

ITEM 4(c)

CRIME AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

28 FEBRUARY 2000

PROPOSALS FOR STRUCTURE AND FORMAT OF COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM MEETING - SATURDAY 25 MARCH 2000

1. Introduction

- 1.1 At the meeting on 1 December 1999, the Partnership resolved that the Community Safety Forum should take on the role of a consultative body. It was agreed that it should meet twice a year and a much wider range of organisations and members of the public invited to attend.
- 1.2 This paper suggests a possible structure and format for the Community Safety Forum meeting on 25 March 2000 at the Council Chambers, Civic Offices.

2. Suggested Structure of Meeting

- 2.1 Forum meetings are intended to:
 - (a) provide an opportunity for the Partnership to disseminate information about the progress of the crime reduction strategy;
 - (b) provide an opportunity for the public and those organisations not directly involved in the Partnership's activities to feedback views and comments;
 - (c) generate informed public debate about relevant local issues; and
 - (d) assist and inform the work of the Partnership.
- 2.2 Bearing this in mind it is important that the structure of the meetings allow all those attending to fully participate and that mechanisms put in place to allow a free exchange of opinions and views. It is proposed that the Forum consists of formal presentations followed by workshops that allow forum attendees to feedback their views.

3. Suggested Format

- 3.1 Below is detailed the format for the meeting:

(a) **Welcome and Introduction by Chair**

(b) **Partnership Update**

Presentation outlining the progress of the Partnership to date. Suggested topic areas:

- (i) Partnership working.
- (ii) The work undertaken over the last year and plans/actions for the next year.
- (iii) Implementation of strategy (e.g. formation of delivery groups, setting of targets etc.).

A speaker has not been identified to make this presentation however it is considered appropriate that a Partnership member agrees to speak.

It is recommended that a member of the Partnership agrees to undertake this task preferably a member of the executive.

(c) **Partnership Approach to tackling Anti-Social Behaviour**

A presentation will be made outlining the Partnership's approach to addressing this strategic aim. Suggested issues:

- (i) the reason anti-social behaviour and vandalism has been chosen as a strategic aim;
- (ii) the extend of anti-social behaviour and vandalism and the costs to the community;
- (iii) Multi-agency working to combat nuisance;
- (iv) Anti vandalism pilot in Fullers Slade;
- (v) Neighbour Nuisance Teams;
- (vi) Anti-social Behaviour Orders; and
- (vii) Parenting.

It is recommended that the lead officer responsible for the delivery of this aim be invited to undertake this task

(d) **Workshops**

Forum delegates will be invited to participate in one workshop to discuss the topic further. Workshops will examine three main themes being considered as part of the strategy for tackling anti-social behaviour and vandalism:

- (i) **Anti-social behaviour/neighbour nuisance**
- (ii) **Fullers Slade anti-vandalism pilot**
- (iii) **Parenting**

Participants will be asked to consider a number of questions:

- (i) *Is anti-social behaviour and vandalism the right priority for the Partnership to address?*
- (ii) *Are the proposed actions the right ones?*
- (iii) *What else could be done to tackle anti-social behaviour and vandalism?*

Each group will be asked to write down two key points/actions that they consider would effectively reduce anti-social behaviour and/or vandalism.

The Community Safety Officer will arrange for someone to facilitate each workshop

(e) **Feedback from Workshops**

The Partnership Co-ordinators will feedback the key points raised in the workshops.

(f) **Summing up and Close**

The Chair will sum up the activities of the day and close the meeting.

3.2 A draft Agenda for the meeting is attached as an **Annex** to this report.

4. **Conclusion**

4.1 It is suggested that the structure and format proposed will provide an interesting event for those attending. It is felt that by focusing on one particular theme e.g. anti-social behaviour and vandalism more detailed and considered discussions will be achieved.

4.2 It is anticipated that the information and views obtained from those attending the forum will be used to help improve the implementation of the crime reduction strategy.

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