



Community Cohesion Board

5th March 2009

Present:

Adrian Chapman, Chair
Jawaid Khan, Cohesion Manager, GPP
Paul Butcher, Children's Services, PCC
David O'Connor-Long, PCC
Bob Footer, Head of YOS
Gary Ridgway, Cambridgeshire Constabulary
Mohua Bhattacharya, Regional Productivity, Go-East
Cllr Graham Murphy, PCC
Geeta Pankhania, PCT
MJ Ladha, Director of Peterborough Racial Equality Council
Leonie McCarthy, PCC New Link
Mike Lennox, PCC
Rehana Kauser, GPP Womens Group Co-ordinator
Susie Hall, GPP Manager
Louise Harrison, Co-ordinator, GPP

In Attendance:

Will Spinner, PCC
Rowena Sampson, PCC
Mark Allison, EEDA
Sue Churchill, LSC

Absent:

Safeen Sethi, GPP
Richard Astle, GPP
Sue Rampal, GPP
Andy Hebb, Cambridgeshire Constabulary
Bonita Johnston, Stronger Communities, Go- East

1. Welcome, Introductions & Apologies

Apologies were received from Paul Phillipson, Dean Charles Taylor, Mel Collins, Paul Phillipson, Lee Davies

2. Minutes of the last meeting: 22nd January 2009

One amendment proposed from MJ received:

Item 5, CCTV and Taxis: **To add one line at the end:** MJ advised PCC to write to individual taxi drivers on the proposed changes. **PP** to action.

3. Matters Arising:

- 3.1 Preparation of the Communication Strategy and proposal for launching of PVE action plan to be carried forward and reported at next meeting. JK
- 3.2 The job description for the PVE Co-ordinator has been drafted and is awaiting approval from PP.
- 3.3 The new ToR for Cohesion Board to be reported at next meeting.

3.4 An update was supplied by LM regarding the homelessness amongst the EU's in Peterborough and the concerning issues. The Home Office has stated that it is against the policy for homeless EU's to be fingerprinted in the event of a crime. It was agreed that this policy needs to change and will be discussed further at the 'Homeless People' meeting and the matter to be raised when Chief Constable Julie Spence visits. Chair asked for this to be an agenda item for the next Cohesion Board meeting.

3.5 The Equality Monitoring template was tabled. It was agreed to collate information on good practices from other local authorities and local strategic partnership before taking this subject to GPP Executive. Chair agreed for £3-5k to be allocated for the collation work with assistance from Peterborough Racial Equality Council. **MJ** to follow up action and report back to Cohesion Board before it is taken to GPP Executive.

4. Tension Monitoring Report:

The above report was tabled highlighting recent incidents in Peterborough based on input received from Police and GPP. The report includes recent escalation of tension involving Eastern European and Asian young people in Central ward after a murder case. The number of homeless people especially amongst the Eastern Europeans and unsatisfactory security provisions issues of the Hindu Temple.

The Board agreed to seek information from Youth Services and Schools in Central Ward as to positive action being undertaken to bring harmony among Eastern European and Asian young people and explore what assistance can be given by other partners.

BF agreed to raise this with relevant Youth Services. **JK** to follow up and report.

GM to follow up with Planning Services on the planning works for the security provisions at the Hindu Temple. (GM reported that the matter has been brought to the relevant attention in the Planning Service and will be followed up for urgent action).

The Board agreed to fund 3-5 K for supporting the work being undertaking to review the homelessness situation and work in partnership with New Link and other partners (PCC , Police, NHS, PREC). Follow up action by LM.

Mohua Bhattacharya joined the meeting.

Mike Lennox left the meeting.

5. LAA Block 2 Building Community Cohesion Update:

The above was circulated and reports that good progress is being made in relation to inter-cultural and inter-faith and that the NI's are making positive development.

6. Cohesion & PVE Budget Update:

The summary of the PVE Budget was circulated. This shows £15k still remains of the £72k Cohesion Budget.

An allocation of up to 5K was agreed to conduct a study on Complementary Schools Trust as coordinated through Children and Young People Services. Follow up action by PB and report. It was agreed that this project could also be part funded under the PVE allocation, if necessary.

Rowena joined the meeting.

7. Place Survey Result:

Rowena Sampson gave the Board an update on the Place Survey which was a postal survey capturing the opinions of the quality of life where we live from the general public, 1325 responses were received. The results of other comparable local authorities were not yet available to public. Chair asked for this to be reviewed in comparison with other similar local authorities and reported as an agenda item for the next Cohesion Board meeting. JK to follow up.

Information on local authorities in family benchmarking group to be circulated. **RS** to action.

Rowena Sampson left the meeting.

8. Impact of the Economic Downturn & Implications on Peterborough:

A document on the Impact of the Economic Downturn was circulated prior to the meeting. The document highlights the significant reduction in jobs within Peterborough and increase in crime rates.

A group is currently being set up with key people led by Richard Astle, to address and resolve this matter in a positive manner. Those interested to be involved in the key group are to contact Richard Astle; Richard@gpp-peterborough.org.uk. **AC** to forward the initial email to LM. **GM** expressed his wish to be involved in the work of the group.

Sue Churchill joined the meeting.

9. ESOL:

A document was tabled which explains the background of ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) and its needs of the Priority Groups which have been identified.

Results of the joint bid for £30k through Anglia Ruskin University will be given on 1st April. If this is successful, venues will be found and the courses will be publicised.

A discussion was held on ways to drive forward ESOL and the Priority Groups that have been identified, it was agreed that the Adult Learning and Skills Strategy Group (to be renamed Partnership soon) was the most appropriate lead partnership to take the lead for integrated ESOL provisions to address the local need. Karen Moody, the newly appointed Adult Skills and Strategy Manager to be invited to attend the next meeting.

Funding of up to £5k was agreed to support the work being undertaken by the ESOL Operations Group in mapping ESOL provision and funds in Peterborough and organise a summit on the subject.

JK to follow up action with ESOL Ops groups and liaise with Adult Learning and Skills Strategy Group.

10. Away Day 18th May 2009:

An away day has been organised for 18th May 2009, between 9.30am & 4pm @ City Club. Further information to follow in due course. JK to action.

11. AOB:

- Multi Agency Forum on New Arrivals recently held its meeting and is in the process to elect a new chair.
- LM asked for the protocol to be put into place between Partners in relation to publicity releases of cohesion implications. GR & LM to liaise.

- **Date of Next Meeting:**

18th May 2009 9.30—4.00pm, Away Day, City Club

21st July 10-1pm, Forli Room, Town Hall

Meeting closed at 3.45pm

**MATTERS ARISING & SUMMARY OF ACTIONS:
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RESPONSIBLE	ACTION	DUE DATE
GR & LM	GR & LM to liaise over the protocols in relation to publicity releases.	End March
JK	Supply further information for Away Day in May.	End April
JK	Follow up action with ESOL Ops groups and liaise with Adult Learning and Skills Strategy Group.	End March
JK	Collate information from other agencies regarding Equality Monitoring Template.	End March
RS	Information on local authorities in family benchmarking group to be circulated	End March
GM	To follow up with Planning Services on the planning works for the security provisions at the Hindu Temple.	End March
BF	Agreed to raise matter in relation to Tension Monitoring Form with relevant Youth Services.	End March