

Lichfield District Safer Neighbourhood Panel Meeting

Monday 23rd May 2017

Lichfield District Council House, Frog Lane, Lichfield WS13 6YY

MINUTES

Attended

Jo Rea	Staffordshire Police Inspector
David Ensor	SNP Member (Chair)
Paul Maddox	Lichfield BID
Pete Sweeney	SNP Member
Richard Williams	Burntwood resident/TalentMatch
Gareth Thomas	Staffordshire Deputy Police Inspector
Lucie Ferneyhough	Lichfield District Council
Diane Evans	Lichfield District Councillor
Sue Finney	ETAP
Hannah Bladon	OPCC Campaigns and Public Engagement Co-Ordinator
Jan Matthews	Support Staffordshire (minutes)

Apologies

None

Resignation

Jon O'Hagan

Welcome and introductions

Hannah was welcomed to the meeting.

Feedback from Interim meeting

David gave a summary of the meeting including:

LPT morning briefing – Pete Sweeney attended and the visit went well, very impressed by the work of the LPT and provided a good insight into the daily workings of the local team

LDC Hub meeting - David attended the meeting which is attended by a large number of areas; social services, housing, mental health, council, victim support, pathways, environmental health, SSSFT triage, and many more..

Mental Health and Vulnerability Hub - David attend the meeting in Stafford. Overall the meeting and outcomes of the liaison were very impressive.

Community Safety Partnership Delivery Plan has been sent to panel members. Feedback was requested as to the reason behind why the LSNP are not included as partners. This was due to be covered later in the agenda.

Priorities - Mental Health and Vulnerable Persons, A.S.B., Business Crime, and Stop and Search were chosen as topics for 2017

101 – Paul attended the scrutiny session – PowerPoint presentation and ‘Mystery Shopper’ survey attached. The call takers dealt with calls exceptionally well.

Development Session – to be held on 20th June.

The interim minutes providing full information were emailed to the panel on 25th April 2017

Local Police Team – Questions/Answers –Inspector Jo Rea

Q What is LPT view and work on Mental Health and Vulnerable? How can LSNP help review, scrutinise or otherwise assist the LPT with these issues?

A. LSNP could review a Mental Health case. Evaluation could be done after randomly choosing cases and comparing against the procedure.

ACTION: A date to be set for the scrutiny

Q. What is LPT view on Stafford Mental Health & Vulnerability initiative? Could something like this be of use in Lichfield, or linked to Stafford initiative some way? (Or maybe it is already used).

A. A meeting has been arranged.

Q How does the perceived/real reduction in Mental Health facility in the areas affect LPT workload and effectiveness?

A. A base has been provided for the LPT from 17/5/17. Assessment/triage is now much quicker at the George Bryan Centre.

Q. What is status of the triage system, how is it working, is it a candidate for LSNP scrutiny?

A. The triage system operates 3pm to 2am daily. There is a Mental Health Nurse based at Lichfield Police Station (also covering Cannock and Tamworth). The MHN and LPT act as a team together. All efforts are made not to use custody unless absolutely necessary. A scrutiny could be done around looking at the procedure.

Q. Thoughts on the possibility of adding a statement onto the offence paperwork stating that magistrates were being asked to issue bans. This arose from the Interim Meeting where it was suggested that I could ask the inspector if it's possible when offenders get charged with theft or any business crime and it goes to court. Can the officer dealing with the case ask that the magistrate ban them from Lichfield stores?

A. A statement is already on the Criminal Banning orders but not on other paperwork. There is something in place for this to happen when the file is put together. Townsafe already bans shop lifters from every members premises in the way of a letter.

Q. With business crime rising will any operations be put on to combat this?

A. Operation Citadel started in April – high visibility patrol at various supermarkets to try to reduce business crime. Boards have been put out at various supermarkets. Morrisons in Lichfield refused to use storenet radio. Morrisons in Burntwood are positively responsive and provide CCTV footage to the LPT. MacDonalDs in Burntwood incidents have reduced significantly.

Q. PCSO & LPT open meetings like Tesco and Coffee mornings. Could we have advance notice and how we could help.

A. Roadshow –Saturday 10th June, Community Safety Partnership will be at Burntwood Wakes on Saturday 1st July and Beacon Park Fun Day on Wed 2nd August.

Q. We often see a notice outside Waitrose (or similar) for instance saying 'police operation in progress'. What does this entail? Or are these merely a notice rather than any positive pro-active policing.

A. Notices often help to reduce crime when used effectively.

OPCC Requirement for formal scrutiny

Q. Complaints scrutiny: How best to assess the processes? What are your thoughts? Would this be useful at LPT level or overall with OPCC?

A. ACTION: To be added to agenda for next interim meeting

Q. Stop & Search: Panel need to perform a scrutiny of Stop & Search video footage. We are in need of a date to review and to do the scrutiny

A. ACTION: arrange with Gareth for June/July

Your thoughts on possible future scrutiny suggestions

Q. Cases which take a long time to resolve

A. To remain on list for future scrutiny

Q. Bail conditions

A. Take off list as a future priority

Q. Custody bookings

A. Take off list – already looked at by ICV's

Q. You have mentioned in emails that your workload had increased due to the Drayton Manor problems etc. Would it be useful for the LSNP to get an idea of workload issues for the LPT and how something like Drayton Manor or recent issues like NHS cybercrime cuts across work plans and affects LPT? Especially if there is anything we can help with or support you/LPT in this.

When incidents like Drayton Manor take place affects the workload, it massively affected The LPT was not affected by NHS cybercrime incident.

The terror attack in Manchester today has obviously affected the work load. Vulnerable places and times are identified and extra resources are put in place with support from neighbouring teams. E.g. Lichfield Bower

Hannah Bladon - OPCC Campaigns and Public Engagement Co-Ordinator

Hannah will send out any key messages regarding communications and engagement to the panel and will ensure any panel requests are passed on. Victoria Farrar is the Performance Lead for the OPCC A Communications planner was handed around to the panel members indicating themes/dates for the next year. This may be helpful when planning scrutiny.

There was a discussion around having a Twitter account to publish findings. Would the panel like to have their own account or have a joint overarching account? Panel members indicated that they would prefer to feed into an overarching account.

ACTION: Is there a panel member who would be prepared to feed into the overarching account?

Minutes from last main meeting

Minutes were agreed

Actions/comments since last meeting

Smart Alert – roll out is continuing well. More alerts are being sent out

ACTION: Jan to contact Paula James for updated figures and request some small Smart Alert cards for panel members

Youth Commission – David attended the meeting. There is a possibility that some Lichfield and district young people may get involved in the future.

Burntwood McDonalds - Richard met with the manager. Some problems are still around but are slowly decreasing. LPT and 'Get Into It' project (Tasmin) will be discussing diversionary activities. Tasmin and McDonalds manager have linked up and have talked to young people and staff. Under 18's are now banned unless they are accompanied by an adult.

ASB – to continue to look at figures

Stop & Search – Wed 12th July at 11am

ACTION: Jan to confirm with Jo and panel members

Complaints

ACTION: Jan to check that the presentation and report have been sent to panel members

Update on priorities for Lichfield and District

1. ASB – continue to look at ASB figures
2. Mental Health issues
3. Formal scrutiny
 - Stop & Search
 - Complaints
 - Taser updates

Community Safety Delivery Plan – still to be covered

Development session – 20th June – attendance to be confirmed to Jan ASAP.

Recruitment

New panel members are required. Opportunities to promote SNP include:

A pull up banner and leaflets are available from Jan

Saturday 1st July – Beacon Park Fun Day

Sunday 4th June – Police HQ Open Day

Saturday 10th June - Roadshow

Sunday 9th July – FUSE Festival

Wednesday 2nd August – Burntwood Wakes

Youth Commission

Colleges and schools:

ACTION: Diane to contact CCTC and Erasmus Darwin

ACTION: Pete to contact college and possibly other schools

ACTION: Jan to contact Marisha Place

Attendance at meetings

Panel members are asked to attend three out of four meeting per years and/or contribute in between meetings.

Any other business

Matthew Ellis may come along to the next meeting.

A discussion took place around whether magistrates should be on panels.

A discussion took place around the scrutiny briefs/terms of reference/ reports/outcomes. It was explained that the majority of the work undertaken by the panel was investigating ground work which was needed before scrutiny could take place.

Date and Time of future meetings

Tuesday 20th June – Development session

Tuesday 11th July 2017 – 5pm – Support Staffordshire - *Interim meeting*

Wednesday 23rd August – 5pm – Lichfield District Council – *Main meeting*

Tuesday 10th October – 5pm – Support Staffordshire – *Interim meeting*

Thursday 23rd November – 5pm – Lichfield District Council – *Main meeting*