

**COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTION TEAM held at COUNCIL OFFICES
LONDON ROAD SAFFRON WALDEN at 12.30pm on 25 JANUARY 2005**

Present:- In the Chair- Sue Harrison – Essex Police
Alasdair Bovaird, Maggie Cox, Fiona Gardener, Rachel
Hutchinson, Alex Stewart and Tracy Turner – Uttlesford District
Council.
Robert Chambers– Essex Police Authority
John Whitehead – Essex County Council
Cannon Duncan Green – Community Support Group.
Christopher White – Essex County Council
Dale Atkins and Melanie Walker – PCT
Peter Woollard – Essex Probation
Andrew Thomson– Alcohol and Drug Strategy Group
Tim Hinds – Divisional Commander, Essex County Fire and
Rescue Service
John Whittaker – Local Business
Ann Jones – Essex Youth Service
Michael Young – Road Safety Working Group

46 **WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomed Melanie Walker, the new Chief Executive of the PCT, and Tracy Turner, Executive Manager Strategy and Performance (Uttlesford District Council) to their first meeting of the group

47 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Gregory, George Badeley, Sir Alan Haselhurst MP and Peter Pearson

48 **MINUTES**

The notes of the meeting held on 26 October 2004 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

49 **BUSINESS ARISING**

(i) Minute 38 –RAG membership in CSAT Groups

Sue Harrison said that a member of the RAG or a substitute would attend all future working group meetings

(ii) Minute 29 – Persistent and Prolific Offenders

A representative of Victim Support had been invited to attend future meetings

(iii) Minute 32 - Saffron Walden Town Centre

Further to the last meeting, the group discussed further the problems of traffic congestion in the Town Centre and its effect on fire engine call out. Tim Hinds reported recent poor call out figures. Further information was being collected to analyse in more detail the main causes of the problems

Other members felt that town centre was a suitable location for a fire station and the issue of relocation might need to be addressed in the future. The group felt it should give its support to the fire service

Action

Sue Harrison to write to the Fire Authority Chairman and Chief Executive (UDC) to the County Council stressing the seriousness of the problem

(iv) Minute 32 - Lighting at the White Horse Public House

Further to the last meeting Chris White reported that the County Council was not able to improve the lighting at this site. Lighting schemes were generally under funded and there were other sites in the district that were in greater need. John Whittaker commented that CCTV should not be considered at locations with inferior lighting

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PERFORMANCE TARGETS

Sue Harrison explained that the home office inspection of performance was to be extended to CDRP's and the partnerships. A crime reduction target was to be agreed and if the division were seen as a low crime area it would be given more freedom on how to spend its funds. Go East had suggested a target of 12.5% over a period of time. Sue Harrison suggested combining this with the target that had been put forward for the Braintree Division (16.5%) and asking the Home Office to agree an overall target of 15%. Once this had been ratified she would come back to the group with details of the crimes to be monitored. It would be increasingly important that the agenda for the meetings reflected the areas that the Partnership was being held to account for.

Action

Sue Harrison to provide further information once the PSA1 target is ratified

The RAG group to review the agenda to reflect the new demands

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CHAIRMENS' REPORTS

The Group received reports from the latest meetings of the Community Support, the Alcohol and Drugs, the Road Safety and the Youth Initiatives Groups.

Community Support Group

Duncan Green said the group had now agreed an information sharing protocol that would enable the group to discuss full cases.

Alcohol and Drug Strategy Group

Andrew Thomson reported that the family support centre was up and running. There needed to be more publicity about its availability. A conference was planned to maintain the profile of the group. As for education drug and alcohol workshops were taking place at most of the secondary schools. The skateboard park project was progressing though it was still short of the necessary funds that it had hoped to raise by May

Youth Initiatives Group

John Whittaker said that the next meeting would concentrate on reviewing the money that had been spent over the past year and what had been achieved

Road Safety Working Group

Michael Young reported on recent activities. There had been a successful xmas drink drive campaign at the Birchanger Service Station. Future initiatives included the Motorwise event. He commented that this was one of the most successful campaigns and at the moment it did not have the necessary funding of £12,000. The group had been hoped to arrange some motorcycle training but Essex Police no longer had a motorcycle unit. It might consider buying in expertise, maybe from a neighbouring force.

He then referred to the proposed Highways Local Service Agreement and the effect on Uttlesford's Road Safety officers. Alex Stewart stated that it had now been agreed that the 2 officers would continue to be based in Saffron Walden for at least the next 5-8 years. He had recently met with the traffic police and the Road Safety Officers and was staggered at the amount of work undertaken given the resources available.

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FUNDING

(i) BSC (Funding status)

All funded projects were on track. The issue of the skateboard park funding needed to be addressed.

(ii) Partnership Funding Status

The situation was similar to October. There was still approximately £2,000 in the large projects and £5,000 in the small. This could be made available for the production of the Community Strategy if no other applications came forward.

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ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR QUARTERLY REPORT AND ECC FUNDING

Fiona Gardiner circulated information on current ASBO's. She reported that she was working well with the other agencies and taking proactive measures to address situations before an order was served. She was talking to the youth service about the lack of provision for young people between 10-13, and was proposing to start up a youth club. 2 projects were being considered, to support the sports outreach workers and to fund outreach workers at the

new skate park. She had met with Colleagues from the Braintree District with a view to establishing best practice and potential joint working.

54 **COMMUNITY SAFETY AUDIT 2005-08 AND STRATEGY PROCESS**

Rachel Hutchinson reported that the first draft of the Strategy was nearly completed. The data from the surveys and information from the agencies had been analysed and the trends, concerns and hot spots had been identified. The draft would be sent to RAG members by the end of the week, then to CSAT members before the public consultation.

55 **REVIEW AND AGREE PROCESS FOR REVIEW OF TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Chris White had circulated a revised terms of reference for the group.

Action

Comments on the Terms of Reference to be sent to Chris White by 14 March 2005.

56 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Peter Woolard informed the Panel that David Mead, the manager responsible for Enhanced Community Punishment in the north of Essex had planned to attend the meeting to explain our offer of CP hours to the partnership. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, he was unable to get along in time but will attend the next meeting on 26th April at Gt. Dunmow

Tim Hinds reported on a home fire safety initiative, to provide 2 smoke detectors in every house in Essex. These were being provided free, initially to vulnerable people and he asked group members to give details of people who might benefit. In the first instance contact Bill Seccombe/Duncan Lewis at Braintree Fire Station 01376 345537

57 **NEXT MEETING**

The meeting dates were listed on the agenda. The next meeting would be held on 26 April 2005 at the Council Offices, Great Dunmow at 12.30 pm. (RAG meeting would be held at 11.30 at Dunmow Council Offices Meeting room 1)

The meeting ended at 2.20 pm.

Future CSAT Meetings

26 April 2005
26 July 2005
25 October 2005
24 January 2006
26 April 2006
25 July 2006
24 October 2006

