

Safer Stockton Partnership

A meeting of Safer Stockton Partnership was held on Tuesday, 29th September, 2015.

Present: Dave Pickard (Chair), Gilly Marshall (Thirteen Group), Marc Anderson, Emily Harrison (Cleveland Police), Christine Goodman (Victim Support), John Bagley (National Probation Service - Cleveland), Miriam Sigsworth (Youth Offending Team), John Bentley (Safe in Tees Valley), Cllr Steve Nelson, Steve Hume, Julie Nixon, Gavin Hamer, David Morton (Stockton Council), Steve Rose (Catalyst), Sarah Wilson (PCC), Matthew Edwards (Youth Direction), Fred Gook (Neighbourhood Watch), Barbara Gill (DTV CRC Probation Services), Kerry Anderson (SBC - Public Health).

Officers: Claire Sills, Peter Bell, Gavin Hamer (SBC).

Also in attendance: None.

Apologies: Cllr Jim Beall and Superintendent Ian Coates (Cleveland Police).

1 Introductions/Apologies

Introductions and apologies were given.

2 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Steve Nelson declared a person non prejudicial in respect of agenda item 11 - Stockton Town Centre Retail Crime as his son worked in security in Stockton Town Centre.

3 Minutes of Meeting 18 August 2015

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 18th August 2015.

AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on 18th August 2015 be approved.

4 Register of Interests

It was reported that an email had been sent to the Partnership regarding the Register of Interests.

All members of the Partnership were required to complete an annual Register of Interests form in relation to any other interests they had which may be linked to the activities of the Partnership.

5 Matters Arising - update on 6.2 CSP plan action

Members received an update on the CSP Action Plan. Point 6.2 with the revised figures relating to Domestic Abuse which were missing at the last meeting.

6 Any Other Business - identification only

There was no other business identified.

7 Minutes of YOT Management Board 4 August 2015

Consideration was given to the minutes of YOT Management Board Meeting held on 4th August 2015.

AGREED that the minutes of YOT Management Board Meeting held on 4th August 2015 be noted.

8 Partnership approach to tackling crime in Stockton

The Chair introduced the item. He outlined that there was significant pressure on crime at the moment. The issue for the partnership was how to respond and what was going to be the strategic approach. The communication plan would also be critical to the partnership.

The following presentations were given on the Partnership's approach to tackling crime in the Borough.

ARCC CRC Presentation - IOM. The presentation covered the following key areas:-

- Interventions
- Re-offenders and enhanced interventions
- Stabilisation and sustainable lifestyle
- Social Action
- Community Payback

The Partnership felt that this was a good news story and was validation for the route that was taken in that the service was a not for profit organisation. It was also felt that someone from ARCC CRC should attend future meetings of Catalyst. The Partnership also felt that it was important that they could feed into the process for identifying priority cases.

Violent Crime. The presentation covered the following key areas:-

- Force Overview
- NCRS Compliance
- Compliance Benefits
- Violence Increases in Cleveland Police
- Changes to Recording
- Scanning Results
- Key Wards
- Breakdown by Violence Type
- Night Time Economy
- Partnership Working

The Partnership felt that the impact of domestic abuse was significant and that the balancing of police resources had to be right to tackle the issue.

With regard to the Domestic Abuse top 10 repeats meeting the Community Safety Manager had been frustrated that the level of referrals were not always coming through in time which was holding up progress. This is being addressed through the newly created Domestic Abuse Operational Group.

Commissioning of Substance Misuse Services. The presentation covered the following key areas:-

- Current Approach
- Drug Treatment Model
- Drug Misusing Offender Management

It was reported that if people were in full recovery they were far less likely to re-offend. The testing programme was still being honed to find the most effective model.

Working in Hartington Road. The presentation covered the following key areas:-

- Changes to management structure
- Employment Initiative
- Number of Voids
- 100% Placement Rights
- Targeted Work

The Community Safety Manager reported that Friends of Trinity Green had requested an update on the work that is being carried out in Hartington Road and the neighbouring Trinity Green. A public meeting has been arranged and officers from the Community Safety team will be attending.

The Partnership felt that there was some very good information sharing. The Chair reported that he would sign a letter of support if needed to help ensure future funding for the dedicated support officer working within Hartington Road.

Restorative Practice (RP). The presentation covered the following key areas:-

- Prolific and Priority Offenders
- Benefits of RA
- Offender / Harmer Perspective
- Participation Model

From a YOT perspective RP was being embedded in their service. Every victim of youth crime was contacted to see if they would be interested in RP. The wishes of the victim would be paramount in the process.

Crime Prevention and work in schools. The presentation covered the following key areas:-

- Work in Schools
- Safe at Home
- Preventions
- DA Medium Repeats

ASB and Youth Direction/Joint Working. The presentation covered the following key areas:-

- Joint Patrol Service

- Objectives
- Patrols
- Results
- Anti-Social Behaviour

With regard to the Joint Patrol Service it had been delivered in Norton North. There had been some very good engagement and it had been a key factor in bringing down ASB in the area. It was felt that there the service brought good benefits to the Borough for relatively low costs.

The Partnership was hopeful that some figures could be brought to them in 6 month's time.

It was reported that there was a hope that the service would be expanded in the future.

Cleveland Connect. The presentation covered the following key areas:-

- The work of Cleveland Connect
- Developed on-line
- Messages that are sent out
- Partnership use of Cleveland Connect

Neighbourhood Watch - Deferred to a future meeting.

AGREED that:-

1. The presentations be received.
2. The good work in the Borough be noted.
3. Any necessary actions that had been identified be carried out.

9 DAAT Q1

The Partnership was presented with the DAAT figures for Q1.

AGREED that the DAAT figures for Q1 be noted.

10 Stockton Town Centre Retail Crime

Chief Inspector Marc Anderson reported the Stockton Town Centre retail crime figures.

The Police had been targeting stores to try and get them to be proactive and prevent shoplifters from actually entering the shops in the first place.

Funding availability was being looked at but it was reported that some retailers would not contribute any funds.

The Community Safety Manager reported that two dedicated Town Centre Officers were working closely with the Police.

The Chair reported that he would write to the retailers if an evidence base could be given.

AGREED that the update be noted.

11 Current position on Syrian Refugees

The Partnership was given an update on the position with regard to Syrian Refugees.

Stockton's position was that it was part of the initial dispersal programme and is working with the North East Regional Migration Partnership who are co-ordinating a North East 'offer' back to the Home Office at the end of November.

There were potentially significant financial costs to the Council and partners as the refugees could need a high level of support depending on their circumstances.

AGREED that the update be noted.

12 Reports Back

- a) Local Strategic Partnership**
- b) Adult Wellbeing Partnership**

There were no reports back.

13 Date of next meeting - 17 November 2015 at 9.30 a.m.

The date of next meeting was noted as 17 November 2015 at 9.30 a.m.

14 Recorded Crime & Disorder

The Partnership was provided with an overview of crime and ASB in the Borough between April 2015 and August 2015.

These details had been taken from Cleveland police Performance statistics and were restricted due to the crime and ASB details not being released to the general public at the time of writing.

AGREED that the overview be noted.