

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 9 December 2009 At MDDC, Phoenix House, Tiverton

Present:

Supt Phil Kennedy	Devon & Cornwall Police (Chair)
Julia Ryder	Mid Devon Community Safety Officer
Gerry Moore	East Devon Community Safety Officer
Roy Tomlinson	DCC
Cllr Jane Campbell	MDDC
Bob Buxton	Honiton LAG Chair
Mike Bull	Devon & Cornwall Police Authority
Chris Bridgeman	DSFRS
Nigel Deasy	DSFRS
Gareth Twigg	Devon & Cornwall Police
Gerald Hirsch	CEO, MDDC
Laura Maksymczuk	Mid Devon CSP Administrator (minutes)

1.	<p>Introduction and Apologies Phil welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Jackie Thomas, Ian Tearle, John Berry, Simon Perkins, Mark Keeley, Lisa Rutter and Andy Stuthridge.</p>
2.	<p>Minutes from meeting on 28 October 2009</p> <p>The minutes of the East & Mid Devon CSP Steering Group meeting on 28 October 2009 were agreed as a true record.</p> <p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Page 1, Item 2 – Phil has received a draft protocol. Julia will contact Marjory Parish for an updated version. Laura has now received details of the Scrutiny group members.</p> <p>Page 2, Item 4 – this will be discussed under Agenda item 4.</p> <p>Page 4, Item 7 – no update.</p> <p>Page 4, Item 8 – this will be discussed under Agenda item 6.</p> <p>Page 4, Item 9 – Community Speedwatch – Gareth confirmed that kits containing speed guns and signage have been going out. There may be some delay in getting the scheme up and running as 6 volunteers are needed in each area, who all must receive training prior to going out. Chris and Nigel informed the group that DSFRS have a Stop & Watch vehicle, which is being used to engage with both speeding and young drivers. This is being used as part of the Country Mile Project but also in other areas, such as Exmouth. It was agreed that it would be good to use this vehicle for more joint initiatives.</p> <p>Action: Phil will arrange for a presentation on Community Speedwatch to be given at the next meeting.</p>

<p>3.</p>	<p>Performance</p> <p>The performance figures were distributed and discussed. Key points are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two individuals have been apprehended in Exmouth recently for dwelling burglaries and the crime rate has decreased as a result of this. • Serious Violent Crime is on a declining trend, following a peak earlier in the year. This is as a result of concentrated activity around late night economy and DV related crime. Phil has written to all licensed premises across East & Mid Devon regarding CCTV coverage in these premises. The Mid Devon police licensing team have recently won a national award and 2 licensed premises have been closed in Mid Devon. The group expressed their appreciation to the council and police licensing teams for their good work on this. • ASB is down across the whole of Devon BCU, and based on the last 4 year's average, East Devon has seen a decrease in ASB of 4% this year, and Mid Devon 10%.
<p>4.</p>	<p>Communicating for Confidence</p> <p>Phil distributed some background information and police survey results for East & Mid Devon. Although there appears to be increasing confidence in how the police are dealing with crime and ASB, there is decreased confidence in how well the police and the council together are dealing with ASB and crime. A similar question was asked in the Place Survey, with a similar result. There has actually been a decrease in recorded crime and ASB so action must now be taken to address people's perceptions and to provide feedback to the community on what is being done locally.</p> <p>It was agreed that it would be helpful to have the figures broken down into more localised areas so that the LAGs could put interventions in place if there is a particular problem within their locality.</p> <p>Negative local media was attributed as a major factor in influencing people's perceptions, especially of the council, even if service delivery is good.</p> <p>The next steps to be taken are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an audit of what is being done • planning of communication opportunities for the next 12 months • joining up of activity • agreeing the most effective tactics to be taken <p>Phil will commit resources to undertake the audit and bring the results to the next meeting.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Safer Devon Partnership Update</p> <p>The next SDP meeting is next week. Next year's budget will be discussed and there will be a reduction in funding from some partner agencies. The BCU Commander's fund, which accounts for around 25% of the SDP budget, has the caveat attached that the funding must be used to demonstrate an increase in public confidence. A working group is recommended to look at a better way of distributing funding allocations across thematic groups and partnerships, but it is unlikely that this will be determined before the start of the financial year.</p> <p>The advert for the SDP lead officer post will be out at the end of this week, with the appointment due to start in mid January.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Next year's AGM / Community Safety Booklet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julia and Gerry outlined proposals for the Annual Conference to be held in April, and these were agreed by the group. Julia and Gerry will now finalise the details for this. • Julia and Gerry have approached publishers in order to produce a new CSP booklet in May/June 2010. Half of the booklet will be available to the Partnership as text, and will concentrate on the priorities, what has been achieved in Year 2 and what is planned for Year 3. The rest of the booklet will be advertising, which would fund it's production. Partner agencies will be contacted to enable them to use some of this advertising space. The booklet will be distributed with the free newspapers to 78,000

	households across the two districts. The group agreed these proposals.
7.	<p>CSO Reports</p> <p><u>Julia – Mid Devon</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Culm LAG remit – the Culm LAG has been focusing on ASB in Cullompton town for the last 6 months and has seen a positive reduction in ASB of 80%. The LAG would now like to include the wider Culm area but still focus solely on ASB. In April the LAG will expand to the full CSP remit with relevant partners invited. • The Pannier Youth café in Tiverton has now closed for the winter but all involved are keen to re-open in May 2010 and funding for this is currently being sought. • The possibility of a Section 30 Dispersal Order for the Cowleymoore area of Tiverton is being looked at, and initial consultation with young people is being conducted by DYS. • Very positive events took place for DA Awareness Week, including a graffiti artwork project at Tiverton youth centre which was funded by Exe LAG. The Culm LAG is looking to undertake a similar art project around underage drinking in the new year. • A Section 30 Dispersal Order for Uffculme is being progressed, as ASB has escalated within the village in the last few weeks. • The Diversity Forum Terms of Reference have been revised and were distributed to the group. Any comments should be passed to Julia. <p><u>Gerry – East Devon</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total crime in the sector has decreased over the last 12 months compared with the previous year by 3.5%. • An initiative to tackle underage drinking has been implemented in Exmouth. Parents now have to collect their children from the police station and all parties must then return at a later date when restorative justice is used to deal with the behaviour. • Cannabis use amongst young people in Sidmouth is causing concern, more so than alcohol. Both DYS and the police are aware and have links with YSmart. • In Honiton the police are actively targeting red zone times and areas in order to be seen by large numbers of people at peak times. • Good links have been established with the new Head teacher at Honiton Community College and this has had an impact on the behaviour of the pupils there e.g. reduced litter. <p>Phil queried whether or not LAG minutes are published on the East & Mid Devon District Council websites. They currently are not and neither are copies of these CSO reports. It was agreed that CSO reports should be published as these provide an outline of what the LAGs are doing. Action: Laura to publish future CSO reports on websites.</p> <p>Phil had also been asked about elected members attendance at LAGs – Julia and Gerry confirmed that elected members are welcome to attend meetings if they inform them or the LAG chair in advance that they will be attending. Phil will feed this back to elected members.</p>
8.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lisa Rutter has advised that due to the DYS staff freeze, youth sessions will be closing in January and has asked for a letter from this group to express concern. Action: Phil to write a letter to DYS from the steering group. <p>Julia reported that this is also true in Cullompton, and that the Culm LAG has agreed to fund the junior sessions, where there are 100 young people on role, for one year.</p>
9.	<p>Date & Place of Next Meeting: Wednesday 27 January 2010 at 11.00am in the Committee Room, Knowle, Sidmouth.</p>