

Notes of Decisions Taken and Action

Safer Communities Board

13 March 2006

at Local Government House

Present

Chair:	<i>Cllr Bryony Rudkin (Suffolk CC) (Labour).</i>
Vice Chair:	<i>Cllr Andy Sutton (Isle of Wight UA) (Conservative)</i>
Deputy Chairs:	<i>Cllr Caroline Seymour (Hambleton DC) (Liberal Democrat) and Cllr Graham Brown (Powys CC) (Independent).</i>
Conservative	<i>Cllr Roland Domleo (Congleton BC), Clare Whelan (Lambeth LB), Cllr David Smith (Lichfield DC), Cllr Audrey Lewis (Westminster City Council).</i>
Labour	<i>Cllr Ann Lucas (Coventry City Council), Cllr Mark Burns-Williamson (Wakefield MDC) Cllr Milkinder Jaspal (Wolverhampton City Council).</i>
Liberal Democrats	<i>Cllr Paul Forges (Stockport MBC), Cllr Christina Jebb (Staffordshire CC).</i>
Substitutes	<i>Cllr David Lancaster (Salford City Council) (Labour).</i>
Apologies	<i>Cllr Audrey Jones (Gtr Manchester FCDA)</i>
By Video-link	<i>Cllr Les Byrom (Sefton MBC) (Conservative), Cllr Mehboob Khan (Kirklees MBC) (Labour), Cllr Peter Young (Tyne&Wear FA) (Labour), Cllr Christina Jebb (Staffordshire CC) (Liberal Democrat).</i>

Cllr Bryony Rudkin (Chair) opened the meeting by informing Members that Cllr Byrom, Cllr Mehboob Khan, Cllr Young and Cllr Jebb would be observing by video link, from the Merseyside Fire&Rescue HQ in Bootle, where they were due to attend the FSMC meeting that afternoon.

*Declared Interest (s). The Chair then declared an interest in the working of the IDeA. As a consequence, Cllr Rudkin stated that she would not be able to chair item 2 on the Agenda (IDeA presentation on Community cohesion). Cllr Andy Sutton (Vice-Chair) and Cllr Caroline Seymour (Deputy-Chair) also declared an interest in the IDeA. It was **agreed** that Cllr Graham Brown (Deputy-Chair) would take item 2. Cllrs Mehboob Khan and Les Byrom also declared an interest and subsequently absented themselves (from the video-link) when item 2 was taken.*

1. Feedback from Board Members

Members fed back on a variety of external meetings they had attended on behalf of the LGA.

2. Community cohesion update

The Board received a presentation from Ruby Dixon, Head of Programmes, Beacons and Services at the IDeA (**attached**).

Decisions

That:

- the LGA continue to work closely with the IDeA
- the IDeA be invited to the LGA Community Cohesion Roundtable
- the report of the Roundtable be sent to the Board
- community cohesion issues in relation to Gypsies/ Travellers to be referred to the Environment Board.

Actions

- Officers to continue to work closely with IDeA counter-parts – **AH**
- Officers to pursue action to include IDeA in the LGA Community Cohesion Round Table – **AH**
- Send the Report of the Roundtable to Board Members when it is published – **AH**
- Officers to refer community cohesion issues on Gypsies/ Travellers to Environment Board colleagues – **DH**

3. Preventing Re-offending – progress report

Members were asked to agree actions as proposed in paragraph 17 of the progress report. Prior to discussion commencing, Cllr Mehboob Khan declared an interest through his work with Probation Boards, but stayed for the discussions. Juliette Lyon, Chief Executive of the Prison Reform Trust attended for the discussion.

In discussion: Members voiced strong concerns over the abolition of Probation Boards and the impact of contestability on Probation Services.

Decisions

That :

- (i) the LGA should take this work forward.

Actions

- Officers to work with partners to ensure the the proposals for probation trusts supports the alignment of probation into local partnerships including LAA's – **JB/KF**
- East Midlands Project details to be circulated to Board Members as soon as available – **KF**
- Members agreed that the LGA should develop with all partner organisations, a preventing re-offending coalition – **JB/KF**
- Members agreed that Alliance should produce a set of principals to underpin preventing re-offending - **JB/KF**

- *Members agreed that the Alliance should develop a vision of how the Home Office 5 year strategy could be implemented with particular attention to LAAs – **JB/KF***
- *IDeA to identify which Authorities are taking forward work on preventing re-offending – **KF/Andrea Sellers/Dennis Skinner, IDeA***
- *Prison Reform Trust - Smart Justice information to be circulated to Members - **DH***

4. Police Reform and Restructuring

Members were asked to agree that the LGA take forward the work set out in paragraph 10 of the paper.

Decisions

That:

- *the draft response to PAICM should issue;*
- *further work be carried out with the APA on modelling, accountability and intelligence sharing;*
- *further lobbying and representational work be conducted as set out in the report.*
- *Officers bring a paper on strategic and operational functions of CDRPs and their links to LSPs and SPA, to include looking at implications for 2 tier authorities*
- *Members be provided with a time line from March 2006 to implementation of the new Strategic Police Authorities*
- *Members be provided with a time – line from the present to implementation of the new Strategic Police Authorities.*

Actions

That:

- *a letter issue to the Chair of PAICM from the Chair of SCB - **[Action taken]***
- *officers to continue contacts with APA counter-parts and progress work on modelling, accountability and intelligence sharing – **EV/KF/JB***
- *officers to pursue further lobbying and representational work **EV/KF/JB***
- *officers to produce for next Board meeting, a paper on the strategic and operational functions of CDRPs and their links to LSPs and SPA, to include 2 tier authorities – **EV/HP***
- *officers to produce a time line detailing the actions/ steps from the present, to implementation of the new Strategic Police Authorities – **EV***

5. Update on Live Issues

The Board received an oral update from Cllr Ann Lucas on the work of the Prostitution Task Group. Members were told that the Government launched its coordinated strategy for prostitution on 17 January. The LGA got good media coverage.

The final report of the task group will set out next steps and will be completed by June.

6. Notes of the Previous Meeting

Decision

That the notes from the previous meeting (16 January 2006) be accepted with the following amendments:

under item 1 Feedback from Board Members :

- (i) under Decisions item (i) delete the wording after “practice”;*
- (ii) under Decisions item (ii) delete the wording “areas of joint interest;” and replace with “**prevention of sex trafficking and other areas of joint interest**”*
- (iii) under “Actions” item (i) delete the wording after “practice”;*
- (iv) under “Actions” item (ii) delete the wording “areas of joint interest;” and replace with “**prevention of sex trafficking and other areas of joint interest**”.*

Action – *DH to have website amended.*

