

**ABERDEEN COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP  
TASKING MINUTES  
Tuesday 2 February 2010  
Committee Room 5, Town House, Aberdeen**

**Present:**

Chair - Councillor Martin Greig (ACC), Emma Bellu (Absafe), Cheryl Smith (ACC), Colin Walker (ACC), Leigh Ironside (ACC), Lesley Simpson (ACC), Leslie Brown (ACC), Margaret Jane Cardno (ACC), Neil Carnegie (ACC), Sgt Andy Verreydt (Grampian Police), Sgt James Wands (BTP), William Sell (Civic Forum), Helen Knipe (COPFS), Ian Donaldson (GFRS), Allison Bastow (Grampian Police), Councillor Bill Cormie (ACC), Laura Patterson (Grampian Police), T/Supt Mark Cooper (Grampian Police), Alexander Kelman (NHS/Aberdeen City ADP), Bob Murray (NHWA)

**Presentation:**

Supt Innes Walker, Inspector Kevin Elder - Grampian Police

**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

**1.1 Chair**

Councillor Greig welcomed the group to the meeting.

**1.2 Apologies**

Inspector Roddy MacInnes (Grampian Police), David Rout (GFRS), Councillor Mark McDonald (ACC), Karyn Da Costa (Civic Forum), Councillor Aileen Malone (ACC), Inspector Robert Cameron (BTP)

**1.3 Review of Previous Tasks**

Laura Patterson presented a review of the Tasks that had been allocated at the last meeting on 22 December 2009 and advised current status for each. It was noted that the Tactical Assessment contained a number of duplicated tasks and that one for Leslie Brown had been omitted. Details of previous tasks as follows:

<b>Task</b>	<b>Allocated to</b>	<b>Status</b>
Tenancy at Stevenson Court	Neil Carnegie	Complete
Ramsey Crescent	Colin Walker	Complete
Underage Drinking	Margaret-Jane Cardno	Complete
City Centre Report – Licensing Issues	Neil Carnegie	Ongoing
City Centre Report – Pedestrianisation issues	Leslie Brown	Ongoing
City Centre Report – Street lighting issues	Neil Carnegie	Ongoing
Sex Industry – Market Street area	PI Iain MacLelland	Complete

**1.4 Performance Review**

Laura Patterson provided an overview of the figures calculated in relation to Crime Performance Against Targets for the 6 weekly period covered.

Councillor Greig advised that the Performance Targets would be reviewed before the end of March 2010.

## **2.0 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

### **2.1 Antisocial Behaviour**

Neil Carnegie provided a summary of the Antisocial Behaviour report, highlighting that the figures were favourable for the 6 week reporting period, mainly due to the poor weather conditions, with the exception of urinating in public across the City and Breach of the Peace and Vandalism in the Central Area where there had been an increase.

Margaret-Jane Cardno asked the group whether there had been a knock on effect on other services over the Christmas period when the ASBIT Unit was closed. T/Supt Cooper advised that the Force Service Centre had received around 60-70 additional calls over the 2 week period and that they intend to review this for next year.

Councillor Cormie requested statistics for people charged for urinating in public places. T/Supt Cooper to obtain and circulate this information.

Following discussion on the mobile urinals, Councillor Cormie asked whether the units were static. Neil Carnegie advised that they are moved to reflect the location of taxi ranks etc. An analysis of location, impact, perceptions and usage was undertaken over the Summer months. A small number of complaints have been received from individuals who do not want to see them in the City Centre but they are a proven alternative to urinating in doorways and the best option at this time.

Councillor Greig discussed the need for a collective viewpoint on the value of the urinals. He advised that businesses are very supportive and that the units are well used, going some way to tackling a key area of misbehaviour.

Councillor Cormie also stated that when Grampian Police target certain areas, individuals become displaced to other areas such as Denburn Car Park. T/Supt Cooper advised that a new Area Inspector had been appointed who will be reviewing this matter and that updates will be provided when available. Neil Carnegie added that a group was to be set up this month to look at Youth Disorder within Denburn Car Park.

In relation to the ongoing issues at McDonalds, 117 Union Street, T/Supt Cooper advised that they have received a number of complaints from the manager and members of staff regarding assaults and racist abuse. Improved CCTV has been installed as a result. Grampian Police are in daily contact with the manager on this matter.

Finally, T/Supt Cooper advised the Partnership that the existing Problem Solving Partnership (PSP) was being closed off in favour of a new PSP which would incorporate the existing Beach Boulevard problems along with related Antisocial Behaviour issues from the sex industry.

### **2.2 Domestic Abuse**

Leslie Brown provided a summary of the Domestic Abuse report, highlighting progress with the bid for the Caledonian System Perpetrators Programme.

The draft bid is out for comment and the deadline is 12 February 2010. Leslie advised that it is unclear who we will be competing against and acknowledged that the Central belt are further forward with their plans but the Scottish Government intend to roll out the system across Scotland anyway so this will stand us in good stead.

Lesley Simpson, who is leading the bid, advised that it encompasses all categories ie. male/female perpetrators, ex partners, children etc. Good links have been established

with women's and children's agencies which will also assist with the existing programme.

Leslie Brown requested the need for formal support from the ACSP for the bid if and when successful to which Councillor Greig agreed.

T/Supt Cooper advised that the Police were already conducting debriefs with perpetrators taken into custody for domestic abuse in order to maximise intelligence gathering possibilities.

### **2.3 Serious and Violent Crime**

T/Supt Cooper provided a summary of the Serious and Violent Crime report indicating that figures have remained constant compared to the last reporting period.

He was pleased to note that there had been no murders during the period, that sex crime was low and that robbery was on a positive downward trend.

Operation Berlin for street robbery is now in Year 4, the figures have halved, detection rates have increased with the identification of a small number of individuals, around 8.

The licensing legislation development strategy focussed on licensed premises across the City over a 6 week period. There was a 850% increase in licensing offences during this period with over 90 crimes. However, on a positive note there were less offences in licensed premises by under 18's which has reduced the number of assaults. There have also been a number of positive drug seizures.

On behalf of the Licensing Board, Councillor Cormie stressed the importance of relaying the actions taken to the people on the ground including police and licensees. T/Supt Cooper welcomed the support of the board.

T/Supt Cooper, in his recommendations, also requested an update on CCTV shortcomings within the City Centre. Leslie Brown to progress.

T/Supt Cooper discussed levels of criminality within the Justice Mill Lane and Union Street areas and referred to the street lighting programme document which has been circulated to the group. Neil Carnegie confirmed that while a lot had already been done, more is in the pipeline and that there is a need to engage with the roads department and undertake an analysis/visual audit.

Feedback to be provided at next meeting regarding Licensing Offences including antisocial behaviour and violent crime.

### **2.4 Fire Safety (Wilful Fireraising)**

Ian Donaldson provided an overview of the Fire Safety (Wilful Fire Raising) report commenting that the reduction in wilful fires compared to the same period last year may be related to the poor weather conditions.

It is hoped that Fire Safety posters will be displayed on wheelie bins at Sheddocksley Community Centre in response to the problems experienced.

GFRS to liaise with ACC to ensure that posters are displayed in all high rise properties.

It is anticipated that a number of walks and talks will be held in Dyce in an attempt to reduce wilful fires at Auchmill Golf Course.

More information to be provided at the next meeting regarding the interesting initiative in the Woodside area, led by the Central Fire Station, which can hopefully be rolled out to all schools.

An initiative is to take place at Kincorth Academy to highlight to pupils the danger of cooking at home after drinking alcohol ie. chip pan fires etc.

Finally, Glashieburn School in conjunction with their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary are developing a wilful fire raising poster for the back of buses.

## **2.5 Controlled Drugs**

Sandy Kelman provided an update on the Controlled Drugs report. He confirmed that within Aberdeen City the NHS drug treatment service waiting list is currently sitting at 30 which is a huge reduction from before.

The Scottish Government have set a target for December 2010 whereby 90% of clients must be seen within an 8 week period, from their initial assessment to the date that treatment commences. From March 2013 this will change to 90% of clients having a maximum waiting period of 3 weeks from initial assessment to the commencement of their treatment.

Sandy Kelman outlined current work on the redesign of the Substance Misuse Service which includes the development of 3 cluster teams which will be aligned to GP Practices to help improve treatment services in the City. An additional team will be based at the Fulton Clinic for dealing with the most complex cases.

The overdose train the trainer programme operated in conjunction with the Scottish Drugs Forum was discussed. The aim is to reduce overdoses happening. The next training has been scheduled for April/May with the Scottish Red Cross.

Scottish Government guidance is awaited on Naloxone, used to counter the effects of an overdose. At present, the drug cannot be prescribed to the family members and carers of drug users. This will be explained in more detail during the training sessions.

With regard to the current Anthrax outbreak (18 across Scotland, 9 deaths), Sandy Kelman confirmed that there have been none reported in Grampian.

Sandy also outlined concerns regarding 'legal highs' such as Mephedrone (various other street names used). Health advice/information is to be circulated shortly via various methods ie. police liaison officers. The UNITE scheme has led to publicans banning those in possession which is a good move and the Itemiser has also been used for detection.

With the support of the Aberdeen City ADP, Drugs Action and Multi Ethnic Aberdeen Ltd (MEAL) were successful in bidding for money in 2009 from the Scottish Government. This money has to be used to help identify how drug services can be improved for black and minority ethnic groups.

Councillor Greig requested more information for the next meeting on treatment waiting lists, times etc.

Margaret-Jane Cardno asked whether those with high end antisocial behaviour problems, tenancies at risk, substance misuse problems could be prioritised in some way. Sandy

Kelman explained that the waiting list is small but this would only be possible if there were health issues or children involved.

## **2.6 Sex Industry**

Colin Walker provided a summary of the Sex Industry report. There has been a 28.6% reduction in the number of referrals from the police in relation to street sex workers.

Colin Walker advised that there was a disproportionately high level of men with STI's attributed to trips abroad. Unfortunately some women don't see the need to do their own tests.

The attention of the Partnership was also drawn to a potential imbalance in the number of cases against prostitutes as opposed to kerb-crawlers.

Councillor Cormie indicated that there were ongoing problems with male prostitution in Huntly Street and Crimmond Place which have been reported to Grampian Police. Colin Walker was unaware of such problems and asked for any data which may be available which he could consider and discuss at the next Sex Industry Forum.

Finally, with the sex industry as the back drop, Margaret-Jane Cardno discussed the need for partners to consider various events next year including Offshore Europe (6-8 September 2011) and the Walker Cup at Royal Aberdeen (10-11 September 2011) when planning their budget. It is anticipated that visitors will arrive in the City on/around 6 September which could have a big impact on all services.

## **3.0 ISSUES OF INTEREST OUTWITH THE CONTROL STRATEGY**

### **3.1 CSP Finance Update**

Leslie Brown advised that the budget situation is as outlined previously and that she is currently working on output from that.

### **3.2 City Centre Disorder Action Plan**

Neil Carnegie provided an update from the recent TACA Executive Meeting. He advised that the Action Plan will be reported to the next meeting in March. General points included welcome support on alcohol fuelled disorder, need to prioritise actions which sit with other services, issues surrounding the pedestrianisation of Union Street and request for feedback. There is a need to refine the action plan to allow TACA to look at the priorities and task to appropriate services to progress.

### **3.3 Grampian Police, Aberdeen - Division Restructuring Presentation**

Supt Innes Walker and Inspector Kevin Elder delivered a presentation on changes to service delivery with a move towards local accountability and locally based officers with effect from 1 April 2010.

## **4.0 CLOSE**

#### 4.1 Review of Tasks

<b>Task Number</b>	<b>Details of Task</b>	<b>Task Holder/ Organisation</b>	<b>Date Result Required</b>
02-02-01	Report on Grampian Police involvement during 2009 Festive Period regarding response to limited service provided by ASBIT team. Comparison to previous year.	Partnership Analysts	2 March 2010
02-02-02	Provide statistical information regarding persons charged in relation to urinating offences.	Partnership Analysts	2 March 2020
02-02-03	Update analytical profile regarding deployment/placement of pissoirs (urinals) throughout City Centre.	Partnership Analysts	2 March 2010
02-02-04	Profile incidents of male prostitution reported as occurring in the City Centre, specifically Huntly Street, Crimmond Place and Golden Square.	Partnership Analysts	2 March 2010
02-02-05	Report on drug treatment timescales, waiting lists and targets.	Alexander Kelman	2 March 2010

#### 4.2 Date of Next Meeting

Leslie Brown advised the group that the venue for the next meeting would be Grampian Fire and Rescue Service, North Anderson Drive as opposed to the Town House.

Tuesday 16 March 2010, 10.00 am, Grampian Fire and Rescue Service, North Anderson Drive, Aberdeen.