

Safer Stockton Partnership

A meeting of Safer Stockton Partnership was held on Tuesday, 7 July 2021.

Present: Cllr Steve Nelson (Chair), Marc Stephenson, Craig Willows (SBC – Community Services), Dave Willingham (SBC – Early Help), CI Chris Smiles (Cleveland Police), David Preston, Darren Lane (Cleveland Fire Service), Ann Powell (Cleveland Probation), Gary Knight (SBC – Housing Services), Cllr Paul Kirton (CFA), Angela Corner (Thirteen Group), Sarah Wilson (OPCC), Sarah McManus (A Way Out), Sheila Whitehead (Youth Offending Service), Tanya Evans (SBC – Youth Offending and Targeted Support), Dave Willingham (SBC), Jon Carling (Catalyst), Sean Ormerod (HMPPS), Ann Powell (Probation Service), Alex Sinclair (NHS).

Officers: Peter Bell (SBC – Democratic Services), Gareth Aungiers (Xentrall).

Also in attendance: Gabby Jones (Leaders Unlock), Jamie Stephenson (SBC – Community Safety)

Apologies: Angela Connor, Cllr Ann McCoy, Joanne Hodgkinson, Joanne Heaney.

1 Introductions / Apologies

Introductions and apologies for absence were given.

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared.

3 Minutes

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 19 May 2021.

AGREED that the minutes be approved.

4 Matters Arising

Violence Against Women

It was noted that CI Chris Smiles had met with Sarah McManus and discussed the data that had been requested and further partnership work would be taking place in the future.

ECINS

The Chair reported that he had raised the issue of ECINS at the Cleveland Police and Crime Panel and the Commissioner had indicated that ECINS was under review.

AGREED that the update be noted.

5 Confirmation of Vice Chair

The Partnership was informed that if anyone had an interest in the position of Vice Chair of the Partnership they should email Marc Stephenson with an expression of interest.

8 Presentation – Cleveland Youth Commission

The Partnership received a presentation from the Cleveland Youth Commission. The presentation covered the following key areas:-

- Getting young person's voices heard with regard policing and crime.
- Inform the Commissioner and partners of the issues and change young people would like to see.
- Spread awareness of current issues.
- Recruitment process launched.
- Last years project had been very successful.

The Partnership was given the opportunity to ask questions and make comments on the presentation and these could be summarised as follows:-

- A young man from Hartlepool from the BAME community who had experienced issues on a day-to-day basis has been invited to a future meeting of the Partnership.
- The Chair would be happy to receive any issues that are raised from young people around 'stop and search'.
- CI Chris Smiles reported that the Cleveland Youth Commission could be involved in the recently formed Stop and Search Scrutiny Panel.

AGREED that:-

1. The discussion be noted.
2. The comments made from the Partnership be noted.

9 Presentation – Cleveland Fire Brigade Arson Reduction Strategy

The Partnership received a presentation on the Cleveland Fire Brigade Arson Reduction Strategy. The presentation covered the following key areas:-

- CFB Current Position
- Stark Comparison
- Local Economic Impact
- CFB Current Actions
- Home Office Crime Ladder
- Pre and Post COVID Lockdown
- Toolkit Framework

The Partnership was given the opportunity to ask questions and make comments on the presentation and these could be summarised as follows:-

- A meeting should take place with CFB and Cleveland Police to discuss what Neighbourhood Policing was doing in Stockton-on-Tees. This included problem solving, prevention work and engagement work. Lots of work could take place with partners including SBC.
- Key messages could be raised as part of the work that the Commissioners Office do in schools.

- SBC would be holding a scrutiny review of deliberate fire settings soon.
- The Partnership would want regular updates on the issue to check on progress

AGREED that:-

1. The discussion be noted.
2. The comments made from the Partnership be noted.

8 Community Safety Plan Update

The Partnership was updated regarding the CSP. The Partnership was reminded that the CSP should reflect the needs of the community and this should define the document. Consultation had commenced at the beginning of the year. All the necessary information had now been obtained to draw the PSA together and thanks were given to all those who had inputted into the process.

In terms of the next steps, steps had been taken to commission support to help bring all the information together. Chris Williams would be contacting all partners over the next few weeks and inviting partners to workshops that he will facilitate to pull together further information. Strategies will then be formed and a first draft of the CSP will be formed and presented to the next meeting of the Partnership.

AGREED that:-

1. The discussion be noted.
2. The comments made from the Partnership be noted.

9 Recorded Crime and Disorder Report

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

The report provided an overview on recorded crime and anti-social behaviour incidents in the borough of Stockton for the time period June 2020 to the end of May 2021.

The bulk of the statistics utilised for the report had been obtained from Cleveland Police crime statistic database with the figures correct at the time of writing (04/01/2021). The data was extracted from 'live' systems and therefore remained the subject of on-going operational activity, audit and scrutiny, and therefore may result in slight amendments to some of the statistical information in future publications.

The report would not provide any detailed analysis unless there were any significant changes to patterns or trends.

A comparison against other similar Community Safety Partnerships utilising iQuanta was noted within a separate report. This report was a restricted

document due to the statistical information only made available as an intelligence tool until released by the Home Office.

Any reference to Population rates per 1,000 had been used in conjunction with the ONS UK Mid-year population estimates for 2019, which was the latest version provided by the ONS.

The Partnership was given the opportunity to ask questions and make comments on the report and these could be summarised as follows:-

- Because of lockdown Cleveland Police had been able to focus on certain crime types. This could cause a rise in some of the figures that had been presented to the Partnership.
- Further details of cyber crime could be included in future Crime and Disorder reports.
- Further information would be shared with the Partnership regarding any crime increases following the recent Euros football competition.

AGREED that the report be noted.

10 YOT Board Performance Report Q1 – Q3 2020-21

The Partnership considered a report on YOT Board Performance Q1 – Q4 2020-21.

Prior to any analysis taking place it was noted that any comparisons to previous years were likely to show a significant and varied difference due to the impact caused by Covid-19 and its restrictions.

From April 2020 – March 2021, there were 295 outcomes for 404 offences committed by 160 young people aged 10 - 17 years at the time of their outcome. This equates to 2.44 offences per young person on average. The actual outturn for the year 2020/21 is much greater (+144 offences and +8 young people) than what was predicted at the start of the year. After the first Quarter it was estimated that for the entire year 2020/21, there would be a total of 260 offences committed by 152 young people, which would have equated to 1.7 offences per young person on average.

In comparison, at the end of the year 2019/20, 320 offences had been committed by 144 young people aged 10 – 17 years (so, 2.2 offences per young person on average). Comparing the two years 2020/21 has seen an increase of 84 offences against the previous year and an increase of 16 young people.

In comparison with 2018/19 and 2017/18 however, the total number of offences committed (528 and 553 respectively) and young people (163 and 180 respectively, aged 10 – 17 years) shows that the figures in 2020/21 were lower.

Violence Against the Person offences continues to be the dominant type of offence committed by offenders aged 10-17, followed by Criminal Damage and Drugs.

There were 124 male offenders committing 330 offences, most offences were committed by 15-year-old males (100).

There were 36 female offenders committing 74 offences, most offences were committed by 16–17-year-old females (18 respectively).

Total throughput has reduced by 16.3% (-86 outcomes) between April 2020 – March 2021 when compared with the same period the previous year.

The report detailed:-

- Offence Types
- Children Offending by Age and Gender
- Re-offending Rates
- Custody Rates

AGREED that the report be noted.

11 Community Safety Partnership Comparative Data – iQuanta - RESTRICTED

Members were presented with a restricted report that provided an overview on crime comparisons against other similar CSPs utilising iQuanta.

This report was a restricted document due to the statistical information only made available as an intelligence tool for partnerships until released by the Home Office.

AGREED that the report be noted.

13 Any Other Business

Safer Streets 2 Funding

The Partnership noted that Stockton had been successful in its bid to the Safer Streets 2 Funding and had received just over £350k to be utilised to tackle neighbourhood crime in and around Parkfield and Oxbridge and Stockton Town Centre.

AGREED that the update be noted.

Future Meeting Format

The Partnership agreed that after the meeting in September which would be held remotely all future meetings of the Partnership would be held in-person.

AGREED that the update be noted.

14 Date and time of next meeting:

1 September 2021.

