



## Community Cohesion Board

13 July 2009 between 2pm & 5pm, Forli Room, Town Hall

**Present:**

- Paul Phillipson, PCC, Chair
- Andy Hebb, Cambs Constabulary
- David O'Connor-Long, PCC
- Mike Lennox, PCC
- Mac McDonald, CRI Nat. Relocation Pilot
- Leonie McCarthy, New Link
- Charles Taylor, Dean – Peterborough Cathedral
- MJ Ladha, Peterborough Racial Equality Council
- Jawaid Khan, GPP
- Sue Mitchell, NHS Peterborough
- Melanie Collins, PCC
- Karen Moody, PCC
- Bob Footer, PCC
- Brian Tyler, DIAL
- Brian Gascoyne, Millfield and New England Regeneration
- Lesley Crosby, Peterborough and Stamford Hospitals
- Mark Birch, Cambs Constabulary
- Peter Hiller, Councillor (Cabinet lead for cohesion)
- Sue Rampal, GPP
- Maureen Jobson, Minute taker, GPP

**1. Apologies:** No apologies were received.

**2. Minutes of the last meeting: 5 March 2009**

Minutes were agreed to be of accurate record.

**3. Matters arising:**

### **3.1 Tension Monitoring Report**

Tension Monitoring Report was tabled and the board discussed the following subjects:

- a) Tension involving Eastern European and Pakistani heritage young males in Central Ward.
- b) Hate Crime in Westwood and Ravensthorpe area.
- c) Security of the Jewish synagogue.

The following decision/directions were agreed:

- A presentation to The Children Trust Partnership is to be given to bring attention of the Partners relating to the need to strengthen efforts for greater harmony between Eastern European and Pakistani heritage young males in Central Ward. **(Action: JK)**
- Tension Monitoring Group is calling a working group involving all Partner organisation and groups in relation to hate crime in Westwood and Ravensthorpe area to identify areas for added attention and appropriate prevention. Options discussed included provision of CCTV, involvement of local councillors and all parties to the hate crime as well as better publicity of the Open Out Scheme to report hate crime. **(Action: Tension Monitoring Group)**
- Efforts to support Jewish synagogue authorities apply for funding to improve security is to be strengthened in addition to continued work to enhance better engagement between the Jewish community and its neighbours in the area. **(Action: ML and JK)**

### **3.2 Local Area Agreement Update:**

The following subjects were highlighted:

- Cohesion: The impact of economic downturn in relation to cohesion in Peterborough and the continued need to closely monitor the situation through the summer period when more young people are on holidays with lesser job opportunities than previous years.
- Preventing Violent Extremism: Peterborough's level of work on the subject has been assessed to be 2.5 (on total score of 5). National average is 1.8. This item has been classified as 'Green' and is progressing smoothly. There is a need for a strategic PVE lead from the Youth Services as there is scope to mainstream this work.

The following decisions/directions were agreed:

Mel Collins will take as the Children and Young Person Department PVE lead in the interim. The subject will also be raised at the Children Trust Partnership. **(Action: MC and JK)**

### **3.3 Cohesion Priorities 2009-2010:**

The priorities as agreed at the Cohesion Board Away Day held in May, 2009 were endorsed as listed below:

- Socio-economic impact on communities arising from migration, economic downturn, homelessness
- Inter-faith, inter-cultural and inter-communities dialogue
- Young People and cohesion, including inter-generation.
- Cross-cutting theme of empowerment through neighbourhood and communities.

### **3.4 Cohesion and PVE budget:**

The Board discussed the way forward to maximise the value for money for available cohesion budget of 65K in 2009-2010.

The following decisions/directions were agreed:

- 10K to be allocated to Schools Community Cohesion Group for encouraging cohesion projects based on the Cohesion Priorities 2009-2010.
- 45K to be split into two portions and be available for bidding as cohesion projects in the first half and second half of the current financial year. Paper formulating guidelines on the subject was tabled and endorsed. A panel, led by Assistant Cohesion Manager will be formed to formulate administrative arrangements. **(Action: SR)**
- 10K to be set aside for other city wide projects/urgent needs in due course.

### **3.5 Homelessness Situation update:**

LM and MM updated the Board members on the homelessness situation and CRI (Crime Reduction Initiative) Project which was in progress.

The following decisions/directions were agreed:

- A mapping of homelessness situation with ages to be reported at the next meeting. **(Action: LM)**
- Greater need of involvement of all related partner organisations such as NHS and Hospitals Trust was reiterated. **(Action: LM)**

### **3.6 Equality Monitoring Template:**

ML tabled outcome of the finding as to the research about good practices on the subject of Equality Monitoring template. He proposed that the equality templates agreed by the Children's Trust Partnership Board should be adopted by the GPP as a whole, so that there is consistency and coherence on information to be collected, analysed and disseminated. He agreed that the issues on migration from Europe and asylum seekers/refugees could be further improved but the proposals were the best possible in line with current recommendations from the OPCS/National Statistics Office.

The following decisions/directions were agreed:

The Children's Trust Partnership Board findings should be endorsed and taken to GPP Board. **(Action: PP in conjunction with John Richards (Director of Children and Young People Services, PCC).** PP to report back on the outcomes and discussions at the GPP Executive

### **3.7 English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL):**

Keith Nelson attended and tabled summary of the mapping in relation to ESOL provision in Peterborough.

The following decisions/directions were agreed:

A Single Gateway Project to allow centralised registration and assessment for ESOL and other needs of the priority groups (Migrant workers and women in settled communities) to be explored and reported to Adult Skills and Learning Strategy Partnership as well as Cohesion Board. **(Action: ESOL Operations Group).**

Additional fundings from other under-spent budgets to be explored for this project in addition to the Migrant Impact Fund allocation. **(Action: ESOL Operations Group).**

### **3.8 Racial harassment and engagement issues in relation to Taxi drivers:**

ML tabled summary of the finding arising from a Peterborough Racial Equality Council (PREC) study of 100 taxi drivers relating to the racial harassment situation.

JK appraised the Board members about the engagement seminars/workshops with taxi trade as coordinated by Police in May and June 2009 and the outcome of 32 action points as referred to PCC, Police and GPP.

The following decisions/directions were agreed:

Need for greater work for advocacy for hate crime suffered by taxi drivers to be explored by PREC in partnership with the Hate Crime Review Group.

The effectiveness of the Taxi Forum in view of its low participation by the taxi trade was to be reviewed and innovative ways to improve the situation to be explored. (Action: Taxi Forum/Cohesion Board Members)

Partners to review respective actions arising from 32 action points but it was acknowledged that not all action points were practicable or deliverable in short term. (Action: PCC, Police and GPP).

### **3.9 Multi Agency Forum Chair :**

The Board welcomed the recent election of LM as the new chair of the MAF.

### **3.10 Exploitation of employees through recruitment agencies:**

ML tabled his report relating to a study conducted by PREC regarding complaints of employees exploitation received over the last year.

The following decisions/directions were agreed:

- Registration of employment agencies is needed. GO-East advise is to be taken. (Action: JK)
- GPP's Public agencies to pay particular attention the issue of contract compliance and monitoring of equality issues in out-sourced services
- Issues from the paper to be taken on-board by the SC Strategy review, such as the registration of employment agencies on the same basis as gang masters since the two often overlapped
- MJL to provide a note/briefing for PP and JK on the main issues to be addressed before the next meeting

### **3.11 Project to raise the Disability agenda:**

JK and BT briefed the Board members about a short film project showcasing the art and culture talent among the disabled community in Peterborough.

The following decisions/directions were agreed:

Any Partner organisations interested to support were welcome to contact BT.

**4. Date of Next meeting:** 27 October 2009 1 pm – 4.30 pm including lunch with community members invited, at ASBAH, Park Road, Peterborough.

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS AND MATTERS ARISING:  
COMMUNITY COHESION BOARD 13<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2009**

<b>RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>DUE DATE</b>
Jawaid Khan	Children's Trust Presentation	September 09
Tension Monitoring Group	Create working group to identify issues of Hate Crime in Westwood and Ravensthorpe	27 October 09
Jawaid Khan and MJ Ladha	Enhance engagement with Jewish communities and their neighbours	September 09
Leonie McCarthy	Mapping homelessness situation with ages	27 October 09
Leonie McCarthy	Encourage more involvement of all related partner organisations such as NHS and Hospitals Trust with homelessness situation	27 October 09
Paul Phillipson and John Richards (Dir of Children & Young People Services)	The Children's Trust findings to be endorsed and taken to GPP Board	Next GPP Board 16 September 09
ESOL Operations Group	A Single Gateway Project to allow centralised registration and assessment for ESOL and other needs of the priority groups to be explored and reported to Adult Skills and Learning Strategy Partnership as well as Cohesion Board.  Additional monies from other under-spent budgets to be explored for this project in addition to the Migrant Impact Fund allocation.	October – December 09
PCC, Police and GPP	Review respective actions arising from 32 action points concerning racial harassment and engagement issues in relation to Taxi drivers	October – December 09
Jawaid Khan	Registration of employment agencies	October 09