

COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP - EXECUTIVE GROUP

Wednesday 21 January 2015

Present:-

Superintendent Keith Perkin	- Devon & Cornwall Constabulary
Karime Hassan	- Exeter City Council
Nicola Channon	- Safer Devon Partnership
County Councillor P Prowse	- Devon County Councillor
Steve Jones	- Youth Offending Service
Robert Norley	- Exeter City Council
Jim Laker	- Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service
John Harvey	- City Centre Manager
Karen Mandefield	- Devon & Cornwall Police
Cath White	- Exeter City Council (Min. No. 2 only)
Jo Quinnell	- Exeter City Council

Apologies:-

Councillor Peter Edwards	- Exeter City Council
Patsy Temple	- NHS Devon
Gill Wheelwright	- Exeter City Council
Lisa Rutter	- Devon Youth Service - Exeter, East & Mid Devon

1 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING - 14 JULY 2014

The minutes of the last meeting held on 14 July 2014 were agreed.

Minute No. 26 – Presentation on Green Reparation

Geraldine Ford, the Community Payback Manager and Manager for Green Reparation would be asked to provide an update on the results of the scheme at a future meeting.

Minute No. 29 – Devon Youth Service Review

The Chair had spoken to Chris Eastwood to find a way forward after concern was expressed at the last meeting at the cuts in the Youth Service. Chris would take this up.

Councillor Prowse reported that the Exeter Board had granted some funding towards two youth centres.

2 PRESENTATION - RUGBY WORLD CUP - CATH WHITE

The Chair welcomed Cath White, Project Officer, to the meeting to give a presentation on the Rugby World Cup 2015.

Cath White advised that the World Cup would be broadcast in 207 territories with a global cumulative television audience of 3.9 billion.

The Italy v Romania game at Sandy Park is the first game to sell of the tournament.

An overview of the structure of the RWC Exeter Steering Group was shown. This is Chaired by Tony Rowe, the Sandy Park Chairman, and Richard Ball, Assistant Director Economy.

Fanzone will be open for 13 days which will show all Sandy Park, final and England games. It will be a sponsor orientated environment and will be socially inclusive and family friendly. Social cohesion is at the heart of the plans with the emphasis on 'something for everyone' who wants to celebrate a global event being in the city regardless of being a rugby or sport fan. There will be an opportunity for local clubs to promote themselves at Fanzone with taster activities for sports, information on nutrition etc. The build up will start on 10 June.

There will be a 5,000 capacity at Fanzone with a 'click in' approach.

Community groups are being encouraged to get involved, and events will need to have an association to rugby, however tenuous the link.

In response to a question, Catherine advised that in the event England is in the final, the admittance numbers for Fanzone will not change. There will be some publicity advising where the match can be watched, eg local rugby clubs who are keen to open their doors. It was unlikely that a screen would be placed at Sandy Park as this will be taken over by the event in September and October and will be used to host VIPs.

Work is being undertaken with train line services. They were looking to encourage the Digby train to be used on match days, and Newcourt for regular commuters.

Discussions are also underway with Gloucester on plans to encourage tourism packages between linked games.

The stadium has a maximum capacity of 12,300.

350 volunteers out of 900 'try-outs' will be allocated a space and will be informed imminently. The excess volunteer pool will be taken to work on legacy projects and to work as city ambassadors in the city and surrounding areas to promote events going on and giving visitors a reason to stay in the City.

There are five legacy themes which were highlighted in the presentation:

- Theme 1 - increased participation in rugby for all. There was not a very active schools programme, and the RFU only work with ages 14 years and over. This would run from the Foundation level in schools including nutritional information and linking it to the academic environment.
- Theme 2 offers more opportunities for women/girls to play rugby. There is now a womens 15 side team in Exeter and they will be taking part in the league as of September 2015. There was also now a waiting list.
- Theme 3 - increasing involvement in a wider range of sports and physical activities. Work was being undertaken with Active Devon to help run various initiatives
- Theme 4 would aim to maximise economic benefits for business growth and tourism.
- Theme 5 aimed to promote stronger and supportive communities for social cohesion and to recreate the wow factor of the Olympics 2012 experience.

Twitter was very successful in getting key messages out. The college and university will produce videos, programmes and events, and will also host the volunteer workspace.

Discussions would be taking place with ITV as the broadcast provider to ensure that the imagery is broadcast in the right way.

The University will be hosting Tonga and Woodbury/Bicton will be hosting Georgia and Romania. Rugby is Georgia's national sport and therefore the Government will be attending.

The Webb Ellis trophy tour was likely to take place on the weekend of 11 July for two days. The trophy had already been in the City in September 2014, and the number of interested people had been under-anticipated at that time so this needs to be taken into account.

Close working relationships would be formed with neighbouring authorities, East Devon and Teignbridge in particular, and the RFU would be helping to push this further into the Cornwall area.

Jim Nye was leading on policing of the events, and consideration will also need to be given to the football schedule.

In response to a question regarding capacity, Cath advised that they are not at capacity yet, although they need to carry out a postcode analysis of tickets purchased. East Devon and Exmouth areas will be promoted, and a park and ride site will be based at Westpoint.

In terms of community involvement, they would be looking to have a parallel festival of rugby with community groups and will provide assistance to promote them.

The Commercial Rights Group is led by Simon Lane at the City Council. There will be an exclusion zone around Sandy Park and the Fanzone for selling of products etc.

The Chair thanked Cath White for attending.

3

BID PROPOSAL

3a BID Proposal report

The Chair wished to pass on his thanks to Lucy Ball for providing the BID report.

Karime Hassan advised that historically there had been a three-way partnership between Devon County Council, Exeter City Council and the private sector. Revenue support from the private sector for city centre management and the delivery of the programme had been inconsistent.

There are financial pressures to maintain existing services as discretionary spend and it needs to be demonstrated how intervention prevents crime or improve health benefits. The levels of funding cannot be sustained and the BID is a way of addressing this problem as the scheme is paid for by the application of a small levy for eligible businesses in the BID area.

The BID addresses some of the shortfall and spend on priorities and provides an opportunity to look at what is currently being provided. However, it needs a real positive solution to issues although it should not compensate for losses and has to be in addition to what is already provided.

It was also noted that the BID is for a limited part of the city in terms of geographical area.

John Harvey felt that there was optimism around the campaign, but the visibility and awareness was not where it should be. It was encouraging to see what EVANTE has achieved with relatively small pots of money which had a great impact, and there was a growing understanding from licensed premises that what they do as a business has an effect. There was more responsibility as businesses, with door staff marshalling people in the street, and the licensed taxi trade paying for taxi marshalls.

The image of the city in particular areas was seen as a significant problem, such as the Cathedral Green. It was also having a profound impact on people visiting the city, and there was an opportunity for the CSP to influence priorities although the element that relates to the CSP is light and not detailed enough in the BID proposals.

3b **Exeter BID Business Plan 2015-2020**

The BID Business Plan was noted.

4 **DISCUSSION AROUND CSP PRIORITIES FOR 2015/16 AND WAY FORWARD**

4a **PCCs refresh of the Police and Crime Plan 2015-2016**

The Chair circulated the strategic drivers paper (attached to minutes). The CSP were happy to sign up to the four broad areas in the report.

Following the refresh of the PCCs Plan, there would be an increased focus on Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE). This has been taken up by other forums and Nicola Channon advised that a paper would be going to the Safer Devon Board meeting next week as it is an issue in Devon. The Police and Social Services will focus on particular areas where they know the problem and activity exists. Taxi firms, B&Bs etc would be targeted to raise awareness. The Safer Devon Partnership will have a broader awareness of the strategy across all areas, and the targeting of some areas would come through the CSP.

New forms of crime had been recognised such as cyber-crime and doorstep crime. It was agreed that these are emerging issues but did not at present overtake the other priorities.

Nicola advised that funding is yet to be confirmed – although it was proposed that each CSP will be granted £20,000 for next year; £10,000 for ASB and £10,000 for other local priorities which can also include ASB.

It was felt important that the CSP was visible and that the message was getting out that particular initiatives were being delivered in partnership.

The Chair suggested that a fifth priority could be included on how to market the work of the CSP and engage with the community. It would also be interesting to see the results of the recent ECC survey around safer city. A mechanism needs to be introduced to relay all the positive work and Karen Mandfield would be the single point of contact.

It was also agreed that there should be a regular update on spend.

Consideration needs to be given on how to add value, relate outputs and how to support other groups in their work.

It was suggested whether a flow chart could be produced on what the CSP has to offer by identifying interventions, triggers, potential for offence, and solutions available to easily identify who deals with what. Nicola advised that this type of information is available for particular strands of work, but not as one package, and as there are so many initiatives and strategies, to try to pull it together would be a huge piece of work.

The following comments were made on the four priority groups:

- EVANTE – meetings were working well, and Bob Norley advised that he was happy to co-chair the group. It was suggested that Inspector Tanya Youngs should now become the joint chair of EVANTE to enable Supt Perkin to develop the Reducing Reoffending Group. Supt Perkin would still attend the EVANTE group.
- Domestic, family and sexual abuse was an active group which Melinda organises although members of the CSP were unclear how this was moving forward. The Chair would arrange for some analysis of data around sexual offending.
- The ASBAT would be refreshing their terms of reference and was jointly chaired by ECC and the Police. Bob Norley advised that he was happy to review the terms of reference and circulate to all partners.

Consideration needs to be given to the new ASB powers such as the Public Spaces Protection Order, and how it can be applied to certain issues. They are also looking at emerging issues such as the use of legal highs in the city centre and encampments.

The two Sub-Groups of the ASBAT are made up of a different set of people and offers different perspectives:

- The City Centre Group needs to be coordinated more.
- The Graffiti Sub Group was originally set up as a task and finish group but was still ongoing and needed improved actions. The group looks at individual cases and themes.
- Reducing Reoffending Group - Nicola advised that there was a peninsula reoffending group but it was difficult to achieve anything on a locality basis. Integrated Offender Management was co-located with the police, Probation and health and drugs organisations.

It was noted that there is a new statutory rehabilitation requirement for offenders sentenced to less than 12 months in custody, and this will be run by Community Rehabilitation Companies. The Devon, Cornwall and Dorset CRC is run by Anne Proctor.

Agreed that:

- (1) The Chair to review the Terms of Reference, to include deputies
- (2) The Chair to write to representatives asking to send a deputy if they cannot attend meetings
- (3) Marketing the work of the CSP be included as a fifth priority.

- (4) Meetings would be held on a quarterly basis
- (5) A regular update on spend should be provided at meetings
- (6) The Chair to speak to Anne Proctor about a representative from Probation or CRC and a DAAT representative
- (7) The Chair to arrange for some analytical work to be undertaken on sexual offending

4b **Devon Peninsula Strategic Assessment**

A Devon version of the PSA was available which provides performance figures for specific CSPs.

Nicola advised that reporting had been encouraged for sexual violence but they were unsure if there had been an increase in reporting or an actual increase in the level of crime. The Chair advised that the majority of cases are domestic related, but there was not enough information available to accurately inform.

Steve Jones highlighted some of the difficulties within the Youth Offending Service around the systems in place and getting the best outcomes. There may be a flag that a person needs a multi-agency response, but nobody knows how to move this forward. The capacity to assess the level of risk at the Youth Service is reduced and there are very few providers of sexual treatment programmes.

There is now a conflict to assess total crime as there is a target to reduce crime, but to increase reporting, so therefore the crime figures are increasing.

Nicola advised that the SDP tried not to get preoccupied with reductions/increases in figures and has been focussing more on the movements and sense of direction as this is easier to manage. It needs to be ensured that the measure of success makes sense.

4c **Health and Wellbeing Strategy for 2013-2018**

The Health and Wellbeing Board would link in with priorities such as the reduction in alcohol and substance misuse.

5 **UPDATES BY EXCEPTION FROM REDUCING REOFFENDING, DOMESTIC ABUSE, ASBAT AND NIGHT TIME ECONOMY GROUPS**

Bob Norley reported that the Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) would be a useful tool and the ASBAT and City Centre Issues Group would be looking at how it could be used.

They were also working with Network Rail on issues relating to the encampment at Bonhay Road, as this was both ECC and Network Rail land.

In coordination with ECC and British Transport Police, Network Rail would be erecting a fence at their expense and ECC would clear the vegetation around the encampment end in order to open up the space and make it more desirable to public use, while deterring camping.

6

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 22 JULY AT 9.30AM

The date of the next meeting would be arranged and circulated.

On behalf of the Group, the Chair thanked John Harvey for his contributions to the city centre and Exeter and wished him well for the future.

(The meeting commenced at 9.30 am and closed at 11.54 am)