

Partners & Communities Together 'P.A.C.T' Meetings

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The Casey Review

‘Engaging Communities in Fighting Crime’

- Casey Review, ‘Engaging Communities in Fighting Crime’, examined how to better engage communities in the fight against crime
- Rotherham one of 60 areas across country selected by Home Office to become a Neighbourhood Crime and Justice Pioneer Area
- Following on from Flanagan review and his recommendation re integration of neighbourhood management and neighbourhood policing, Home Office priority includes ‘One dialogue with the public on crime’
- The main driver of this is the introduction of PACT meetings in every Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)



Louise Casey

“The public want one response from public services on ‘*crime*’ issues, focussed on what is wrong, what needs to be fixed and how that will occur, followed up by feedback on what has happened.

They do not want to be ‘*engaged with*’ by lots of different bodies on what, to them, are the same issues”

“In practice this means that if the public give up their time to attend local meetings, those meetings should be able to deal with a range of problems and offer solutions – from lighting, rubbish collection, potholes, lack of youth clubs, to reporting ASB and crime problems”

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What is a 'P.A.C.T'

- A public meeting
- All the 'right' agencies represented at an appropriate level
- Take action on variety of issues raised by the public
- Provides monthly, common and comparable local information
- Feedback on action taken on crime and neighbourhood priorities and problems
- What has happened to any criminals convicted for local crimes, including Community Payback

What is a 'P.A.C.T'

- provide communities with clear information about how they can get in touch with their local services
- provide a way in which the Police, local authority and Partners can be tasked by the communities they serve

'Where this occurs, it is neighbourhood Policing in action – local government providing the 'neighbourhood' and the police providing the 'policing'

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The PACT Will Not

- Replace or undermine the extensive and productive local community meeting structures that already exist in Rotherham



Amalgamation of Area Assembly Meetings and the PACT's

- In February 2009, Area Assembly Chairs supported the proposal for PACT meetings in Rotherham to be accommodated within our existing Area Assembly meetings
- Area Assemblies ensure delivery of '*One dialogue with the public . . .*' because all the key partners are present

Amalgamation of Area Assembly Meetings and the PACT's

- Area Assembly structure already part of daily business
- Officer / Administrative Support
- Marketing Programme in place
- Local Authority present
- One meeting – wide range of issues
- Meets requirements of Casey Review

Current Position

- All 7 Area Assemblies incorporated PACT element into meetings and processes
- Gives public opportunity to receive information on crime and safety, influence local PACT priorities and receive regular feedback through these forums
- Rotherham easily integrated PACT element into existing structures
- Rotherham well advanced in terms of partnership working and boundaries that are co-terminous e.g. SNTs, Area Assemblies, Streetpride, Localities etc
- In some areas, this has increased attendances and given added focus to forums – Positive exit interviews

EXAMPLES OF PACT PRIORITIES & RESPONSE

Herringthorpe Playing Fields

- High visibility patrols on/arounf playing fields
- 'Operation Staysafe' with Youth Offending Team, targeted at East Dene, Herringthorpe and Clifton Park
- 40 young people identified
- Large quantities of alcohol seized from under age drinkers
- Fixed Penalty Notices issues to adults purchasing alcohol for young people
- Joint Police/Trading Standards test purchase operations – 3 premises failed
- Facilities Management and Green Spaces to remove trees and erect new fencing before the end of this calendar year

EXAMPLES OF PACT PRIORITIES & RESPONSE

Parking on Queensway

- Warning Notices were initially issued
- 16 Fixed Penalty Notices have now been issued for obstruction
- RMBC & Area Assembly working with hospital to look at alternative parking and possibility of a Residents Only Parking Scheme

EXAMPLES OF PACT PRIORITIES & RESPONSE

Maynard Road Playing Area

- SNT/ASB teams conducted a joint operation which identified the youths responsible
- 16 youths subject of stop/check
- 7 youths issued with warning letters
- Another 7 being issued with Acceptable Behaviour Contracts
- Some are attending the PS3 project
- Green Spaces and Area Assembly working with Taylor Wimpey's to tidy up the area and repair equipment

Thank You

Questions