

Minutes of the meeting of the Neighbourhood Action Groups Review Group meeting held on Monday 5 November 2012

Present: Councillors Brunning, Coventry and C Williams

Officers: Z Dhamani (Overview and Scrutiny Officer) A Flynn (Head of Neighbourhood Management) C Wilderspin (Deputy Head of Community Safety)

Witnesses: D Abbs, P Betts-Alan, L Brace, F Cockbaine, R DeVilliers, L Ellen, I Fraser, T Fraser, K Guiney, B Hart, S Hughes, D Livermore, D Livingstone, C Londy, J Patel, L Savage, H Solway, D Smith, M Tootell, Simon Wells, Steve Wells

Workshop

The Workshop took place with witnesses where the objectives for the groups were to conduct a SWOT (Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities Threats) analysis of Neighbourhood Action Groups (NAGs) giving consideration to:

- Partnership working
- Structure for NAGs
- Experience of NAGs
- Suggestions for change
- Police and Crime Commissioner Elections which were to take place in November 2012

The key themes from the workshops were:

1. People for all sectors wanted to get involved with NAGs
2. NAGs should set achievable aims and priorities – things they can directly influence/change and manage expectations
3. Milton Keynes Council (MKC) officer attendance for some NAGs was thought to be an advantage to gain access to MKC services
4. Training of chairs was key to running an effective NAG – with an effective handover process for new Chairs
5. Communication links and a central source for administrative support was key for some NAGs – and a single point of contact was of high value
6. MKC to attend every NAG meeting was thought to be of high value for the majority of NAGs
7. Partners form across Milton Keynes attending would help with ensuring issues were passed on to the relevant service
8. Sharing good practice and establishing good links between NAGs would be positive
9. The parental role of the Safer Neighbourhood Delivery Group needs a more consistent approach
10. Ensure all NAGS understand how to access funding

Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of 22 October 2012 were received and agreed by the Review Group.

Safer Neighbourhood Delivery Group Survey Results

Responses to the survey had been received but full analysis had not yet taken place.

This item would be brought to the meeting on 3 December 2012.

Work Plan

The Group discussed the Review moving forward and the need to involve senior member of the Council and other Partners. It was agreed that the Group would request an item at the Responsible Authorities Group (RAG) meeting in March to present the draft report and to seek support of the recommendations.

It was agreed that the Deputy Chief Constable would be invited to the meeting in December to discuss the view of Thames Valley Police and their future support for NAGs taking into account the impact of the Police and Crime Commissioner election result.

Meetings dates for the Review Group were agreed for 2013.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 5:55PM

	Actions	Owner
1	To invite the Deputy Chief Constable to the meeting in December	Cllr Brunning
2	To liaise with Rag Committee to have an agenda item for the March meeting to present final report	Z Dhamani/Cllr Brunning
3	To refresh the Work Plan following discussions	Z Dhamani