

Safer Stockton Partnership

A meeting of the Safer Stockton Partnership was held on Tuesday 12th September 2006.

Present: Geoff Lee (Chairman) (Tristar Homes); Councillor Cherrett (Western Area Partnership Board), Superintendent Dave Brunskill, Dave Hill (Cleveland Police) Joanne Hodgkinson (Cleveland Police Authority), Marilyn Davies, Sue Maddison, Mike Batty, Fiona Shayler, Jane Humphreys, Tony Hodgson (Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council), Rob Lowe (Queens Campus, Durham University), John Coxon (Government Office North East), Councillor Suzanne Fletcher and Paul Kirton (Stockton on Tees Borough Council), , John Bentley (Safe in Tees Valley), Matt Spencer (HMP Holme House).

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Coombs, John Tough and Ian Garrett.

173 Partnership Assessment and Delivery System - P.A.D.S

Following the meeting of this Partnership on 25th April, this matter was then discussed more fully by the Scanning and Challenge Group on 27th April. It had been suggested that the matter be fully considered at today's meeting, to enable this partnership to assess itself against the 30 indicators as detailed by the Home Office, using IML electronic voting equipment.

The partnership board members held discussion on each of the 30 Indicators and used the IML electronic voting equipment to answer in their own opinion whether there was either (a) A Gap Identified, (b) Working Towards, (c) Some Success, (d) Doing Well.

Agreed that the evidence gathered be noted, and the results be reported to the next meeting of this partnership.

174 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 25th July 2006 were agreed as a correct record.

175 Matters Arising

Assessments of Policing and Community Safety

Members were provided with a copy of a letter that Mike Batty had sent to Mr Derrick Norton at the Home Office with comments on the proposed assessment framework on behalf of the Safer Stockton Partnership.

Respect Action Plan

A copy of the Chairman's letter to the Government Co-ordinator for RESPECT outlining the Partnership's commitment to the RESPECT agenda was provided for Members' information. The letter highlighted that 14 representatives from Stockton had attended the Academy session on 13th June 2006 and that more places could have been utilised by Stockton if they had been available. This again demonstrated the importance and value to Members of the RESPECT agenda.

Criminal Damage Reporting

At the previous meeting a query had been raised about the Council's approach to reporting instances of criminal damage. There was no formal policy, and Council managers with responsibility for physical assets (mainly buildings) will use discretion and common sense on whether to report incidents as crimes. Insurance excesses, perceived likelihood of identifying offenders, and scale of damage were all factors that needed to be considered.

Previous analysis of local crime reporting rates derived from a comparison between the results of the British Crime Survey and the Council's 'MORI 2004' survey, showed that reporting rates for Stockton on Tees are significantly above the national norms.

176 Minutes of the YOS Management Board - 5 September 2006

These minutes will be submitted to the next meeting.

177 Sixth Annual General Meeting

Appointment of Chairman

AGREED that Geoff Lee be appointed Chairman for 2006/07.

Appointment of Vice Chairman

AGREED that Superintendent Dave Brunskill be appointed Vice Chairman for 2006/07

Representatives on Stockton Renaissance

AGREED that Superintendent Dave Brunskill and Mike Picknett be appointed as representatives of Stockton Renaissance for 2006/07.

Representatives on Safe in Tees Valley Management Committee

AGREED that Councillor Paul Kirton, Superintendent Dave Brunskill and Mike Batty be appointed as representatives on Safe in Tees Valley Management Committee for 2006/07.

Representative on Children's Fund Partnership Board

AGREED that the Manager, Stockton Youth Offending Service be appointed as a representative on the Children's Fund Partnership Board for 2006/07 and that this will be covered by Marilyn Davies until the Manager of the Youth Offending Service was appointed later in the year.

Representative on Billingham Regeneration Partnership

AGREED that following John Tough's resignation the representative nominated at their next meeting in October be appointed as the Representative on Billingham Regeneration Partnership for 2006/07.

Representative on Parkfield/Mill Lane Neighbourhood Management Board

AGREED that Chief Inspector Gary Gamesby be appointed as the Representative on Parkfield/Mill Lane Neighbourhood Management Board for 2006/07.

178 Stockton Youth Offending Service – Presentation

Members were provided with a presentation by Tony Hodgson, Manager, Stockton Youth Offending Service (YOS) on the work of the Stockton YOS. The Team was formed in September 1999 and the history together with a update of where the service was today was provided. The team had a collaborative relationship with the other Tees Valley Offending Services and the Tees Valley Intensive Supervision and Surveillance Programme.

Information was provided on the Model for Local Implementation, other Partners spend, total resources for 2006/07 and how this was made of from various funding streams, and staff roles within the Service. Various services were provided by the Team for Young Offenders such as the Tees Valley ISSP, Prevent and Deter Initiative, Resettlement and aftercare project, 'It's Going to work 2', YJB Keeping young people engaged project, Young People's Drug and Alcohol Service (STASH), DISC independent living project, Victim/Offender mediation project, CONTACT youth inclusion project. The Services are co-ordinated by the YOS Caseload Manager who ensures that we use the right services, delivering 'quality time' and increase 'protective factors'. An effective exit strategy is determined for the young person, which helps to build motivation.

Information was also provided on performance measuring and the YJB Framework and Local Authority Inspections.

AGREED that the presentation be noted and that Tony Hodgson be thanked for his commitment to Youth Offending in Stockton and wished well for the future in his new Post.

179 Consultation Strategy 2 – 2006

Members were provided with a further report following the meeting on 13th June where it was agreed that a report on Consultation be provided at a future meeting and financial support be sought from DAT and the Fire Authority (minute 150 refers). Members were provided with background information and 3 Options for consideration together with costings.

Members held discussion on ways in which a survey could be produced and distributed to lower costs. Reaching community groups by attending meetings, ward surgeries, police surgeries, Schools/Colleges, other partner organisations. Using

Stockton News to issue surveys to residents was another option discussed. Overall Members agreed that Option 3 was the preferred method but it required some further investigation.

AGREED that a further report be produced on variations around the theme of Option 3.

180 Independent Sexual Violence Advisors

Information was provided on an application for grant from the Home Office by the Women's Support Network for Independent Sexual Violence Advisors.

AGREED that the information be noted at this stage and a further update be provided.

181 Funding of Police Community Support Officers (PCSO's)

Further to the previous meeting on 25th July, 2006 (minute 167 refers) a further meeting was held between representatives of Cleveland Police Authority, Cleveland Police and Stockton Council representatives to agree a way forward for the authority.

Based on an average of 2 PCSOs per Ward (some Wards needing only one, others more than two), a further 30 PCSOs would be needed. In respect of the 'funding gap' over the next three years based on the Home Office standard offer, it had been suggested that Cleveland Police Authority would attempt to find half from its resources if the other half could be made available from 'Stockton sources'.

Further discussion suggested that half of Stockton Council's commitment could be met from regeneration funding streams.

On the basis that this represented exceptional value for money and would provide significant assistance to the roll-out of the Neighbourhood Policing model in our Borough.

The main element of risk would arise if the Home Office were to withdraw or substantially reduce the BSC allocation and/or the BCU Fund after 2007/08, in which case some hasty re-profiling would be necessary.

A further meeting of the Police Authority was to be held to determine the final contribution that they could make, Stockton Council would then be requested to fund the remainder of the amount required.

AGREED that the funding be agreed in principle and that a further report be brought to the next meeting.

182 RESPECT UPDATE

On 10th January 2006 the Government produced the Respect Action Plan. The action plan was visionary and little detail was known about implementation mechanisms or timescales for the actions. A summary of the proposals within the action plan was provided but this would be updated as more detail became known.

AGREED that the action plan and update be noted.

183 Communications

A list of Press Releases for the period 15th July to 25th August 2006 was provided for Members information.

184 Recorded Crime Update

Members were provided with a set of recorded crime figures for April – July 2006 compared with April – July 2005.

185 Reports Back

Safe in Tees Valley

Looking at re-inventing Neighbourhood Watch using an email and texting system. Hoping to build up membership initially looking at involving schools and Community Groups etc. Will provide members with updates on their area via email/texts.

Any other Business

Cleveland Criminal Justice Board

A facilitated meeting had been held between the two sets of partnerships and a report on the findings would be brought back to a future meeting.

GONE visit 6th October 2006

Stockton has been asked to host a visit by Stephen Cahill, Head of the Operation Team within the Police and Crime Standards Unit of the Home Office together with Judith Million, the new Home Office Regional Director of GONE to showcase good partnership working.