

Safer Stockton Partnership

A meeting of the Safer Stockton Partnership was held on Tuesday 24th April, 2007.

Present: Geoff Lee (Chairman) (Tristar Homes); Joanne Hodgkinson (Cleveland Police Authority), Marilyn Davies, Mike Batty, Sue Maddison, Jane Humphreys, Fiona Shayler (Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council), Joanne Gleeson (NPS – Teesside), Matt Spencer (HMP Holme House), Dave Brunskill (Stockton Police), Mike Picknett (Cleveland Fire Brigade), Sue Cash (North Tees PCT), Tina Wilson (Stockton Safer Area Partnership Board), John Bentley (Safe in Tees Valley).

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs Fletcher, Kirton, Mr Coombs, Ray Graham, Georgina Bailes.

256 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th March 2007 were agreed as a correct record.

257 Matters Arising

First Time Entrants into the Youth Justice System

In April 2006 the Youth Justice Board introduced new performance measures around First Time Entrants into the Youth Justice System. A young person becomes a 'First Time Entrant' (FTE) when they enter the criminal justice system at any possible stage, whether that be a police reprimand or an order for a more serious offence.

Members were provided with an update on action taken to tackle the target. The figures for 2006/07 were provided showing a successful 6% reduction for the borough. Early results had indicated that despite many effective preventative projects, the North East region overall appeared to have one of the worst rates for reducing FTE's in the country. It has been cited that the main reason for this was the conflicting agenda of reducing entrants into the system and the OBTJ (Offender, Brought to Justice) Strategy. It was felt that the targets given to different organisations needed to complement each other. It was requested that the issues be brought to the attention of Judith Million (GONE).

AGREED that the update be noted and that Mike Batty raise the issue with Judith Million (GONE).

Reduction of Crime

Members of the Partnership were congratulated by the Chairman for being within the top 10% for the PSI target to Reduce Crime further to the publication of Home Office figures. The Partnership had been identified as being a strong performer.

AGREED that the Partnership be congratulated on their achievement.

258 Quarter 4 Monitoring Report – Community Safety Plan

Members were provided with the performance monitoring report for the Community Safety Plan for 2006/07. 40 of the targets had been fully achieved, 1 had been partly achieved and 4 were not achieved. Detail on the 5 targets that were not fully achieved were provided.

Discussion was held on reducing criminal damage and Gary Gamesby would be putting an action plan together. It appeared that people were more willing to report criminal damage than in previous years.

Mike Picknett had produced an action plan to deal with reducing secondary deliberate fires, the performance figure had increased by 17.3% in Stockton on Tees. Monitoring of callers reporting deliberate fires would be taking place.

Discussion was held on ways to reduce fly tipping which was proving a problem for the authority, ways of encouraging people to take their waste to the incinerator needed to be investigated further. Figures on fly tipping to be provided at the next meeting.

AGREED that the report be noted and that figures on fly tipping be reported to the next meeting.

259 Quarter 4 Monitoring Report – Youth Justice Plan

A report was provided on the performance of Stockton Youth Offending Service for the period January – March 2007 in order to summarise performance against the 14 national performance measures.

8 of the performance measures had been met or exceeded the target, and areas for improvement were highlighted. Members were provided with information on the current caseload and at present there were 244 young people utilising the service.

Emphasis was placed on making sure that young people and parents were aware of all the services on offer to them, it was stated that the Children's Service Directory assisted with this and those having access to IT would be able to find appropriate services to meet their needs.

AGREED that the update be noted.

260 Quarter 4 Monitoring Report – Partnership Improvement Plan

The Partnership Improvement Plan was agreed by the partnership at its meeting on 5th December 2006 (minute no. 209 refers). It was agreed at that meeting to receive six monthly monitoring reports for the 18 month lifetime of the Plan.

Members were provided with the monitoring report for the first six months up to the end of March 2007.

It was requested that Partners include the link to the SSP website on their own website to encourage links.

Discussion was held on funding and partner contributions. Marilyn Davies stated that they would like to have a budget available for new initiatives from partner ideas that may arise during the year.

AGREED that the update be noted.

261 Schedule of Planned Reports 2007/08

As discussed at the previous meeting of the partnership Members were provided with an updated version of the Planned Reports for 2007/08. A number of further changes were suggested and a final version would be provided at the next meeting.

AGREED that the Schedule of Planned Reports be provided at the next meeting.

262 Annual Report 2006/07

Following the production of the Annual Report 2006/07 a condensed version would be placed in Stockton News.

AGREED that the update be noted.

263 Community Cohesion Strategy

Members were provided with the latest version of the Community Cohesion Strategy. It was reported that Helen Dean, Head of Policy and Performance, was looking for contributions from partners on the Strategy which was currently a working document. Any comments on the Strategy should be submitted to Helen.Dean@stockton.gov.uk. The DAT stated that they would like to have a representative on the Community Cohesion Board possibly from the prison service.

AGREED that any comments on the Community Cohesion Strategy be submitted to Helen.Dean@stockton.gov.uk .

264 CDRP Reform Programme

Members were provided with a letter from Gareth Hills (GONE) regarding the Crime and Disorder Act Review – Implementation in England.

AGREED that the content of the letter be noted.

265 Lyons Enquiry

Members were provided with information relating specifically to community safety as contained within the Lyons Inquiry report which was published in March. The report

was the result of a three year process of review looking at the financing, functions and structure of local government.

AGREED that the information be noted.

266 Attendance Analysis

Members were provided with the list of meetings and partner attendances for 2006/07. It was requested that Mike Batty write to those partners that have not attended or rarely attended to see if they want to stay on the distribution for this meeting.

AGREED that the information be noted and that Mike Batty write to those partners who have not or rarely attended meetings.

267 Communications Update

Members were provided with a list of press releases for the period 24th February to 13th April 2007.

AGREED that the press releases be noted.

268 Recorded Crime Update

Members were provided with the crime figures for April 2006 – March 2007 compared with April 2005 – March 2006.

AGREED that the update be noted.

269 Reports Back

A half day away to consider DIP/PPO alignment was being arranged for 7th June.
(Note: later rescheduled to 27 June)