

## SAFER STOCKTON PARTNERSHIP

TUESDAY 15TH DECEMBER 1998 AT 10.00AM  
STOCKTON POLICE STATION, THISTLE GREEN,  
STOCKTON-ON-TEES

### AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of the meeting held on 27th October 1998 (Attached).
3. Matters Arising.
4. Partnership Aims.
5. Government Guidance document - update/new inserts.
6. Statutory instrument 1998 No.2452
  - a) Composition of partnership
  - b) Consultees
7. Home Office Circular - Domestic Violence.
8. Responses to consultation and selection of primary objectives.
9. SBC Community Plan.
10. Logo/identity.
11. The Government's Crime Reduction Programme: Anti-Burglary Initiative.
12. Information Exchange Protocol - SBC and Police.
13. Any Other Business.
14. Date and time of next meeting - Tuesday 2nd February 1999 at 10.00am

Distribution:

Councillor B Woodhouse  
Councillor W Noble  
Chief Executive  
Director of Environmental Services  
Community Safety Officer  
Director of Legal & Administration Services  
Chief Superintendent Lee  
Superintendent Rowland  
Superintendent Wilson  
Sue Cash - Tees Health Authority  
Mr P Kane - Cleveland Police Authority  
~~Councillor Mrs Slater - Cleveland Police Authority~~  
Councillor Mrs S Fletcher - Cleveland Police Authority  
Mr B Wood - Cleveland Fire Brigade  
Mr B Waller - Cleveland Fire Brigade  
Mr P Hadfield - Teesside Probation Services

### Safer Stockton Partnership

A meeting of the Safer Stockton Partnership was held on Tuesday, 27th October 1998.

**Present:** Chief Superintendent Lee (Chairman), Councillor Noble, Councillor Woodhouse, M. Batty, Mrs. S. McDonald (Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council); Superintendent Rowland (Cleveland Police). P. Hadfield (Teesside Probation Service), B. Waller and B. Wood (Cleveland Fire Brigade) and J. Slater (Cleveland Police Authority).

**Apologies for absence** were submitted on behalf of S. Cash (Tees Health); G. Garlick (Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council) and P. Wilson (Cleveland Police).

**15 Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8th September 1998 were agreed as a true record.

**16 Matters Arising**

Identity

It was reported that details relating to logos and letterhead for use by this Partnership would be reported to the next meeting.

Consultation on the Community Safety Audits - Funding

An update was provided on the progress which had been made with regard to securing commitment, from the agencies involved in the Partnership, towards the cost of the consultation process. Tees Health had indicated that they were not yet able to make a firm commitment due to a review which was being carried out. Members of the partnership expressed concern over the lack of commitment and felt this concern should be expressed appropriately to Tees Health.

Agreed that the Chairman of the Safer Stockton Partnership write to the Chief Executive of Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council to express the concerns of the Partnership and request that he formally speak to Tees Health to gain a more committed response towards the costs of the consultation process.

**17 Roles of Partners**

Details were provided by representatives on the Partnership, on the roles of their agencies. The aim of this was to allow the Partners to understand the roles of the other agencies involved in the Partnership. Written papers were submitted by Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council, Cleveland Police and the Health Authority. A verbal report was provided by the Probation Service and the report from Cleveland Fire Brigade would be circulated to Members prior to the next meeting.

**18 Composition of Partnership**

Members were provided with an update on the statutory partners which were required to be involved in the Partnership. The Home Office had a reserve power to appoint other agencies to the Partnership and had indicated that an announcement would be made around November 1998. The Partnership did however have discretion to invite other agencies onto the Partnership. Detailed discussion was given to whether or not it was appropriate at this time to invite other agencies to be represented on the Partnership.

Agreed that the membership of Safer Stockton Partnership should not be expanded at the present time until information is received from the Home Office.

**19 Aims of the Partnership**

Members were reminded that a report had been considered at the last meeting on the proposed aims of the Partnership. These aims had been discussed in detail and the proposals and suggestions made were noted. The aims had now been amended and would be circulated to all Members of the Partnership for their comments.

**20 Consultation Process**

An update was provided on the consultation process which had been agreed at the last meeting, for the Community Safety Audit. Members were provided with a copy of the Stockton News which had been circulated throughout the Borough. Details were also provided on further issues which had arisen in relation to the consultation process including the production of a summarised tape version for blind people, the inclusion of prison governors to the list of consultees and the coverage of mental health interests via the JCC. A brief outline was also provided on the early responses which had been received prior to the meeting, however a more detailed report would be provided at the next meeting.

Agreed that the thanks and appreciation of the Safer Stockton Partnership be passed on to Mike Batty, Ian Birch and the Council's Public Relations Office for the production of the document.

**21 Selection of Primary Objectives for the Community Safety Plan**

A report was considered which detailed how the Partnership might approach the selection of its primary objectives. It was not intended to make any decisions until the outcome of the consultation process was known.

General points were raised for discussion on performance measurement, annual action plans, the timetable for setting the objectives and the actual potential primary objectives. These included all crime rates, specific crime categories, defined geographical areas and drugs.

**22 Presentation by John Tench (Audit Commission) - Notes**

Members received details of a presentation by John Tench (Audit Commission) to the Northumbria Community Safety Strategy Annual Conference held on 9 October 1998.

**23 Child Curfew Schemes**

Members received a copy of a report which had been considered by the Corporate Management Team of Stockton Borough Council which detailed the Child Curfew Schemes. An update was also provided on the position of employing a Youth Offending Team Manager.

**24 Future Agendas**

The Chairman of the Safe Stockton Partnership invited the other Partners to submit any items which they felt should be considered by the Partnership to future agendas. He also felt that it would be appropriate to provide, to each meeting, an update on the work of the Stockton Renaissance Board as this could reflect on the aims of the Safer Stockton Partnership.

**Agreed that:-**

1. Any Partners wishing to submit items for future meetings should forward these to the Chairman.
2. An update from Stockton Renaissance Board be provided to future meetings of the Partnership Board.

**25 Any other Business**

**Letter from Teesside Probation Service**

The Partnership were provided with details of a letter which had been received from the Treasurer of Teesside Probation Service. The letter detailed the funding arrangements at the moment of the Probation Service and that they could not yet make a binding long term commitment to the Youth Offending Team and were taking national advice on the issue.

**26 Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Partnership will be held on Tuesday, 15th December 1998 at 10.00a.m. at Stockton Police Station.