

# Safer Stockton Partnership

A meeting of Safer Stockton Partnership was held on Tuesday, 5th July, 2011.

**Present:** Geoff Lee (Chairman - Tristar Homes), Cllr Jim Beall, Cllr Steve Nelson, Mike Batty, Steven Hume (SBC), Tony Churchill (Cleveland Fire Brigade), Dave Pickard (VELA), Fred Gook (Northern Area Partnership Board), John Bentley (Safe in Teesside), Jim Willoughby (Holme House), Jeff Evans (Probation), Miriam Robertson (Youth Offending Service), Ruth Hill (SBC/SPCT), Emma Champley (Stockton DAAT), Sam Gibbons (Junior Neighbourhood Watch), Christine Goodman (Victim Support), Dave Pickard, Darren Best (Cleveland Police), Paul Green (Adult Safeguarding Board), Steve Roche, Rob Donaghy (Cleveland Police), Chris Coombs, Neville Cameron (Cleveland Police Authority).

**Officers:** Fiona McKie (LD).

**Also in attendance:**

**Apologies:** were submitted on behalf of Jane Humphreys, Lucia Saiger, Joanne Hodgkinson, Marilyn Davies.

## 1 Minutes of Meeting held on 10th May 2011

The minutes of the meeting were agreed as a correct record.

## 2 Matters Arising

It was requested by the Chairman that the 'Reports Back' item from Area Partnership Boards that always featured at the end of the agenda be moved to earlier in the agenda for future meetings.

## 3 Any other Business

None

## 4 PCSOs

Dave Pickard, Assistant Chief Constable - Territorial Operations, Cleveland Police provided members with an update on PCSO's. Discussion was held on the spread of PCSO's and PC's across the borough. It was reported that a complicated calculation was used to identify the amount of PCSO's and PC's placed in each ward. The Chief Constable's aim was to ensure that every ward received a minimum service of 1 PCSO and 1 PC.

Cleveland Police aimed to retain the four BCU structure. However, in the current climate many other Police Authorities were reviewing their structures and amalgamating their BCU's to have a Super BCU. The funding for Neighbourhood Policing was currently ringfenced but this would end in 2012 and the decision would need to be taken how the funds would be allocated. However, Neighbourhood Policing was high on the authorities agenda.

Members discussed the crime figures in the other neighbouring BCU's. It was requested that a summary of figures be drawn together highlighting crime figures, distribution of PCSO's and PC's within the four BCU's etc.

AGREED that the update be noted and that members be provided with some brief statistics as requested.

## 5 Key Priority 6: Emerging Issues

Members were provided with a report and presentations on two emerging issues which had recently been highlighted as causing a problem within the Borough and the third a more strategic approach as to how long term criminality may be influenced by this Partnership.

Prostitution was raised at the last meeting and there was a full report submitted at that time by Chief Inspector Allen as to the issues that had been identified and the progress made.

One key issue was the emergence of street prostitution around the Yarm Road area and the second issue was the general prostitution of female offenders that were known to the Police and

Probation services.

In relation to the first issue the Police increased patrols within the vicinity and the latest information is that it is reported to be less noticeable than previously identified.

The second initiative was to identify 10-12 local prostitutes that were known to local services and adopt an Integrated Offender Management style working with them as potential victims.

A group of twelve have been identified and the Police, Probation Service, Drug Treatment service, Housing services, Harbour and Social Care were now working with this group in an effort to move them away from this particular activity.

The other theft category had two trends that were emerging, an increase in the number of shop thefts and the increase in the number of metal thefts.

Discussion was held on developers linking with crime prevention. Secure by Design was a national scheme, but Officers would need to check that this was still in place. It was felt important that crime prevention was considered at the planning stage and Cllr Beall would take the comments back and report back to the Committee.

AGREED that the reports and comments be noted.

## **6 Cleveland Fire Brigade's Transformation**

Tony Churchill, District Manager for Cleveland Fire Brigade provided a presentation on the Stockton District 2011/12. Detail was provided on the statutory and non statutory services that were provided.

Cleveland Fire Brigade's main aims were to improve safety in the home, improve safety in industrial and commercial, reduce anti social behaviour and contribute to health and well being.

£8.8 million was required to be saved over the CSR period. This would be achieved by changes to shift patterns, introduction of a District based structure, reductions in posts, contractual changes, improved business development, commissioning of services. However, it was noted that there would still be 21 fire engines and 15 fire stations and the most stringent benchmarks.

It was noted that working with partners was key and suggestions to work jointly came from the police, victim support, health service and junior neighbourhood watch.

AGREED that the presentation and comments be noted.

## **7 Community Safety Plan Performance Monitoring**

Members were provided with a copy of the performance monitoring targets for each of the six priority themes within the Community Safety Plan (CSP). The Community Safety team has been working with each theme lead to develop a clear reporting structure which will provide the partnership with a progress update for each of the key themes. A CSP target dashboard has also been produced to provide partners with a quick reference guide to monitor performance against all targets, without the need to read each individual action plan in full. Details of any particular successes or issues with a target will also be included; the dashboard will serve to replace the old exception report which previously accompanied the quarterly performance monitoring report. It is proposed that members of the SSP will be provided with a copy of the performance targets for each of the key themes along with a copy of the covering target dashboard each quarter.

Members were also provided with an action plan which had been developed for each of the key themes following a session with each theme lead. The action plan was a working document between officers and can be used as a reference point to highlight how positive performance had been achieved as well as identify any risks and issues. The individual action plans for each theme would be available to members on request throughout the year.

Each action plan would be monitored through the following theme groups:

- Alcohol Crime and Disorder Group

- Violent Crime Tactical Group
- Criminal Damage Group (new group to be established by Chief Insp Mick Williams)
- Reducing Supply Group
- Other Theft Group

It was proposed that the targets for Anti-Social behaviour would be monitored through a combination of the Joint Action Groups and Resident Focus Groups.

An action planning meeting was held with each theme lead to explore what key actions were required to achieve the performance targets set within the Community Safety Plan. The action planning meeting provided an opportunity to explore a 'Theory of Change', identifying the key outcomes required to achieve the performance targets. Further information with regards to Theory of Change would be provided at a future meeting and each member of the partnership would receive a book which highlighted how Theory of Change could be used and the key benefits of adopting this approach.

AGREED that the report be noted.

## **8 Recorded Crime & Disorder**

This report set out the recorded crime figures for April - May 2011/12 compared to the same period in 2010/11. Previous reports also included a breakdown of anti social behaviour codes, however the recording of ASB incidents changed as of 01/04/11 so there would be no comparisons by individual codes for this financial year. Total ASB incidents for April – May 2011/12 have remained constant at 2,858, a 0% change compared to 2010/11.

AGREED that the report be noted.

## **9 IOM Performance Report**

In March 2004, the Prime Minister announced an end to end strategy to address a group of offenders that had been identified as Prolific and Other Priority offenders. The Home Secretary, Lord Chancellor, Attorney General and the Secretary of State for Education and Skills, identified three complementary strands to the new Prolific and Other Priority Offender strategy.

It was reported that 53 offenders had been deregistered. Their average number of convictions prior to joining the scheme was 23 reduced to 3.5 after leaving the scheme. The success was due to a multi agency approach. It was hoped that the scheme could be extended in the future to young offenders and to provide a service in the prison. It was felt that the service provided good value for money.

AGREED that the report and comments be noted.

## **10 Governance of Substance Misuse Funding**

Under current Governance arrangements, the Safer Stockton Partnership was the point of decision-making for any issues in relation to the funding for substance misuse services (covering service delivery and associated posts in the Drugs & Alcohol Action Team) allocated to Stockton by Government Departments (Department of Health and Home Office), via the Council or the PCT, if they cannot be resolved at the DAAT Adults Commissioning Group meeting. To date this has never been the case.

Department of Health guidance identifies 'drug misuse services, prevention and treatment' and 'alcohol misuse services, prevention and treatment' among the list of Public Health functions to be transferred to local authorities with effect from April 2013. The new Health & Wellbeing Board has been established as the point of governance for these functions.

The position to date in respect of the Alcohol Strategy and associated Action Plan for Stockton was that these have been jointly 'owned' by the Safer Stockton Partnership and the Health & Wellbeing Partnership.

AGREED that any issue of governance in relation to drugs and alcohol funding which cannot be resolved at the Adults Commissioning Group in future should be referred to both the Safer

Stockton Partnership and to the Health & Wellbeing Board for their views. In the event of a continuing failure to agree, the issue should be referred to the Local Strategic Partnership.

**11 Police & Crime Commissioners and Police & Crime Update**

Members were provided with the draft Protocol relating to the relationship between Police & Crime Commissioners (PCCs), Chief Constables and Police & Crime Panels (PCPs).

It was suggested that as soon as candidates for the role of PCC were known, a letter should be sent to them all from the Chairman on behalf of the Partnership, setting out our offer to the successful candidate to join our Partnership, giving him/her the option of joining as a full voting member, or as an observer.

AGREED that a letter be sent by the Chairman on behalf of the Partnership.

**12 Domestic Homicide Reviews - update**

A report on the introduction of Domestic Homicide Reviews was discussed at the Safer Stockton Partnership meeting on 10th May 2011. It was now a requirement for Community Safety Partnerships to conduct a Domestic Homicide Review following a domestic homicide. This requirement came into effect on 13th April 2011.

There would be a meeting next week to share ideas. There had been a recent domestic homicide at another authority and it was proposed that we monitor how they review it in terms of the new arrangements and whether they would need additional training for this purpose. Members of the Partnership were also requested to suggest any other options for resourcing DHRs.

Steven Hume would take comments back to the next meeting.

AGREED that the report be noted and that any interest to be an independent Chair and any ideas for funding be forwarded to Steven Hume.

**13 Impact of Social Norms Work**

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

**14 Counter Terrorism**

There was no serious threat in the North East.

AGREED that the update be noted.

**15 Communications**

Members were provided with the list of press releases from SSP for the period of April 24th – June 17th. Copies of the full articles were available from the Community Safety Team.

AGREED that press releases be noted.

**16 Response to 'Consultation on a Code of Practice relating to Surveillance Cameras'**

Members were provided with the response to Consultation on a Code of Practice relating to Surveillance Cameras, for information purposes.

AGREED that the report be noted.

**17 Breaking the Cycle: Government Response**

Members were provided with a copy of 'Breaking the Cycle - Government Response' for information purposes.

AGREED that the report be noted.

- 18**      **Reports Back**  
**(a) Renaissance**  
**(b) DAAT Groups**  
    - **Adults Commissioning**  
    - **Young Peoples Commissioning**  
    - **Reducing Supply Group**  
    - **Offender Management Group**  
**(d) Area Partnership Boards**

None

- 19**      **Date of next meeting - Tuesday 16 August at 9.30 a.m.**