



Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership

Minutes

Notes of a meeting of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership held on Tuesday, 20 March 2007.

Present:

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| Bala Mahendran | - | Basildon District Council (Chair) |
| Councillor Tony Ball | - | Basildon District Council |
| Kristi Beak | - | Go-East |
| Jackie Brown | - | Interlock |
| Supt Graham Carey | - | Essex Police |
| John Entwistle | - | Basildon District Council |
| Paul Evans | - | Essex Police |
| Mel Godfrey | - | Basildon District Council |
| Elaine Goad | - | Victim Support |
| Claire Griggs | - | Basildon Police |
| CI Jan Harrison | - | Basildon Police |
| Simon Hughes | - | Basildon District Council |
| Sgt Kevin McPoland | - | Basildon Police |
| Lesley O'Shea | - | Basildon District Council |
| Lucy Payne | - | Basildon District LSP |
| County Councillor John Schofield | - | Essex County Council and Essex Police Authority |
| Martin Trevillion | - | Essex County Fire and Rescue Service |
| Ray Williams | - | Basildon Police |

In Attendance:

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| Steve Platt | - | Basildon District Council |
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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

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| David Britt | - | Basildon District Council |
| Claire Burrell | - | Youth Group, Essex Youth Service |
| Bridget Cooper | - | Family Mosaic |
| Suzanne Cross | - | Basildon Hospital |
| Jane Gooday | - | Basildon Community Drug and Alcohol Service |
| Paula Mason | - | Basildon District Council |
| Owen Richards | - | South West Essex Primary Care Trust |
| Alison Spalding | - | Basildon Youth Offending Team |
| Lynne Taylor | - | South West Essex Primary Care Trust |
| Ken Venables | - | Basildon District Council |

2. JOINT INTERIM PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENTS:

Kristi Beak of Go-East presented the Home Office Crime Reduction and Community Safety Group's interim method for assessing the performance of local areas prior to the introduction of the Assessments of Policing and Community Safety (APACS) framework in April 2008. The Joint Interim Performance Assessments (JIPA) had been created by combining existing data, indicators and quantitative assessments and would identify areas where further clarification needed to be sought. No judgements would be made solely as a result of the assessments. Examples of how JIPA assessments were presented were circulated, showing performance against target, change in performance over time and performance against peer group average.

During the subsequent discussion Kristi explained that the assessments were updated at least quarterly. They were used, together with other available information, to assess which areas were doing well and where additional support may be required. The CDRP identified the need for the assessments to be linked to LAA targets.

3. FAST CARD:

Simon Hughes reported the success of this CDRP funded scheme which had been launched in February to tackle crime inclusion and health. Open to all young people in the district between the ages of 8 and 16 years, the scheme allowed easier access to a range of leisure activities through the use of a swipe card containing £10 of free credits. Following extensive advertising 975 of the 1000 available cards had been allocated. 92% of the half term holiday sessions were fully booked with 2207 participants taking part in 42 activities. As a result of the popularity of the scheme, 9 new sports classes had been set up.

One of the positive aspects of the Fast Card scheme was that it encouraged young people to undertake physical activity when they might not otherwise have done so. It offered an alternative to spending time on the streets or staying at home. An important aspect of the scheme was that it was open to all young people and not just those young offenders requiring intervention measures. It was important that the scheme could meet future demand and an extended range of activities would be available for the Easter holidays. There was also an opportunity to expand capacity through the recruitment of new trainers.

Bala Mahendran said that all agencies should promote this scheme. He stressed the importance of evaluating the scheme prior to the summer holidays to ensure that capacity was sufficient to meet demand. Ray Williams said that greater involvement of the PCT would be encouraged through the LSP as the scheme would help to meet health targets.

4. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting of the CDRP held on 20 February 2007 were agreed as a true record.

5. ACTION SHEET:

Equality/Diversity and Social Cohesion

As Sally Thallon was not present, this item was held over to the next meeting.

Community TV Launch

Bala Mahendran said a commercial approach would be taken to ensure that resources were generated to develop the scheme so that it realised its full potential. Details would be presented to a future meeting.

6. PROLIFIC AND PRIORITY OFFENDER – CATCH AND CONVICT:

Jan Harrison reported that 10 PPO's were currently held in custody. One was due to be released at the end of March and an all agency action plan had been developed to prepare for this.

Ray Williams reported that Roy Fenning, the Eastern Region lead on PPO's, would attend the next meeting to provide an update on the scheme and where it was heading in the future.

7. PROLIFIC AND PRIORITY OFFENDER – PREVENT AND DETER:

As Alison Spalding was not present, this item was held over to the next meeting.

8. PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT:

Claire Griggs presented an update on the current position. The CDRP were pleased to note that the reduction in offences since baseline was now at 14% against a target of 16.7%. The actions being taken in March 2007 to address those areas over target were noted.

9. COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTION ZONE:

Jan Harrison reported that during the first two weeks of February, 26 incidents on the King Edward Estate were reported, compared with 76 during the same period a year ago. It was considered that a number of factors had contributed to this reduction, including high viability neighbourhood policing and increased numbers of Community Wardens.

Bala Mahendran stressed the importance of maintaining improvements such as this to ensure that fear of crime was reduced and local communities were confident that their concerns were being addressed.

10. COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY:

John Entwistle circulated a communications update including the programme of events for the remainder of the year. Bala Mahendran said that the communications strategies of the CDRP and Essex Police should be connected. He suggested that Community TV be used to report snippets of information, such as the reduction in crime on the King Edward Estate, in a rolling band across the bottom of the screen.

11. RESPECT SEMINAR:

Lesley O'Shea circulated a briefing note which outlined the agenda for a half day seminar to raise awareness of the Respect Agenda.

Bala Mahendran suggested that the event be organised along similar lines to when the Action Zones were considered. It was proposed that a whole day event would be more appropriate to establish what the Respect Agenda meant for Basildon and the CDRP. It was suggested that an improvement plan for the CDRP be produced.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- John Schofield reported that the 999 response day on 5 March had been a very successful event.
- John Schofield noted that Neighbourhood Action Panels needed to be in place by 31 March 2007 and asked what approach would be taken in Basildon.

Jan Harrison responded that these Panels should be community rather than Police driven. Rather than creating an additional strand of meetings, Community Panels and other local resident meetings would be used to fulfil the requirements of Neighbourhood Action Panels.

- Bala Mahendran reported that on behalf of the CDRP he had supported the Fire Service's bid for 3 road safety vehicles.
- This was Claire Griggs last meeting of the CDRP before she left Essex Police to take up a new position. On behalf of the CDRP Bala Mahendran thanked Claire for all her hard work. Through her passion for the job and by rising to every challenge, Claire had played her part in driving up performance to a level where the Basildon CDRP was cited as best practice.

13. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, 17 April 2007 at 3.00 pm at Parklands.