

## Tenth Anniversary

1. The Safer Stockton Partnership held its first meeting in June or July 1998.
2. The earliest set of agenda papers located to date is for the meeting of 15 December 1998, which includes the minutes of the meeting of 27 October 1998, which in turn refers to the meeting of 8 September 1998. Extracts are attached as Appendix A.
3. There have been major changes over the last 10 years in respect of Community Safety in Stockton-on-Tees. Some of the most obvious are
  - (a) a reduction of 65.9% in the number of dwelling burglaries between 1997 and 2007/08, and a reduction of 71.5% in the rate of dwelling burglary (per thousand households) – the second figure is higher because we have significantly more households.
  - (b) a reduction of 63.5% in the number of violent crimes between 1997 and 2007/08 (despite the introduction of the new offence of vehicle interference), and a reduction of 65.8% in the rate of vehicle crime (per thousand population),– the second figure is higher because we now have a significantly larger population.
  - (c) Stockton has moved from third best of the five Tees Valley authorities to best of five, in terms of overall crime rate, overtaking Darlington and Redcar & Cleveland.
4. In order to celebrate these achievements, a birthday cake has been prepared and some former members of the Partnership have been invited to join us at 11.45 a.m.