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Challenge and Improvement Committee
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Subject: Update on the Community Safety Partnership arrangements

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Purpose / Summary:	To provide an update on the review of the Community Safety Partnership arrangements.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

a) That members note the contents of the report

IMPLICATIONS

Legal: There are no legal implications in regard to this report.

Financial: None

Staffing: None

Equality and Diversity including Human Rights: No direct concerns.

Risk Assessment: Not applicable

Climate Related Risks and Opportunities: No implications

Background Papers:

The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report. If none were used then please state.

Title:	Location of Background Papers:
County Community Safety Structure Board paper 6 – July 2012	

Call in and Urgency:

Is the decision one to which Rule 14 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules apply?

Yes

No

Key Decision:

Yes

No

Review of the Community Safety Partnership

1. Background

Following the enactment of the Crime and Disorder Act 1989, we are required to formulate a 3 year crime and disorder strategy under our statutory duty outlined in Part 1, Section 5 and Section 6 of the Act.

2. Current Position

We have performed this duty to date via the West Lincolnshire Community Safety Partnership, which is currently an informal partnership with the City of Lincoln Council. This partnership consists of all statutory Tier 1 partners, Tier 2 partners with a 'duty to cooperate' (Acis as an example) and Tier 3 partners with a 'right to representation' (3rd sector and business).

Within Lincolnshire there are currently 3 district level informal partnerships. Lincolnshire County Council has a duty under the act to collate and agree

priorities with the 3 partnerships to form county priorities and feed into a county strategy.

To support this there is a tier of 5 priority based Strategic Management Boards (SMBs) above the district CSPs. The SMBs in turn report to the County Community safety Board who own the county strategy.

This has resulted in 2 levels of strategies and historically these 2 sets of documents have not always been consistent and on occasions shown differing priorities between a district and the county.

The officer writing this paper would suggest that these differences have historically arisen as a result of officer confusion possibly caused by extensive and changing guidance from the Home Office of how to manage the production of these strategies in a non unitary area.

In addition to the duties in section 5 and 6 we also have a wider duty under section 17 as outlined below.

Duty to consider crime and disorder implications.

(1) Without prejudice to any other obligation imposed on it, it shall be the duty of each authority to which this section applies to exercise its various functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent, crime and disorder in its area.

(2) This section applies to a local authority, a joint authority, [\[F1\]](#) the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority, [\]](#) a police authority, a National Park authority and the Broads Authority.

(3) In this section—

- “local authority” means a local authority within the meaning given by section 270(1) of the [M1](#) Local Government Act 1972 or the Common Council of the City of London;*
- “joint authority” has the same meaning as in the [M2](#) Local Government Act 1985;*
- “National Park authority” means an authority established under section 63 of the [M3](#) Environment Act 1995.*

3. The future and a new proposal

With the pending arrival of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), discussions have commenced on how to manage the functions to be conferred on this office with the functions and duties placed on CDRPs, now referred to as Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs).

Discussions commenced across Lincolnshire in early 2011 but we struggled to make any progress because of lack of information from the Home Office about role and responsibilities of the PCC.

In November 2011 Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) proposed a new structure for CSPs in Lincolnshire with a view to the arrival of the PCC. In effect this proposal suggested the disbanding of district CSPs leaving the county wide CSP as the only remaining partnership.

As part of this proposal LCC put forward tight deadlines for a decision initially by December 2011. Any change to the district CSP would have to be agreed by the statutory members of the existing partnership.

It was suggested that because of ongoing and multifaceted relationship with non statutory partners, that wherever possible we would look for their agreement on any changes as well.

The proposal was discussed at a West Lincolnshire CSP Strategic Group meeting on 9th November 2011 and we asked for clarification on a number of points.

In addition, Rachel North wrote to the Assistant Director, Community Safety at LCC and confirmed we are happy to discuss any proposals for change but felt that further information was needed before a decision could be made. We also confirmed that any change to the district CSP of the proposed nature would have to be put to members for a decision following consultation with partners so hence the timetable LCC proposed was unrealistic.

In January 2012, we enquired with LCC on progress and were advised that the proposal had been revised following feedback and would be circulated for consultation.

At a meeting of the County Community Safety Board on 8th March 2012, a paper on the revised proposal was discussed. Many elements of the proposals still needed clarification and LCC staff agreed to provide clarity where needed.

In April 2012 the latest proposal was presented to the Leaders and Chief Executive Group for sign off pending other partners sign off.

At a County Community Safety Board meeting on 3rd July 2012 the final proposal was put to the board and agreed.

The outcome is that the districts Community Safety Partnerships still exist as do the SMBs but with a slightly different focus.

4. Conclusions on the process

At this stage the end result doesn't appear to differ too much from the starting position. However, it should be noted that the Police and Crime Commissioner has the power to change the structure again and may ultimately require a different structure within the county.

5. Next steps

Now that we have clarity on the county position (subject to the PCC) we have proposed to partners a review of the district CSP. The district CSP historically has 4 meeting groups and many of which are attended by partners that don't or can't contribute as much as would be hoped.

Lincolnshire County Community Safety Board



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BACKGROUND

The Community Safety Partnership environment in which the CCSB operates has changed dramatically over the past 12 months and will change further with the election of the Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC) in November 2012.

There is no Area Based Grant funding available to the Board and the emphasis has moved to effective coordination of resources around agreed strategic priorities.

For Lincolnshire CCSB, these

There will be new interactions beyond the PCC, which impact on the delivery of Community Safety in Lincolnshire – for example the Health & Well Being Board.

The Leaders and Chief Executives of the County and District Councils have agreed to support a new format for the CCSB, listening to feedback from the District Councils in particular to give them a stronger voice, and making the Board the single strategic forum for members to address Community Safety priorities that impact across Lincolnshire.

RESEARCH

Feedback from local partnerships was that they felt there was a need for District Councils to have a greater feed into the work of the CCSB, whilst accepting that strong local arrangements need to remain to deal with specific, local issues.

RESULTS

The meeting on 6th July is the first opportunity for the new members to meet and there are some key decisions that need to be agreed, in order that the Partnership can be confident that it is fit for purpose in the new Community Safety environment.

DECISIONS REQUIRED

The key decisions are identified here – for discussion and agreement at the meeting.

1. Voting Rights

Things to consider:

- a. to avoid over representation by any one organisation it is suggested that each organisation get one vote: there were 14 suggested organisations that were to be represented in the original proposal.

- b. It has been firmly stated that it is for the local partnerships to determine their own futures, as these have all continued to carry on should they receive a vote? (West Lincs CSP, East CSP and Kestevens CSP)
- c. Attendance - With potentially 17 voting members, and discussion about whether representation will be by member or Officer, the recommendation takes into account a need for informed decisions to be made.

The recommendation is;

The following partners each have a single vote on the CCSB;

NHS Lincolnshire	West Lindsey District Council
Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue	South Kesteven District Council
Lincolnshire Probation Trust	North Kesteven District Council
Lincolnshire Police Authority / PCC	South Holland District Council
Lincolnshire Criminal Justice Board	City of Lincoln Council
Lincolnshire Police	East Lindsey District Council
Lincolnshire County Council	Boston Borough Council

Also that the Chair of each of the three Local Safety Partnerships has a vote;

West Lincs LSP
 East Lincs LSP
 Kestevens LSP

Attendance – It is recommended that it is for partners to identify the appropriate representation at the CCSB. Where more than one representative of an organisation is in attendance, it must be clear who is representing and who is supporting.

2. Partnership Title

The name that went through the Leaders and Chief Executives Meeting was “Lincolnshire Community Safety Partnership” – it is recommended that this replaces County Community Safety Board”

3. Strategic Management Boards

The recommendation is that five SMBs are used to deliver on the current Strategic Priorities and that a partner is identified as the Host to each SMB, ensuring that momentum is maintained. The five SMBs and hosts are;

Violent Crime	Lincolnshire Police
Anti-Social Behaviour	District Council (tbc)
Domestic Abuse	Lincolnshire County Council
Substance Misuse	NHS Lincolnshire
Reduce Reoffending	Lincolnshire Probation Trust

4. Chair of CCSB

Pete Moore (Lincolnshire County Council) is the current Chair of the CCSB and although willing to continue, has indicated that he feels it is appropriate to open up the role, given the new members in attendance.

This is not for decision on 6 July, but nomination should be identified prior to the next CCSB in September.

NEXT STEPS

Once CCSB arrangements are agreed, partners need to continue to deliver against the agreed Strategic Priorities, with the Chair of each SMB reporting back to the Board.