

GWENT POLICE AUTHORITY
COMMUNITY SAFETY AND ENGAGEMENT

Date: 14th January 2009

Item No: 4d

Heading: Member Report

Report Author: Chief Executive

SUMMARY

To receive details of visits made/meetings attended by Members and any actions arising from those visits/meetings.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Committee notes the visits made / meetings attended and the action taken / to be taken.

1. BACKGROUND

The following reports have been received relevant to the Community Safety and Engagement Committee:

- 1.1 Councillor C Mann 5th November 2008 Divisional Management Meeting Blackwood
The only issues to raise were the various preparations for changes under Staying Ahead, eg various personnel applying for suitable positions. This would probably be the last DMM under the present structure.
- 1.2 Mr R Leadbeter 11th November 2008 Divisional Commendation Ceremony
Key Issues Raised:
As always this was a memorable evening and demonstrated once again the outstanding skill and courage of our Officers and Staff with the support of our partners and the public . It was disturbing that so many of the awards related to serious Public Protection issues.
- 1.3 Mrs P Davies 19th November 2008 Listen Harder – Listen Better Parkway Hotel Cwmbran
I opened this training day which was organised by the Community Consultation Group. It was an important day and a wonderful learning opportunity for all Police Officers and staff. The TCCG had identified some areas which needed better Police understanding and had arranged four

workshops; Domestic abuse from the BME perspective, Victim Support, Mental Health and the Use of Section 136 and Drugs and Society.

There were around 100 people present including HMIC.

1.4 Mrs P Davies 20th November 2008 Community Leaders Meeting Newport

The meeting was very informative and the key issues of concern were:

- Car parking at the Mosque
- The problems with ASB and some drug related issues
- The changes taking place in Pill and the problems with traffic
- A book called 'Woman in Islam' had been produced by one of the members with the help of Chief Supt Kevin Price. This was to be circulated to all Police stations for information.

1.5 Councillor C Mann 24th November 2008 Revolution Club Newport

I attended a Launch of the Christmas Campaign for Community Safety for the whole of Gwent. The audience included Neighbourhood Police Officers, Safety Wardens, PCSOs, partner organisations and the media. Pink handbags for ladies with information on how to keep safe while out celebrating and also brown wallets for men with a similar message were circulated at the meeting. Also distributed were leaflets regarding neighbourhood policing teams engaging with the public at night when they come out of night clubs.

There was now a text taxi number which works via GPS so that anyone texting 'cab' to this number would receive a text back with three numbers of licensed cabs in the area you are in. Another idea was to give out festive Christmas Santa hats containing a bottle of water and a lollipop. The water and sugar intake should help a person to cope with the effects of too much drink. At least one television interview was done at the launch although it was not known if this was shown anywhere.

1.6 Mr R Derricott 24th November 2008 Monmouthshire LSB

The following key issues were raised:

- We noted that grants had been applied for from WAG but without response as yet.
- It was agreed that the LSB Community Strategy 08-11 should be signed off by principal partners.
- The LSB requested brief reports on proposed changes to Health and Policing be made to the 12th January LSB meeting
- Partnership Board Self Assessments were deferred to the 12th January meeting
- The 9th February meeting would be a half day development day.
- A wider stakeholder conference would be held towards the end of March.

1.7 Mr R Derricott 4th December 2008 Meeting with Inspector Smith Monmouth Police Station

Issues discussed:

- The need for Local Authority representation at recent local PACT meetings held in Monmouth where issues raised were almost exclusively matters for partners.
- The relatively high crime levels being experienced in the Section relating to vehicle damage, non-domestic burglaries and theft of lead; these issues were being tasked particularly in hot spot localities.
- The improved performance relative to violent crime.

1.8 Mr R Derricott 19th December 2008 Daily Tasking

Daily tasking meeting of Force senior management was conducted with Local Policing Unit managers by telephone conference. This short meeting provided assurance that actions arising the previous day had been completed or were being dealt with, and considered how and by whom new actions arising overnight were tasked by crime type (e.g. death/serious injury, domestic violence, etc).

2. PROPOSAL FOR CONSIDERATION BY COMMITTEE/CURRENT POSITION

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to note the issues raised and any actions required to address those issues.

3. STAFFING/PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are none arising directly from the content of this report.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are none arising directly from the content of this report.

5. CONSULTATION

- 5.1 There has been no consultation on the content of this report.

6. PROJECT ASSESSMENT FOR EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY MATTERS

- 6.1 This project/proposal has been considered against the general duty to promote equality, as stipulated under the Police Authority's Equality Schemes, and has been assessed not to discriminate against any particular group.

7. RISK ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 Member reports which identify risks, will be reported to the appropriate Committee of the Authority.

8. STAYING AHEAD (2011 REVIEW)

- 8.1 We have considered the implications of the 2011 project in the production of this report and there are no issues we want to raise in this report at this particular time.

9. CONCLUSION

- 9.1 Member reports which identify follow up / further action, will be reported to the appropriate Committee of the Authority.

10. CONTACT OFFICER

- 10.1 Committee and Member Services Officer

11. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 11.1 There are no background papers relating to this report.

12. APPENDICES

- 12.1 There are no appendices to this report.