



**NOTES
OF THE MEETING OF THE
PARTNERSHIP DELIVERY GROUP
MONDAY 6 MARCH 2017**

Held at 7 pm in Council Chamber B, Rushcliffe Arena, Rugby Road, West Bridgford

PRESENT:

Councillors Mrs J A Smith (Chairman), J Donoghue, J E Greenwood,
R Hetherington, E J Lungley, G R Mallender, A Phillips, J G A Wheeler

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Inspector C Berry Nottinghamshire Police
1 member of the public

OFFICERS PRESENT:

D Banks	Executive Manager - Neighbourhoods
K Emery	Emergency Planning Officer
V Nightingale	Constitutional Services Officer

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

There were none received.

18. Declarations of Interest

There were none declared.

19. Notes of the Previous Meeting

The notes of the meeting held on Wednesday 18 January 2017 were accepted as a true record.

20. Review of the South Nottinghamshire Community Safety Partnership

The Executive Manager - Neighbourhoods presented a report to the Group regarding the South Nottinghamshire Community Safety Partnership. He stated that the Group reviewed different members of this partnership annually and that last year the Group had received feedback from the Fire and Rescue Service. He said that it had been a very busy and successful year for the partnership.

Inspector Berry gave a presentation on the work of the Police as a member of the Partnership. He outlined the key crime types and the data for the current year compared to the previous year how the Police prioritised their resources; the work undertaken in the Trent Bridge Ward and integrated locality working.

With regard to the crime data he informed the Group that the Borough's data was in line with the national and county trends. He stated that there had been a change in the recording methods, except for serious offences, and that the category of malicious communications had been included. Following a question, he explained that this mainly referred to incidents of insulting or

abusive behaviour on social media. With regard to sexual offences it was noted that this had increased as there was now greater awareness of the need to report this type of crime and that, having gained the victim's confidence, they felt able to report other historic crimes. It was also noted that these cases were often linked to domestic violence. Inspector Berry stated that, in respect of serious acquisitive crime, the number of offences had risen and this mainly related to car key theft, although in the West Bridgford area it related to the theft of Asian gold and jewellery. Following a question, Inspector Berry stated that car key theft mainly related to high performance cars or cheaper cars that could be used in future crimes. He was pleased to announce that the Police had been successful in catching two repeat offenders in the last month. He also said that in Rushcliffe there were no hotspots, repeat victims or any identifiable trends.

In respect of the Trent Bridge Ward the Group was informed that this was a Partnership Plus area and that it had the highest crime rates in Rushcliffe. However, it was also noted that it was the only Partnership Plus area in Nottinghamshire to achieve a current reduction in crime. Inspector Berry stated that there had been successes in the reduction of shop theft and retail crimes, he felt that this was due to the success of the Shopwatch initiative. The ward also had a very proactive Pubwatch scheme operating. Following a question, he stated that there was no evidence linking the vibrant night time economy to any particular types of crime. Inspector Berry also stated that, due to prevention work with the Borough Council, cycle theft was decreasing. Unfortunately, hate crime recorded for the ward was the highest in South Nottinghamshire; the Police were working on understanding why this was, although 20% did relate to incidents at Nottingham Forest Football Club. The Executive Manager - Neighbourhoods informed the Group of the success in the Trent Bridge Ward in respect of burglary, he explained that an action plan was produced annually to focus resources on where the most impact could be made.

Inspector Berry informed the Group of the organisational changes that had recently been made, including the appointment of the new Chief Constable. He said that the Police were now a smaller, agile workforce that worked regionally and shared assets with other regions. It had been recognised that crime was changing and that fraud was widespread on the internet; it was felt that an international/global response was needed to combat cybercrime. It was noted that vulnerable people were victims of various cybercrimes including child sex exploitation. It was noted that 35% of the population was over 65 and this was a vulnerable age group for cybercrime. Inspector Berry explained that it was vital to get the right information out to various groups; there was information available nationally.

He stated that there was currently a recruitment drive but it had to be recognised that, although the Police would be reacting to priorities there would be less policeman on the beat. Following a question, the Group were informed that there would be several intakes of new officers during the year; and that presently there were 28 people undergoing PCSO training.

The Group was informed that the Police had a prioritisation matrix based on a threat, risk and harm assessment. Inspector Berry explained the methodology used and how activities could be scored from 1 - 300; following this, officers

would look at mitigating factors and a dynamic priority list would be developed. The Group noted that the priorities for South Nottinghamshire could vary from the national priorities, which at present were human trafficking, child sex exploitation, sexual abuse and domestic violence. With regard to human trafficking Councillors raised concerns regarding certain employments and were informed that all frontline staff had received training to identify possible incidents and where to report these. The Executive Manager Neighbourhoods stated that the Council had good links with the Border Agency. Inspector Berry stated that locally priorities were garage/shed burglaries, which was 14th nationally and theft from cars, which was 17th.

As part of the Partnership the Police worked closely with the Council, and had embedded processes for dealing with incidents of illegal encampments. Inspector Berry was pleased to say that, with funding from Rushcliffe, Broxtowe and Gedling Councils, a mental health social worker had been employed to ensure that people received the help that they required rather than being pulled into the justice system.

Finally, Inspector Berry explained about the formation of community safety groups from the current five priority setting groups in Rushcliffe. It was envisaged that these groups would have better engagement with residents and be fit for purpose.

With regard to communication, Councillors stated that they received neighbourhood watch alerts and queried if the number of recipients would be increased. Inspector Berry stated that there was a financial implication with this system and he had been asked to analyse who used it. Information was placed on the Police's Facebook page, West Bridgford Police or Rushcliffe South, and Twitter account.

The Chairman thanked Inspector Berry for his informative presentation and for answering Councillors' questions.

AGREED that the Partnership Delivery Group had considered and made comments on the performance of the South Nottinghamshire Community Safety Partnership within Rushcliffe during 2016.

21. **Local Resilience Forum**

The Executive Manager - Neighbourhoods presented the report regarding emergency planning. He stated that this was a key partnership with Nottinghamshire County Council as the officer was a shared resource. This ensured that Rushcliffe was kept up to date with all the current information and practices, the Emergency Planning Officer assisted with both emergency planning and business continuity, which had been very beneficial during the preparations for moving to the Arena.

The Emergency Planning Officer gave a presentation which highlighted the work undertaken by the Local Resilience Forum, the training and exercises that had been undertaken during the past year, lessons learnt nationally and how she worked with the Borough Council and local communities. She informed the Group that the recent closure of part of the M1 motorway, due to an aircraft having difficulties landing at East Midlands Airport, had triggered

responses from neighbouring forums but due to Rushcliffe's close proximity, she had been kept aware of the situation. She stated that, although not requiring any intervention, this had tested the plans.

The Group were informed that there were sixteen working groups as part of the Forum, some of which were very specialised. The Emergency Planning Officer stated that she sat on four of these groups but received regular feedback from her colleagues at Nottinghamshire County Council on the work of the other groups.

During 2015/16 the Forum had undertaken a variety of exercises which had been embedded into practices during 2016/17. She explained that it had been agreed for all local authorities to work together as part of the Trent Catchment Group, as anything that affected the River Trent in one area would have a knock-on effect on other areas. This was a pilot project which would be rolled out to other areas based near major rivers, such as the Severn, the Mersey, etc. She stated that the project was being led by the Environment Agency and the military. The Environment Agency could computer model the effect of the river and how different areas would be affected; this would assist with flood alerts, which due to the new information would be able to be area specific. The flood group was considering the information that was gathered and how this could be improved, in order that different agencies were not asking people the same questions. Following a question, she explained that local knowledge was captured after a flooding incident and was included in community plans; she said that part of her work was to make parishes self-sufficient. Councillors stated that the Trent Valley Internal Drainage Board allocated funding for flood prevention in the area, and that it had been disappointed that the County Council had not been represented at their meetings for over a year. The Emergency Planning Officer agreed to raise this with her colleagues.

The Emergency Planning Officer explained that there were pre-identified sites for emergency mortuaries and that a database was being compiled of where these sites were over the region. She explained that emergency planning officers had attended a useful session with an officer from the Royal Engineers, who constructed these temporary buildings abroad.

The Group was informed of a national project regarding spontaneous volunteers. It was acknowledged that people wanted to help in an emergency but that this could compromise the work of the community and put a strain on the available resources. It was important that the skills and knowledge of people were harnessed, that there was a clear list of jobs that needed to be undertaken, and that people were not drawn away trying to invent jobs for volunteers that were not necessary. The Department for Culture and Local Government were instigating a project in the Civil Service volunteer scheme to ascertain how many people could be involved, and if any training could be given before an emergency happened, to enable them to coordinate volunteers. It was noted that Nottinghamshire might be a pilot project

The Emergency Planning Officer told the Group that much of the work that was undertaken at present had to be considered in relation to counter terrorism.

With regard to training, the Emergency Planning Officer was pleased to say that all members of the Executive Management Team had received training to ensure that there was resilience. She stated that it was important that recovery planning was put into place as soon as possible after an incident. A useful exercise had been undertaken with media officers from the various agencies to ensure that a consistent message was given, that the Police would be the lead agency on external communications and how this impacted on internal communications. Following a question regarding large organisations being involved in training exercises, the Group was informed that Nottingham Forest Football Club and the University had been involved in recent exercises; previously the focus had been on large shopping centres, and there was a project being developed for businesses.

With regard to communications, the Emergency Planning Officer explained that social media and the local press were used to get messages to the wider public, as it was recognised that one of the duties placed on local authorities under the Civil Contingencies Act was to warn and inform.

In respect of recent national incidents, the Group was informed of the issues that had been faced in Lancaster due to flooding, and how this had impacted on power outage to 65,000. The Emergency Planning Officer explained that this had impacted on the internet, mobile phones, cash machines and petrol pumps. These issues had been shared and had been considered in relation to authorities' business continuity plans. In Lincolnshire, a local authority had been a victim of a malware attack and had turned off its network. Business continuity plans had been reviewed, as most plans did not consider a planned shutdown of services. Recently, information was becoming available in respect of the air show crash at Shoreham. She explained that after each incident, plans were reviewed to ensure that all new information was captured.

With regards to work with the Borough Council, the Emergency Planning Officer stated that she had been involved with the preparation for the move to the new building, by ensuring critical services had business continuity plans in place. To test plans and officers' ability to access information out of hours, an exercise was undertaken on a Saturday, when officers had to access the external website, this had been very successful. Another exercise was carried out with the Contact Centre, to explore what impact there would be if their infrastructure was affected; unfortunately, two weeks later the phone system was affected, but she was pleased to say that business continued and the continuity plans were shown to be effective. The Group agreed that the move to the Arena had been very successful, with no loss of service to the public.

The Group was informed of work that had been carried out in Gotham following a flood and how officers helped the community. There had been unusual rain fall that day and surface water had become an issue. The Group were informed that the Environment Agency had surface water maps on their website and on this particular occasion they had been extremely accurate. The parish council had been offered a flood resilience store grant. Following a question, the Emergency Planning Officer stated that the County Council had undertaken an exercise to identify owners of land with drains and ditches, to ensure that these were being cleared.

In conclusion, the Emergency Planning Officer informed the Group of the reviews and exercises that would be undertaken in the next year. She also stated that there was going to be a national capability survey undertaken in April; and that following this, new guidance and funding was anticipated.

AGREED that Members consider and make comment on the presentation made by the Rushcliffe Emergency Planning Officer and endorse the work of the Local Resilience Forum.

22. **Work Programme**

The Group considered, and agreed, its work programme. It was noted that the Group would be considering the Garage Co-operation Agreement and Positive Futures at its next meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

Action Sheet

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Minute Number	Actions	Officer Responsible
21. Local Resilience Forum	The County Council be requested to be represented at the Trent Valley Internal Drainage Board meetings.	Emergency Planning Officer