

**EPPING FOREST DISTRICT
SAFER COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP
STRATEGY PANEL**

Attachment : 7b1



Notes from the meeting:
16 March 2008 2.00 pm
Committee Room 1
Civic Offices, EFDC

Members Present:

Epping Forest District Council	Chandler, J - Assistant Director: Community Services & Community Relations Gilbert, J - Director, Environment & Street Scene Nolan, J - Asst Director, Environment & Street Scene Wiggins, C - Safer Communities Manager Stavrou, Cllr. S - Portfolio Holder Community & Wellbeing
Essex County Council	Wetton, Y - West Essex Area Co-ordinator
Essex Fire & Rescue Service	M ^c Millan, S - Assistant Divisional Officer
Essex Police	Ray, A - District Commander
Essex Probation Area	Woollard, P - Partnerships Liaison Manager
VAEF	Foile, J - Chief Officer Harrison, L - SCP Co-ordinator
West Essex PCT	Cowie, A - Director of Public Health
Observers:	
Local Strategic Partnership	Houston, J - LSP Manager
Apologies:	
Essex Police	Williams, S - Superintendent
Essex Police Authority	Jackson, Cllr A

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Members / observers were welcomed to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received and recorded as listed above.

3. STRATEGY PANEL TERMS OF REFERENCE

Members whose signatures remain outstanding were not present - this item was deferred to the next meeting.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING 15 December 2008

It was agreed that these were an accurate record of the previous meeting.

5. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

6. CO-ORDINATING GROUP MEETING 2 March 2009

Statistical data on Killed / Seriously Injured Road Traffic Casualties continue to be difficult to receive from Essex County Council. However, representatives are in discussion with ECC to provide intelligent data on this subject. The Epping Forest Road Safety Officer has made a request to make a presentation to EFDC Cabinet. A Task & Finish Group will also be set up to look at data collection and promotional activities.

Action: A request to be made to Cabinet for a Road Safety presentation

CW

Joint Area Groups continue to work well, the Domestic Violence Forum has reformed and the Limes Farm Special Action Group has closed and passed its role to local NAPs and Residents' Associations.

The PPO Panel process is being reviewed to provide better direction for the CDRP funded PPO Co-ordinator who will now take over the meetings administration and develop a joint Harlow and Epping Forest meeting structure. A Cross Scheme PPO Panel looking at offenders who commit crimes in other districts has also been established.

Nigel Varnam has so far been unable to accept the appointment of chair of the Young People's Action Group; a recommendation has been made and approved to change this group to a Citizenship & Community Engagement Group with a new chair to be appointed.

The Hate Incident Panel will shortly be deciding on a new chair due to the resignation of Nich Taylor, EFDC Housing.

The position of SCP Support Officer employed by VAEF has been changed to a full-time post with the new title of Partnership Officer and the added responsibility for campaign planning and organisation. Recruitment is currently taking place.

**7. POLICING GREEN PAPER: LOCAL POLICING PLEDGE
From the Neighbourhood to the National**

Local members of the EFDC Liaison Committee have expressed concern about the ways local people are able to influence the priority setting process.

It was noted that the appropriate way for this to take place is by joining Neighbourhood Action Panels. Agency Representatives were encouraged to promote this form of local involvement.

Standing Action: Updated versions of the Policing Pledge to be circulated to Panel members

SW
LH

8. SAFER ESSEX

The Safer Essex County Group is currently carrying out a refresh of LAA2 targets. This process started with the target Feeling Safe, a consultation report has been circulated to members.

It was noted that although Essex has one of the highest levels of 'feeling unsafe' in the Eastern Region, actual crime figures show low levels of crime. The Group agreed that Essex needs to improve at communicating messages of community safety. Results of the recent on-line questionnaire on Feeling Safe being carried out by staff on the EFDC Management Development Programme should be available for the next meeting.

Action: MDP staff to be invited to make a presentation on the EFDC questionnaire at the next Strategy Panel meeting

CW

9. STRATEGIC RESPONSIBILITIES

The 2009 version of the Strategic Assessment was circulated to members prior to the meeting. Members agreed that the next version should include wider coverage of available data from all member agencies.

Action: Comments on the report to be sent to the EFDC Safer Communities Manager by Monday 23 March 2009 ALL

Action: Member agency logos not included in the report to be sent to EFDC Safer Communities Manager AC
PW

A draft version of the Executive Summary will be available at the next meeting.

Action: A copy of the draft Executive Summary to be circulated to members prior to the next meeting CW

Organisation of the SCP Public Consultation event(s) will become the responsibility of the Citizenship & Community Engagement Group when this group is formed. Members were informed of the work of the Essex County Council Group Engage Essex which is producing a calendar of public consultation events across Essex.

After a discussion on the role of the LSP and the specific role of the SCP as a sub-group of the LSP, members accepted that the two organisations have separate but complimentary responsibilities. Co-operation and close working should be promoted as a way to meeting the joint aims of both the umbrella organisation and the sub-group.

10. PERFORMANCE MONITORING

The latest report from the Crime and Disorder Network Executive on crime reduction performance was circulated to members prior to the meeting.

Improvements in performance in Epping Forest were noted.

A copy of the recent CDRP report made to the LSP Board was also circulated to members.

NI35 Building Resilience to Violent Extremism

Members were informed that Home Office Guidance on this national indicator was discussed at the last LSP Board Meeting. Districts have a responsibility to understand local Muslim community issues. A County-wide action plan is being developed on this matter. The closing date for responses is Monday 23 March 2009.

Action: Discussions on communication with the Muslim Population at Epping Forest College to take place with the EFC Principal

JH
JG

11. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Strategy Panel Chair informed members of his visit to the Essex Probation Service offices at Cullen Mill. Progress on Community Payback schemes is now taking place and a development officer has been appointed to work with local communities to establish work opportunities.

Action: Development Officer to be invited to make a presentation on Community Payback at the next meeting

CW

After a discussion on the proposal to set up a Communications Sub-group, members agreed to consider the following suggestions:

- Set up a communications sub-group as part of the proposed Citizenship & Community Engagement Group
- Joint working on communications with the LSP
- A joint group with the Safer Harlow Partnership

Action: Further discussion on this matter to take place when the SCP Partnership Officer is appointed

CW

12. SAFER CLEANER GREENER

The response vehicle driver has been appointed at EFDC Environment & Street Scene Directorate; neighbourhood officer recruitment remains on-going. A formal launch of the new team will take place in March / April 2009.

The SCG strategy document will go to the next EFDC Overview and Scrutiny Panel for approval.

13. CDRP 2008/09 BUDGET REPORT

A copy of the latest budget report was circulated to members for information.

It was noted that the following new bids have been approved for funding:

Bid	Amount £
Hate Incident Mobile phones for victims	250
Limes Farm Festival	1500
Mow & Grow Project	1000
Farmers' NAP Night Vision Binoculars	900
Domehawk CCTV	6000
Mind the Gap - Tube Station Acquisitive Crime Operation	4000
Way 2000	2000
Purse Chains	1380
Unipar Speed Camera	2000
Car Parking Tickets - Advertising	850

Go East has agreed to the carrying over of £10,000 from the Police 2nd Homes Rebate fund which has been designated for use on the Buckhurst Hill CCTV underpass project. This expenditure has been delayed due to contractor issues.

Action: Cllr Stavrou to be kept informed of works progress in this area

CW

Underspend from the PPO fund which is designated for use on a burglary initiative will be used in June/July.

Signage for use with Essex Watch has been delayed pending approval from ECC Highways.

The group congratulated the Safer Communities Manager for her skilful handling of the 2008/09 budget.

Approval was sought and given for the continued funding in 2009/10 of the following Partnership posts:

- Women's Safety Worker, Essex Probation
- SCP Partnership Co-ordinator, VAEF
- SCP Partnership Officer, VAEF
- Essex Police CDRP (Western Division) Analyst
- Essex Police CDRP (Western Division) PPO Co-ordinator

In addition to the above, approval was sought and given to the request from ECC to support the County Domestic Violence Co-ordinator role by the amount of £700.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

National Centre for Domestic Violence

Members were informed of this new resource. Details are available at <http://www.ncdv.org.uk/>

Home Secretary Letter: Essex Police Single Target to Improve Public Confidence

This target has been set to reduce organisational red tape and requires input from local authorities and Police Forces. Members were advised to ensure they have read and understand the letter from the Home Secretary.

BRIDGE Programme

An update was made to the group on the Essex Probation programme which offers an alternative to custody and normal community sentencing options to offenders. Early figures indicate a low drop-out rate although offenders need motivation to complete the course.



PCCG Meeting

The next Police Consultative meeting will take place on 16 April 2009.

Feeling Good, Keeping Safe, Bogus Call Theatre Workshop

This event is scheduled to take place on 29 April 2009.

Action: Members who wish to attend to contact EFDC Safer Communities Manager for details

ALL

Reality Road Show Pilot 5 February 2009

The final report on this event is now available.

Action: Report to be circulated to members

LH

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Monday 15 June 2009 2.00 pm Committee Room 1 EFDC

DATE OF 2009 STRATEGY PANEL MEETINGS

Date	Day	Time	Location
16 March	Monday	2 pm	EFDC Civic Offices Committee Room 1
15 June	Monday	2 pm	EFDC Civic Offices Committee Room 1
21 September	Monday	2 pm	EFDC Civic Offices Committee Room 1
14 December	Monday	2 pm	EFDC Civic Offices Committee Room 1