance Trust has ceased submitting 'call out' data and this would be taken up with the Government Office for the East of England. The lack of data on domestic violence incidents reported to the police continued to be a concern. In response to the lack data in relation to the reducing re-offending priority, Mick Harding reported that a reporting system was being developed and consequently an action point was taken for Leigh Roberts and Mick Harding to liaise to ensure these statistics were included in future performance reports.

Action point 07/06
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## 7. Vigilance programme

- 7.1 Paul Griffin spoke to a paper circulated to members prior to the meeting, which provided an overview of the Home Office's "Vigilance Programme", which the Partnership has agreed to take part in. The purpose of the programme was to provide support to crime and disorder reduction partnerships (CDRP) in order to reduce incidents of serious acquisitive crime. The support would cover three broad areas: people (including offender management), places (including possible CDRP twinning) and products (including m-commerce). The Partnership has been asked to complete a Supported Area Assessment, to identify the type of support required, and this was being done. Vicky Skeels, as Chair, had been nominated the point of contact for the programme, with Paul Griffin and Dick Moore (Cambridgeshire Constabulary) co-ordinating completion of the assessment. It was noted that part of the support included financial support of between £50,000 and £100,000.

## **8. Priority area Q1 2009/10 monitoring reports, overview of 2008/09 actions and finalised 2009/10 action plans**

### **8.1 Alcohol-related violent crime**

Vicky Skeels spoke to the report circulated to members prior to the meeting, highlighting the continuing work on Operation Sodium, and the positive feedback with regards Strawberry Fair and taxi marshals. There had been an increase in assaults involving the street life community, which had been raised at the Violent Crime Task Group (VCTG), and it was hoped that increased deployable resources and CCTV monitoring would address this.

A briefing note covering the overview of activity during 2008/09 and progress over the 2009/10 period was circulated. This highlighted the Operation Sodium work, development of Cambridge Business Against Crime, enhanced relationship with the NHS, taxi marshalling, the launch of Cambridge Street Pastors, the restructuring of the VCTG, and the success of the medical and care facility over the Christmas period.

With regards the current period, the action plan has remained the same as the previous year, with focus being directed upon stronger links with the NHS (including seeking funding to install an information point in Addenbrooke's A&E and an alcohol interventions nurse), the delivery of innovative crime prevention messages, and greater sharing of violent crime profile information. Victims of violent crime would be offered crime prevention advice and personal safety equipment as part of enhanced victim care. A Tackling Alcohol Related Violent Crime event would be held in September. A concern was expressed that there was more focus on the nighttime economy to the possible detriment of public green spaces.

### **8.2 Anti-social behaviour**

For this meeting, Alastair Roberts had combined the quarterly report into the 2009/10 action plan and highlighted activity on the Task and Target group (focussing on reducing ASB associated with the street life community), the Problem Solving group (focussing on a multi-agency approach to reducing ASB in hotspot areas), the Community Resolution and Restorative Justice pilot (which was in its second month and focussed mainly on young offenders), a project to address the anti-social use of mini-motos, continuing work on the successful "street surgeries" and the Community Alcohol Partnership (CAP) project. In relation to the CAP, it was suggested that an update presentation at the next meeting might be useful.

With regards the activity during 2008/09, Alastair Roberts spoke to an appended paper, highlighting the success of a seminar set up to examine the facts and myths about Islam, and projects funded under the Neighbourhood Improvements Initiatives.

### **8.3 Burglary of homes**

In Steve Kerridge's absence, Paul Griffin spoke to the papers circulated to members prior to the meeting. The statistics set out in the quarterly report required confirmation as they were not in line with those contained in the performance report discussed earlier. The new Burglary Task Group would be meeting on a monthly basis; it had already agreed terms of reference and an active tactical plan for 2009/10.

Lessons learnt from last year (2008/09) included the need for a formal task group (now in place), continuing focus on dwelling burglary offenders (nominals), improvements in the management of SmartWater (including a review of its effectiveness), a co-ordinated approach to messages, as well as better recording and collation of actions.

The action plan for 2009/10 had only been agreed, but areas highlighted included provision of police analyst information, the assessment of other property marking solutions, the operation of The Bobby Scheme, the identification of single points of contact within each agency, and the promotion of Crimestoppers.

#### 8.4 Domestic violence (DV)

In Anita Goddard's absence, Simon Kerss spoke to the report circulated to members prior to the meeting and to his report as DV Coordinator and on behalf of the Independent DV Advocacy Service (IDVAS). Highlights in the quarterly report included the agreement that Romsey Mill would be holding three Freedom for Young people programmes this year, mental health would be providing a representative to sit on the DV Task Group and that all magistrates had now received domestic violence training. As well as concerns regarding the lack of Human and financial resources within the Office of Children and Young People's Services (OCYPS), it was reported that Anita Goddard had resigned as Chair of the DV Task Group. As there was no Vice Chair in place (due to maternity leave), Simon Kerss had agreed to assume the role of Chair on a temporary basis. Simon Kerss's report as DV Coordinator highlighted the continuing work on the Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences and the referrals it was dealing with, as well as those by the IDVAS.

With regards the 2008/09 action plan, it was reported that publicity and awareness raising activities had been completed (including the annual training and awareness event at Girton College); that work was continuing on the Freedom Programmes (being run by Cambridge Women's Aid and Romsey Mill); and that both DV directories and 'advice cards' remained up-to-date and useful tools. Those actions not completed mostly related to the concerns expressed previously about OCYPS and the restructuring of the localities teams.

The action plan for 2009/10 had yet to be finalised, but was essentially the same as 2008/09.

#### 8.5 Personal robbery

Paul Connelly spoke to his papers circulated to members prior to the meeting, highlighting the establishment of the robbery action group and finalisation of the action plan, and multiple crime mapping to be conducted by analysts. There was excellent inter-agency collaboration (Operation Daisy), with police contacts being already known to locality teams, and it was planned to run a series of radio-based publicity campaign highlighting the penalties for "jacking" (theft of mobile phones, etc. from individuals).

The Serious Acquisitive Crime Plan was appended to the report, which covered the promotion of personal safety and sensible drinking (especially with regards students), action to be taken to support victims of robbery, campaigns to promote property marking initiatives, engaging with known offenders, and identifying hot spots.

#### 8.6 Reducing re-offending

Jennifer Massie spoke to the report circulated to members prior to the meeting on the Prolific and Priority Offender (PPO) Scheme, highlighting plans for co-locating with the service delivery agencies (it was expected that National Probation representative would co-locate in September). A new 'traffic light' system had been approved and would be implemented by the end of the month; this would assign a Red Amber Green rating to each offender. It was reported that despite an agreed review of the reporting system, only the police (Catch and Convict strand of the PPO Scheme) had provided information for the report. There had been no information forthcoming from Youth Offending Service (Prevent and Deter) or National Probation (Rehabilitate and Resettle). The Chair sought an explanation from the representatives present at the meeting, stating that the lack of information from their agencies had been an ongoing source of concern. Both Mick Harding and Beth Coulthard stated that it was not clear what information was required; the co-location of service delivery agencies would address the problem. The Chair requested that all relevant parties get together to confirm what information was required for future reports.

Action point 07/07
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With regards activity during 2008/09 and planned activity for 2009/10, a report circulated at the meeting highlighted the fact that the minimum 15 clients on the PPO Scheme at all times was met and that the Crime Saved Estimator indicated that 76 crimes had been saved during the year. A Memorandum of Understanding was set up with Stonham Housing in

order to facilitate emergency accommodation, though the issue of accommodation for PPOs remained an issue.

The action plan for 2009/10 highlighted the new traffic light system, improving resourcing of the PPO Scheme and work to address accommodation issues.

## **9. Drug and Alcohol Action Team Q1 2009/10 report**

- 9.1 Brian Mitchell spoke to the report circulated to members before the meeting, highlighting the success of the National Tackling Drugs Week – in Cambridge, a market stall was used to display drug awareness literature and a survey was conducted. Although the team has exceeded the targets for the number of clients in treatment during 2008/09, there was still poor performance with regards treatment exits for adult clients (this will be addressed with Addaction) and concern regarding the limited number of referrals from Children's Services and Health Services into young people's drug and alcohol agencies. Alcohol treatment services are currently commissioned by NHS Cambridgeshire, but a process of retendering is currently underway with the successful provider delivering treatment services in July 2010.

## **10. Strategic assessment: Update**

- 10.1 Leigh Roberts reported that the structure of the Strategic Assessment 2009 would be similar to that for 2008. Unfortunately, the Constabulary had moved back to a 3-year analysis cycle, which would impact upon the Partnership's yearly analysis. More emphasis would be placed on improving data sources and there would not be any specific consultation (there having already been the extensive Place survey); instead, there would be greater use made of focus groups, which would target those hard-to-reach groups such as young people and those from black and ethnic minorities.

## **11. Any other business**

- 11.1 Tom Kingsley announced that the Partnership Away Day would be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2009 at Fitzwilliam College.
- 11.2 Paul Griffin spoke to a paper circulated to members prior to the meeting concerning an application lodged by the Safe Partnership to the Home Office's "Safer Home Fund". Each bid to this fund must be supported a member agency of the relevant crime and disorder reduction partnership. Unfortunately, the bid had already been submitted to the Home Office, so retrospective support was being sought. The purpose of the fund is to provide financial support to schemes that will tackle burglary of homes and Safe Partnership's application is to provide home security improvements for victims of burglaries, as well as those properties surrounding the victim. The Bobby Scheme has already made a bid for funding improved security on 500 extra households in Cambridge. As the Safe Partnership currently does not provide any service in Cambridge, any letter of support would have to contain caveats. It was agreed to support the bid accordingly.
- 11.3 Jennifer Massie advised that the Community Safety Accreditation Scheme (discussed by the Partnership at the January 2009 meeting) would go live on 21<sup>st</sup> July.
- 11.4 Inger O'Meara asked whether the Partnership had provided any input to the Local Strategic Partnership's draft annual report. Paul Griffin confirmed that it had.
- 11.5 Tom Crawford advised that Helen Turner would be replacing taking up the vacant post of County Community Safety Manager. The Community Safety Team's "development day" would be held on 13<sup>th</sup> August.
- 11.6 There was no other business and the meeting closed at 13:05.