

## **Safer Stockton Partnership**

A meeting of the Safer Stockton Partnership was held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2006.

**Present:** Geoff Lee (Chairman) (Tristar Homes); Councillor Suzanne Fletcher (Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council), Councillor Cherrett (Western Area Partnership Board), Joanne Hodgkinson (Cleveland Police Authority), John Tough (Northern Area Board), David Brunskill, Gary Gameby (Stockton Police), Paul Green (Adult Protection), Marilyn Davies, Fiona Shayler, Graeme Small, Alison Stephenson, Tony Hodgson (Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council), Nancy Robson, Bernice Wilkinson (Victim Support), Julian Koze (Durham University), Mike Picknett (Cleveland Fire Service), John Bentley (Safe in Tees Valley), Councillor Womphrey (Police Authority Representative), Paul Noddings (Tristar Homes), Councillor Kirton (Cleveland Fire Authority Rep)

**Apologies for absence** were submitted on behalf of Councillor Coombs, Lucia Saiger, Jane Humphreys, Ian Garrett and Mike Batty.

### **143 Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2006 and the minutes of the SSP/DAT Integration Group held on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2006 were agreed as a correct record, subject to John Bentley being added to the attendance of the DAT/SSP Integration meeting.

### **144 Matters Arising**

#### Single Non Emergency Number

No further action to report. A meeting would be held later today and an update provided at the next meeting.

#### Specialist Domestic Violence Courts

A meeting was held yesterday regarding this matter. Hartlepool and Redcar & Cleveland Councils had agreed that My Sister's Place in Middlesbrough should take the lead. Victim Support were hoping to come on board with this and assist/support women in getting to court to give evidence.

### **145 Minutes of YOS Management Board**

The minutes of the YOS management Board of 16<sup>th</sup> May 2006 would be deferred to the next meeting.

#### **146 Action Notes from Scanning & Challenge Group**

Action notes from the Scanning and Challenge Group of 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2006 were noted by Members.

#### **147 Any Other Business**

##### Crime Reduction

On 13<sup>th</sup> July, two sessions of 'Beat the Bogey Man' would be provided at the Baptist Tabernacle in Stockton on Tees to bring awareness to young people.

##### 'We're Beating Crooks'

An article 'We're Beating Crooks' had been published in the Evening Gazette on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June. It was a success story regarding the reduction in crime and coincided with the SSP's publication of the annual report. Comments from Councillor Kirton and Marilyn Davies were reported.

##### Boat House Lane – Fire

There had been a recent fire at an unoccupied building on Boat House Lane. The owners had agreed to demolish the building subject to further checks regarding a bat colony at the building. The Fire Service planned a meeting with local businesses and Hostels in the Boat House Lane area regarding Fire Prevention.

#### **148 Neighbourhood Enforcement Service**

A presentation was provided on the Neighbourhood Enforcement Service. A number of statistics were provided on the action that the team had taken since it came into operation in April 2006. The team believed in positive action and were rewarding children within the area for being responsible i.e. Disposing of litter accordingly, with leisure vouchers. Twelve vouchers had been handed out so far.

Hand held electronic devices would be made available to Officers in the next few weeks to assist them with their duties whilst on the street and would enable them to access information and report incidents straight away, which would be a far more effective way of working.

Many positive comments were made regarding the team by the Police and Councillors, who felt that the introduction of the Neighbourhood Enforcement Service had made a big improvement to the locality.

AGREED that the update and comments be noted.

#### **149 Respect Update**

A summary of the proposals contained within the Respect Action Plan which was produced by the Government on 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2006, was provided to Members. The key actions proposed cut across a range of services and therefore different council services and partner agencies would have key roles in its implementation.

Discussion was held on the Dundee project and a 'Shelter' run project in Rochdale, which were both good examples. It was stated that we needed to ensure that the right provision was implemented for the area.

AGREED that the update be noted.

#### **150 Consultation Strategy 2007**

A paper was provided to Members to identify the preferred option for the main consultation process for the partnership. Previously the partnership had consulted widely every three years in the Crime and Disorder Audit delivered to every door in the borough. The Crime and Disorder Act review was now suggesting that the way in which we consult be moved to six monthly Strategic Assessments to form part of the proposed National Standards.

Members of the partnership discussed funding for the consultation process and whether the consultation process should be streamlined and occur on a more regular basis, possibly annually. Additional costs would be required for an Analyst post to review the data if Strategic Assessments took place every six months. Targeting specific groups and dedicating a page in the Stockton news on an annual basis was suggested. The Police and Fire Authority have a statutory duty to consult, therefore it was also suggested that some information could be shared. Marilyn Davies would

prepare a report on Consultation for a future meeting following the comments made. Financial commitment from both DAT and the Fire Authority would be sought.

AGREED that:-

1. A report on Consultation be provided at a future meeting.
2. Financial Support be sought from DAT and the Fire Authority.

### **151 Partnership Assessment and Delivery System (PADS)**

This issue was discussed at the Scanning and Challenge Group on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2006. There were 30 quality indicators submitted for Members information and it was suggested that Members meet prior to the meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> September to go through the indicators using the IML electronic voting equipment.

AGREED that the Partnership meet prior to the meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> September to go through the quality indicators.

### **152 Drugs Analyst Capacity**

Following a series of discussions with the DAT Reducing Supply Group, agreement in principle had been reached on the need for 2 Additional Analysts for drugs issues for at least a two year period. A funding package had been outlined for a full time Communities Analyst and approval by the DAT or DAT Adults Commissioning Group would be sought.

AGREED that the proposals as detailed in the report be supported.

### **153 Funding of Police Community Support Officers**

A meeting had been held on 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2006 to discuss funding of Police Community Support Officers (PCSO's).

A planning figure for the annual cost of a PCSO was agreed as £28K, and it was noted that the Home Office offer to Police Authorities, in pursuit of the Government's pledge to increase PCSO numbers nationally to 24,000 by March 2008, was as follows:

Year 1 (i.e. 2007/08) – 100% Home Office funding

Year 2 (i.e. 2008/07) – 75% Home Office funding

Year 3 (i.e. 2008/09) – 75% Home Office funding

Discussion had been held on various funding options for the remaining funding if 20 PCSO's were employed. There were no guarantees of sustainability beyond March 2009, but the Borough would get three years of benefit. Concerns over redundancy of PCSOs and associated costs following the three years of funding were expressed as there were no guarantees of any further funding being received.

A further meeting was due to be held with representatives from Community Safety Partnerships following this meeting.

AGREED that the update and comments be noted.

#### **154 Ezeelive Questionnaire Results**

During the summer of 2005 a series of events were organised for teenagers by the Children, Education and Social Care (CESC) service group within Stockton Council, in partnership with Zanzibar's night club, culminating in a further session on Sunday 1 October, to which the 'price' of admission was completion of a questionnaire. 800 questionnaires were completed, analysed by gender, activity and age, as set out for members information.

The questionnaire invited respondents to agree or disagree with a series of 67 propositions. 5 propositions were pertinent to the work of this partnership and were detailed to Members.

Youths were in favour of a Youth Café and the possibilities of this were being investigated and a report would go through the Cabinet/Council process for the provision of a Youth Café in Central Stockton.

AGREED that the report and comments be noted.

#### **155 Schedule of Planned Reports for 2006/07**

A schedule of planned reports was submitted for information purposes.

#### **156 Attendance List**

A chart indicating attendance at meetings of the Partnership Board from April 2005 to April 2006 was submitted for information.

#### **157 Annual Report on Anti Social Behaviour**

The annual report for the Anti Social Behaviour Team was submitted for information.

#### **158 Press Releases**

A list of press releases for the period April 2006 to end of May 2006 was submitted for information.

#### **159 Recorded Crime Update**

The reported crime figures for April 2006 in comparison to April 2005 were submitted for Members information.

#### **160 Implementation Findings from the CDA Review : Update on Progress (May 2006)**

The Home Office paper was provided to update stakeholders on recent progress made in the programme to implement the findings of the review of partnership provision of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

#### **161 Reports Back**

##### Childrens Fund

Problems had been reported with regard to performance of the St John's Partnership Junior and Youth Inclusion Project and a report would be made to the next meeting.

##### Northern Area Board

The Northern Area Board was looking at the local area agreements and all thematic groups, trying to identify gaps in service provision from Thematic Strategies. Billingham partnership Board could possibly deliver on gaps but funding may have to be sought from SSP.

Hartlepool Neighbourhood Policing Partnership

Hartlepool Neighbourhood Policing Partnership were undertaking a Fear of Crime Survey.