

# Cambridge Community Safety Partnership

14 December 2010  
10:00 – 12:30

Committee Room 1  
The Guildhall, Cambridge

## MINUTES

### Board

Dave Sargent (Chair)	Cambridgeshire Constabulary
Liz Bisset	Cambridge City Council
Julian Fountain	Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service
Ruth McCallum	Cambridge Council for Voluntary Service
Inger O'Meara	NHS Cambridgeshire
Graeme Seddon	Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Probation Trust
Kevin Wilkins	Cambridgeshire Police Authority

### Members

Tim Bick	Executive Councillor
Michael Hendy	Cambridge Magistrates
Vicky Hornsby	Cambridge Business Against Crime (CAMBAC)
Steve Kerridge	Cambridgeshire Constabulary
Simon Kerss (Item 8 only)	Cambridgeshire County Council
Lynda Kilkelly	Cambridge City Council
Jennifer Massie	Cambridgeshire Constabulary
Dick Moore	Cambridgeshire Constabulary
Michael Soper	Cambridgeshire County Council (Research Group)
Helen Turner	Cambridgeshire County Council
Tom Kingsley (Minutes)	Cambridge City Council

### In Attendance

Chris Jenkin	Cambridge Street Pastors
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#### 1. Welcome, domestics, introductions and apologies.

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone and introductions were made for the benefit of the two attending members of the public.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from Sarah Ferguson, Tina Le and Peter Lester.

#### 2. Cambridge Street Pastors: Presentation

- 2.1 Chris Jenkin gave an update presentation to the Partnership, further to those given in 2008 and 2009. Since launching in March 2009 with Friday night patrols, the Street pastors now include Saturday nights, with a proposal to extend to a further weeknight in 2011. They currently have 36 volunteers, who patrol from 10pm to 4am in the Market ward. They work closely with the police, door security staff and CAMBAC. Their mission is to offer physical help, with blankets, bottled water and emergency footwear, as well as offer comfort and help to get home. They also make safe discarded bottles and glasses. Although the work is primarily secular, prayer is offered, if invited. The police have recorded that there is a decrease in violence on those days when Street Pastors patrol and testimonials were highlighted. A full evaluation of the project as a whole would be undertaken in 2011.

2.2 Chris Jenkin was asked what percentage of the volunteers was female. It was running at around 35-40% and the patrols generally have at least one male and one female. Michael Soper confirmed the impact the Street Pastors intervention work was having, based upon Addenbrooke's A&E and the Ambulance Trust statistics. He offered to assist with the 2011 evaluation. It was hoped that the Street Pastors would achieve financial stability and that the City Council would look to assist if possible.

### **3. Pre-advised questions from the general public.**

3.1 There were no pre-advised questions from the general public. A question was raised regarding the fact that the meeting papers were not available on the Cambridge CSP webpage. Tom Kingsley stated that, according to his schedule, the agenda went forward for publication on 29 November and the embedded agenda, containing the relevant papers, went forward on 6 December<sup>1</sup>, but checks would be made during a suitable break in the meeting.

### **4. Minutes of 3 August 2010 meeting: Agreement.**

4.1 The Minutes were agreed and would go forward for publication.

### **5. Action points: Review**

5.1 Three of the four action points from the August meeting were discussed and closed. The action point relating to cycle theft (08/03) was still ongoing.

### **6. Community safety posts: "In principle" agreement to continuation of funding for 2011/12**

6.1 As this part of the agenda was marked "confidential", the general public was requested to leave the room. Also, as Tom Kingsley's post was under discussion, he was obliged to leave the room as well, consequently no minutes were recorded for this item.

### **7. Cambridge CSP performance report: Q2 2010/11**

7.1 Michael Soper spoke to the performance report and highlighted the areas of concern:

- Burglary of homes (at 201 for the quarter) was lower than Q1, this was still higher than the same quarter of 2009/10.
- Personal robbery was higher in Q2 than for the same quarter in 2009/10, though lower than the 3-yearly average.
- Cycle theft remains very high, with peaks in June and October. Cambridge sits in last place in the iQuanta table compared to its peers.
- There are still issues with the provision of data by the Ambulance Trust.

7.2 It was expected that there would be improvements in performance for Q3. The Chair highlighted the success of Operation Northwood and expected an impact on dwelling burglary statistics.

### **8. Priority area monitoring reports for Q2 2010/11**

8.1 Alcohol-related violent crime & anti-social behaviour  
Dave Sargent spoke to the relevant report, highlighting that at the Tackling Alcohol Related Harm seminar held in September, the East of England Ambulance Trust was noted as a missing key partner. A Countywide document was being brokered to address this concern. Increased patrol work on Monday nights to coincide with the International Student Night would be evaluated.

8.2 Burglary of homes  
Steve Kerridge spoke to the relevant report, highlighting that despite the success of Operation Northwood, 444 offences were recorded for Q1 and Q2 compared to 379 in

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<sup>1</sup> It was subsequently discovered that the embedded agenda had not been forwarded to the web team for publication.

2009. It was expected, however, that Q3 would show an improvement in the figures and the preventative targeted work in the six identified hot spots would be concluded by the end of the financial year. It was also noted that despite best efforts to address this priority, it would be unlikely that the very testing baseline figure set in 2007/08 would be achieved. A question was raised as to why the figures were so high and it was explained that the figures, though high, were consistent with last year.

### 8.3 Cycle theft

Steve Kerridge spoke to the relevant report, highlighting the fact that there has been a year on year increase in the figures since 2007/08 and that Cambridge remains at the foot of the iQuanta table with regards this priority. Analysis had been done to identify cycle theft hot spots and preventative work would be focused in these areas. In response to a comment made on the almost industrial scale of the thefts, it was noted that a number of “handlers” of stolen cycles were currently on bail and work would be done to focus on this activity. The Chair noted that cycle owners were still not holding details of their cycles or reporting their theft: Operation Northwood had resulted in a large number of stolen cycles being uplifted, but around 180 still remain unclaimed.

### 8.4 Domestic violence (DV)

Dave Sargent spoke to the relevant report, highlighting the adjustment made to the MARAC<sup>2</sup> threshold score from 14 to 17. This change puts Cambridge in line with other districts and lead to the reduction in the number of referrals.

Simon Kerss spoke to his report as DAPM<sup>3</sup>, highlighting the acceptance by Making Cambridgeshire Count’s Chief Executives of the business plan to introduce a Multi Agency Referral Unit. This Unit would bring together personnel who deal with domestic abuse, honour-based violence, vulnerable adults referrals and children’s social care and result in closer working and reduced costs. The Unit would go live in April 2011. It was also reported that Cambridgeshire Southern MARAC is being reviewed by central government as part of a drive to make MARAC statutory.

### 8.5 Personal robbery

Steve Kerridge spoke to the relevant report, highlighting that this priority was on track and there were no areas of concern for the Partnership to note.

### 8.6 Reducing offending & re-offending

Dick Moore spoke to the relevant report, highlighting the continuing work on the introduction of Integrated Offender Management. An Offender Management Unit had now been set up, encompassing staff from the Drug Intervention Programme and Prolific & Priority Offender scheme. One offender from the latter scheme had come forward to offer mentoring for others; this request was being considered.

## 8. Drug and Alcohol Action Team report: Q2 2010/11

8.1 In Tina Le’s absence, the Chair spoke briefly to the relevant report, highlighting the key priorities and concerns raised by Cambridgeshire Child and Adolescent Substance Use Service on two new legal highs in circulation, one which was resulting in an increase in hospital admissions.

## 10. Performance Champion: Comments

10.1 Julian Fountain requested that the Research Group examine the seriousness of injuries linked with the alcohol-related violent crime priority.

Action point 12/01
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<sup>2</sup> Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference

<sup>3</sup> Domestic Abuse Partnership Manager

Steve Kerridge was also asked to ensure efforts are maintained to reduce the level of burglary of homes in the light of his report and that of the Research Group.

Action point 12/02

In the light of the revision to the MARAC threshold, Dave Sargent was asked to review the effects this would have.

Action point 12/03

## **11. Community Safety Plan 2011-14: Update on consultation**

11.1 Lynda Kilkelly gave a verbal update on this matter. Representatives from Cambridge CSP would be attending four Area Committees to give detail on the five selected priorities from the Strategic Assessment 2010 and ask those present to vote on three: to date, two committees had been attended. Members of the public were also able to register their vote on-line or complete reply paid postcards, available at the Area Committees: the deadline for completion was 14 January 2011. A question was asked about the number of on-line surveys completed and Michael Soper would obtain this for the Partnership.

Action point 12/04

11.2 A concern was raised that the on-line survey and detail on the Cambridge CSP webpage was sparse in relation to an explanation of the priorities and the thinking behind their selection. It was explained that the time scale from the selection of the priorities to the report for the first Area Committee did not leave enough time, but that details were now provided. A question was asked as to why the North Area Committee had not selected any priorities and it was explained that it had decided to leave the Cambridge CSP to determine which of the five priorities it could have the greatest impact upon.

## **12. Community Safety Partnership: Funding and any other updates**

12.1 Helen Turner confirmed that she had no news on the allocation of grant funding for 2011/12. It was confirmed, however, that if funding were received, it would be apportioned to the five district CSPs as per the agreed formula (crimes per 1000 population).

## **13. Agreement on 2011 round of meetings**

13.1 Tom Kingsley presented a report on the dates for Cambridge CSP meetings for next year and requested that the Board make a decision on a proposal to hold two of the six meetings in the evening and at different venues in Cambridge, in order to enhance public engagement with the Partnership. The Board agreed to the dates and the evening meetings. With regards the latter, a number of comments were made about making the Partnership more attractive to the general public and the agenda more appealing. It was suggested that elements of the agenda could be included at Area Committees, though these meetings are generally busy with regards their agendas. It was also suggested that we ask the public what they want from the Partnership and how it can better interact and the Chair asked one of the members of public present for their views, which was to make better use of Area Committees. Another suggestion was to utilise other community events and Tom Kingsley was tasked to do this.

Action point 12/05

## **14. Citizen Focus Champion: Comments**

14.1 Kevin Wilkins highlighted a recent policing in Cambridgeshire survey, which appeared to suggest that confidence with the police and the local authority had decreased over the last six months. Nobody in the meeting was aware of any particular reason why confidence had dropped. Michael Soper took an action to research and identify any issues that may have contributed to this issue.

Action point 12/06

## **15. Any other business**

- 15.1 Michael Hendy announced that Cambridge Magistrates' Court had now been redesignated a hearing centre with its administration now moved to Peterborough. It was unknown at this time what impact this would have beyond the initial loss of in-house administration.
- 15.2 Tom Kingsley stated that the County Council had received an offer from Local Government Improvement and Development to conduct peer reviews with the district CSPs. The Board agreed to participate and tasked the Officer Support Group to co-ordinate the review.

Action point 12/07

- 15.3 There being no other business, the meeting closed at 12:30