

LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP (LSP) MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 21 March 2017
Hertsmere Borough Council Civic Offices

Attendees:	Donald Graham (Chairman)	Chief Executive, Hertsmere Borough Council
	Chris Wood	Chair, Citizens Advice
	Stuart Nagler	Chair, Community Hertsmere (CH)
	Stephen O'Keeffe	Chief Inspector, Hertfordshire Constabulary
	Councillor Brenda Batten	Leisure, Culture and Health Portfolio Holder, Hertsmere Borough Council
	Peter Evans	Clerk, Aldenham Parish Council
	Rad Bristow	Station Commander, Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service
	Revd Richard Leslie	Chair, Hertsmere Forum of Faiths
	Dr Kate Page	Vice Chair, Hertsmere Commissioning Locality
	Debbie Barker	Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
	Councillor Pervez Choudhury	Community Safety and Performance Portfolio Holder, Hertsmere Borough Council
	Concetta Kyriacou	DWP

In attendance:	Zoe-Louise Keyte (Minutes)	Partnership Support and Performance Officer, Hertsmere Borough Council
	Hilary Shade	Head of Partnerships and Community Engagement, Hertsmere Borough Council
	Rebecca Young	Health and Wellbeing Policy Manager, Hertsmere Borough Council
	Valerie Kane	Community Safety Manager, Hertsmere Borough Council
	Loran Kingston	Community Safety Intervention Officer, Hertsmere Borough Council
	Ann Harrison	Trustee, Community Hertsmere (CH)
	Carolyn Buller	Chief Executive, Citizens Advice
	Rory Seymour	Hertfordshire County Council
	Charlie Hall	Chief Constable, Hertfordshire Constabulary
	Ruth Dodsworth	Detective Chief Inspector, Hertfordshire Constabulary
	Callum Ellis	PCSO, Hertfordshire Constabulary

In attendance:	Councillor Cynthia Barker	Hertsmere Borough Council
	Zoe Crossan	Community Fire Safety Co-Ordinator Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue
	Councillor Lawrence Davis	Hertsmere Borough Council
	Councillor Charles Kelly	Hertsmere Borough Council
	Zoe Hitchcock	Hertfordshire Constabulary

Apologies for absence:	Councillor Morris Bright	Leader, Hertsmere Borough Council
	Owen Mapley	Director of Resources, Hertfordshire County Council
	Jeremy Green	My Incubator Manager, WENTA
	Councillor Teresa Heritage	Executive Member, Hertfordshire County Council

1.0	<u>Welcomes and apologies</u>
1.1	The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a special welcome to the guest speakers.
1.2	The Chairman gave apologies on behalf of Councillor Morris Bright who unfortunately was unable to make the meeting.
2.0	<u>Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising</u>
2.1	The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record and no further updates were required.
3.0	<u>Community Strategy Review</u>
3.1	Rebecca Young introduced the Partnership Review video .
3.2	Rebecca then talked through a presentation. Please see attached.
3.3	A draft of the new Community Strategy will be presented at the next meeting.
4.0	<u>Safer and Stronger Communities Board – Local Government Association</u>
4.1	Councillor Morris Bright sent his apologies and was unable to report on this. He will give an update on this at a future meeting.
5.0	<u>Hertfordshire Constabulary Update</u>
5.1	CC Charlie Hall thanked the board for inviting him to the meeting. He outlined his overall approach to policing in Hertfordshire and what he expects to see over the next few years in his leadership.
5.2	Neighbourhood policing is a key part of the approach and believes that this is how we should be operating, in close partnership with communities and other agencies. This is something that works across the country and in Hertsmere. CC Hall praised the work of the Adults with Complex needs project which is an example of how local services can work together to reduce demand. He is also keen to focus on victims and problem solving.
5.3	In the last few years there has been a change in policing demand. Reports of sexual offences have increased nationally and countywide. There have also been increases in domestic abuse reports. Although he does not think this

	necessarily means there is more domestic abuse taking place. He sees this as a positive measure as we have created an environment where people are comfortable and confident to report domestic abuse however it is still underreported.
5.4	The Constabulary are also seeing a change in demands with the use of the internet, particularly sexting offences. The Constabulary are setting up cyber-crime units to tackle this problem.
5.5	Across the county as a whole, there has been an increase in overall reported crime. Within Hertfordshire we are expecting crime to be up by 14% in the next year. Factors contributing to this include the emerging crime trends like cyber-crime and a change in the way that incidents are recorded; there has been a tightening on the way crime is reported in line with the National Crime Agency (NCA). New legislation has also resulted in new emerging crime types including malicious communications.
5.6	Vehicle crime in Hertsmere is approximately 20% down than in previous years. Burglary dwelling offences is showing no increase when compared to the previous year.
5.7	There has been an increase in reports of hate crime across the county, particularly after 'Brexit' but it has settled down albeit to a higher rate than before. In Hertsmere the level of anti-Semitic incidents when compared to previous years has been consistent, but this is something the Constabulary continue to take very seriously.
5.8	The Chairman thanked CC Hall for his update and commented that Hertsmere is very much a safe place to both live and work and our partnership with the Constabulary is something we value and continue to invest in.
5.9	Councillor Pervez Choudhury asked what the police's plans are to tackle drug and alcohol addiction where crime is driven by addiction.
5.10	CC Hall responded that they continue to work closely in partnership with Public Health; the police operate a drug referral scheme in the custody suites. They also have some pioneering schemes with the judiciary, the choice and consequences scheme where they look to help the recovery of prolific offenders as an alternative to prison, subject to their consent. In addition there was a successful operation that lead to a number of arrests of prolific drug dealers in Hertsmere.
5.11	Councillor Lawrence Davis thanked Hertfordshire Constabulary and praised the work of the local PCSOs.
6.0	<u>Domestic Abuse Investigation and Safeguarding Unit (DAISU)</u>
6.1	DCI Ruth Dodsworth talked through a presentation. Please see attached.
6.2	The Chairman thanked Ruth for her presentation and thanked the Constabulary for all of their work on domestic abuse.

6.3	Stuart Nagler as Assistant Police and Crime Commissioner commented that domestic abuse is a key priority for the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC). Stuart addressed the rate of reoffending and questioned how we can make perpetrators programmes more effective to reduce reoffending.
6.4	Ruth mentioned that although it is not a positive thing, reoffending means that we are getting more reports of perpetrators reoffending so in a way, we want to hear about it. It is about working with perpetrators and victims to reduce the risk of reoffending and partnership working is important to offer a holistic approach.
6.5	Chris Wood commented that Citizens Advice could maybe do with some training and it would be handy for them to have a contact for domestic abuse. Ruth let Chris know that she would be happy for this and the contact would be herself.
6.6	Rev Richard Leslie asked how they know what the right result is for victims when their relationship has reached crisis point. Considering the differences in personal relationships today he commented that it is very difficult to deal with these situations.
6.7	Ruth answered that high level training is very important for officers not only in the DAISU unit but also for front line officers. New legislation is also helping as it gives the team more powers and the right result for victims is getting them to a place of safety.
6.8	Councillor Pervez Choudhury asked if more work could be done with Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) to make victims' experience of giving evidence in court less stressful whilst also giving the best quality evidence in order to get the right result.
6.9	Ruth told the group that work is ongoing in this area to improve victims' and witnesses experience at court. Victims are entitled to apply for special measures however judges and magistrates do prefer victims to give live evidence in court. The Constabulary do have quite a good rate of guilty pleas in the first instance which makes the process a lot easier for all involved.
7.0	<u>Community Protection</u>
7.1	Rad Bristow talked through a presentation. Please see attached.
7.2	The Chairman asked if Rad could outline the use of the arson boards and how these will work. Rad responded that the arson boards highlight that there has been an issue in an area and they encourage people to report any suspicious activity whilst also encouraging residents to take extra care.
8.0	<u>Community Safety</u>
8.1	Valerie Kane talked through a presentation. Please see attached.
9.0	<u>Signing of the PCSO Service Level Agreement (SLA)</u>
9.1	Chief Executive of Hertsmere Borough Council, Donald Graham and Hertfordshire Constabulary Chief Constable Charlie Hall signed the PCSO SLA.

10.0	<u>Any Other Business</u>
10.1	Stuart Nagler informed the board of the new Community Hertsmere outreach hubs opening in Bushey and Radlett. In Radlett the outreach hub will be available at the Radlett Centre on the first and third Tuesday of the month from 1.30pm-4.30pm. And the Bushey outreach hub will be available at Citizens Advice, Rudolph Road every Wednesday from 1pm-4pm.
10.2	Stuart also let the board know of the PCC's plan for the next five years which is available to read online .
11.0	<u>Date of future meetings 2016</u>
11.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday 13 June 2017 • Tuesday 19 September 2017 • Tuesday 12 December 2017 <p>All meetings start at 2pm and are held at the Civic Offices, Borehamwood.</p>