

Proposed Actions

While not in the original Terms of Reference, the following proposal for actions are nonetheless included as a basis for implementing the Recommendations and a starting point for a delivery plan.

NottsWatch Strategy

The current NottsWatch 2014-15 strategy and objectives are dominated by the requirements of the PCC-funded project and traditional views of NW. But, there is a clear need to recognise the changing criminal, social, technological and economic environments. Above all is the emerging consensus that social cohesion should be the core objective aligned more effectively than hitherto with partners.

ACTIONS:

- **To refresh the strategic objectives of NottsWatch.**
- **To define future meaning of the NottsWatch brand (Social Cohesion) and include it in long-term strategic objectives.**
- **To consider bringing other types of “watch” under the NottsWatch umbrella / brand.**
- **Define what social cohesion means and what NottsWatch interventions are required to enhance social cohesion.**

OWNER: TBC

DELIVERY DATE: TBC

NottsWatch Governance

After only one year of operating as a single organisation (formerly City and County NW organisations) there is a need to review the governance structure especially in relation to partners and other committees.

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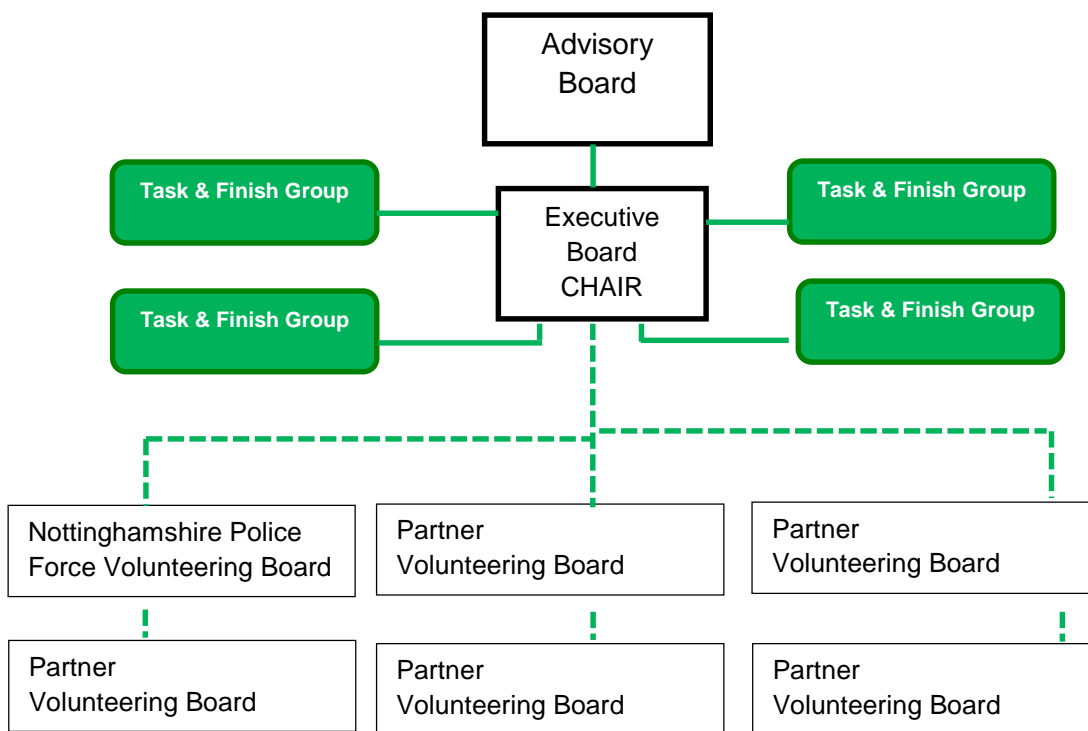
- **To create and agree an appropriate governance structure that will display clear leadership and be able to hold partners to account and drive a delivery plan.**
- **To appoint the Chair of the Executive Board as the ‘delivery lead’.**
- **The Advisory Board should incorporate a FUTURES element that considers and shapes the future direction of NottsWatch. To this end, the agenda for his meeting should be reviewed and refreshed to ensure it complements the Executive Board and doesn’t duplicate business.**
- **The Executive Board agenda should be reviewed and refreshed to incorporate performance against a delivery plan.**

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DELIVERY DATE: 1st May 2015

NOTE: without wanting to create unnecessary bureaucracy, the Executive Board could serve as the coordinating body for a delivery plan and the meeting agenda could accommodate a section where updates and progress against a delivery plan are discussed. Each partner agency would ensure their commitment is threaded into their own organisation e.g. Nottinghamshire Police would discuss progress at the Force Volunteering Board. Other partners would discuss within their own relevant meeting forum and then feedback to the Executive Board. If required, the Executive Board could use task and finish groups to look at the specific elements of the delivery plan and feedback directly to the Executive Board who in turn would provide executive summaries to the Advisory Board. Whilst all partners will be responsible for delivering against their own commitments, there is a need for definitive leadership to own a delivery plan. Overall ownership should sit with the Chair of the Executive Board.

PROPOSED GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE



Core NottsWatch Membership

A lack of clarity regarding core membership. Who are the key partners who should be contributing to the NottsWatch strategic plan?

ACTION:

Identify the core partnership representatives that can support NottsWatch: e.g.

- Volunteering bodies i.e. Volunteering England, Street Association, Street Bank, Nottingham Community and Voluntary Service (NCVS), Royal Voluntary Service.
- Local Authority.
- Police.
- PCC.
- Fire and rescue.
- Ambulance.
- Schools.
- Trading Standards.
- Age UK.
- Other Watch schemes e.g. Farm Watch, Allotment Watch, Shop Watch, Horse Watch, Cycle Watch etc.
- Street pastors & Taxi Marshalls.

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There are at least 22 'Watch Schemes' that are in place across Nottinghamshire. What part does NottsWatch play or contribute in relation to these schemes? Should representatives be involved in NottsWatch governance?

ACTION: To scope the existence of 'Watch' schemes in Nottinghamshire, review their aims and objectives and explore how NottsWatch can contribute to their effectiveness.

OWNER: Nottinghamshire Police- C/Insp Stapleford

DELIVERY DATE: July 2015.

Service Level Agreement

There is a lack of clarity regarding partnership contributions to the NottsWatch strategic plan.

ACTIONS:

- **All organisational representatives to define their contribution toward achieving the NottsWatch strategic aims and objectives.**
- **A lead to be nominated to coordinate the SLA creation and sign off.**

OWNER: TBC

DELIVERY DATE: 1st May 2015.

Communications

ACTIONS:

- **Neighbourhood Alert.** Review quality of messages and refresh. Ensure messages are simple, local and more informative (consider including crime information, outcomes, emerging issues, when crime is low, and refreshed crime prevention advice).

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- **Neighbourhood Alert:** Establish a target for increasing the number of households who are registered for alerts.

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- **Communication Plan:** A communication plan should be created to meet the needs of NottsWatch.

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- **Efficacy:** A tactical menu of interventions that can enhance self-belief that NottsWatch members can influence organisational decision-making should be created.

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- **Neighbourhood Watch signage.** A mapping exercise should be undertaken across the County to establish where current signs are and ensure they are fit for purpose.

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- **Social Media:** A bespoke piece of work should be commissioned evaluating how social and digital media can be used by NottsWatch to enhance social cohesion and potentially recruit younger members.

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- **Crime information:** The police should review the process of providing sanitised crime data to local communities through NottsWatch.

OWNER: Nottinghamshire Police-C/Supt Khan.
DELIVERY DATE: 1st June 2015.

Academic Research

ACTION:

- **Local Universities should be approached to undertake research to: a) evaluate the effectiveness of NW street signs and stickers in deterring criminal and anti-social behaviour, and (b) to assess the current and future role of NW as a potential tool for improving social cohesion in different community contexts.**

OWNER: Nottinghamshire Police- Chief Inspector Stapleford.

DELIVERY DATE: April 2016.

Best Practice

There is a requirement to ensure NottsWatch benefits from valuable learning that is associated with Regional and National best practice.

ACTION:

- **Lead partner to review Cambridgeshire best practice (six success factors) and report back to the Executive Board with recommendations for action.**

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DELIVERY DATE: TBC

Notts Watch, Social Cohesion and Schools

ACTION:

- **Lead partner(s) from the Police, Local Authority and Schools should review the Best Buddy scheme and determine relevance and potential for increasing social cohesion among young people.**

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