

Safer Stockton Partnership

A meeting of the Safer Stockton Partnership was held on Tuesday 6th December 2005.

Present: Geoff Lee (Chairman) (Tristar Homes); Councillor Mrs Suzanne Fletcher, Mike Batty, Marilyn Davies, Paul Green, Sharon McDonald (Stockton on Tees Borough Council); Councillor McLuckie, Councillor Mike Womphrey, Neville Cameron (Cleveland Police Authority); Councillor Mike Cherrett (Western Area Partnership Board); Councillor Keith Leonard (Cleveland Fire Authority); John Coxon (Government Office for the North East); Tony Hodgson (Youth Offending Service); Nancy Robson (Victim Support & Witness Service); John Tough (Northern Area Board); Mike Picknett (Cleveland Fire Brigade); Derek Bonnard, Dave Brunskill (Cleveland Police); John Bentley (Safe in Tees Valley); Lucia Saiger (Teesside Probation); David Hill (Eastern Area Partnership).

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Jane Humphreys, Rob Lowe, Councillor Chris Coombs, Sue Maddison, Alison Stephenson and Sue Cash.

90 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 25th October 2005 were agreed as a correct record.

91 Matters Arising

Think B4U Drink Campaign

Stockton Council and its Safer Stockton partners have been named Most Responsible Local Authority - Borough Council in the Responsible Drinks Retailing 2005 awards. The accolade was for the 'Think B4U Drink' campaign.

92 YOS Management Board – Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the YOS Management Board meeting held on 15th November 2005 were noted.

93 Scanning & Challenge Group – Action Notes

The action notes from the meeting of the Scanning & Challenge Group held on 10th November 2005 were provided.

94 Safer Stockton Partnership/DAT Integration Group – Minutes

The Minutes of the Safer Stockton Partnership/DAT Integration Group held on 25th October 2005 were noted.

95 In Depth Discussion – Deliberate Fires

A report was provided to support the in depth discussion of the key issues of deliberate fires. A Target Monitoring Chart was provided which showed in most part progress was satisfactory, but did show two areas which gave rise for concern. The Partnership discussed the measures in place which address deliberate fires.

96 Cleveland Criminal Justice Board Performance Report

A copy of the Cleveland Criminal Justice Board Performance Report for July 2005 was provided. The Partnership was asked to consider whether to receive any of the

information from the report on a regular basis in future. It was noted that Marilyn Davies was due to attend a meeting in January 2006 with members of the Criminal Justice Board to discuss communication links and that a report back from this meeting would be made.

AGREED that the Cleveland Criminal Justice Board Performance Report be requested by the Safer Stockton Partnership annually and that any exceptional reports be made as appropriate.

97 Anti Social Behaviour Strategy Draft 3

A copy of the draft Anti Social Behaviour Strategy 2005/08 was provided for members to consider and comment on. It was proposed in future to follow the production of the Community Safety Plan and that the full strategy will be produced every three years with a yearly review and update produced as an Executive Summary. Finalisation of the Strategy would be deferred until January, pending the expected publication of the Government's 'Respect' action plan, in order to allow for minor amendments to the content of the letter.

AGREED that the proposal to produce the Anti Social Behaviour Strategy on the same three-year cycle as the Community Safety Plan be endorsed and any comments on the draft Strategy be submitted by 9th December 2005.

98 Further Education Representation

A letter had been received from the Further Education representative, Geoff Harris, which sought clarification whether a Further Education representative was still required to attend the meetings of Safer Stockton Partnership.

AGREED that Mike Batty reply to Geoff Harris with details of the legislation to the composition of the Safer Stockton Partnership.

99 Neighbourhood Renewal Fund and Safer Stronger Communities Fund

Following the reprioritising exercise, which the Scanning and Challenge group had completed, which took account of the priority rankings previously agreed by the Partnership, and the indicative figure provided for Crime, the revised proposals for bids from the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund and Safer Stronger Communities Fund were provided at appendix A and B to the report.

AGREED that the proposals set out in appendix A and B in the report be approved.

100 Partnership Investment Plan

A copy of the draft Investment Plan for 2006/07 was provided. It was noted that confirmation had been received that the same amount of Basic Command Unit Monies would be received in 2006/07 as received in 2005/06. The draft Plan was based on the presumption that the same amount would be received through the Local Area Agreement arrangement as previously received under Building Safer Communities.

AGREED that the Partnership Investment Plan for 2006/07 be endorsed, subject to the possible need to revisit the proposals in relation to funds for the PPO Scheme and expenditure on drugs issues.

101 Restructuring Probation to Reduce Re-Offending

A copy of the Home Office Consultation paper - Restructuring Probation to Reduce Re-Offending was provided. A response was sought by 20th December 2005. A proposed draft was also provided. It was suggested that Mitch Egan, the Regional Offender Manager for the North East, be invited to the next meeting of the Partnership to discuss the points further.

AGREED that: -

1. The draft response be endorsed
2. Mitch Egan be invited to the January meeting of the Safer Stockton Partnership.

102 'Fit for the Future' – The Case for Tees Valley City Police – Presentation

Assistant Chief Constable Bonnard and Councillor David McLuckie were in attendance and provided a presentation on 'Fit for the Future' – The Case for Tees Valley City Police. The information provided included the options for restructuring which had been considered, the consultation which had been carried out and the preferred option of a Tees Valley City Region. Members were given the opportunity to comment and ask questions on the proposals.

103 Closing the Gap – Response

Consideration was given to a prospective response to the Home Office on Police restructuring and which was intended as a joint response on the part of the five Tees Valley Community Safety Partnerships. The response avoided commitment to any specific option, but sought to influence Home Office thinking on three issues significant to Community Safety Partnerships, irrespective of the final position reached on structure. At the time of the meeting, provisional support had been received from Hartlepool and Redcar and Cleveland.

AGREED that the draft response be endorsed by the Partnership and the Chairman and Vice Chairman be authorised to agree any amendments to the wording to accommodate late comments from other Partnerships.

104 National Community Safety Plan

A copy of the National Community Safety Plan 2006/09 was provided, which included the National Policing Plan 2006/09. The Plan had been produced with limited consultation, however the Plan detailed consultation which would take place over the next year and that this would inform the production of a revised version which would be published in a years time. A summary of the full plan was provided. The Partnership was asked to consider the information in the Plan.

AGREED that: -

1. Any comments on the Plan be sent to the Community Safety Team.
2. The Scanning and Challenge Group discuss the Plan and a report be prepared and sent to the Home Office and the Partnership's response.
3. The Plan be added to the Safer Stockton Website with a note that the Community Safety Team welcome comments on the Plan and a commitment that the comments will be considered as part of the overall response.

105 Needle Know How

Consideration of this item was deferred to a future meeting.

106 Violent Crime

The Partnership was informed that the document on Violent Crime, produced by Cleveland Police Authority, was waiting for approval. The report would be brought to the next meeting of the Partnership.

107 Cleveland Fire Brigade Safety Improvement Plan 2006/07

A presentation on Cleveland Fire Brigades Safety Improvement Plan 2006/07 was provided. Details were provided on the objectives, recent records, prevention and protection measures, the way forward and how resources will be maximised.

108 Communications

Details were provided on the press articles which had been published in response to press releases issued by members of the Partnership for the period 1st October to 17th November 2005.

AGREED that the information be noted.

109 Recorded Crime and Disorder Update

The Partnership was provided with details of the recorded crime figures for Stockton for April to October 2005 compared with the same period in previous year. Details were also provided on the North East Regional Crime Figures for the same period.

AGREED that the information be noted.

110 Reports Back

Children's Fund

It was reported that Tony Hodgson was now the Chairman for the Children's Fund.

Billingham Area Partnership Board

It was reported that a Sub Group had been set up to look at the Community Empowerment Network Fund as many organisations in the voluntary sector were concerned.

Safe In Tees Valley Management Committee

Details were provided on a seminar which had been arranged to be held on 24th January 2006 on Neighbourhood Policing and would bring together the four Partnerships.

Details were also provided on the purchase of two former prisons vans which would be used by Cleveland Police to enable the arrest and detention of up to six people at one time.

DIP Steering Group

It was reported that consideration had been given in recent meetings, to how the Drugs Intervention Service was provided. A special meeting of the DAT had been held and it was agreed to recommission the provision of the service for 2006/07