

Agenda Item 5

Response of Executive Member Public Protection – Cllr Paul Walmsley

1. What are your views on the revised format for Community Safety Partnership meetings?

I recognise that organisations need to apportion time more efficiently and where meetings are held for meetings sake then I believe this is not good use of time. Reducing the strategic oversight of community safety to this format seems to have been successful and I would like to see it repeated this year and would be encouraging the partnership to review the format on an annual basis. I am content that should a significant issue arise then the partnership can arrange an extraordinary meeting at relatively short notice.

2. What is your view on the way the partnership endeavours to engage with the public?

The web based consultation we used to engage the public in the process was more successful than previous years where the public had been invited to an open meeting. The consultation survey managed to generate 12 responses (incidentally who were all Chorley residents) whereas the public meeting resulted in only two members of the public attending. I think there is some more work we can do to promote the work of the partnership and get public views on the issues, albeit that there was good County Council Borough Council representation at the conference. I will be proposing we advertise the consultation more widely next time and review the wording of the consultation documentation to ensure it engages people more fully.

3. Are you satisfied that the partnership have delivered a robust strategic.

I recognise that the wider strategic themes across Lancashire are reflected in our local strategic plan. The public consultation and conference provided an opportunity for representatives, partners and the public to identify more local issues. In reality the local issues appear to fit within the overall strategic themes we are seeking to address which are:

- Domestic Abuse
- Road Safety
- Child Sexual Exploitation
- Counter Terrorism
- Anti Social Behaviour and Hate Crime

I am content that the Partnership arrangements do provide a robust strategy but perhaps more importantly the delivery of the action plan by the Officer Working Group is happening in a programmed way and across a range of partners.

Cllr P Walmsley

Executive Member for Public Protection Chorley Council

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