

Hampshire County Strategy Group for Crime & Disorder

Notes of a meeting held in Winchester on 6 June 2008

Present:

Cllr R Perry, Hampshire County Council (in the Chair)
Andrew Smith, Chief Executive, Hampshire County Council
Cllr J Rayment, Hampshire Police Authority
ACC S Cole, Hampshire Constabulary
CI Gary Cooper, Hampshire Constabulary
M Clowes, Voluntary Sector Consortium
C Jackson, Hampshire PCT
Cllr M Cartwright, Hampshire Fire Authority
C House, Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service
S Ham, Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service
D Renouf, Hampshire Probation Service
Cllr A Mandry, Fareham CDRP
C Rooke, Test Valley CDRP
R Merrett, Winchester CDRP
A Lloyd, Rushmoor CDRP
P Wilson, Gosport CDRP
Cllr G Beck, New Forest DC
J Baldry, Basingstoke and Deane CDRP
Cllr C Fraser, Eastleigh CDRP
T Pointer, Havant CDRP
V Evans, Hart CDRP
A Hagger, HCC Adult Services
S Morse, Eastleigh CDRP
C Mansbridge, HCC (Treasurer's Department)
Jon Whale, HCC, Regulatory Services
M Isted, GOSE
A Sackley, Hampshire CC
D Higlett, Hampshire CC
R Ormerod, Hampshire CC

Apologies were received from:

A Righton, New Forest CDRP
Cllr H Ayer, East Hants CDRP

1. Minutes of the meeting held 26th February 2008

1.1 Agreed as an accurate record.

2. Letter from HCC Chief Executive on future direction

2.1 Andrew Smith introduced this item covering the issues in his letter dated 21st May to members of the group on future direction.

The group agreed this was helpful in terms of clarity of processes and direction setting. A number of points of further clarity were raised which were dealt with as follows:

- 2.2 The arrangements for allocating capital were that CDRPs should send a note to Robert Ormerod regarding capital requirements for 2008-9 only. The total capital requirement of CDRPs from the SSC capital element would then be assessed and made available. There was a potential call on any residual capital regarding the proposed additional strategic projects (Domestic Violence Co-ordinator and Bobby Trust) which may also need converting to revenue for this purpose. If there was any significant under-requirement for capital, the position would be brought back to the group. The County Council would consider the revenue capital split from 2009-10 subject to future funding proposals from the proposed commissioning sub-group.
- 2.3 It was agreed that the principle of funding for continued service provision be extended to the two additional projects discussed at the previous meeting (Hampton Trust Domestic Violence Co-ordinator and Bobby Trust). It was agreed to recommend that a grant be made to the Hampton Trust of £32,000 for 2008-9 and that a grant to the Bobby Trust be considered in the light of any residual revenue and capital subject to the Chair exploring the position with the Trust. The group noted that the Police Authority was to consider the position of funding for the Bobby Trust and recognised that this was at risk due to competing priorities for limited funds. The County Council had approved a separate grant of £5,000.
- 2.4 A position on the SSC funds for 08-09 would be confirmed to the group following the receipt of all capital requests and the Chair's discussions with the Bobby Trust.

3. County Agreement

- 3.1 The Group considered a report which set out the process which had led to the development of the County Agreement and the proposed strategic objectives. The report also set out the Safer Communities LAA targets and demonstrated how these were consistent with the CSA. Jon Whale reported that progress had been made at a workshop held with CDRPs on the 22nd May on developing this further. The next stage was to identify the strategic actions to inform the commissioning sub-group. District CDRPs had been consulted on this following the workshop. In the meantime, local action plans were being prepared by CDRPs and, where appropriate, these would reflect the CSA objectives and the LAA targets.
- 3.2 Some concern was expressed regarding the ambitious level of the LAA Safer Communities targets and more work needed to be done to understand the expected performance of each local area upto 2011.
- 3.3 The group agreed the strategic objectives for the CSA as presented.

4 Brief for Commissioning Sub-Group and Performance Sub-Group.

- 4.1 Robert Ormerod introduced the draft brief and proposed composition of the Commissioning Sub-Group

- 4.2 The group supported the balance in the brief for a mixture of county and local solutions and the mix of focus on the SSC funds and the influence over wider mainstream processes. There was also recognition that the commissioning process should be flexible to respond to performance issues throughout the period.
- 4.3 Steve Crocker of the Wessex YOT had expressed an interested in being involved and this was agreed.
- 4.4 Michael Clowes emphasised that the need to recognise the added value and leverage which the VCS brought and for the process to follow the principles in the draft commissioning code which would be presented to the LAA Executive.
- 4.5 Andrew Smith emphasised that the work of this sub-group was critical to demonstrating that the partnership could understand the improvements required to deliver the CSA and LAA targets. The Audit Commission were proposing to undertake a short review of community safety and it was important to demonstrate strong progress was being made.
- 4.6 Robert Ormerod introduced the draft brief and composition of the performance Sub-group.
- 4.7 Jon Whale reported that there was work underway with the Constabulary to explore the development of performance reporting processes using the Police Business Objectives.
- 4.8 The composition and outline brief for each group was agreed and they were asked to report back in September.

5. Process for future reviews of the County Agreement

- 5.1 Alistair Sackley introduced a report outlining how the CSA process might be developed in future years to reflect a summary of each of the district strategic assessments but with a county analysis and overview.
- 5.2 The process needed to be underpinned by an information sharing agreement as required by the regulations. This was currently under preparation for consultation and subsequent approval by the County Strategy Group.
- 5.3 This proposed approach for reviews of the CSA was supported by the group.

6. Next meeting

- 6.1 The next meeting is scheduled for 5th September at 2.00pm in the Wellington Room. (subject to hearing loop provision as agreed).
- 6.2 Andrew Smith also suggest that a proposal be developed for an annual event for wider partners in November. This was supported. Andrew Lloyd suggested this might also be an opportunity to involve the Local Criminal Justice Board to ensure that appropriate links were made.