

GPP Cohesion Board

Minutes of Meeting Held on 22nd May 2008 @ Bourges Room, Town Hall

In Attendance

Malcolm Burch, Assistant Chief Executive, PCC (Chair)
Mel Collins, Assistant Director, Children's Services
Paul Phillipson, Cambridgeshire Constabulary
Jawaid Khan, GPP Cohesion Manager
David Hankins, Community Safety Officer
Rev Ian Houghton, Peterborough Diocese
Reuben Ayavoo, Communities, Neighbourhood & Culture Team, GO- East
Mahebab Ladha, Director of Peterborough Racial Equality Council
Rebecca Stephens, GPP
Geeta Pankhania, PCT
Leonie McCarthy, New Link Project Manager
Phil Evans, Principal Solicitor, PCC
Mike Lennox, PCC
Shahin Ismail, Head of Legal Services
Ann Hickey, Early Intervention & Prevention Manager
Louise Harrison, GPP

1. **Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies for absence were received from, Richard Astle & John Place (rep by Reuben Ayavoo), Adrian Chapman, Stuart Hamilton & Martin Whelan.

2. **Minutes of Meeting held 17th January 2008:**

The minutes of the meeting held 17th January 2008 were agreed as an accurate record.

3. **Matters Arising:**

Ethnic monitoring and consistency of categories utilised by partner organisations need to be reviewed. MJ reported that they have received related concerns as to discriminatory practices of certain employment agencies.

4. **Operational Report:**

Issues highlighted:

CCTV

Discussions took place with suggestion to offer incentive to install CCTV in taxis or to provide such options such as a voluntary basis. PP commented that it is vital to have CCTV in taxis to offer added security to both general public and the drivers. Making installation of the CCTV as a licence requirement was also discussed.

It was agreed that DH was to approach the Taxi Licensing Committee and reflect Cohesion

ACTION

MJ and MB

Board views.

Refugee Week

The Board supported funding support of £1000 for the coming Refugee Week to be provided through New Link. LM to provide post-event evaluation report with outcomes achieved.

DH

5. **LAA Block 2 :**

Table reported. Revised format to be used for future meetings.

LM

6. **Preventing Extremism Update:**

Legal advise to approach single supplier for 3 year development action plan has been taken and the Procurement team, PCC is now negotiating details with the consultant. Results from the procurement exercise are expected to be available soon so the work can commence in June and result available before September.

£15k has been carried over from last financial year.

7. **Youth Justice Board PVE Project**

Ann Hickey produced a hand-out outlining the 'Jigsaw' Project and its aims. The project aims to support young people who may be vulnerable to extremist influences for which the Youth Justice Board requested that the project be placed within an existing Youth Inclusion Project (YIP).

JK

The outcome is to obtain some sense from the community, ideas that need to be pitched and areas to be addressed to help build resilience within young people who are 'high risk'. Examples of questions that are being addressed are:

- What are the good/bad things generally within Peterborough
- What is it like being a young Muslim in Peterborough
- Where to turn for support

Ways forward is to gather information and develop the project, for the bid to then be placed. There is then a need to identify those who are 'at risk' for which there is a need to develop as partnership as a whole to be able to offer alternatives.

The discussion emphasised that the project is not aimed to alienate any faith group or add stereotype but work in close support of the mainstream PVE work being done. AH is now a member of the Faith Development Steering Group (FDSG) which oversees PVE in the city. JK to report updates at the Cohesion Board.

The Board stressed the need to give out the same messages to enable PVE strategy to work.

FDSG was tasked to prepare a draft PREVENT strategy for Peterborough and report at the next Cohesion Board.

Mel Collins raised the concern about the number of new arrival children who have no school places or are missing from the education sector.

MC & PP to produce briefing document at next meeting.

MC and PP

MB to appraise the newly appointed Cabinet lead with cohesion portfolio (Cllr Graham Murphy) about the strategy.

MB

8. **Police PREVENT Strategy:**

PP tabled Police PREVENT Strategy and highlighted key observations.

The key messages for FE and other major schools was to be reviewed with the school authorities.

JK to update progress.

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9. **Myth Busting Implementation Plan:**

Rebecca Stephens tabled the Myth Busting Implementation Plan.

It was commented that concentration is required on getting the 'answer' out there rather than promoting the myth.

Group share network in dealing with cohesion issues of media interest was endorsed for further dissemination and follow-up.

The implementation plan was agreed and time lines and cost implications were to be worked out.

The Board also agreed as a pilot project to identify key myths and prepare relevant messages to be delivered to the staff taking part in the house-knocking exercise in the next Week of Action (North Bretton area starting 23 June)

JK

10. **Honour Based Helpline update:**

PP informed the board about the launching of the 24 hour Honour Based Helpline will take place on 16th June. A conference will be taking place on 9th June at Wood Green Animal Centre-

DH and JK

DH informed the board about a 24hour National Domestic Helpline being launched on 30th May where victims can receive free legal advice.

- Vote of thanks was given to Rev. Ian Houghton who would be moving from Peterborough in July and this was the last meeting
- Board members were reminded of the Cohesion Board away day taking place on 10th June

Meeting closed at 4.04pm

Date of Next Meeting 23rd July 2008, between 2pm & 4pm at Forli Room, Town Hall