

Safer Stockton Partnership

A meeting of Safer Stockton Partnership was held on Tuesday, 27 March, 2018.

Present: Cllr Steve Nelson (Chair), Cllr Jim Beall (Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health), Steve Hume, Claire Sills (SBC - Children's Services), Craig Willows, Marc Stephenson (SBC – Community Services), Sarah Wilson (Office of the PCC), John Bentley (Safe in Teesside), Steve Rose (Catalyst), Marc Anderson, Helen Barker (Cleveland Police), Sharon Barnett (NPS), Libby Griffiths (Thirteen), Steve Johnson (Cleveland Fire), Cllr Paul Kirton (CFA), Martin Gray (SBC – Director of Children Services) Caren Barnfather (Harbour Services), Gary Knight (SBC Private Sector Housing).

Officers: Peter Bell (SBC – Democratic Services)

Also in attendance: None.

Apologies: Angela Connor, Dave Willingham and Cllr Mick Stoker.

1 Introductions / Apologies

Introductions and apologies for absence were given.

2 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Steve Nelson declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 13 – Thirteen ASB Update as he was a Director of Thirteen.

3 Minutes

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 13 February 2018.

AGREED that the minutes be approved.

4 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5 Minutes of the Adult Safeguarding Board and YOT Management Board

Members were presented with the minutes of the Adult Safeguarding Board Management Board held on 18 October 2017 and the minutes of the YOT Management Board held on 6 February 2018.

AGREED that the minutes be noted.

6 In Depth Discussion – Domestic abuse - Restricted

Members held a restricted in-depth discussion. The discussion covered the following keys areas:

Domestic Abuse Operational Report

Steve Hume (Community Safety and Strategy Service Manager) gave an overview of Domestic Abuse with the borough of Stockton. The aim of the report was to provide an overview on research and analysis that had been conducted

on a number of data sets linked to domestic abuse collated by organisations within the borough of Stockton.

Once the report had been finalised the key findings would be disseminated to the Domestic Abuse Steering Group.

The audience for the report were the members of the Domestic Abuse Operational Group which included representatives from several departments within Stockton Borough Council, the Police, Harbour and local Housing Providers.

DA Repeat Victims

Helen Barker (Cleveland Police) gave Members a presentation on understanding and addressing victim withdrawal rates that covered the following key areas:

- Methodology
- Scanning – Understanding the National Context
- Analysis of the Victim
- Analysis – Perceptions and Attitudes of Officers and Staff
- Response – Victim Engagement Strategy
- Assessing Impact

Changes to MARAC

Steve Hume (Community Safety and Strategy Service Manager) detailed a report on the review of Tees MARAC arrangements. The report covered the following keys areas:

- Background
- Local Context / Rational for the Review
- % Repeat MARAC Cases
- Current MARAC Arrangements
- New MARAC Working Model

Members felt that the new independent Chair for MARAC would be positive for the group. Members requested that an update be given to the Partnership in 6/8 months.

Transformation Fund update

The Transformation Fund update was noted.

Domestic Abuse support services within Stockton-on-Tees from April 2018 onwards

Members were presented with a report that provided the Partnership with an overview of the model for Domestic Abuse support services within Stockton-on-Tees from April 2018 onwards.

Extensive review and development work had been undertaken during 2016/17 in order to design a Specialist Domestic Violence and Abuse Service from April 2018.

The service Specification developed was family centred and offered a range of support and interventions for victims, perpetrators and children and young people. The specification was produced through collaboration with colleagues and members of the Domestic Abuse Steering group including Children's Services, Adults Safeguarding and the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) sector along with Domestic Abuse service users.

IOM Perpetrator work

It was agreed this would be deferred to a future meeting.

Domestic Abuse Strategy - Action Plan

Rachel Batey, Domestic Abuse Co-ordinator (SBC) detailed the Domestic Abuse Strategy - Action Plan.

The 2017-18 Stockton Domestic Abuse action plan contained a total of 28 specific action points. Each of the action points had been given a RAG rating based on the progress. The report gave an overview of the RAG ratings.

AGREED that in depth discussion be noted.

7 Recorded Crime and Disorder - Restricted

Members were presented with a restricted report on recorded crime and disorder.

The report provided an overview on a variety of data sets regarding crime and disorder that had been recorded by Cleveland Police relating to the period between April 2017 and February 2018.

AGREED that the report be noted.

8 DAAT Q3

AGREED that this item be deferred to a future meeting.

9 Fire Overview of Increase in Vehicle Fires

Members were presented with a restricted report on vehicle fire profile April 2017 to February 2018.

The report highlighted the following key areas:

- Deliberate Vehicle Fires 2017/18 against previous year and target
- Deliberate Vehicle Fires by Ward 2017/18

The Chair requested that with regard to the recording of the crime could Criminal Damage and Arson be put under different headings.

Gary Knight (Private Sector Housing Team Manager) made an offer of support to the Stockton District Manager

AGREED that the report be noted.

10 CRC Update

AGREED that this item be deferred to a future meeting.

11 NPS Update

Sharon Barnett (NPS) gave Members a verbal update on the NPS. The update included the following key points:

- The number and profile of offenders
- The number of officers
- Capacity workload
- The new IOM scheme
- The huge changes that will happen to NPS in the next 9 months

Members felt that despite all of the huge issues and immense pressures facing the service there was a tone of optimism and the work of the service was commended.

An offer was made to any member of the Partnership to come and see the individual workings of the service, observing a Probation Officer.

Thanks were given regarding the recent JTAI inspection that had recently taken place and how quickly the recommendations had been implemented.

AGREED that the presentation be received.

12 Thirteen Response to Tackling ASB in Stockton

Consideration was given to a report that gave an update on Thirteen ASB Update.

From April 2017 Thirteen group had responded to 379 reported cases of ASB. Stockton had a team of 4 ASB officers and one ASB Support officer to tackle all reported incidents of ASB.

Officers attended a number of multi-agency meetings including all JAGs, OCG, Hate crime, MAPPA, child protection conferences and many that were arranged to tackle individual cases.

The incidents received by Thirteen Group, case by area, action taken by Thirteen and Action Days were detailed within the report.

Members praised the Action days that had recently taken place.

AGREED that the report be noted.

13 Planned Reports

Members received a report on the planned reports for the Partnership for

2018/19.

Members requested that a short report on a green paper “Integrated Communities Strategy” be provided to the next meeting of the Partnership.

AGREED that report be noted.

14 Reports Back

Members were presented with the following:

- Adults Health and Wellbeing Partnership – 6 February 2018
- Children and Young People’s Partnership – 17 January 2018

15 Date and time of next meeting: Tuesday, 15 May 2018

AGREED that the date of the next meeting be noted.