

# The East and Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership

*A Partnership between East & Mid Devon District Councils, Devon & Cornwall Constabulary, Devon County Council, NHS Devon, Devon & Cornwall Probation Service, Devon & Cornwall Police Authority and Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service.*



**EAST & MID DEVON COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP  
STEERING GROUP MEETING  
On Wednesday 3 March 2010  
At The Small Hall, The New Hall, Barrington Street, Tiverton**

**Present:**

Chris Gibbings	EDDC (Chair)
Julia Ryder	Mid Devon Community Safety Officer
Gerry Moore	East Devon Community Safety Officer
Tony Comerford	Devon & Cornwall Police
Gareth Twigg	Creedy LAG Chair
Bob Darbourne	EDDC
Colleen Harris	DYS
Lucy O'Loughlin	NHS Devon
Paul Williams	Environmental Health Services Manager, MDDC
Nigel Deasy	DSFRS
Laura Maksymczuk	Mid Devon CSP Administrator (minutes)

<b>1.</b>	<p><b>Introduction and Apologies</b> Chris welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Jackie Thomas, Mike Bull, Mark Williams, Simon Perkins, Roy Tomlinson, Andy Stuthridge, Jane Campbell, Chris Bridgeman, Andy Revesz, Bob Buxton and Stuart Hughes.</p>
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>Minutes from meeting on 27 January 2010</b></p> <p>The minutes of the East &amp; Mid Devon CSP Steering Group meeting on 27 January 2010 were agreed as a true record.</p> <p><b>Matters Arising</b> Julia reported to the group that all Mid Devon LAG minutes are now available on the MDDC intranet site so that they can be accessed by elected members. This was the result of a query from an elected member regarding the publishing of LAG minutes. Julia and Gerry both confirmed that their CSO reports are now available on the District Council websites along with these Steering Group minutes.</p> <p><b>Page 2, Item 4</b> Communicating for Confidence will be discussed under item 4.</p>
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>DSFRS – promotion of Community Safety and Corporate Plan</b> Nigel distributed copies of the DSFRS Corporate Plan and The Community Safety Prevention leaflet which details projects that are undertaken with children and young people. The draft Corporate Plan for 2013-2014 is currently available for consultation.</p> <p>Nigel reported that in Exeter, East &amp; Mid Devon there are 16 fire stations and 300 firefighters. These resources enable DSFRS to assist with local community events, provide interventions and participate in partnership work. Nigel outlined some of the fire services current projects:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phoenix – this is a 6 month intervention scheme. Nigel asked if this could be promoted through the LAGs so that some young people who are causing ASB can be identified to go on a course. Gerry questioned what funding is available for this course. Nigel replied that it costs £7000 to run a course for 12 young people and that partner agencies would be required to provide some of this. However it may be possible for DSFRS to run some Phoenix courses as part of their contribution to SDP.</li> <li>• Presentations to schools. Nigel said that the fire service will be going into schools to give presentations to KS3 pupils on arson, and to KS4 pupils on road traffic accident reduction – this will take place in addition to Learn to Live.</li> <li>• Fire cadets – Exmouth Community College are looking to run a 12 week scheme with input from police, fire and ambulance services for 4 weeks each. If this is successful they will look at continuing this and DSFRS will offer this to other schools. It was mentioned that it may be possible to link in where police cadets already exists to become ‘community cadets’ – this is being explored in Seaton. It was also suggested that if new fire cadets are setting up that it may be beneficial to have them in areas where police cadets are not already running.</li> <li>• Restorative justice – this usually occurs with individuals referred by YOT.</li> </ul> <p>Links between partners were discussed and it was agreed that it would be helpful for Gerry and Julia to know about local operations and events. <b>Action: Nigel to provide details of local DSFRS events to Gerry and Julia.</b>  <b>Action: Nigel to pass dates and local contact information re: Junior Life Skills to Lucy O’Loughlin.</b></p>
<p>4.</p>	<p><b>Communicating for Confidence</b></p> <p>Tony Comerford provided an update from a seminar which was held on 26 February at St Mellion which discussed the Devon &amp; Cornwall Police Confidence Model. The Safe and Confident Neighbourhood Strategy is being taken on by the Safer Devon Partnership. The differences in how data is recorded between the British Crime Survey, The Place Survey and local telephone surveys undertaken by the police were discussed, particularly around the ‘don’t know’ option and whether this is recorded as a negative or even included.</p> <p>According to the Home Office we live in the 3<sup>rd</sup> safest place in the country (behind Norfolk and Dyfed Powys). When linked with confidence and the Local Authority this drops to 35<sup>th</sup>. The current satisfaction rate for those who strongly agree or tend to agree that the police and council are dealing with ASB is 46.9%. However, results are only published 4 months after the survey is carried out – and lots of interventions have been put in place since September which should influence future results.</p> <p>The police currently undertake mandatory monthly telephone surveys and data is supplied within a week. This data can be passed on to partners to supplement the data provided by the Place Survey, which only takes place every 2 years. This will give us a better indication of how we are communicating for confidence and flag up where more action needs to be taken to improve satisfaction rates.</p> <p>Tony reported that Assistant Chief Constable Paul Netherton is currently making joint visits with each Local Police Area Commander to Chief Executives in each District Council.</p> <p>A discussion took place around parking enforcement – the police are currently looking at being able to do this in partnership with local authority Civil Enforcement officers. It was agreed that we need to continue to get the ‘3<sup>rd</sup> safest’ message out to the public and that press releases need to come from the Partnership, the district councils and the police to reiterate this message.</p>
<p>4.1</p>	<p><b>CSP Newsletter</b></p> <p>Julia circulated a draft newsletter to the group. This first edition should be available at the Annual Conference.</p>

<p><b>4.2</b></p>	<p><b>Tackling ASB Pledge</b>  Each Community Safety Partnership will be asked to sign up to these minimum standards by the start of the next financial year. This will be a standardised document across Devon and Cornwall but we can put our own logo on it. This has been circulated to partners for comments. Julia reported that Gerald Hirsch, MDDC Chief Executive, had queried what response the police would take to incidents requiring an immediate response (item 3). Tony Comerford replied that the police and other emergency services already have set targets in place. A discussion took place around the fact that other services cannot provide a 24/7 service and whether or not the police would take referrals from other partners (rather than from the individuals concerned) for immediate response. It was agreed that this part of the pledge needed better clarity before the CSP would be able to sign up to it. <b>Action: Julia to redraft and contact Inspector Paul Morgan re: this suggestion.</b></p>
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>Performance</b>  There have been reductions in all categories, highlighting why we are the third safest place to live. Tony highlighted the fact that there has been a 93% detection rate for serious assaults and that all 13 robbery offences have now been detected. Crime statistics are available on the Devon &amp; Cornwall police website:  <a href="http://www.maps.police.uk/view/devon-cornwall">www.maps.police.uk/view/devon-cornwall</a></p>
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>Priorities 2010/11 – New Priority: Priority 5 Road Safety</b>  A draft for a new priority has been circulated to the group. This has come about because speeding and issues relating to road safety are the public’s number one priority coming out of PACT surveys and Community Action Days. The group accepted this proposal and Gerry will discuss this with Phil Kennedy on his return to work.</p>
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>CSO Reports</b>  <u>Julia – Mid Devon</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Third Party reporting forms are now available and copies were distributed to the group.</li> </ul> <p><u>Gerry – East Devon</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Flava Dance Group has performed at the Exmouth Community College recently. The intention is to get young people involved in dance as a diversion from causing ASB. Gerry reported that this was very successful and that funding had been received from the SDP ASB fund to contribute towards the £3500 cost of this two day event. Lucy reported that the NHS will be doing some follow up work through <i>Change for Life</i> with some of the students who attended the Flava workshops and will enable these students to perform at Exmouth Festival.</li> <li>• Following on from the discussion regarding Legal highs at the last meeting, feedback from the DAIG is that the Government will be reclassifying methedrone as Class C, but the exact date when this will take place is unknown.</li> <li>• 6 GPS DV alarms are now available for use by victims of DV across East &amp; Mid Devon. DV forum members have been provided with the police contact to enable them to nominate victims who would benefit from these alarms. Devon &amp; Cornwall Police are the first force in the country to use these alarms for this purpose.  <b>Action: Julia to contact Richard Crosby to arrange for a press release to be issued.</b></li> <li>• At the DV forum held yesterday concerns were raised about a Refuge in Honiton which is run by Devon &amp; Cornwall Housing. In the past a multi agency group met to oversee the work of the Refuge but this group no longer exists. There is such a high turnover of staff at the Refuge that links aren’t being made or maintained with other agencies and a different representative has attended the last 3 DV Forum meetings.  <b>Action: Gerry to speak to Phil Kennedy re: sending a letter from this Steering Group to Devon &amp; Cornwall Housing regarding these concerns.</b></li> </ul>

8.	<p><b>Annual Conference/ Community Safety Booklet Updates</b>  Invitations to the Annual Conference have now been sent out and around 40 responses have been received so far. Gerry is arranging for a press release to go out. Nearer to the time the Conference will also be publicised via the Police Community Messaging Service.  <b>Action: Laura to ensure that the CSP Scrutiny Group members have been invited to attend.</b></p> <p>All advertising space for the CSP booklet has now been sold. The text is complete and has been approved by Phil. The company producing this are now looking at the layout.</p>
9.	<p><b>Safer Devon Partnership Update</b>  Paul Williams and Chris Gibbings attended this morning's SDP meeting and reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To reflect it's strategic nature the group will be called Safer Devon Partnership Operational Board.</li> <li>• The structure of the Board was agreed with a refined membership of one vote per CSP/ partner agency. Each agency can have 2 representatives but only one vote (e.g. each CSP has a member rep and an officer rep).</li> <li>• There will be no second tier groups such as the current SDP Performance &amp; Finance Group.</li> <li>• The police are currently undertaking the Strategic Assessment. When this is complete the Board will set priorities from this and produce a Partnership Plan.</li> <li>• A maximum of 10% + VAT will be allocated for administration of the Board.</li> <li>• Services will be commissioned.</li> <li>• It was acknowledged that partners can't commit budgets as yet as they don't yet know their own budgets. The scenario of some partners being unable to put their allocation into the budget is currently being looked at.</li> <li>• Hallmarks are being looked at – the commissioning approach will turn most areas from amber to green.</li> <li>• The next meeting on 9 June will appoint a new Chair, agree new Terms of Reference and receive reports back from the 3 new task and finish groups which are looking at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Governance and Terms of Reference for the Board, and Support Services</li> <li>○ Commissioning</li> <li>○ Communicating</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Two other papers which were discussed at SDP will be circulated to the group when available: <b>Strategy to combat violence against women and girls</b> and <b>Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub</b>.</p> <p>Julia asked whether there will be any changes to the current SDP thematic groups – it was not thought that these will change in the next year.  Julia also flagged up that any further reductions in budgets would impact upon administrative support to the CSP.</p>
10.	<p><b>Any Other Business</b>  No items were raised.</p>
11.	<p><b>Date &amp; Place of Next Meeting:</b>  Wednesday 21 April at Broadclyst Victory Hall at <b>2.00pm</b> (following on from the Annual Conference at 9.45am).</p>

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