

Safer Stockton Partnership

A meeting of Safer Stockton Partnership was held on Tuesday, 8th November, 2011.

Present: Geoff Lee (Tristar - Chairman); Cllr Jim Beall, Mike Batty, Caroline Wood (SBC); Allison Agius (Catalyst); Evaline Cunningham (Fire Authority); Mick Williams (Police); Paul Green (Adult Safeguarding Board); John Graham (Probation); Miriam Robertson (YOS); Dave Turton (Cleveland Fire Brigade); Emma Champley, Jo Heaney (Stockton DAAT); Paul Noddings (Tristar Homes); Sam Gibbons (Junior Neighbourhood Watch); Frederick Gook (Northern Area Partnership Board); John Bentley (Safe in Tees Valley); Jim Willoughby (Holme House); Joanne Hodgkinson (Cleveland Police Authority); Darren Best (Cleveland Police); Geoff Turner (Western Area Partnership Board).

Officers: Marilyn Davies, Nigel Laws, Antony Phillips (DNS); Fiona McKie (LD).

Also in attendance: Derek Rosamund (Stockton Town Pastors)

Apologies: were submitted on behalf of Ted Allen, Chris Coombs, Dave Pickard, Bert Smailes, Lucia Saiger, Cllr Steve Nelson, Jane Humphreys, Tony Churchill.

1 Draft Minutes - 27th September, 2011

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 27th September 2011 were agreed as a correct record.

2 Matters Arising

(a) Responses to MPs letter about PBR (No. 3 (b) refers)

(a) Members noted the response.

3 Area Partnership Boards - reports back

The Western Area Partnership Board requested an update on any security issues with the Stockton Town Centre Redevelopment.

It was noted that this would be addressed in the later item on Stockton Town Centre.

4 Minutes of YOS Management Board 18 October 2011

Members were provided with the YOS Management Board minutes of 18th October 2011. Members were informed that there had been a full indepth analysis carried out on re-offending. A copy of the report would be circulated to those who would like a copy.

AGREED that the YOS minutes of 18th October 2011 be noted.

5 Action Notes from Scanning & Challenge Group 3 October 2011

Members were provided with the Action Notes from the Scanning and Challenge Group 3rd October 2011. There would be a report presented at the next meeting on the legislation regarding Police Commissioners and Panels.

AGREED that the action notes of the Scanning and Challenge Group of 3rd October 2011 be noted.

6 Any Other Business

None

7 Alcohol related offending

Members were provided with a copy of the Interim Report on the Effectiveness and outcomes of the ATR/ASAR Pilot.

A verbal summary of the report was provided. There had been a positive reduction in the number of arrests. It was highlighted that this was only a pilot scheme and that further funding would need to be secured to enable it to continue beyond March 2013.

Members thanked Officers for a good piece of work.

AGREED that the report be noted.

8 Alcohol Action Plan

Members were provided with the Alcohol Action Plan 11/12 Quarter 2. The figures were positive and it was felt that there were a number of projects contributing towards this such as Harbour, Stockton Town Pastors Scheme, Operation Tranquility etc.

AGREED that the Action Plan be noted.

9 Recorded Crime & Disorder

Members were provided with the recorded crime figures for April - September 2011/12 compared to the same period in 2010/11.

Discussion was held on the IQuanta position and also on 'Wilful Neglect' which had been introduced as part of the Disability Act.

AGREED that the update be noted.

10 Community Safety Plan Q2

Members were provided with Quarter 2 of the Community Safety Plan.

AGREED that the update be noted.

11 YOS Q2

Members were provided with the Youth Offending Service Quarter 2 performance report.

AGREED that the update be noted.

12 Register of Interests

Over the last two months the Partnership's register of interests had undergone

its annual update. Responses had now been received from all active members of the Partnership, and all but two have declared 'nil returns'.

AGREED that the report be noted.

13 DHR Procedure

Under the new arrangements DHRs should be carried out to ensure that lessons were learned when a person had been killed as a result of domestic violence.

There would be an Event on DHRs to be held by the Home Office, which Steven Hume would attend.

Cllr Jim Beall requested that he be added to the list of potential Members alongside Cllr Steve Nelson and Bert Smailes.

Members stated that there would be a large secretariat role required for the DHR and requested that further thought be given to this matter.

AGREED that:-

1. The Domestic Violence Strategy Group should take the lead on the setting up of a panel and the appointment of an independent chair to conduct a DHR.
2. Agrees to the proposed procedure for conducting a DHR within Stockton.
3. Acknowledges the potential resource implications for conducting a DHR and agree to seek contributions to a DHR fund from each of the six statutory 'responsible authorities' within the partnership.

14 Partnership Investment Plan 2012/13

The Home Office indicated that its funding for Stockton for 2012/13 would be £102,669 (a reduction of 59.6% on the 2010/11 equivalent figure of £254,405). After allowing for 17.9% of the funding to be devoted to tackling Substance Misuse by Young People, as in previous years, that leaves the Partnership with available funds for next year of £84,291, compared to £166,615 in the current year.

Members were provided with detail on how £84,291 would be allocated. It was felt by Members that we should be ensuring that we were getting the maximum outcome out of the Harbour Service and whether the Counselling service should be commissioned by the Primary Care Trust.

Allison Agius commented that it was pleasing that the partnership continued to support the voluntary sector with funding.

AGREED that the Partnership approve the proposed allocation of funding for 2012/13 as detailed within the appendix to the report and a further report be submitted to the meeting on 14th February, 2012 on Domestic Violence funding.

15 Monitoring the Impact of Public Service Cuts

At the meeting of the Scanning & Challenge Group on 3 October the impact of

continuing public service cuts was discussed, and it was agreed to propose to the Partnership a simple mechanism for monitoring their cumulative impact on the work of the Partnership, on a year by year basis, taking 2010/11 as the baseline year, since it may turn out to be the 'best year ever' in terms of reducing crime and ASB.

A proposed draft format was provided. It was suggested that we need to be looking forward and prioritising services that were due to come to an end as many valuable services could be lost.

AGREED that the Partnership discusses this and agrees to collect information on an annual basis.

16 Consultation on Police Powers to promote and maintain Public Order

Members were presented with a document by the Home Office that sought input on suggested changes to the Public Order Act 1986 and the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994.

The consultation was seeking views on three areas of police powers which the Government was committed to reviewing:

- a) the use of the word 'insulting' in section 5 of the Public Order Act 1986
- b) new powers to request the removal of face coverings which would be an extension of 60AA of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994
- c) new and wider powers to impose curfews

Any comments to be forwarded to Steven Hume.

AGREED that any comments be forwarded to Steven Hume with a view to a report to the next meeting to recommend a proposed response from the Partnership.

17 Equality & Human Rights Commission: Disability Hate Crime

Members were provided with a Briefing Paper - Hidden in Plain Sight - What the Commission's Inquiry into Disability Related Harassment means for Safeguarding.

The Adult Safeguarding Board had been looking at what had been done since the production of the report. Many Hate Crimes had not been prosecuted through the criminal justice system in the right way as many weren't reported as Hate Crimes. It was felt that Officers needed to be able to identify 'Hate Crime' by asking appropriate questions. An 'At Risk' register was being produced as part of a pilot scheme that was currently running.

AGREED that the report be noted.

18 National Non-Emergency Number 101

The 101 number had been rolled out across England and Wales from July 2011, the Cleveland force area combined with Durham and Northumbria were in the final phase of the roll out. The launch will be 7th December 2011. It was noted

that this number was not to replace 999.

AGREED that the update be noted.

19 Stockton Town Pastors evaluation

Stockton Town Pastors (STP) had recently commissioned an evaluation report to assess the effectiveness of their aims as stated in their business plan 2011-13. A copy of the full report was available on www.stocktontownpastors.co.uk.

It was noted that STP had recently been awarded Charitable Status which would enable more funding streams to be accessed.

Further statistics were requested from the evaluation which Marilyn Davies agreed to circulate to Members.

Darren Best praised the work of the Stockton Town Pastors.

AGREED that the evaluation be noted and that further statistics be forwarded to Members for their information.

20 Stockton Town Centre

Members were provided with an updated presentation by Nigel Laws on the Stockton Town Centre Prospectus.

Extensive consultation was being undertaken on the document. The following points were highlighted:

- Short Stay Car Parking on High Street
- Demolition of Lindsay House
- Focal Point in central High Street
- Redevelopment of Globe Theatre
- Redevelopment of Stockton Library
- Refurbishment scheme to Castlegate Centre and Spencer Hall
- New Loan Scheme for businesses

Members requested an update on the Swallow Hotel. It was reported that Whitbread were currently considering options, the authority was trying to put as much pressure on as possible to enable a solution to be reached.

It was thought useful that a list of 'who owns what' in the High Street to be produced.

AGREED that the presentation be noted.

21 Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD)

The IMD was the Government's way of measuring variations in deprivation levels across the country. The IMD data for 2010 was published in March 2011 down to Lower Super Output Area level, and Stockton's position in the overall ranking (compared to other local authority areas) had improved from 75 to 95 in

the period since 2004.

AGREED that the report be noted.

22 Counter Terrorism (including DVD)

It was noted that the DVD would be launched at the ARC on 21st November 2011 at 7pm.

23 'Hub' at Stockton Fire Station

Members were provided with a presentation on the 'Hub' at Stockton Fire Station. It was noted that the Fire Officer was to be replaced and that the Fire Officer had previously worked alongside the Council's Anti Social Behaviour Team. It was requested that this matter be taken up in order to continue good working practice.

AGREED that the presentation and comments be noted.

24 Communications

Members were provided with the list of press releases from SSP for the period of 14/9/11 – 27/10/11. Copies of the full articles were available from the Community Safety Team.

AGREED that the press releases be noted.

25 Reports Back

(a) Renaissance

(b) DAAT Groups

- Adults Commissioning
- Young Peoples Commissioning
- Reducing Supply Group
- Offender Management Group

None

26 Date of next meeting - Tuesday 20 December 2011 at 9.30 a.m.