

SHORT ANNUAL REPORT 2015/16 DAY TO DAY ACTIVITY

Doug Morris – Chairman’s Report

The day to day management of the Partnership through a Service Level Agreement with SOT BCRP is now firmly bedded in and working well. We have forged stronger county and regional links which enables us to provide a safer environment for businesses to operate in. Membership is continuing to grow, and the structure now in place has seen the Partnership go from strength to strength. An Action Plan for the forthcoming year will be developed which will include implementing steps to improve the radio network including the transmission and quality of handsets through the installation of a digital system. We continue to support the Purple Flag Scheme within the Town Centre, and will work with our partners to ensure that the citizens of the Borough understand the significance of such a Scheme.

Paul Greenhough - BCRP Co-ordinator

2015/16 has been an extremely busy year, we have seen change, we have seen the issues in the economy, we have seen cutbacks, but nevertheless the BCRP continues to go from strength to strength. The day to day management of the BCRP has been within my remit since 1st August 2015 when the previous Co-ordinator moved on. We are now entering another full year. Membership continues to grow in both the day and night time economies, and the service delivery to business continues in line with local, regional and national policies. I hope that 2016/17 will continue in the same manner as I am really pleased to have found myself in the “unenviable” position of taking on some of the responsibility of managing the local BCRP here at Newcastle-Under-Lyme and also Stoke on Trent as Julie takes on her Countywide role. Whilst Julie will still oversee the local partnerships in her new role, I hope to continue to take the partnerships from strength to strength and build on the continued successes and development of the local schemes.

Julie Davies - PABCIS Manager

Newcastle-Under-Lyme PABC are members of Partnerships Against Business Crime In Staffordshire (PABCIS) which has been in place for several years now and has become recognised regionally and nationally. To ensure you are fully aware of the wider engagement in terms of tackling crime affecting business which you contribute to,



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PABCIS is the co-operative organisation which has been set up through an agreed Action Plan to ensure a corporate approach to local Business Crime Reduction Partnerships and bring in some consistency in Staffordshire. Nationally the business community has been expressing a desire for consistency in the service delivery by Business Crime Partnerships and schemes and so this is Staffordshire's response to that desire. PABCIS is part of the Staffordshire Business Crime Agenda. Part of the PABCIS remit is to oversee the work of the local Business Crime Partnerships to ensure service delivery by the Business Crime Partnerships is as it should be within the capacity available in each area, and to work at local, county, regional and national level in terms of strategies in tackling crime against or affecting business focussing on town centre businesses and the night time economy. PABCIS is also working to create consistency in approach, policies and processes right across the County in terms of the day to day operations of the local Partnerships taking into account local requirements and needs. For example, ensuring exclusion policies and sanctions imposed on offenders by the business community are the same across the County, crime reduction campaigns are delivered countywide thereby making them more effective and so on.....and also ensuring engagement with police/stakeholders/agencies etc. This is for the benefit of you as members of your local scheme.

I am delighted to inform you that recently PABCIS has been awarded relatively long term funding from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Staffordshire, and so I am now able to continue to work with local Partnerships including Newcastle-Under-Lyme to ensure that the service delivery to you as members is second to none.

If you do have any matters which you wish to raise with me then please do so but in the meantime, please continue to support your local Partnership and engage with your local Business Crime Manager Paul so that he is in a position to work with you to tackle the issues which impact on your local community, but which also feed into the wider picture. Without those strong foundations at local level, local Partnerships will not thrive. Thank you for your contribution so far.

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Jeff Moore – Chief Superintendent Staffordshire Police

Staffordshire Police is committed to supporting the prevention of business crime along with the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner in line with the Business Crime Matters strategy. We will continue to have good links across Staffordshire through PABCIS and are introducing a dedicated lead for the prevention of business crime to further our work in supporting you.

Business crime has a significant impact not only on the levels of crime but we recognise most importantly it has a huge cost to business. We also know that the type of crime changes especially the increase in respect of cyber related issues so we need to be alert and reactive to these future challenges.

Statistics pre and post Service Level Agreement	August 1 st – July 31 st	
	2014-15	2015-16
Number of local members	55	64*
Number of users with ACIS Web access	35	64
Number of daytime data entries	60	293
Number of nightlife data entries	132	181
Number of data notifications sent	0	6
Number of direction to leave letters sent	8	70
Number of nightlife warnings sent	13	24
Number of Daytime exclusions issued	9	17
Number of Nightlife exclusions issued	46	75
Number of appeals heard	3	8
Number of second stage appeals heard	No Information Available	1
Total Entries on County Hub	7132	6848

* was higher increase but reduced due to losses created by business closures
e.g. Ironmarket

You will see an increase on a like for like basis in the last year compared to the previous year in respect of proactive work by the BCRP staff in the day to day management

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Aims for the Next Year - August 2016/17

- To ensure more users are actively using ACIS Web for reporting incidents and sending secure messages
- To continue to grow the membership and provide a good quality product.
- To support PABCIS with its Action Plan which aims to improve the consistency across the County with our partners' engagement and support?
- Work with partners to improve the marketing of the day and night time schemes.
- Work with relevant partners to deliver respective objectives on behalf of the business community to ensure a reduction of crime and disorder affecting the business community and all those who work, visit, live and invest in Newcastle Borough.
- Seek further funding opportunities to support the delivery of appropriate training courses of our members.
- To work with relevant agencies to tackle issues which may be identified throughout the year and which may be a priority for business.
- To investigate the potential and benefit of the installation of an upgraded digital or updated radio link and if appropriate to implement the same.

Board of Management for 2015/16

Position	Name	Business member
Chair/Treasurer	Doug Morris	N/a
Board Member	Jay Derrick	The Kiln
Board Member	David Wood	The Foyer
Board Member	Susan McCarthy	Roebuck Centre
Board Member	Viv Bradbury	Lymestone Vaults

The Board of Management for 2015/16 has worked together to support the management of the BCRP in its service delivery. Thank you for the time and effort committed to this role on behalf of members..