

21st February 2017

Agenda Item: 5

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR SOUTH NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND PUBLIC PROTECTION.

COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

Purpose of the Report

1. To update the Community Safety Committee about key Community Safety matters.

Information and Advice

2. The community Safety team is currently working on a cohort of issues across the county with a number of partners, community safety partnerships and the voluntary sector.

Neighbourhood Watch Event.

3. A neighbourhood Watch (NHW) event is to be held at the Mansfield Civic Centre on the afternoon of Friday 10th March 2017 (2pm – 4pm).
4. The event, consisting of 75% community and 25% service providers will examine the problems currently faced by Neighbourhood Watch within Mansfield and Ashfield, in order to propose a way forward, which will then form part of a development plan of support.
5. The afternoon will be structured with mixed groups discussing specific questions and feeding back via facilitated group leaders.
6. This event has arisen in supporting existing head co-ordinators in Ashfield and Mansfield to increase community/partner capacity.
7. An officer from the community safety team will be providing support as workshop leader/facilitator, working with Mansfield and Ashfield Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator(s) and the Chair of Notts Watch Association.

Best Bar None event 2016/17

8. The Best Bar None 2016/17 Awards event will be held at the Goosedale Hotel, Papplewick on the 28th February 2017.
9. Best Bar None is an accreditation, in recognising licensed premises that provide a safer, responsible setting for customers.

10. To be Best Bar None accredited, venues need to meet a nationally agreed set of standards, such as carrying out regular security reviews, managing capacity properly, proactively dealing with intoxicated people and having a robust proof of age policy.
11. The format of this event will be similar to 2015/16, where various categories of: Best Large Bar, Small Bar, Large Pub, Small Pub and Club, plus overall winner will be decided by a combination of public voting and the opinions of a panel of judges. Nominations of the Public vote award is based on Nottinghamshire's residents and visitors being asked to vote for their favourite places to visit in the county.
12. The chair on behalf of the Community Safety Committee and the Police Crime Commissioner (PCC) will provide opening addresses at this event.

Homelessness funding 7k allocation.

13. On the 10th January 2017 this committee agreed to the £7,000 allocation from the community safety initiatives budget to be distributed across the seven districts in strengthening their activity to protect vulnerable people, in this case people sleeping rough.
14. This funding assisted districts to work in partnership with voluntary and faith groups, whilst some districts chose to combine resources in meeting local priorities.
 - South Notts £3k - As per the respective districts Homeless Strategy action plan(s), South Notts chose to utilise their funding to work with the faith sector setting up a 'pop-up' winter night shelter in pooling monies with Gedling & Rushcliffe to achieve this.
 - Ashfield and Mansfield £2k – Provided sleeping bags, warm socks, gloves, hats, toiletries and food as these items are relied upon via donations is always welcomed upon.

These items were distributed via the The Winter Shelter, which is co-ordinated and delivered in partnership with Mansfield and Ashfield District Councils by Transforming Notts Together, with support from the Home Group and Mansfield Baptist Church.

- Newark and Sherwood £1k- have a lot of involvement with faith groups who support rough sleepers in the area. Some of this money was allocated to support the work they do, plus provide spare clothing for rough sleepers that come in with damp or dirty clothing or for those that do not have adequate warm clothing.

The rest of the money was allocated towards the biggest expense which is the heating/lighting costs at the church hall used for the Severe Weather Emergency Shelter.

- Bassetlaw £1k - Opening of St. John's Hall Worksop, as a homeless drop in, which helped with running costs i.e. heating and light.

Controlling Migration Fund.

15. In November 2016 the Government launched its “Controlling Migration Fund”. This provides £100m to support work within local communities and £40m to provide enforcement activity. The Fund will operate until 2020.
16. At the December Safer Notts Board (SNB) meeting it was agreed that where possible joint bid(s) would be submitted for Nottinghamshire.
17. A member of the community safety team is currently working with the Chief Executive of Gedling Borough Council in providing support on the formulation of an initial bid from the County (e.g. Notts County Council (NCC), District and Borough Councils) into the “Controlling Migration Fund”.
18. Following consultation with officers from NCC, a planning meeting was held in January, with representation from NCC and all District and Borough Councils. It was decided that the initial bid from Nottinghamshire would contain the following elements:-
 - Funding to support analysis of the scale, nature and impact of migration on Nottinghamshire communities;
 - An allocation of funding to grant-aid locally based voluntary and community organisations strengthening community cohesion;
 - Funding to expand access to ESOL (English for speakers of other languages) provision – including the idea of ESOL provision to businesses
19. This approach was taken to ensure a clear evidence base for any future bids, whilst at the same time, addressing some priority areas for action that are contained within the remit of the fund.
20. If successful, this application will demonstrate clear linkages to work with Nottingham City in this area. The City have submitted two bids, one focussing on community cohesion, data mapping, and rogue landlords, the other on Children’s Services.
21. This application and any future ones, will demonstrate linkages with other Safer Notts Board priorities, especially those of “New and Emerging Communities, Modern Slavery and Hate Crime.
22. Links will also be demonstrated to the recent county-wide/city successful bid into the DCLG “Rough Sleeping Grant” for £371k to reduce the numbers forced to sleep rough, offer safe places to stay, an outreach service and a range of interventions.
23. Bids can be submitted at any time the fund is operational. i.e. up until 31 March 2020.

NO TO HATE! HATE CRIME TRAINING SESSIONS

24. The Community Safety Team has led on the development and delivery of the recent No to Hate! training sessions which took place at the National Holocaust Centre in 2016 and 2017. The training days built on the commitment made at the No to Hate! Pledge event in December 2015 and sought to ensure that colleagues were fully aware of their responsibilities and had an understanding of both hate crime victims and perpetrators. The County Council and all other organisations that signed the No to Hate! Pledge and/or adopted a hate crime policy similar to the County model are committed to providing hate crime training to staff. This training is helping to fulfil that requirement.
25. The programme was an ambitious and successful attempt to combine an understanding of both the motivations of perpetrators but also the devastating impact on victims. This was achieved in particular by inviting two exceptional speakers to give their relative perspectives on these issues. Sylvia Lancaster OBE shared with participants her work at the Sophie Lancaster Foundation, the charity she established after the murder of her daughter in 2009 and which focuses on creating respect for, and understanding subcultures in communities.
26. Chris Hardy, a former far-right hate crime perpetrator, offered a perspective on how easy it is for individuals to be drawn into committing hate crime and what triggers could lead to making such a choice. The impact on participants and subsequent discussions which these two speakers generated was enormously significant. The resulting evaluations completed by participants have been universally positive and the Community Safety Team will be leading the development of a further series of training days to take place later this year in response to the demands for similar further training sessions.
27. Over 700 people drawn from the Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) and Vulnerable People's Panels (VPPs) have taken part in eleven No to Hate! training days over the past 12 months. The staff who have been trained have come from a wide range of organisations. In broad terms these have been drawn from the following:

Nottinghamshire County Council	24 %
Police	14%
District/Borough councils	13%
Health	8%
Fire	5%
Nottinghamshire Children and Families Partnership	3%
Probation	3%
Inspire	3%
Others*	27%

*Including: housing, advice, voluntary sector, community groups, faith etc.

28. The evaluations completed by participants have been exceptionally positive (the evaluation report is attached: No to Hate! Evaluation of training sessions February 2016 to January 2017')

29. Comments from participants include:

- *Possibly one of my best days at work*
- *I have never been so challenged and engaged on a training course*
- *This was the best training/seminar I have attended.*
- *The whole day was amazing.*
- *I enjoyed the day, really informative, well organised and took away a lot of information*
- *I've never been to a so well organised & informative training course in my career*
- *The training was one of the most moving and thought provoking training I have ever been on.*
- *I'd heard good reports about the day, but it surpassed my expectations.*
- *One of the best training sessions I have ever been on..... After 20 years in social care.*
- *This course is the best training course that has been offered – the speakers are brilliant and the way they deliver their material is very thought provoking.*
- *Excellent training, very interesting, informative, thought provoking which held everyone's attention in the room throughout the day which is unusual for training.*
- *This is one of the best training sessions I have, everyone can relate to this in their personal life, if not in their working life.*
- *A fantastic day which I wish I'd had 10 years ago.*
- *The day was fantastic! The guest speakers were so interesting and their stories although extremely sad, were very thought provoking. Manny was delightful and I thought his positive energy shone through. Such a great venue, lovely food and the staff were all so welcoming! Definitely the best training day I have had in my 8 years as a PCSO so thank you!*

30. Based on the positive feedback from participants it is proposed to hold further No to Hate! sessions as funding allows.

Information and Advice

31. The Community Safety team is also working with partners to develop additional training sessions for hate crime practitioners and partners to work together on moving on from the lessons of the original training. The proposed training would provide follow up half days

for CSPs to develop the themes which have been initially explored and develop more practical approaches and procedures to tackle hate crime in their localities.

Other Options Considered

32. None

Reasons for Recommendations

33. It is recommended that the Community Safety Committee notes the various developments in the areas of work contained in this report.

34. The report is a regular update to the Community Safety Committee to keep them abreast of local and national developments and our community safety work.

Statutory and Policy Implications

35. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (Public Health only), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

36. This report contains no additional financial implications, with activity reported or that proposed being contained within the existing service budget.

RECOMMENDATIONS

37. It is recommended that the Community Safety Committee notes the various developments in the areas of work contained within this report.

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Constitutional Comments

38. This report is for noting only.

Financial Comments (CT 03/02/2017)

The financial implications are contained within Paragraph 36 of the report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

- Police and Crime Plan 2016 – 2018

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

39. All