

Safer Stockton Partnership

A meeting of Safer Stockton Partnership was held on Tuesday, 11th May, 2010.

Present: Geoff Lee (Chairman - Tristar Homes Ltd.), Cllr Jim Beall, Cllr Steve Nelson, Mike Batty, Jane Humphreys, Paul Dobson, (Stockton Borough Council), Lucia Saiger (Durham Tees Valley Probation Trust), Jeff Evans (DTV Probation), John Bentley (Safe in Tees Valley), Ian Garrett (Eastern Area Partnership Board), K Campbell (CCJB), Ruth Hill (NHS Stockton/SBC), Glenis Sanderson (Victim Support), Gary Gamesby (Stockton Police), Darren Best (Cleveland Police), Chris Coombs (Cleveland Police Authority), Sam Gibbons (Junior Neighbourhood Watch), Emma Champley, Jo Heaney (Stockton DAAT), Jim Willoughby (Holme House Prison), Geoff Turner (Western Area Partnership Board), Allison Agius (Catalyst), Tina Williams (Central Area Partnership Board).

Officers: Marilyn Davies, Fiona Shayler (Stockton Borough Council)

Also in attendance: John Coxon, David Dunn (Government Office North East)

Apologies: were submitted on behalf of Miriam Robertson, Jo Moore, Julie Nixon, Shaun McLurg, Mike Batty, Joanne Hodgkinson.

1 Draft Minutes - 23rd March 2010

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 23rd March 2010, were agreed as a correct record.

2 Matters Arising (a) Fire Brigade Presentation (No. 6 refers)

Members were informed that the Fire Brigade Presentation would be presented in July.

Members were informed that the 'Hallmarks' survey would be distributed in the next two weeks and partners were encouraged to complete it.

3 Minutes of YOS Management Board 27 April 2010

The minutes of the YOS Management Board of 27th April were agreed as a correct record.

4 Minutes of Safeguarding Adults Committee 18 March 2010

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) would be writing to partnership organisations to assess how the department was performing. A briefing note would be distributed to the partnership organisations. It was stated that there would be 3 to 5 case files that the CQC would follow through and meet with the individuals involved.

AGREED that the minutes of the Safeguarding Adults Committee of 18th March 2010 be approved.

5 Action Notes from Scanning & Challenge Group 23 April 2010

AGREED that the action notes from the Scanning and Challenge Group 23 April 2010.

6 Any other Business

Members raised the matter of the paper on proposed budget cuts from the CLG. It was felt that the figures did not add up. The representative from GONE stated that they would find out further information on this matter.

7 Home Office update

There would be no update at this meeting as the Home Office were still in Purdah following the election.

8 Recorded Crime & Disorder

Members were provided with the recorded crime figures, anti social behaviour codes and Most Serious Violence figures for April 2009 to March 2010 compared with April 2008 to March 2009.

It was stated that the figures were excellent for 2009/10 with particularly low figures at Christmas which it was thought could be due to the weather being so bad.

The DAAT had produced a leaflet on and this had been given to the Police to hand out when dealing with drug related crime in public houses etc. It was suggested that these leaflets be delivered to houses in areas where there had been drug related crimes. It was suggested that Tristar Homes may be able to assist with the delivery of these leaflets. It was suggested that the leaflets could be delivered when public house operations had taken place, to provide reassurance to the public. It was also suggested that Junior Neighbourhood Watch may be able to get involved by producing posters etc.

Discussion was held on the figures for hoax calls to emergency services. This matter was currently being investigated and if any more than 3 hoax calls had been made from a mobile number they were able to get the phone disconnected.

AGREED that the report and comments be noted.

9 Community Safety Plan Q4

There were a total of 44 targets in the Community Safety Plan for 2008/11. 28 of the targets were on target to achieve (green), four were slightly below expected performance (amber), and seven targets were red and five were not due an update in this quarter.

AGREED that the report be noted.

10 Reducing Reoffending Action Plan Q4

There were a total of 30 targets in the Reducing Re-offending Action Plan. 25 of the targets are on target to achieve (green), two amber targets, with two red and the remaining target not due an update.

The amber and red targets were addressed within the report in more detail.

Discussion was held on offenders gaining suitable accommodation once leaving prison. It was stated that Holme House was looking to employ an Officer to work alongside prisoners that were due for release to ensure that they had appropriate housing, benefits, employment etc. in place prior to leaving prison. NOMS would be looking at some of these issues in more detail. It was also stated that Pertemps, an employment agency, was working with offenders to gain possible employment.

AGREED that the report be noted.

11 Spend against Partnership Investment Plan

Members were provided with the spend against the Partnership Investment Plan for 2009/10.

AGREED that the information provided be noted.

12 Alcohol Strategy Action Plan 1st monitoring report

Members were provided with the Alcohol Strategy Action Plan.

Members were informed that a provider for the Brief Interventions Programme will be commissioned for the next 3 years.

It was stated that the service was looking at a range of ways to divert monies into the area of prevention. It was suggested that BALANCE would be invited to the next meeting to provide more detailed information to Members.

AGREED that the monitoring report be noted.

13 YCAP 2009/10 Performance

Members were provided with the Youth Crime Action Plan for 2009/10.

It was reported that the following events/work took place:-

- 278 street based sessions in 14 neighbourhoods were delivered
- 3,140 young people were engaged
- a beat the boredom event was hosted by TFM and held at the Arc
- Operation Halloween which engaged young people on 30/31st October
- After school patrols
- 382 sessions of reparation carried out from 1st April 2009 in which 57 young people took part who were subject to court orders
- Operation Stay Safe
- Family Intervention Project

It was felt that lots of productive partnership working had been taking place. The service was funded until March 2011. It was suggested that it may be appropriate for the Children and Young People Select Committee to receive a presentation for their review of Youth Provision.

AGREED that the presentation be noted.

14 Strengthening Minimum Standards for ASB

It was reported that there was a well developed procedure for dealing with anti social behaviour, it was updated regularly to encompass new guidance and processes. Each partner agency involved in dealing with anti social behaviour had signed up to follow the procedure and their named representative had a copy of the document.

Members may recall a report was brought to the meeting on 15th December entitled 'ASB and Hate Crime Minimum Standards' this was followed by a paper to the March 23rd meeting providing a summary of how compliance to the Governments proposed minimum standards for ASB was met. Since then a number of letters, standards and guidance documents had been issued, this report provides a summary of these documents and a draft of the update of the ASB Self Assessment Tool first completed as a pilot in December 2008.

Discussion was held on the risk assessment framework around vulnerable adults. It was also stated by GONE that a review of Social Tenancies was taking place.

All comments were requested to be submitted to Marilyn Davies. Geoff Lee would look into the Tristar Homes side of the report and provide comments.

AGREED that the report be noted and that any further comments be submitted to Marilyn Davies.

15 Planned Reports 2010/11

Members were provided with the draft schedule of planned reports for 2010/11 - in effect, a work programme for the Partnership - which had been populated with reports and other items which were already evident, this was the latest version that took into account comments made at the last meeting.

AGREED that the work programme for 2010/11 be endorsed.

16 IOM Letter

Members were provided with a copy of a letter from the Home Office on the Integrated Offender Management (IOM) – Key Principles Guidance.

AGREED that the letter be noted for information purposes.

17 Counter Terrorism

Members were informed that funding had been allocated for Counter Terrorism and that bids had been submitted.

AGREED that the update be noted.

18 Communications

Members were provided with the list of press releases from SSP for the period of the 11th March 2010 - 26 April 2010 Copies of the full articles were available from the Community Safety Team.

AGREED that the list of press releases be noted.

19 Reports Back

(a) Renaissance

(b) DAAT Groups - Adults Commissioning

- Young Peoples Commissioning

- Reducing Supply Group

- Offender Management Group

(c) Area Partnership Boards

(d) Children's Fund

(e) Parkfield / Mill Lane Neighbourhood Management Board

None