

COHESION BOARD ACTION PLAN 2012-2013

Community Cohesion Priority One: Improving Community Harmony Theme: Identify, understand and tackle underlying issues that can be the cause of community tensions – especially those which have the potential to escalate into more serious disorder.	Areas to address <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Reducing hate crime2. Reducing the harm to communities caused by extremist groups3. Reduce conflict within neighbourhoods4. Respond to ad hoc “hot spot” tensions within the city
	Stakeholders likely to be involved <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. PREC (Open Out)2. Police3. Mediation Services4. City College/Regional College5. PCC Neighbourhood Managers6. PCVS7. Cohesion team8. Faith Communities Network9. Housing providers10. PCC 8-19 service11. LGBT reps12. CAN Do13. MANERP plus other Resident Groups14. Taxis and Private Hire
	Cohesion Board Champion <i>Brian Gascoyne (supported by Ian Phillips and Sharon Nicolson)</i>

Why has this priority been chosen?

The Single Delivery Plan has identified six programmes of partnership work that focus on the key issues facing the city. The Community Cohesion priorities will directly deliver against programme four; Empowering People and Creating Cohesive Communities. The priorities also link closely to PCC Neighbourhoods Service Plan objectives.

Whilst Peterborough enjoys largely peaceful relationships within and between communities, there nevertheless remains the potential for issues to develop, which if left unchecked can turn into tension, or in extreme cases disorder.

By addressing some of the known “sparks” to community tension, we can take a proactive stance to reduce the harm to individuals and wider community relationships.

Tackling hate crime and addressing neighbourhood concerns form part of the preventative agenda to ensure that tensions within the city remain low.

<p>Community Cohesion Priority Two:</p> <p>Engaging Young People</p> <p>Theme : Raising the aspirations of children and young people (including 19-24)</p>	<p>Areas to address</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Responding to the After the Riots report 2. Linking with the Troubled Family agenda 3. Greater engagement with arts/culture/sports 4. Inter-generational 5. Encouraging volunteering
	<p>Stakeholders likely to be involved</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PCC 8-19 service 2. Youth MP 3. Princes Trust 4. Faith Communities Network 5. School representatives 6. Neighbourhood/Cohesion team 7. City/Regional College 8. Schools Equality Diversity Cohesion Group 9. School Councils 10. Head Teacher Forum 11. Unity 12. Step Up 13. Troubled Families Group 14. Peterborough Youth Council 15. Peterborough Learning Partnership 16. Vivacity 17. POSH 18. Safer Schools Partnership 19. Fire and Rescue Services 20. Cabinet lead for CYPS 21. PREC (Education Group)
	<p>Cohesion Board Champion</p> <p><i>Wendi Ogle-Welbourn (supported by Alison Sunley & Jawaid Khan)</i></p>

Why has this priority been chosen?

Following the national riots during summer 2011, a report entitled "After the Riots" has recently been published. The report looks at why individuals became involved in the riot and makes a number of recommendations. Whilst Peterborough remained relatively peaceful, there are nevertheless a number of national lessons to be considered locally.

By raising children and young people's aspirations, it can create a greater stake for local people in their community. This can lead to lower crime/anti social behaviour, increased educational attainment and greater community cohesion.

<p>Community Cohesion Priority Three:</p> <p>Engaging and empowering communities</p> <p>Theme: Improve the access and take up of neighbourhood services</p>	<p>Areas to address</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increasing engagement with hard to reach communities 2. Improving parental engagement with schools through ESOL provision 3. Supporting vulnerable communities to have a greater voice. Understanding the needs and issues from the White British population. 4. Improving access and availability of English for Speakers of other languages (ESOL) provision 5. Promoting the Equality Agenda
	<p>Stakeholders likely to be involved</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PCVS 2. PREC 3. Cohesion team 4. Neighbourhood Managers 5. City Centre Management 6. Friends of Central Park 7. City/Regional College 8. Community representatives 9. School representation 10. Faith and Communities Network 11. Community Groups Forum 12. ESOL Delivery Board 13. Equality and Diversity Strategic Group 14. Link/Health Watch 15. Traveller/Gypsy reps 16. MANERP 17. Co-opted residents/Councillors 18. Red Cross 19. Muslim Community Reference Group 20. CSR and business community 21. DIAL & Disability 22. Registered Social Landlords 23. Voluntary and Community Sector 24. Princes Trust 25. Police 26. PCT

Cohesion Board Champion

Cllr Walsh and deputised by Maheeb Ladha (supported by Leonie McCarthy and Jawaid Khan).

Why has this priority been chosen?

Supporting communities to have a greater voice within the city can help breakdown tensions and increase cohesion. Whilst we have a good understanding of some communities, there are others which are increasingly difficult to engage with, or feel that mainstream services have little to offer.