

PARTNERSHIP STRUCTURES

1. In the context of our new Community Safety Plan it may be valuable to take stock of our working arrangements for each of the six key priorities in the Plan, as listed below:

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Lead</u>	<u>Deputy</u>
(a) Reduce ASB	Marilyn Davies	Insp. Andy Fox
(b) Reduce Drug Related Offending	Emma Champley	DCI Derek Carter
(c) Reduce Violent Crime	CI Gary Gamesby	Marilyn Davies
(d) Reduce Criminal Damage	Insp. Andy Fox	Gary Collins
(e) Diverting Young People from Offending	Miriam Robertson	Gary Collins
(f) Reducing Other Theft	DCI Derek Carter	Jeff Evans

2. ASB

Our key structures for reducing ASB are

- (a) the four monthly Joint Action Group (JAG) meetings, covering:-

- (i) Billingham
- (ii) Parkfield / Mill Lane
- (iii) rest of Stockton
- (iv) Thornaby, Ingleby Barwick & Yarm, and

- (b) monthly Problem Solving Group (PSG) meetings, dealing in more detail with the most serious individual cases, especially when we are contemplating applying for an ASBO, CRASBO, or other court sanction.

The JAGs are chaired by Police Operations Inspectors for the areas concerned, except for Parkfield / Mill Lane chaired by the Neighbourhood Manager. The PSG is chaired by the Council's Community Safety Manager (Marilyn Davies).

There is a formal ASB Strategy for the Borough (new version for consideration on the agenda for this meeting).

3. Drug Related Offending

We continue our long standing policy of working via the DAT structures, with two groups being especially relevant:-

- (a) DAT Reducing Supply Group (monthly, chaired by DI Dave Turnbull)
- (b) DIP/PPO Strategy Group (every 2 months, chairing under review, last meeting chaired by Mike Batty, the designated vice-chair).

Emma Champley and Derek Carter will attend the 'Cleveland Alliance' sub-regional Reducing Supply group on behalf of Stockton.

4. Violent Crime

Again, there are two key structures:

- (a) Domestic Violence Strategy Group (meets every 2 months, currently chaired by Mike Batty, vice-chair is Khalid Azam from Children, Education & Social Care). There is a formal Domestic Violence Strategy for the Borough (now due for updating).
- (b) Violence Reduction Group (VRG) dealing with all other forms of violence. The VRG is chaired by Geoff Lee, meeting every 6 weeks, and aims to hold a joint meeting with Hartlepool VRG every six months. A task group has been set up, feeding into the VRG, to co-ordinate activity on Directions to Leave.

5. Criminal Damage

The Criminal Damage Think Tank, chaired by Chief Inspector for Neighbourhoods (Ted Allen) is scheduled to meet on a quarterly basis. There is a formal Criminal Damage Action Plan, revised in January 2008.

6. Diverting Young People from Offending

The key group for this purpose is the YOS Management Board, chaired by Mike Batty, which meets quarterly. This agenda also has substantial overlap with the ASB agenda, as outlined at paragraph 2 above. There is an annual Youth Justice Plan for the Borough, which extends across the preventions agenda and dealing with young people who have entered the youth justice system. The Plan is due for updating by the end of June.

7. Other Theft

DCI Derek Carter chairs a monthly meeting which includes in its remit the Safer Shopping Initiative in Stockton Town Centre, to be rolled out to the other retail centres across the Borough. In addition the Council's Neighbourhood Enforcement Service and ASB Volume Crime Coordinator attend police daily briefings and the fortnightly Tasking and Co-ordination Group. Progress has been made on the issue of theft of wheelie bins via simple bilateral discussions.