

**Minutes –Unconfirmed  
The Central Area Partnership Board  
31<sup>st</sup> January 2013, 10am**

**Jim Cooke Conference Suite, Stockton Central Library, Stockton-on-Tees**

<p><b>Members:</b> Paul Thomas (Chair, Tilery Residents Association), Alex Bain (Parkfield Residents), Josie Bailes (Over 50's Assembly), Neville Anderson (Trade Union Council), Jim Fenwick (Community Partnership), Verna Pickering (Roseworth Residents), Anne Howard (Newtown Residents Association), Cllr Michael Clark (SBC), Cllr Jim Beall (SBC), David Headland (Salvation Army), Insp Anderson (Cleveland Police) *Members are representing their nominating body.</p>
<p><b>Advisors:</b> Sarah Robinson (SBC), Peter Kelly (Stockton Public Health)</p>
<p><b>Observers:</b></p>
<p><b>Apologies:</b> Suzanne Fletcher (Vice Chair, Voluntary Sector), Janet Stubbs (Job Centre Plus), Cllr David Coleman (SBC), Victoria Cooling (NHS Stockton), Janice McColm (TVRCC), Gareth Rees (Thorpe Thewles Residents), Cllr N Wilburn (SBC), Marilyn Surtees (Elm Tree Community Centre), Tina Williams (Community Partnership), Cllr Nigel Cooke (SBC), Paul Surtees (SBC)</p>

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<p><b>1. Welcome and Apologies</b> The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	No
<p><b>2. Declarations of Interest</b> DOI procedure was noted.</p>	No
<p><b>3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2012</b> The minutes were agreed.</p>	Agreed
<p><b>4. Quarterly Crime Update for the Central Area – Insp Marc Anderson, Cleveland Police</b> Insp Marc Anderson introduced himself as the new representative on the Board from Cleveland Police. It was discussed that the key to neighbourhood policing is having access to officers. It was noted that it is important for the community to make officers aware of what issues there are in areas and see what action has taken place in the community in partnership with other agencies. Insp Anderson provided the Board with the following figures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At the end of December 2012 anti-social behaviour (ASB) has seen an overall reduction of 22.7%. There are still issues in certain ward areas and it is important that this is fed in by members of the community</li> <li>• Reported crime has reduced by 4.9%</li> </ul> <p>Stockton Town Centre – Sgt Reader</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Town Centre counts for 18.3% of total crime for the district</li> <li>• Operation Humbug – to tackle retail crime of December. Teams were tasked to patrol retail areas. From the Operation 5 high crime causers have been imprisoned. The Operation will continue until 10<sup>th</sup> February 2013.</li> <li>• Operation Diamond – partnership problem solving</li> <li>• Crime – during December 2012, there were 175 reported crimes and 211 in November 2012 so there has been a reduction from Nov-</li> </ul>	Noted

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<p>Dec</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASB – there were 138 incidents in December 2012 compared to 191 from December 2011.</li> </ul> <p>Newtown – Sgt Caulfield</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operation Halt – has seen a reduction in criminal damage and ASB</li> <li>• Drugs – there has been 8 warrants with 4 positive</li> <li>• Operation Hawk – looking at Stockton district as a whole for inquisitive crime and burglary – areas have been targeted and a number of good arrests have been made for house burglaries</li> <li>• ASB – Londonderry Road and Wolviston Walk in Hardwick – focus on problem areas and putting staff in these areas</li> <li>• Camera on the end of Londonderry Road has moved – Insp Anderson to ask Sgt Caulfield about this and feedback</li> <li>• ASB – 38 reported incidents in December compared to 49 in December 2011</li> <li>• Crime figures – 47 reported crimes compared to 51 in December 2011</li> </ul> <p>Hardwick</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reported crime – has seen a big reduction from 39 offences in December 2012 to 56 in November 2012. There were 32 reported crimes in December 2011</li> <li>• ASB – 43 reported incidents December 2012 compared to 57 in November 2012</li> <li>• PCSO's update – ASB initiative has gone into schools and have held sessions with year 5 and 6 pupils</li> <li>• Staying Safe event taking place on 26<sup>th</sup> March for all schools in the area with partners including the Fire Brigade</li> </ul> <p>Roseworth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASB – 23 reported incidents in December 2012 with 30 in November 2012 compared to 33 in December 2011</li> <li>• Reported crime – 45 in December 2012 compared in 41 in November 2012 with 33 reported in December 2011 – this shows a slight increase however there has been exceptional criminal damage in areas which officers will revisit and see if there is repeated</li> </ul> <p>Medina – Sgt Breeze</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operation Lollipop – Bishopsgarth/Elm Tree and Fairfield to tackle ASB and criminal damage</li> <li>• Parkfield and Oxbridge – 'crackhouse' closure in Edward Street</li> <li>• Has been drug warrants issued in Parliament Street and Sorrel Close</li> <li>• Western Parishes – ASB 9 reported incidents in December 2012 and 10 in November 2012. Reported crime figures show 6 in December 2012 and 11 in November 2012</li> </ul>	<p>Insp Anderson to feedback</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parkfield – reported crime was 63 in December 2012 and 76 in November 2012. ASB was 30 for December 2012 compared to 44 in November 2012 and 67 in December 2011</li> <li>• Hartburn – 8 crimes reported December 2012 and 11 November 2012. 7 incidents of ASB in December 2012 compared to 12 in November 2012</li> <li>• Grangefield – There were 15 reported ASB incidents December 2012 compared to 12 in November 2012 (18 in Dec 2011). There were 15 reported crimes December 2012 and 18 November 2012 (18 in Dec 2011)</li> <li>• Fairfield – There were 13 reported crimes in December 2012 compared to 11 in November 2012. There were 6 incidents of ASB in December 2012 and 15 in November 2012</li> <li>• Bishopsgath &amp; Elm Tree – 14 reported incidents of ASB in December 2012 and 27 in November 2012. There were 22 reported crimes in December 2012 and 27 in November 2012</li> </ul> <p>Stockton District is showing a large decreased in ASB reported to the Police and crime is showing a decrease year to date. If members would like to get in touch regarding individual wards, please get in touch to ensure that you are able to speak to the right people for your areas. It is important to work together to resolve issues.</p> <p>The following discussion took place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Great news that the general trend is down for crime, however Roseworth is showing an increase from 2011. It is seen traditionally as an area of low crime and often resources have been used elsewhere, however now that there is an increase, have not seen that more resources have been put into Roseworth. Insp Anderson noted that every ward area has different officers and staff are equated out at busier times. It was noted that it is important that if have issues in an area need to make officers aware and need to look at where staff need to be</li> <li>• It was noted that there are often operations taking place that people do not see</li> <li>• It was discussed that if representatives would like to see the information broken down further into wards then information can be found on the Cleveland Police website or by asking at ward surgeries. It was noted that councillors are also sent information on a monthly basis and the front sheet could be circulated to members</li> </ul> <p>It was agreed that Insp Anderson would attend the Central Area Partnership Board meetings every three months to provide a crime update.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Noted</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Noted</p>
<p><b>5. Minimum Unit Pricing Consultation – Peter Kelly, Director of Public Health</b></p> <p>The Board were informed that the Government have launched a consultation with the outcome of the consultation to reduce harm from alcohol on society. There are a range of consultation questions, with questions 1-4 relating to Minimum Unit Pricing with the proposal for a 45p minimum price. Questions 5-8 are related to Minimum Unit Pricing and multi buy promotions. Question 9 relates to licensing conditions</p>	

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<p>and what added powers local authorities could have or to enforce powers they currently have.</p> <p>The closing date for the consultation is the 6<sup>th</sup> February 2013 and any comments on the consultation would be welcomed.</p> <p>The following discussion took place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussed that a 50p minimum unit price would be more effective</li> <li>• Evidence has shown that alcohol is the most dangerous drug and has a big impact on health and a wider impact on families/children and crime</li> <li>• There was a discussion on if increasing the unit price would lead to an increase in crime. It was discussed that this could potentially be a consequence, however the overall Police view is that they strongly support the minimum unit price</li> <li>• It was suggested that supermarkets target vulnerable people by having their alcohol offers at the front of the shop to tempt customers. It was discussed that Tesco are supporting the minimum unit price.</li> <li>• Vast majority of pubs and licensees are supporting this</li> <li>• Licensing – ways existing powers could be used more effectively or strengthened in collaboration with the Police especially where there are consistent and persistent anti social behaviour issues</li> <li>• It was discussed if advertising on alcohol should be banned</li> <li>• Have witnessed young people hanging around shops waiting for people to buy alcohol for them. Greater local powers need to be used to determine the licensing framework</li> </ul> <p>The Board agreed with the recommendation in the consultation for a 45p minimum unit price, although they would like to see it go further, but understand that the principle of establishing a minimum price is very important.</p>	
<p><b>6. Feedback from other Partnerships</b></p> <p>Suzanne Fletcher provided a report from the Housing &amp; Neighbourhood Partnership</p> <p>Paul Thomas provided feedback from the Health &amp; Wellbeing Partnership</p> <p>There was a discussion about the outbreak of measles in the North East. Peter Kelly informed the Board that most cases have been found in Darlington and Durham, with 14 cases in Stockton, a lot of which from the travelling communities in children 10 and above. Immunisation figures for those under 10 have increased. Work is being done on this and letters have been sent to all GPs in Stockton and the Health Professional Agency is leading on this across the Tees Valley.</p>	
<p><b>7. Any Other Business</b></p> <p>None</p>	Noted
<p><b>9. Date and Time of Next Meeting</b></p>	

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Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2013, 2pm, The Education Centre.	Noted