

# 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 18 January 2012 Committee Room, EDDC Knowle, Sidmouth

### Present:

Tony Comerford	Devon & Cornwall Police (Chair)
Julia Ryder	Mid Devon Community Safety Officer
Gerry Moore	East Devon Community Safety Officer
Mike White	Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service
Marjory Parish	MDDC
Mike Bull	Devon & Cornwall Police Authority
Bob Deed	MDDC
Lisa Rutter	Devon Youth Service
Laura Maksymczuk	CSP Administrator (minutes)

<b>1.</b>	<p><b>Introduction and Apologies</b> Apologies were received from Paul Davies, Lucy O'Loughlin, Simon Smale, Simon Perkins, Janet Rendle, Nicola Channon, Chris Bridgeman and Nigel Deasy.</p>
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>Minutes from meeting on 6 December 2011</b> The minutes of the East &amp; Mid Devon CSP Steering Group meeting on 6 December 2011 were agreed as a true record.</p> <p><b>Matters Arising</b>  <b>Page 1, Item 2 – attendance at LAGs</b> – Gerry reported that attendance has dropped off slightly but that there is still a core group of about 6 people at each LAG. Julia advised that attendance at the last 2 LAGs held in Mid Devon has been very good.  <b>Page 2, Item 3 – arson figures for Tiverton</b> – this is outstanding. <b>Action: Tony to follow this up and provide some feedback to Julia.</b>  <b>Page 2, Item 4 – Evidencing work of CSP</b> – see agenda item 3.  <b>Page 4, Item 8 – AGM 2012</b> - see agenda item 6.</p>
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>SDP Updates</b> Gerry reported that he, Julia and Nicola Channon had attended a Peninsula wide meeting on 13 January. Gerry has started to collate a report on the work of the CSP, which will go to the Peninsula group and the Police Authority. This report will include details on the CSP structure and merger, and the work of the LAGs and theme groups. The report includes examples to show how small amounts of funding can make a significant difference. Also included will be end of year performance data for our current priorities and details of next year's CSP priorities. It was suggested that an Executive Summary is needed for this report to provide the key messages, and that the document itself needs to be shorter and more to the point. Mike Bull pointed out that the PCC will be inundated with lobbying information from lots of different agencies when they take up post and so it will be beneficial to get brief information on the CSP included in the material to be provided by the Chief Executive of the Police Authority. The importance of the CSPs will also be shown through the Strategic</p>

Assessment and this will be common for all CSPs throughout the Force area. It was suggested that our CSP report could be sent to MPs and others who may have influence with the PCC but again it was felt that an Executive Summary is vital for these recipients.  
**Action: Gerry to liaise with Julia and Paul to complete report.**

**4. Performance**

<b>East &amp; Mid Devon LAG Figures 12 months to December 2011 compared with previous 12 months</b>
Total Crime increased from 7562 offences to 7582 offences (+0.3%)
Violent Crime increased from 1659 offences to 1733 offences (+4.5%)
Domestic Burglary increased from 333 offences to 338 offences (+1.5%)
Other Burglary decreased from 663 offences to 639 offences (-3.6%)
Theft from Vehicle decreased from 447 offences to 426 offences (-4.7%)
Criminal Damage decreased from 1890 offences to 1610 offences (-14.8%)
Rowdy/Nuisance Behaviour (ASB) decreased from 5101 offences to 4395 offences (-13.8%)

The performance figures show some slight increases but also some significant decreases, particularly for criminal damage and ASB. There has been one offender in the Mid Devon area responsible for the increase in domestic burglaries that is now in custody.

A discussion took place around fraud offences. Marjory reported on a case of a fraudulent street collector in Mid Devon. Marjory has not had much help from the Charity Commission to deal with this case. She has also been contacted by colleagues from other parts of the country, including Cornwall Council who are now trying to get a regional meeting of councils together to tackle this case. Tony advised that Marjory should contact the police Financial Investigation Unit as this goes beyond the remit of local police.

**Action: Marjory to contact the police Financial Investigation Unit to ask them to investigate this case.**

**5. CSO Reports**

Julia reported that Mid Devon District Council have agreed to fund the CSP Administrator post as a permanent position.

Gerry and Julia had attended the ASB Diversion Scheme training which was recently run in Tiverton by the Probation Service for 12 probationers. Those who attended had committed a range of ASB offences, including some violent crime, and a DVD about violent crime which was shown during the training seemed to have a positive impact on them.

**Julia – Mid Devon**

- Attendance at the LAGs recently has been very good and there has been some positive local problem solving.
- Julia and Laura are involved in the community consultation which will take place regarding the Saxon Close play area in Crediton. The formal consultation will take place on 1 February at Crediton Fire Station and will take the form of a drop in session for residents to speak to MDDC officers and local councillors re: a new formal access into the play area.
- Following the rave at Haywood Woods on 7/8 January letters will be sent to those involved from both the council and the police. The police will also try to make visits to vehicle owners, most of whom are resident in the North Devon area.
- Around 15 people attended the Exe LAG held on 17 January, including representatives from Silverton Parish Council, who attended to discuss joint working to tackle issues of ASB in the village. ASB has escalated in Silverton village over the Christmas period and this was discussed at the Parish Council meeting on 9 January.

	<p>The LAG were consulted on applying for a Section 30 Dispersal Order and agreed to progress this.</p> <p><b>Gerry – East Devon</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A female from Honiton who had breached her ASBO 6 times has appeared in court and was given a 6 month prison sentence suspended for 2 years.</li> <li>• A further update on the National Citizenship Service Project is due to be given at the Honiton LAG meeting on 19 January.</li> <li>• A food bank is now operating from Honiton Community Church. This is quite a small operation at the moment but they will see how it is used and expand it if necessary.</li> <li>• Farm Watch is being promoted across the Axminster area. Allotment Watch, which is already running in Exmouth, is being set up in the Seaton area.</li> <li>• Gerry has been involved with an ASB case involving a man in Exmouth sleeping rough. There have been a couple of incidents where this individual has been arrested for drunken behaviour. The latest update is that this individual has been offered help from the Homeless Team and he may be moving to Exeter.</li> </ul>
<p>6.</p>	<p><b>AGM 2012</b></p> <p>The Annual Conference has been booked for Tuesday 3 April at Broadclyst Victory Hall and will run with a similar format to last year's event. <b>Action: Gerry and Julia to confirm agenda with Paul on his return from leave and invite speakers to attend.</b> Mike Bull asked for the opportunity to give an update on PCCs. <b>Action: Gerry and Julia to include Mike Bull on the agenda for the Conference.</b> Volunteers will be needed to serve refreshments and possibly lunch. <b>Action: All to consider if they could help with this and let Julia know.</b></p>
<p>7.</p>	<p><b>Strategic Assessment</b></p> <p>There is now a draft Strategic Assessment for the whole Peninsula. Gerry and Julia have been through this document with Paul and have sent back comments asking for the work on Domestic Abuse to be included, along with the work of the LAGs, DAIG and that all of the Anti-social Behaviour Co-ordinators are recognised for their contribution to reducing ASB through the escalation process.</p> <p>The priorities for the Peninsula as set out in the Strategic Assessment are Domestic Abuse, Alcohol Abuse, Anti-social Behaviour and Managing Reoffending. We will be adopting these priorities for the CSP for next year, with the exception of managing reoffending, as this is a difficult area for CSPs to have any impact on.</p> <p><b>CSP Priorities 2012/13</b></p> <p>Work is being done on the CSP Plan for 2012/13 which will include 4 Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tackle Problem Alcohol Misuse</li> <li>• Reduce Incidents of Anti-social Behaviour</li> <li>• Raise Awareness of the issues of Domestic Abuse and Promote the Support Services Available</li> <li>• Local Action Groups to continue local problem solving, crime prevention and tackling community safety issues</li> </ul> <p>There will be specific targets to be met for ASB but the other priorities will focus on the themes rather than measuring performance on specific targets. The Plan will outline what our intentions are regarding these priorities and how they can be measured in terms of outputs.</p> <p>To save costs the CSP Plan will only be published on the websites, the same as happened this year, but hard copies will be made available to those who request them.</p>

<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mike White reported that the Fire Service has allocated some funding to the CSP. This will be £4500 each for East and Mid Devon and will be allocated to Gerry and Julia to spend on CSP projects as they see fit, in order to achieve DSFRS Community Safety goals. Gerry and Julia will be required to provide feedback to Nigel Deasy on what has been spent, but there is no time constraint on spending this funding. The group thanked the Fire Service for providing this funding. <b>Action: Julia and Gerry to provide Mike with BACS details so that this funding can be transferred to them.</b></li> <li>• Julia and Gerry outlined details of the bids which have been put into the Proceeds of Crime funding, which is £9K for the whole of Devon. There was some concern that these had been put in without consultation with the Steering Group but on this occasion the deadline was very short and the criteria for the bids was very broad. <b>Action: Tony to feedback to Supt Steve Swani that clearer guidance should be given regarding Proceeds of Crime funding going back to the communities who have suffered the crimes.</b> It was suggested that if some bids are unsuccessful Julia and Gerry may wish to support them through CSP funding.</li> <li>• Lisa advised that DYS are expecting further cuts and restructuring to the service from April.</li> </ul>
<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p><b>Date &amp; Place of Next Meeting:</b> Wednesday 7 March at 10.00am in the Mayoralty Room at Tiverton Town Hall.</p>

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