



**Community Cohesion Board
11th December 2008**

Present:

Paul Phillipson, Chair, Executive Director of Operations, PCC
Jawaid Khan, Cohesion Manager, GPP
Andy Hebb, Chief Superintendent, Cambridgeshire Police
Dean Charles Taylor, Peterborough Diocese
John Place, Go-East
David O'Connor, PCC
Mel Collins, Assistant Director, Learning & Skills, PCC
MJ Ladha, Director of Peterborough Racial Equality Council
Leonie McCarthy, PCC New Link
Geeta Pankhania, PCT
Lee Davis, Go-East
Bonita Johnston, Stronger Communities, Go- East
Safeen Sethi, Faith Development and Community Partnership Worker, GPP
Sue Rampal, Cohesion Team, GPP
Raja Ali, Community Group Co-ordinator, GPP
Louise Harrison, Co-ordinator, GPP

1. Welcome, Introductions & Apologies

Apologies were received from Adrian Chapman, Steve Welby & Richard Astle.

Paul Phillipson has recently moved from the Cambs Constabulary to PCC as Executive Director of Operations. Paul was approached and agreed to take on the position of Chair to Community Cohesion Board. It was suggested that the membership should include the Muslim Community.

Permission was sought to review and refresh the make-up on the Cohesion Board. **JK** to produce a circular seeking advice.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held 11th September 2008 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

3. Matters Arising:

Ethnic & equality monitoring categories: **MJ** provided paperwork which identifies gaps in the present provisions on ethnic monitoring. It was requested that all of the GPP Partners are to review the current process and ensure that all are using the same categories that reflects our city. Cost implications need to be assessed.

PP to discuss at the next GPP Executive.

D O'Connor to conduct research on the legal aspect – report back at next meeting.

Lee Davis to report back on the legislation within the government.

PP to liaise with Cllr Fitzgerald regarding funding for CCTV within taxi cab's.??

All matters arising have been auctioned.

4: Operational Report: The report will be changing in the future due to current trends.

The Operational Report for September-November was tabled with the following subjects highlighted:

Police Report:

There has been an increase in tension within the Kurdish community over the past 3 months.

It is reported that antisocial behaviour and violence amongst the Pakistani community has been at a generally low level over the past 3 months.

Peterborough taxi drivers continue to claim that they do not get sufficient support from the police in dealing with allegations of crime.

Mel Collins reported that she has the latest figures for racial incidents within the schools, this was fed into 'tension monitoring' report.

New Link:

The national trends figures have dropped 30% of NI workers at a national level.

New link staff??

Workshops and new link??

CCTV and Taxis:

It has been decided to take this matter forward and enforce licensing conditions in taxi cabs for audio and visual. The data will be accessed by the police only.

Funding opportunities are being looked into looking at both 2 year & 3 year period of training. The qualification awarded will be NVQ levels 2 & 3.

PP would welcome the support as there may be some conflict ahead on this matter.

PP will distribute the key messages of the initial benefits to give to all members of council staff and cohesion board members so that everyone will be saying the same things if questions are raised.

5. Discussion document on the 3 year PVE action plan:

A presentation was given by Jawaid Khan on the 3 year PVE action plan which included discussions on the key objectives, consultation process, government structures and the Muslim community reference group. Please see attached.

Cross cutting areas that feed into N135 are criminality, education, vulnerable people, belonging, community cohesion and employment. The PVE Board are working with Outcome Lead Officers as a team to be able to deliver. It has been suggested by the PVE Board to hold the funding. The budget is £160k for the 3 year project. Go-east are wanting to be kept informed on the progress.

Place 9 projects that have been identified to deliver key objectives. Written feedback is requested from the Board.

6: PVE update:

Working with a group of 25 people looking at interfaith but will be needing resources. Activity is taking place in Westwood and Ravensthorpe. Peterborough Muslim women's forum 3-6 months??

Raja Ali has recently joined GPP on a 3 month contract and is working with Mosques, bringing them together building a network.

Youth Justice Board have received funding working with partners including police and the council pulling in resources. The improvement Development Agency will be liaising with PP in December. The Co-ordinator Youth Worker is looking for DCF money to carry over to next year.

7: LAA Block 2 Building Community Cohesion update: Positive progress is being made on N135 and PVE.

Neighbourhood services are happy to come on board with the head of Neighbourhood services joining the Board.

An update on the recent Place Survey (which replaces the Best Value Survey) was given at the recent Outcome Lead Officers Group. It is due to close for responses on 15th December. To date, 1122 have completed and the results will be processed on 5th January.

8: Tension Monitoring:

The template of examples of tensions that need to be captured was provided by LSCG can now be evaluated

If the Board agrees with the approach then support will be required from Cohesion Board with a key contact person to input data on a monthly interval. PP agreed with this approach.

9: AOB:

A report from Ofsted was tabled by Mel Collins. This was the summary of schools and settings that were visited with one case study to be written up. The report will be available next summer.

- **Date of Next Meetings:**

22nd January, 2-4pm, Bourges Room, Town Hall

5th March 2-4pm, Bourges Room, Town Hall

18th May 10-1pm, Forli Room, Town Hall

Meeting closed at 4.00pm

Next Meeting 22nd January, 2-4pm, Bourges Room, Town Hall

**MATTERS ARISING & SUMMARY OF ACTIONS:
COMMUNITY COHESION BOARD MEETING 11TH DECEMBER 2008**

RESPONSIBLE	ACTION	DUE DATE
PP	Take Ethnic & Equality monitoring categories to the next GPP Executive	7 th Jan 09
Legal Team	To conduct research on the legal aspect regarding the above topic.	22 nd Jan 09
Lee Davis	To report back on the legislation within the government on the above topic	22 nd Jan 09
PP	To liaise with Cllr Fitzgerald regarding funding for CCTV within taxi cab's.	22 nd Jan 09
PP	To distribute the key messages of the initial benefits from having CCTV in taxi cabs to all members of council staff and cohesion board	22 nd Jan 09
The Board	Feedback to be received by the Board on the 3 yr PVE	31 st Dec 08