

## Safer Stockton Partnership

A meeting of the Safer Stockton Partnership was held on Tuesday 25th July 2006.

**Present:** Geoff Lee (Chairman) (Tristar Homes); Councillor Cherrett (Western Area Partnership Board), Joanne Hodgkinson (Cleveland Police Authority), Gary Gamesby (Stockton Police), Marilyn Davies, Sue Maddison, Mike Batty, Fiona Shayler, Alison Stephenson, Tony Hodgson (Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council), Nancy Robson (Victim Support), Steve McCarten (Cleveland Fire Service), Councillor Womphrey (Police Authority Representative), Rob Lowe (Queens Campus, Durham University), John Coxon (Government Office North East) and Tina Williams (Central Area Partnership Board).

**Apologies for absence** were submitted on behalf of Councillor Coombs, Mrs Fletcher, Kirton, Inspector Ian Garrett, Inspector Dave Brunskill, Mike Picknett, John Tough, Jane Humphreys, John Bentley and Lucia Saiger.

### 162 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2006 were agreed as a correct record.

### 163 Matters Arising

#### 101 Service

The 101 Service was currently being piloted by a number of authorities. No further information or updates on the service had been issued by the Government. A Seminar was due to be held by Safe in Tees Valley on the morning of 26<sup>th</sup> September on the 101 Service, any members wishing to attend needed to contact John Bentley.

#### Specialist Domestic Violence Courts

This matter was progressing. A bid has been submitted by My Sister's Place in Middlesbrough and an Inspection had taken place.

#### Consultation Strategy 2007

A full report would be brought to the meeting in September on this matter.

#### Drugs Analyst Capacity

Due a 13.5% reduction in their budget for this year DAT are not making a contribution towards the Drugs Analyst Post. A full scoping exercise would be required to

ascertain role and remit of future DAT analyst. A full time and one part time post would still be proceeded with by SSP.

#### Police Restructuring

A letter from the Home Office had been submitted for Members information with regard to an announcement by the Home Secretary on 19<sup>th</sup> June announcing that he does not intend to proceed with enforced Police mergers. The Home Secretary had therefore withdrawn the notice issued under Section 33 Police Act 1996 in respect of Northumbria, Durham and Cleveland.

#### **164 Community Safety Plan 2005-2008: Quarter 1 April – June 2006**

Members discussed the Target Monitoring Chart for the quarter 1 April – June 2006. Discussion was mainly held on the red and amber areas that had been highlighted for Members attention and Members were informed on what action was being taken to improve the performance for each of these areas.

The Annual Report for Community Safety had been published in Stockton News.

#### **165 YOS Performance January – March 2006**

Members were provided with a comprehensive report on the YOS Performance for period January to March 2006. The report addressed changes to the YOS Management Information provision and raised issues to be determined by the Safer Stockton Partnership. In April 2006 the new YOS Performance Framework came into effect and when reporting to partners, were now required to reflect a new 'basket of measures' approach.

Members held discussion on the amount of detail that they felt necessary for future reports of this nature and the new reporting timescales which were impacting on the ability to report soon after the end of the previous quarter. It was felt that overall performance and indicators should be reported, identification of 'red' areas, areas where there has been a negative change from 'green' to 'amber/red', preview of reasons for changes, highlight total reds from total targets and numericals to be used rather than percentages.

AGREED that:-

1. The Safer Stockton Partnership adopt the new YJB Performance Framework.
2. The level of detail and reporting as detailed above be agreed.
3. The new reporting timescales be noted.
4. Discussion take place at the YOS Management Board on how to use the framework most effectively for all partners, to include the arrangements for a greater level of performance management activity and resources therein.

#### **166 Minutes – Youth Offending Service Management Board**

The minutes of the Youth Offending Service Management Board held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2006 were submitted for Members information.

AGREED that the minutes be noted.

#### **167 Neighbourhood Policing Fund – The Chancellor’s Announcement**

A letter was submitted for information from the Chief Constable of Cleveland Police regarding the Chancellor’s budget statement which detailed allocated money to the Home Office with the aim to roll out neighbourhood policing and 16,000 additional Police Community Support Officers (PCSO’s) nationwide by April 2007.

There were two main issues as detailed at the previous meeting which were Gap Funding and Sustainability after the 3 years of funding.

The Chief Constables response to the Home Office was attached for information.

AGREED that the update be noted and further clarification of the Cleveland Police position be sought.

#### **168 Local Area Agreement/Neighbourhood Management Performance Framework**

The Annual Review by GONE had taken place concentrating on performance of Stockton Renaissance, delivery of Neighbourhood Renewal and the first year of the

LAA. In general, the assessment was positive, Safer Stockton Partnership received positive recommendation.

AGREED that the update be noted.

#### **169 Assessment of Policing and Community Safety**

A consultation paper from the Home Office on Assessments of Policing and Community Safety had been received. The Home Office was seeking to rationalise and improve its arrangements for measuring, assessing and managing performance in respect of crime, drugs and policing. Members held discussion on the framework and a reply would be drafted which the Chairman would be requested to endorse.

AGREED that a response be drafted and then endorsed by the Chairman.

#### **170 RESPECT Action Plan**

A letter had been received from the Government Co-ordinator with regard to the Respect Action Plan. Respect has a team of troubleshooters to ensure that effective action be taken to resolve difficult cases of anti social behaviour. The Respect Academy had been held on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2006 and Members of the Partnership had attended. Unfortunately, our attendance could not have been recorded appropriately therefore a letter would need to be sent to inform them of our presence.

AGREED that a letter be sent informing Respect of our attendance at the Respect Academy on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2006, to be signed by the Chairman.

#### **171 Communications**

A list of Press Releases for the period 1<sup>st</sup> June to 14<sup>th</sup> July 2006 was provided for Members information.

Members were informed of the Regional Drug Driving TV Campaign that was currently running and had been funded by DATs, Police and Road Safety Departments.

## **172 Recorded Crime Update**

Members were provided with the recorded crime figures for April – June 2006 and were compared with April – June 2005.

Tony Hodgson requested that the Criminal damage data be provided to him in age ranges. It was stated that this may prove difficult as many of the perpetrators were often unidentified. A sample would be able to be provided of those incidents where the perpetrators were known.

The Mori Poll 2006 would identify whether the reporting of criminal damage had increased. Mike Batty would look at the Policy for reporting criminal damage with Inspector Gary Gamesby.

## **173 Reports Back**

### Safe in Tees Valley Management Committee

Discussion was held on Neighbourhood Watch and the proposal to receive more value across Cleveland by introducing new ways of reporting incidents by texting/emailing etc.

### GONE

John Bentley had been nominated as a new member.