

Time commenced – 6.00pm  
Time finished – 8.20pm

**SAFER COMMUNITIES COMMISSION  
14 SEPTEMBER 2011**

Present: Councillor Repton (Chair)  
Councillors Barker, Davis, J Khan, Naitta, Redfern and Tuplin

In attendance Chief Superintendent Jack Atwal  
Karen Johnson, Andrea Parkin and Laura Follows– City and  
Neighbourhoods Partnerships

**13/11 Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

**14/11 Late Items Introduced by the Chair**

There were no late items.

**15/11 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**16/11 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting on 20 July 2011 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**17/11 Call-in**

There were no items.

**18/11 Councillor Call for Action**

There were no items.

**19/11 City and Neighbourhoods Partnership Structure**

The Commission considered the proposed revised structure for City and Neighbourhoods Partnership. The structure would be finalised at a meeting to be held on 15 September 2011.

**Resolved to note the proposed structures.**

## 20/11 Domestic Violence Overview

The Commission received a presentation from Andrea Parkin on domestic violence. Domestic violence took many forms as was defined as violence within a family or relationship. 19,000 incidents had been reported in Derbyshire in 2010/11 but there was under reporting particularly from male victims. Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) recorded serious injuries and risk of homicide, repeat incidents had increased from 69 in 2009/10 to 145 in 2010/11. The presentation also included information on

- sexual violence incidents
- risk and threats priorities
- Victims Services Advocacy
- Sexual Assault Referral Centre
- Domestic violence strategy
- Family Justice Centre Review

Commission Members were concerned that the Safeguarding Children Board were consulted on application for alcohol licences but never responded.

It was suggested children be informed of what they can do in a domestic violence situation to help themselves. It was felt that this should be included in the school curriculum.

The Commission requested information on the cultural breakdown of domestic violence incidents.

### **Resolved**

- 1. To send the domestic violence strategy to Members of the Commission for comment.**
- 2. To provide information to Commission Members of the cultural breakdown of domestic violence incidents.**
- 3. To arrange a visit to the Family Justice Centre so that Members of the Commission could input into the review.**

## 21/11 Strategic Intelligence Assessment – Major Risks and Threats

The Commission received an update from Laura Follows on Strategic Intelligence Assessments. The aim was to build up an evidence base to help the assessments. It would be intelligence led robust evidence and would set priorities. It would be a three year process with a fundamental review and two refreshes. Evidence across Derbyshire would be reviewed to identify and quantify risks. Commission Members were invited to a seminar to be held on 8 November 2011 to help get community engagement. Neighbourhood Boards and Forums would also be involved on a regular basis.

**Resolved to note the update.**

## **22/11      Consideration of Revised Policing Budget**

The Commission received an update from Chief Superintendant Atwal on the Policing budget. He explained that Derbyshire had historically been under funded. A strategic business review had been undertaken in November 2010. The costs relating to Police officers salaries were held centrally. Changes had been made to shift patterns to realise potential savings but overtime would always be needed. Other ways of making savings were being considered including:

- Reduction in vehicle hire
- Reduction in drugs raids/operations
- Reductions in PCSOs
- Contract out the custody suite

It was noted that Police officers could not be made redundant but there was a rule A19 which could be invoked if a police officer had 30 or more years service. There were currently 10 - 15 people would fit into this category.

It was hoped that reductions could be made by natural wastage.

**Resolved to note the update.**

## **23/11      Performance Monitoring Report Quarter 1 – 2011-12**

The Commission considered the Performance Report, key indicators and exceptions for quarter 1 – 2011/12.

**Resolved to note the report.**

## **24/11      Council Cabinet Forward Plan**

There were no items requested:

## **25/11      Retrospective Scrutiny**

There were no items.

## **26/11      Matters referred to the Commission by Council Cabinet**

There were no items.

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