

Safer Stockton Partnership

A meeting of Safer Stockton Partnership was held on Tuesday, 9th November, 2010.

Present: Jane Humphreys (In the Chair), Cllr Jim Beall, Cllr Steve Nelson, Mike Batty, Richard McGuckin, Paul Green, Richard Poundford (SBC), Bert Smailes (Northern Area Partnership Board), Ian Garrett (Eastern Area Partnership Board), Mick Williams, Rob Donaghy (Police), Ruth Hill (SBC/PCT), Jim Willoughby (Holme House), Sam Gibbons (Junior Neighbourhood Watch), Jeff Evans (Probation), Chris Coombs, Sarah Wilson (Cleveland Police Authority), John Bentley (Safe in Tees Valley), Glennis Sanderson (Victim Support), Miriam Robertson (YOS).

Officers: Marilyn Davies, Paul Leonard, Graeme Small (DNS); Fiona McKie (LD)

Also in attendance:

Apologies: were submitted on behalf of Alison Agius, Julie Nixon, Lucia Saiger, Will Fletcher, Geoff Lee.

1 Minutes of Previous Meeting - 28th September, 2010

The minutes of the meeting held on 28th September 2010 were agreed as a correct record.

2 Matters Arising

(a) Reply from Home Office re GONE (No.3(b)refers)

(b) Domestic Violence Awayday (No.3(d) refers)

(c) Fire Brigade Presentation (No.8 refers)

(d) Further analysis of numbers leaving treatment drug free (No.12 refers)

(a) Members were provided with a copy of a letter received from the Government Office Network regarding GONE and stated that over the coming weeks discussions would be held with Trade Unions and others to agree arrangements for potential transfer of any ongoing functions and possible redeployment of staff.

(b) A provisional date of 14th January 2011 had been arranged.

(c) Information had been distributed to Members.

(d) A performance report would be presented at the next meeting.

3 Minutes of Safeguarding Adults Committee 16 September 2010

The minutes of the Safeguarding Adults Committee of 16th September 2010 were noted for information purposes.

4 Action Notes from Scanning & Challenge Group 13 October 2010

The action notes from the Scanning and Challenge Group on 13th October 2010 were noted for information purposes.

5 Any other business - identification only

(a) Update on Bonfire Night - Members requested an update at a future meeting.

(b) Minimum Pricing

Ruth Hill requested that Members give further consideration to this matter and will provide a summary report from Balance at the next meeting.

6 Unintentional Injury/Preventable Accidents among Children

Members were provided with a copy of Unintentional Injury/ Preventable Accidents among Children draft report by NHS Tees.

The rate of admissions in children as a result of injury is markedly higher in the North East

compared to the English average. Over the three year period from April 2007 to March 2010 there were an estimated 68'629 attendances at accident & emergency departments in the Tees area as a result of injury.

One concerning area that deserves special attention was the number of infants less than 1 year old that present to accident & emergency as a result of injury. Over the same three year period as above there were a total of 2065 attendances by individuals less than 1 year old – this equates to almost 2 attendances daily.

There were a number of recommendations from the report such as:-

- Standardised data collection
- Timely sharing of information
- Clear lines of responsibility
- Partnership working
- Wider focus

Members were concerned that there were long delays in sharing information between partner organisations especially if there were any child protection issues.

Discussion was held on data quality and ensuring that incidents such as assaults were coded properly. Members were interested in whether self harm incidents were reported separately and Ruth Hill stated that she would look into this matter.

AGREED that the report and comments be noted and that any further comments be fed back to Ruth Hill.

7 Stockton Town Centre

Members were provided with a presentation on the Stockton on Tees Town Centre Urban Design Guide 2010.

Members were informed that there would be a £57 million bus improvement scheme across the Tees Valley. Significant private investment to bring the Globe Theatre back into use had been sought. The Council had also taken ownership of Lindsay House, which the Council planned to demolish.

It was proposed to standardise the market stalls and have the market all in one area.

Discussion was held on the planting scheme and it was requested that the positioning of the surveillance cameras be taken into consideration when the planting scheme is finalised.

Members felt that the area needed to be policed adequately and to make the area a safe place for families to use. It was stated that the area near the Globe Theatre and Church Road would hopefully become a more family orientated area on an evening.

Discussion was held on taxi ranks and ensuring that the night time economy is as safe as possible.

If members had any further comments they were requested to feed them back to Richard McGuckin.

AGREED that the presentation be noted and that any further comments be forwarded to Richard McGuckin.

8 Anti-Social Behaviour

At the last meeting members requested that an update on anti social behaviour be brought to this meeting. A report has been prepared to cover the period 1st October 2009 to September 2010.

In summary:-

- During this period we have seen a 15% reduction in ASB incidents reported to the Police. A

bigger reduction of 27% has been seen for incidents reported to the ASB Team.

- 70% of incidents dealt with by the ASB Team were generated by AS 13s, alcohol confiscations and section 27s (i.e. proactive work by Police and Council, rather than purely relative to complaints) which could suggest that the additional uniformed presence on the streets is having an impact on residents' perceptions of ASB as a problem.

- The top five wards have remained fairly consistent across all data sets with Stockton Town Centre as the top ward followed by Stainsby Hill, then Mandale and Victoria, Billingham Central then Hardwick. It is worth noting that with the exception of Hardwick each of these wards has a 'town centre' within it.

- Anti social behaviour continued to be male dominated and largely youth related.

- From the end of August through to the end of October we have been conducting consultation around the Crime and Disorder magazine to identify key priorities for residents and anti social behaviour has come out as the top priority for respondents.

- Consideration needed to be given on what kind of performance measures could be used to measure success in this area of work.

- Measuring perceptions was one possibility and there were a couple of ways this could be achieved.

Discussion was held on providing feedback from the police to people that have called to report crimes. It was stated that the Police call centre had now been outsourced to a private company and this was part of their role. Once more data was available on this a report would be provided to Members. Discussion was also held on doing more in depth focus group work in order to gain a better understanding of perceptions on ASB and drivers of concern about it.

AGREED that the report be noted and that feedback on the new arrangements for the Police Call Centre be provided at a later date.

9 Recorded Crime & Disorder

This report set out the recorded crime figures, anti social behaviour disorder codes and Most Serious Violence figures for April – September 2010 compared with the same period the previous financial year.

Members were informed that there was currently a lot of work going on with retailers to prevent and deter shoplifting. There was also a lot of work going on to deter the theft of scrap metals, information and intelligence was being gathered.

Members were concerned about changes in the benefits system and if some people were worse off may lead to increased theft etc.

AGREED that the report be noted.

10 Community Safety Plan Q2

There were a total of 44 targets in the Community Safety Plan for 2008/11. 25 of the targets were on target to achieve (green), 10 were slightly below expected performance (amber), and four targets were red and five were not due an update in quarter two.

The red and amber targets were addressed in further detail.

AGREED that the report be noted.

11 YOS Q2

Members were provided with the quarter 2 performance report for Youth Offending Services. Members were informed that YOS had achieved its best performance in 5 years and it would be a challenge to maintain this. There was also a reduction in first time entrants.

AGREED that the report be noted.

12 Spend against Partnership Investment Plan

Members were provided with the current spend against the partnership investment plan.

AGREED that the report be noted.

13 Local Public Confidence Survey

Members were provided with a report on the Local Public Confidence survey for the period April – September 2010. This survey was based on a random selection of 1,200 residents (300 from each Borough) and conducted by telephone.

Members of the Partnership would be able to see that Stockton was in first place for four of the seven measures and in second place (behind Redcar & Cleveland) for the other three, and better than Force average for all seven. One feature of the survey of particular interest was that in all five Boroughs there was a higher level of confidence in 'Cleveland Police' than in 'local police', but the gap between the two measures was smallest in Stockton.

The survey was due to be repeated on a quarterly basis in future. Members of the Partnership were asked to consider the results and whether they would find the report a useful addition to the suite of regular performance monitoring reports to the Partnership.

Given the almost certain appearance of ASB in the top six priorities for the next three years, there would be a need to identify some success measures.

If the recent Policing White Paper was fully implemented the Police Authority would be replaced by directly elected Police and Crime Commissioners after May 2012, so there was a degree of risk that the survey may not continue.

Members requested that they be sent a copy of the questionnaire as they would be interested to see the types of question that were asked.

AGREED that the report be noted and that a copy of the survey be sent to Members.

14 Funding Prospects, Partnership Investment Plan and Safe at Home

The effects of the Government's Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR) on the Partnership were still not clear as yet. A number of briefing notes and analyses have been produced by Government departments and other interested partners. On 20 October, the day of the CSR announcement, the Parliamentary Under Secretary for State for Crime Prevention wrote to Chairs of Community Safety Partnerships advising of a 20% real terms reductions in funding for police forces by 2014/15. The impact on Stockton may not be clear until January.

Members discussed the precept for the Police Authority and Sarah Wilson would report back at a future meeting.

AGREED that:-

1. The report be noted.
2. A further report be submitted to the Partnership at a future meeting.

15 Topline Results of Community Safety Consultation Programme 2010

Members took part in the electronic draw for the winner of the Community Safety Consultation Programme. The winner was R Pollock and won a TV and £100 shopping voucher for taking part in the survey.

Members indicated a preference for Option B ie. the priorities would be:-

- ASB
- Alcohol related crimes/ASB
- Violent Crime/Domestic Violence
- Drug Related offending
- Criminal Damage
- Emerging Issues (from Partnership Strategic Intelligence Assessment)

AGREED that a further report be presented to the next meeting, including initial thoughts about success measures.

16 Integrated Offender Management Update

Since 2006 the Reducing Re-Offending Agenda had evolved and led to further developments in local partnerships. During 2009 Stockton had developed an Integrated Offender Management (IOM) structure that provides a single coherent structure for the management of repeat offenders. IOM is an overarching framework for bringing together agencies in local areas to prioritise interventions with offenders who cause crime in their community.

Partnership working to reduce reoffending was based on a shared analysis of need and a clear evidence base, building on existing work, including:-

- Prolific and other Priority Offender (PPO schemes)
- Drug Interventions Programmes (DIP)
- Integrated Offender management (IOM)

The overarching strategy was:-

- To reduce crime by identifying, targeting and effectively manage those individuals who have been designated as High Crime Causers within the Borough. (This encompasses those on the PPO scheme, the Drug Intervention programme, Drug rehabilitation programme and High Crime Causers)
- To support and assist adult drug misusing offenders out of crime and into treatment

The IOM would be managed by the Integrated Offender Management Strategy Group. The primary purpose of the group was therefore to provide strategic direction in order to deliver the Strategy as identified above. This group would report to the Safer Stockton Partnership on progress and development including performance and outcomes.

IOM approaches should provide for ongoing monitoring of outcomes and evaluation of effectiveness.

It was suggested that there be a three year plan and that Members be provided with an update annually. Further analysis would be presented to the next meeting.

AGREED that the report be noted.

17 Counter Terrorism

No update report.

18 Communications

Members were provided with the list of press releases from SSP for the period of 22nd September 2010 to 21st October. Copies of the full articles were available from the Community Safety Team.

AGREED that the update be noted.

19 Reports Back

- a) Renaissance**
- b) DAAT Groups**
 - Adults Commissioning
 - Young Peoples Commissioning
 - Reducing Supply

- Offender Management Group
- c) Area Partnership Boards
- d) Parkfield/Mill Lane Neighbourhood Management Board

None

20 **Date of next meeting - Tuesday 21 December at 9.30 a.m.**

The next meeting would be held on 21st December 2010.