

NOTES
OF THE MEETING OF THE
PARTNERSHIP DELIVERY GROUP
MONDAY 23 JANUARY 2012

Held in The Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Pavilion Road, West Bridgford

PRESENT:

Councillors R Hetherington (Chairman), Mrs D M Boote, R L Butler, H A Chewings, E J Lungley, F A Purdue-Horan, Mrs M Stockwood, B Tansley (substitute for Councillor A M Dickinson)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor J E Greenwood
Superintendent P Anderson, S Jackson, South Nottinghamshire Community Safety Partnership

OFFICERS PRESENT:

C Bullett	Deputy Chief Executive (CB)
N Carter	Partnerships and Project Manager
D Hayden	Community Engagement Manager
C McGraw	Head of Community Shaping
L Reid Jones	Democratic Services Manager

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor A Dickinson

14. Declarations of Interest

There were none declared.

15. Notes of the Previous Meeting

The notes of the meeting held on Monday 28 November 2011 were accepted as a true record.

With regard to item 11, Spirita contact details, on the action sheet the Head of Community Shaping informed Members that Spirita had appointed a new Head of Housing. He had requested that any complaints be referred through the Spirita Contact Centre, using the same phone number as previously. Calls were tracked and any issues could be dealt with. The Head of Community Shaping asked that Members inform her of issues which were not being addressed. She confirmed that there were changes to the way in which Spirita worked with Raleigh House now being used as a national call centre.

16. Review of the South Nottinghamshire Community Safety Partnership

The Head of Community Shaping presented a report updating Members on the performance of the South Nottinghamshire Community Safety Partnership (CSP) in 2011/12. She outlined the background to the Partnership which was

created in 2008 following the merger of the Rushcliffe Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership with the Broxtowe and Gedling Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership. The CSP included the Council, Nottinghamshire Police, Nottinghamshire Police Authority, Nottinghamshire County Council, Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue service, the Primary Care Trust and a number of other non-statutory and voluntary organisations. The Head of Community Shaping introduced Superintendent Paul Anderson from the CSP and Sally Jackson, Performance Analyst who gave a presentation on the Partnership's current performance, achievements against priorities, 2012/13 priorities and proposed changes.

Superintendent Anderson informed Members that he was there as a representative of the Community Safety Partnership rather than the Police. He said that the South Nottinghamshire CSP was one of the first to come together and was also one of the most successful in relation to its 157 peers nationally. He explained the current partnership arrangements including the Safer Nottinghamshire Board, its Performance Group/Commissioning Group of which he was the Chairman. He outlined the work of the Local Delivery Tasking Group and the area based work being undertaken in Trent Bridge and Cotgrave. He stated that significant work had gone into both these areas but both were different with Cotgrave being an area of deprivation and Trent Bridge having a vibrant night time economy, with minor anti-social behaviour, noise and crime issues.

Superintendent Anderson explained how criminals targeted certain areas and travelled for crime, in order to get 'rich pickings'. He informed Members about the Partnership Plus approach which made best use of Police resources in relation to the deprivation of each area, number of offenders and educational standards. He said that £45,000 of Home Office funding had been awarded to the Trent Bridge area, thus enabling initiatives to proceed in Cotgrave with other funding.

Superintendent Anderson set the context and current challenges for the Partnership. He stated that there were to be £42 million savings in the Police budget, however gave an assurance that there would be no change to front line policing resources in Rushcliffe in the short term. He outlined the changes to the operational re-structure which had resulted in there being two territorial divisions, one city and one county. He said that there would continue to be a superintendent, chief inspector, inspector and detective chief inspector for Rushcliffe, with a designated response base in West Bridgford. Operational support would come from Riverside.

With regard to the introduction of the Police and Crime Commissioner Superintendent Anderson stated that there would no longer be a Police Authority from later this year. This would impact on the arrangements for awarding funding through the Safer Nottinghamshire Board in future, but he said it was likely that this role would be undertaken by the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Superintendent Anderson explained the response to last summer's disturbances, whereby they were experienced as a force and therefore were prepared. He said that there were 116 arrests in Nottingham in one night which was more than in 2 days in London.

Superintendent Anderson informed Members about the estates projects and the IT infra-structure. He also highlighted the Community Contact Centre, and said they were exploring the possibility of repeating this in five other areas.

In relation to dwelling burglaries Superintendent Anderson drew Members' attention to the reduction of 24%. He said that robberies and autocrime had also reduced. The overall crime reduction figure for South Nottinghamshire was 1192, of which 704 was in Rushcliffe. Superintendent Anderson informed Members that fraud and forgery crimes had increased, mainly through a rise in the number of people filling their cars up with fuel and driving off without paying. He said that the number of minor assaults had also increased. There had been an increase in domestic abuse, but this was seen as positive as there had been considerable awareness raising which had resulted in an increase in the number of reports.

Superintendent Anderson highlighted the performance for the Area Based Initiatives in Cotgrave and Trent Bridge which were being delivered through the Local Delivery and Tasking Group. He said that the Trent Bridge area had seen a reduction in crime of 29%, however the target was 56%. The crimes being committed included car crime and violence with injury. In Cotgrave there had been a reduction of 22.8%. This had been achieved through a partnership approach working with young people through Positive Futures and targeting ex-offenders in the area. Overall in the Borough car key burglary was an ongoing problem.

With regards to resources Superintendent Anderson informed Members that it was anticipated that the number of volunteers would increase to 600. He stressed that this was not to supplement main policing resources, but was in addition to this. He added that the force were also considering the appointment of an additional 30/40 special constables for Rushcliffe.

In conclusion Superintendent Anderson stated that the main challenge was to address the movement in crime types, and that partnership working was key to making it work.

Councillor Hetherington thanked Superintendent Anderson and Ms Jackson for their presentation. The Group welcomed the presentation and the improvements made to the Borough as a result of the Partnership's work.

In response to questions from Members, Superintendent Anderson and Ms Jackson explained that the targets were set using management information. They were set for the Force as a whole and then distributed to areas according to statistics. With regards to metal thefts Superintendent Anderson explained that this had been raised at a national level and was a continuing problem. He informed Members that there had been a recent operation targeted at scrap dealers which had resulted in one scrap dealer having his licence revoked.

In relation to car key thefts Superintendent Anderson said this had been an issue in Rushcliffe for the last five years. The Partnership had worked with car dealers to leaflet car owners highlighting the issues.

Members raised the issue of the frequency of Priority Setting Group meetings. In response Superintendent Anderson said that he was aiming for a consistent approach to neighbourhood policing and wanted there to be quarterly meetings. He stressed that the personal contact between the police and the community was important.

The Group welcomed the increase in volunteer and special constable numbers. Superintendent Anderson informed Members that it was recognised that the way to become a police officer was first to become a special constable.

With regard to police officers using public transport Superintendent Anderson confirmed that buses were used by neighbourhood officers in duty time where possible. There were also officers using a patrol car and bicycles. Emergency responses were still attended in vehicles.

Members asked about the impact on 999 response times since the closure of police stations and reduction in staffing. Superintendent Anderson responded saying that local policing provision had been maintained at previous levels and that there had been no effect on response times.

In response to a question regarding management data Ms Jackson informed Members that Partnership data was prepared on a monthly basis whilst police data was live and immediate. Where something had been recorded initially as a burglary this could change to a different category following investigation and therefore the police data and Partnership data would differ. Superintendent Jackson confirmed that the Partnership data was more appropriate for councillors' use.

Superintendent Anderson stated that there were national crime recording standards and this had resulted in a change to working practices over the last 18 months. He stated that a crime had to be investigated within 72 hours and this had the effect of bringing criminals to justice.

In relation to obtaining intelligence from Rushcliffe residents Superintendent Anderson said that there had been an increase in footfall at the Contact Centre and the local delivery partnerships had made a positive impact on the borough. He thanked Council officers for their work in making the initiatives a success.

Councillor Hetherington thanked Superintendent Anderson and Ms Jackson for answering Members' questions. .

AGREED that the improvements in performance made by the South Nottinghamshire Community Safety Partnership over the last year in reductions in all crime dwelling burglaries and vehicle crime be acknowledged.

17. **Rolling Work Programme**

The Group considered its work programme which contained no changes since the last meeting. The Deputy Chief Executive (CB) stated that the Community

Strategy Action Plan would be circulated to Members for information prior to the next Meeting.

AGREED that the proposed work programme for 2011/12 be accepted.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Action Sheet

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Minute Number	Actions	Officer Responsible
17	Community Strategy Action Plan to be circulated to Members for information prior to the next Meeting.	Head of Community Shaping