

To: Cambridgeshire Police Authority

From: Chief Executive

Date: 30th September 2009

POLICE AUTHORITY: MEMBER ALLOCATIONS TO PARTNERSHIPS

1. Purpose

- 1.1 At the June 2009 AGM the finalisation of the allocations to neighbourhood forum, CDRPs and Partnerships was delegated to the Police Authority Chair and Chief Executive for formal ratification at the September 2009. This paper updates the Authority on the work undertaken and seeks formal ratification.

2. Background

- 2.1 In June 2009 there were significant changes in Police Authority membership. Members past experiences and areas of interest inform allocation to external partnerships. A decision was therefore taken to delegate this process to the Chair and Chief Executive for ratification at the September 2009 Full Police Authority meeting.
- 2.2 The June 2009 meeting also endorsed the Police Authority's partnership policy which set out the need for increased Police Authority engagement with Local Strategic Partnerships.
- 2.3 Since the June meeting Cambridgeshire County Council has contacted the Authority seeking Member representation at their Community Well-being and Climate partnerships.
- 2.4 With respect to Peterborough City Council the Police Authority is a member of the Greater Peterborough Partnerships (LSP) and the Safer Peterborough Partnerships (CDRP). Work is on going to agree appropriate scrutiny arrangements.

3. Proposal

- 3.1 Schedule 1 sets out membership for neighbourhood forum and CDRPs.
- 3.2 With respect to increasing engagement with Cambridgeshire's District LSPs it is becoming apparent that it is unlikely that the Police Authority will be able to become formal members of these partnerships.

- 3.3 However these meetings are held in public and there is an open invitation. It is therefore proposed that where there is no Police Authority member attendance at an LSP (in any capacity) a member is allocated to attend in the audience. Feedback on the meeting will be sought.
- 3.4 With respect to representation at Cambridgeshire County Councils Community Well-being and Climate partnerships. The views of the Authority on accepting these offers of membership is sought.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 The Basic Allowance recompenses Members for time devoted to their work on Authority business and is intended to cover:-
- a) Attendance at, and full participation in, each full meeting of the Authority and each Authority Seminar,
 - b) Membership of, and full participation in, at least a) TWO Committees and ONE Panel, or b) TWO Panels and ONE Committee, or c) THREE Panels of the Authority. (For this purpose Scrutiny and Audit Committee and the Performance Panel and Professional Standards Committee and the Custody Visitors' Panel each count as ONE allocation);
 - c) Liaison with at least ONE Sector and regular attendance at, at least, TWO Neighbourhood Policing Meetings each year;
 - d) Acting as a Lead Member in any particular area when specifically required by the Authority;
 - e) Communicating personal engagement in Authority business by a) preparing a succinct written report highlighting key issues for submission within 10 days of the event or meeting attended to the Media and Communications Officer. The Officer will collate such reports for publication for the information of all members in the next available Newsletter, or b) providing regular reports on the activity to the relevant Committee or Panel as defined;
 - f) Attendance by specific request of the Authority at conferences, training events and Constabulary Boards (including travelling time to and from such meetings);
 - g) Reading and general preparatory work;
 - h) Responding promptly to correspondence and e-mails;
 - i) Any other duties at the request of or approved by the Authority.

The above proposals fall within the guidance.

- 4.2 It should also be noted that parallel work is on going to reduce the number of internal police authority panels, releasing more time for members to appropriately engage with the increasing partnership agenda.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 That the Authority:-
- a) Note the allocation to the CDRP and community engagement fora.
 - b) Consider whether when where there is no Police Authority Member attendance at Cambridgeshire District level LSPs in any capacity, a Member is allocated to attend in the audience.
 - c) Discuss whether the invitations from Cambridgeshire County Council for a Member to join the LAA Community Well-being and Climate thematic groups are considered.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Source Document (s)	Contact Officer	Location
Reports on Member allocation to June 2009 AGM.	Dr Dorothy Gregson Chief Executive (01480) 425996	Cambridgeshire Constabulary Hinchingsbrooke Park, Huntingdon, Cambs, PE29 6NP.
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