

Performance Monitoring Panel 3 March 2015

Crime and Disorder Update

The Portfolio Holder for Localism, Economic Development and Big Society was in attendance to provide an update report on community safety and how it was being delivered through the various tiers of Groups and Panels (including the East Lincolnshire CSP and Lincolnshire CSP). He advised on the following additional issues:

Lincolnshire Community Safety Partnership

The Lincolnshire Community Safety Partnership had met in January for a priority-setting event. The County-wide priorities had been set to address: 1) Anti-Social Behaviour and Hate Crime; 2) Domestic Abuse; 3) Reduction in re-offending; 4) Serious organised crime; 5) Sexual violence; and 6) Substance abuse.

Work was also to be undertaken on information sharing and analysis.

A previous priority, Road Safety, had dropped off the list of priorities for the current year. The Road Safety Partnership had been very successful in reducing injuries and deaths and as a result, this was no longer an area of priority. However, it would still be monitored.

A Community Safety Agreement and delivery plans were being developed, and the Portfolio Holder would receive more feedback on this at the next meeting on 5 March 2015.

The 14/15 Annual Report was currently being drawn up, and the Portfolio Holder advised that this would be shared with the Panel once it had been finalised.

East Lincolnshire Community Safety Partnership

Priorities had been set to address: 1) Anti-Social Behaviour; 2) violent crime and domestic abuse; 3) alcohol abuse; and 4) theft.

- Members questioned how the Police managed the priorities of each of the bodies, as they were not the same.
 - The Portfolio Holder responded that all priorities were important and that the bodies were given a lead member who reported into the Police.

County-wide designation of powers

At the Panel meeting on 25 November 2015, Inspector Tyner had advised that the Chief Constable was considering a final decision on the County-wide designation of powers, and that members would be advised of the outcome of the decision. A response had been received and the Chairman advised the Panel of this. The following issues were raised:

The Community Development and Health Manager commented that the delegation had arisen following the introduction of new legislation. Discussions were taking place between local authorities and the Police as to how this would work. It had originally been thought that PCSOs would have all delegations passed down to them however, it would appear that currently only some had been passed down.

Members felt that PCSOs should not lose their community role by having too much delegated down to them.

The Community Development and Health Manager responded that the Authority was working with the Police to consider how this should be dealt with locally.

Other issues

- Concern was raised regarding the continued operation of unlicensed scrap dealers. Since the Police had taken over enforcement in the area of scrap dealers' licenses, had any been challenged?
 - The Portfolio Holder responded that he was not aware of the Police having to undertake any enforcement in this area however, it would be useful to find out this information.
 - The Community Development and Health Manager advised that information could be sought from the Licensing Department as to whether there had been any feedback from the Police linked to those dealers that had been issued with licences.

AGREED:

- a) That the update provided by the Portfolio Holder for Localism, Economic Development and Big Society be noted;
- b) <1><2>That the Lincolnshire Community Safety Partnership's 14/15 Annual Report be shared with the Panel when it became available;
- c) <3>That information be sought from the Licensing department as to whether there had been any information from the Police with regard to irregular behaviour by licensed scrap dealers; and
- d) <4><5>That the Portfolio Holder for Localism, Economic Development and Big Society be requested to provide a further update to the Panel in six months time.