



## **Cohesion Board Meeting**

**27 October 2009**

**ASBAH**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Adrian Chapman, Chair  
Mel Collins, Assistant Director Children's Services PCC  
Kevin Vanterpool, Chief Inspector, Cambs Police  
Sue Rampal, Asst Cohesion Manager, GPP  
Safeen Sethi, PVE Co-ordinator, GPP  
David O'Connor, Legal Executive, PCC  
David Bache, Head of Services & Development, Age Concern  
Cllr Fran Benton, PCC  
Cllr John Fox, PCC  
Bryan Tyler, Disability Forum Manager, DIAL  
MJ Ladha, PREC  
Mike Lennox, Media and Communications Manager, PCC  
Jawaid Khan, Cohesion Manager, GPP

**In attendance:**  
Hayley Thorhill, Senior Analyst, Safer Peterborough Partnership  
Dr Sin Yi Cheung, University of Birmingham  
Maureen Jobson, Administrator GPP

**Absent:**

**1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The Chair welcomed those present.

Apologies for absence were received from Paul Phillipson, Andy Hebb, Leonie McCarthy, Very Rev. Charles Taylor, Lesley Crosby, Brian Gascoyne, Karen Moody, Bonita Johnston, Bob Footer

**2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING 13 July 2009**

Minutes were accepted as a true record with the amendment to item 3.6 last paragraph should read.... The Children's Trust Partnership Board findings should be endorsed and taken to GPP Board **for implementation across all partnerships.**

### **3 MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 Work on issues relating to security and neighbourhood of the synagogue has commenced. Kate Harding (Neighbourhood Manager) is tackling the issues.

3.2 The taxi forum has escalated and there will be a progress report presented at the next meeting. MJ Ladha is to be invited to working group.

Action: AC

3.3 Go East progressing on employment agencies but there has been no updates. Further information from GO East to be requested.

Action: JK

3.4 Reports of Landlords acting as gang-masters and retaining money for accommodation resulting in low wages for workers remained to be subject of concern. Follow up action needs to be closely monitored.

Action: AC

### **4 Tension Monitoring Report**

4.1 Tensions involving Asian young males have continued. In late August and early September, 24 incidents in Millfield and vicinity area have been reported to police. Task Force formed to deal with young people and cohesion challenges in Central Ward to follow up with a view to identify short term solutions and make recommendations.

Action: JK and KV to report to Task Force Young People Central Ward

It was considered useful to share some of the information with schools and other partners such as Youth Council so they can also offer support as necessary. JK was to be the contact person for schools as necessary. MC to forward relevant information to the schools.

Action: MC

4.2 A series of anti social behaviour by groups of White and Asian young males in West Town area with cases of racial harassment and assault have been reported over the past 13 months. Follow up action to be continued through Anti Social behaviour team and Neighbourhood team, PCC.

Action: JK to inform Christine Graham, PCC and seek SPP response.

#### **Action:**

- Taxi Forum Working Group update by Adrian Chapman
- Monitoring of employment agencies progress from GO East by Jawaid Khan.
- Landlords vis-à-vis exploitation of tenants to be closely monitored by PCC (Adrian Chapman).
- Follow up action by Task Force Young People Central Ward relating to tensions involving Asian young males in the area (Jawaid Khan and Kevin Vanterpool)
- Alert schools of the tensions involving young people (Mel Collins)
- Alert Anti Social Behaviour team, PCC of increased concerns in the West Town area. (Jawaid Khan/Christine Graham)

### **5 Local Area Agreement Block 2 Building Community Cohesion Update**

The LAA update focussing on National Indicator 1 (people from different background get on well together), National Indicator 13 (Migrants English Language Skills and Knowledge) and National Indicator 35 (Building Resilience in the community against violent extremism) was tabled.

NI 1 remained amber with steady progress despite challenges with economic downturn and related cohesion challenges. Progress with NI 13 has been made with work coordinated by the English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Delivery Group which is also reports to the Adult Learning and Skills Partnership (ALSP). NI 35 which is graded green is making good progress. Additional funding of £54K has been successfully bided under the Challenge and

Note yet agreed as a true record

Innovation Fund. Whilst under Future Job Funds, 10 new jobs for young people aged 18-24 (net values £66K over 6 months period) have also been approved.

Progress report on the Youth Justice Board project ('Jigsaw') which is overseen by Youth Offending Service was tabled. It was considered by the meeting that Head of Youth Offending Service was to be requested to present what the project has achieved over the last year or since it commenced.

As a key community event ahead, a senior Foreign official will be visiting Peterborough on 9 November to take part in a Free-Discussion Forum on the subject of British Foreign Policy in the Middle East. This was reported as a first of such series of event covering a variety of topics. All Cohesion Board members and any other community persons wishing to attend were welcome to register with Peterborough Racial Equality Council. MJL reported that he favoured having the meeting at the TDA, who had been very helpful and supportive in the promotion of community relations.

He also asked that Jigsaw be asked to make a presentation on its work and achievements and how it was linking in with other PVE work in the city.

**Action:**

- Bob Footer to be requested to present a report at Cohesion Board on achievements and progress made by the Jigsaw project.

**6 Cohesion and PVE Budget**

Report on the Cohesion Board allocation (2008-2009) was tabled with project updates. MJ reported that Young People conference with Unity Peacemakers and Mentors will be held in March 2010. His report of a young people's strategy being formulated and presented to a regional meeting was welcomed and supported.

MC will arrange an update at the next Cohesion Board meeting on the schools cohesion project approved. An update will be also be provided on the work undertaken in relation to the complementary schools in Peterborough.

LM will provide update on the support work funded to review the homelessness situation in Peterborough.

JK reported that IT challenges in setting up new vendors and approving purchase orders have now been dealt with support from the Finance Team. Further support for budget monitoring was needed and action is in progress.

**Action:**

- Maheub Ladha to report progress on the Young People Conference after March 2010.
- Mel Collins to arrange update on the schools cohesion projects approved and work in relation to the complementary schools.
- Leonie McCarthy to provide update on the work funded to review the homelessness situation.

**7 Refreshed Prevent Violent Extremism (PVE) Action Plan**

Safeen Sethi highlighted changes made in the refreshed PVE Action Plan 2009-2010. A total of 22 projects have been incorporated in the action plan and the focus is in the following areas:

Enhancing rapport with the new arrival (Non A10 countries)

Developing linkage in relation to Youth Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET).

Strengthening parental support in dealing with issues such as drugs, alcoholism, educational attainment.

A wider community approach is being developed to strengthen greater support for the 'winning hearts and mind' element under the Prevent Strategy. This is also seen as a natural progression to the PVE action plan in 2010 onwards.

The Board agreed to the approach and refreshed action plan in principle.

**Action:**

- Safeen Sethi to circulate the refreshed PVE action plan to members for detailed comments, as necessary.

**8 Multi-agency Forum update**

MAF update report tabled. The subject is to become a standing item on the board meeting.

**Action:**

- Linkages between MAF and other partnership need to be developed. Update by Leonie McCarthy.

## 9 Inter-faith week

SR briefed the meeting about the Inter-faith week 15-21 November and the activities planned including the inter-faith exhibition to be held in Town Hall on 18 November, 2009. MC and her team were thanked for the support provided by the Local Education Authority in encouraging participation by schools.

## 10 Safer Peterborough Partnership Strategic Assessment

HT briefed the meeting about the Strategic assessment priorities of the Safer Peterborough Partnership. Board members sought clarifications and supported the key priorities in principle.

## 11 Research proposal for PhD study

Dr. SY Cheung of Birmingham University briefed the meeting about a collaborative research proposal to study employment and cohesion challenges in relation to migration affecting Peterborough. The proposal was prepared as an Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) – Collaborative (CASE) 3-year Studentship. Final outcome of the proposal bid is expected to be available after March, 2010. JK to collate comments from Cohesion Board members regarding the proposal.

### Action:

- Jawaid Khan to collate comments from Cohesion Board members about the ESRC bid and follow up.

## 12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 It was agreed that Gypsy and Travellers Strategy Group meetings need to be incorporated as a standing item on the Cohesion Board agenda and its linkage with other relevant partnerships were to be established.

12.2

Mel Collins felt it was time the perception of education attainment was poor was quashed. 2009 results in Key stages showed excellent results with Peterborough being in the top 25 out of 150 schools.

## (...) DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

18 January 2010 10am – 1pm Forli Room, Town Hall, Peterborough

### Summary of agreed actions

RESPONSIBLE	ACTION	DEADLINE
Adrian Chapman	Taxi Forum Working Group update	18 Jan 10
Jawaid Khan	Monitoring of employment agencies progress from GO East	18 Jan 10
Adrian Chapman	Landlords vis-à-vis exploitation of tenants to be closely monitored by PCC	18 Jan 10
Jawaid Khan/Kevin Vanterpool	Follow up action by Task Force Young People Central Ward relating to tensions involving Asian young males in the area	18 Jan 10
Mel Collins	Alert schools of the tensions involving young people	18 Jan 10
Jawaid Khan/Christine Graham	Alert Anti Social Behaviour team, PCC of increased concerns in the West Town area	18 Jan 10
Bob Footer	Bob Footer to be requested to present a report at Cohesion Board on achievements and progress made by the Jigsaw project.	18 Jan 10
Maheub Ladha	Report progress on the Young People Conference after March 2010.	Mar 10

Mel Collins	To arrange update on the schools cohesion projects approved and work in relation to the complementary schools	18 Jan 10
Leonie McCarthy	Update on the work funded to review the homelessness situation	18 Jan 10
Safeen Sethi	Circulate the refreshed PVE action plan to members for detailed comments, as necessary.	18 Jan 10
Leonie McCarthey	Update on linkages between MAF and other partnership need to be developed.	18 Jan 10
Jawaid Khan	Collate comments from Cohesion Board members about the ESRC bid and follow up.	18 Jan 10