

## **Safer Stockton Partnership**

A meeting of the Safer Stockton Partnership was held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2007.

**Present:** Jane Humphreys (Chairman) ; Councillor Lewis, Marilyn Davies, Sue Maddison, Dave King, Fiona Shayler (Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council), Darren Best, Andy Fox (Stockton Police), Bert Smailes (Billingham Partnership), A G Turner (Western Area Partnership), Sue Cash (PCT), David Dunn (GONE), Nancy Robson (Victim Support), Tina Williams Central Area Partnership Board (Community), Norman Wright (Cleveland Police Authority).

**Apologies for absence** were submitted on behalf of Councillor Nelson, Joanne Hodgkinson, Chris Coombs (Cleveland Police Authority), Matt Spencer (HMP Holme House), Joanne Gleeson (NPS – Teesside), John Bentley, Geoff Lee, Mike Batty.

### **286 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2007 were agreed as a correct record.

### **287 Matters Arising**

#### Funding

The Partnership Investment Plan has been sent to GONE but no response has been received as yet. David Dunn (GONE) would investigate and provide an update. Concerns were expressed by the DAT on the funding cuts that had been made within the LAA that impact across the DAT and SSP. A letter has been sent to GONE from the Chair of SSP.

### **288 Minutes of the YOS Management Board**

The minutes of the YOS Management Board held on 24<sup>th</sup> July were noted. Members were informed that the Youth Justice Plan was currently in print and would be circulated. The New YOS Manager had been appointed and would be in post from 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2007.

The IPES Scheme was subject to self assessment and feedback was awaited.

### **289 Action Notes of Scanning and Challenge Group**

The notes of the Scanning and Challenge Group held on 19<sup>th</sup> July were noted.

### **290 Community Cohesion Sub Group Minutes**

The minutes of the Community Cohesion Sub Group held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2007 were noted.

### **291 Any Other Business**

#### Stockton International Riverside Festival (SIRF)

Members discussed this years SIRF that had taken place over the last week.

Discussion was held on communities within the Parkfield ward becoming segregated due to many singular groups being held and it was felt that communities needed to

integrate with one another. Bradford was named as an area undertaking successful work integrating people and groups within BME Communities.

### **292 YOS Inspection and Joint Area Review (JAR)**

Members were provided with a copy of the briefing note that had been prepared for discussion at team meetings to ensure that staff working in services for children and young people were aware of the key aspects of the inspection activity. The JAR was an inspection of how well services in an area work together to improve outcomes for children and young people. This would include, council services, health services, police, probation and publicly funded services provided by the voluntary sector. All areas nationally were subject to a JAR in a three year programme which started in September 2005.

The JAR inspection team was multi disciplinary and the inspectors would be onsite in Stockton during the weeks commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> December 2007 to conduct the fieldwork inspection. Lots of preparation work for the inspection was taking place and it was anticipated that CAMS and the Teenage Pregnancy Unit would be under the spotlight.

Concluded that the report be noted.

### **293 Community Safety Plan 2005-2008**

Members were provided with the latest target monitoring chart for 2007/08. The issues that were highlighted as red areas were as follows:-

- Total Crime – ranked 98 out of 371 at present, a drop in performance of 7 places since February.
- Motor Salvage Operators – Inspections to take place throughout the remainder of the year
- Criminal Damage – A criminal damage multi agency action plan is in place however resources were limited. A funding bid has been submitted to GONE.
- Fixed Penalty Notices for Dog Fouling and Litter – unlikely to reach this target
- Provision of Drugs in the Workplace training – Training being undertaken by Middlesbrough DAT for whole of Tees Valley, should enable figures to improve in later quarters.
- Reduction in the number of positive drugs tests on charge – target changed through year. Need to look at how this was monitored/recorded for the next year. Agreed that we would work to a target to increase on this years figure but would not set a % reduction for what remains of the year.
- Violence in the night time economy – Analysis tells us that the increase was in common assaults and harassment.
- Secondary deliberate fires – Arson audits being undertaken in Criminal Damage hot spots.

AGREED that the report and comments be noted.

### **294 Community Safety Plan Monitoring Exception Report**

There were 48 targets in the Community Safety Plan for 2007/08. 29 targets were fully achieved (green), 7 were partly achieved (amber), 10 were not achieved (red) and two of the targets were annual ones and had not been calculated as yet. Many of the red/amber targets are mentioned in the above item.

AGREED that the report be noted.

### **295 Stockton Youth Offending Service Performance – April – June 2007**

Members were provided with a report on the performance of Stockton YOS during the period April – June 2007 in order to summarise performance against the 12 national performance measures.

Targets in the following areas have been reached or exceeded:-

- Final Warnings
- Use of Secure Estate Use of Restorative Processes and Victim Satisfaction
- DT Planning
- Accommodation
- Substance Misuse

Areas for improvement were:-

- First Time Entrants
- Parenting
- Education, Training and Employment

Full details on the performance measures were provided.

AGREED that the update be noted.

### **296 Partnership Investment Plan**

Members discussed the PIP and the alterations required following the 14% in year cut in the Safer Stronger Cleaner element of the Local Area Agreement. The amended PIP was detailed to Members and it had now been submitted to GONE.

AGREED that the PIP be noted.

### **297 Consultation Strategy 4 2007**

The Partnership agreed at its meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2007 that 78,000 copies of the Tackling Crime and Disorder Audit would be delivered to every door in the Borough commencing the first week in August.

On 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2006 members agreed that we would aim to achieve at least 4,000 responses to the consultation and that each partner would be given a target response rate, which was detailed. It was also agreed that we would focus on hard to reach groups and areas.

It was stated that copies would be available in Cafes, Hairdressers, Dental and Doctor's surgeries. Visits to supermarkets to promote and encourage people to complete the questionnaire would take place. As the information was received monitoring of postcodes would take place, to ensure areas with a low response rate were targeted.

A copy of the Tackling Crime and Disorder Audit booklet was handed around at the meeting for Members information.

Members discussed drug dealing and eliminating the big dealers in the area. Information was requested on what happened to seized monies from drug dealing and whether it could be re-invested back into the community. Stockton Police would raise at the next Drugs Alliance Group meeting. Further information would be provided at the next meeting.

AGREED that the report be noted and that Members endeavour to receive as a high a response rate as possible.

### **298 Cleveland Police Action Plan Monitoring Report**

The purpose of the report was to maximise the opportunities to prevent and detect occurrences of 'other theft' within Stockton District. Following the production of the action plan it was decided to concentrate on shoplifting, theft of metals, wheelie bin thefts.

AGREED that the update be noted.

### **299 Crime and Disorder Act Review Regulations**

A number of regulations came into force from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2007 under the review of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. A summary of the regulations was as follows:-

Functions in respect of the formulation and implementation of a strategy:

- a) Each area must have a Strategy Group whose functions were to:  
Prepare strategic assessments and prepare and implement a Partnership Plan;
- b) A person from each Responsible Authority and the elected member for Community Safety must be part of the group;
- c) The group must have arrangements in place for the election of a chair, period of tenure and ground in which they can be removed;
- d) The Group must meet from time to time throughout the year;
- e) Strategy Group meetings could be attended by people representing cooperating bodies and others;
- f) The Group should consider yearly whether they have the required skills and knowledge to exercise their functions;
- g) The group would have in place arrangements governing the expenditure of partnership monies and have a robust evaluation process for operational activity;

Clearly the Safer Stockton Partnership complied with these requirements and could therefore be acknowledged as the Strategy Group.

Information Sharing:

The Strategy Group should have in place arrangements for sharing information between responsible authorities and should have a protocol setting out these arrangements in line with section 17A and 115 of the 1998 Crime and Disorder Act for the purpose of formulating and implementing a strategic assessment and the partnership plan.

Each responsible authority shall comply and must nominate a person within that authority to facilitate the sharing of information within the protocol.

The current information sharing protocol between the Council and the Police is under review by the Police Standards Unit who were proposing bespoke protocols for different functions i.e. a protocol for housing, one for prostitution etc. The Joint Strategy Unit had a number of protocols in place with a range of partners on behalf of all of the Tees Valley CDRP's.

It remains for each responsible partner to nominate a person within his or her authority to facilitate the sharing of information. The Community Safety Team would write to each representative from responsible partners to ask for this nomination.

The information to be shared was specified. Currently we could meet the requirement for council, police and fire information but cannot comply with Primary Care Trust and Public Health requirements. These should include the date of admission and were listed below:

- a) Assault
- b) Mental and behavioural disorders as a result of psychoactive substance use
- c) Toxic effect of alcohol
- d) Other entries where there is evidence of alcohol involvement determined by blood alcohol level as classified in accordance with the International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision (ICD-10) WHO.
- e) Incidents of domestic abuse
- f) Mental illness outpatient first time attendances
- g) Persons receiving drug treatment
- h) Time and date of ambulance calls for assistance relating to crime and disorder incidents and the category of the incident as defined by the authority.

Strategic Assessments:

During each year the Strategy Group must produce a Strategic Assessment on behalf of the responsible authorities.

The purpose of the Strategic Assessment was to assist the Strategy Group to produce a Partnership Plan.

We should consider:

- Information provided by responsible authorities;
- Information provided by cooperating persons and bodies;
- Information provided by participating persons and bodies;
- Information provided by the Crime and Disorder committee for the area;
- The Partnership Plan for the year;
- Any other information relating to crime and disorder and substance misuse.

The Strategic Assessment should include:

- An analysis of the levels and patterns of crime and disorder and substance misuse in the area;

- Analysis of the changes in the levels patterns since the previous strategic assessment and why they have occurred;
- Matters which we should prioritise
- Priorities identified by the public
- Evaluation of the previous years plan

Partnership Plans:

The Strategy Group should prepare a Partnership Plan for the area that would be revised yearly having taken into account the Strategic Assessment. The Partnership Plan shall set out:

- A strategy for the reduction of crime and disorder and substance misuse in the three year period;
- The priorities identified in the Strategic Assessment;
- The steps considered necessary for the responsible authorities to implement the strategy and meet the priorities;
- How responsible authorities should allocate and deploy their resources to implement the strategy and meet the priorities;
- Evaluation and monitoring processes
- Steps to be taken to consult the public as specified in section 12 and publication of a summary of the Plan that will be brought to the attention of as many people in the area as possible.

Registered Social Landlords and the Environment Agency should be invited to participate in this exercise.

Members were asked to consider their nomination for the contact for Information Sharing. The Community Safety Team will write to each responsible authority member asking for this information.

Further progress reports will be brought to future meetings to inform on progress on outstanding matters.

AGREED that the report be noted and progress reports be brought to future meetings.

### **300 Communications**

Members were provided with a list of press releases for the period 16<sup>th</sup> June to 20<sup>th</sup> July 2007.

AGREED that the list be noted.

### **301 Recorded Crime and Disorder Update – June 2007**

Members were provided with the recorded crime figures for April 2007 – June 2007 compared with April 2006 – June 2006.

AGREED that the update be noted.

### **302 National Crime Statistics**

Members were provided with a summary of the findings in the National Crime Statistics that were published on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2007.

AGREED that the summary be noted.

### **303 Cutting Crime – A New Partnership 2008-11**

Members were informed of the Home Office's new crime strategy under the title Cutting Crime – A new Partnership 2008-11, this was released on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2007.

The Strategy draws attention to the successes in the last 10 years and how these could be built on to address new challenges.

A number of the issues and responses were highlighted to Members.

AGREED that the report be noted.

### **304 Reports Back**

#### Children's Fund

The Children's Fund will continue beyond 2008 for the next 3 years.

#### Renaissance

Looking at a 10 year Strategy.

#### Area Partnership Boards

Stockton Borough Council considering funding from NRF.

#### Safer in Tees Valley

No Meeting

#### DIP/PPO Strategy

Terms of Reference had been drafted but no meeting had been held yet.

#### Victim Support

Awarded enhanced services with victim care unit to commence Feb 2008.

#### Counter Terrorism

A further presentation would be held at Police HQ on 13<sup>th</sup> August at 10.00am.

#### DAT

The NTA and DCES (newly named DFES) drugs treatment for under 18's programme would be taken forward.