

Safer Stockton Partnership

A meeting of Safer Stockton Partnership was held on Tuesday, 20th December, 2011.

Present: Jane Humphreys (In the Chair); Mike Batty, Ruth Hill, Cllr Jim Beall, Cllr Steve Nelson, Caroline Wood (SBC); Jim Willoughby (Holme House); Lucia Saiger (Probation); Sam Gibbons (Junior Neighbourhood Watch); Christine Goodman (Victim Support); Dave Pickard (Vela Group); Tony Churchill (Cleveland Fire Brigade); Mark Taylor (Cleveland Police); Andy Fox (Stockton Police); Bert Smailes (Northern Area Partnership Board); Miriam Robertson (Youth Offending Service); Joanne Hodgkinson (Cleveland Police Authority); Geoff Turner (Western Area Partnership Board); Tracey Stott (Eastern Area Partnership Board); John Bentley (Safe in Tees Valley).

Officers: Anna Clark, Steven Hume, Fiona McKie (SBC).

Also in attendance:

Apologies: were submitted on behalf of Geoff Lee and Paul Green.

1 Minutes of previous meeting

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 8th November, 2011 were agreed as a correct record.

2 Matters Arising

(a) Response to MPs letter about PBR (No.2(a) refers)

(b) It was noted that Tony Goodings would be the Key Fire Officer to work alongside the Council's Anti Social Behaviour Team.

3 Area Partnership Boards - reports back

None

4 Minutes of Safeguarding Adults Committee 6 October 2011

The minutes of the Safeguarding Adults Committee of 6th October 2011 were noted.

5 Any Other Business

The Shaw Trust had received £214k from a Social Enterprise bid to enable a painting and decorating project to get IOMs ready for employment.

A seminar was to be held on Minimum Pricing of Alcohol in Manchester on 10th February 2012.

6 Partnership Strategic Assessment

Members of the Partnership broke into three groups to discuss the Partnership Strategic Assessment.

The key themes were around alcohol, youth, noise nuisance, metal theft, rise in female offenders. It was felt that alcohol played a large part in domestic violence more so than any other violent crime.

It was noted that Hardwick and Stainsby Hill were hotspot areas.

The main points of the feedback was as follows:-

- Anti Social behaviour impact on neighbourhoods and residents/ Lack of tolerance?
- Alcohol - Test on arrest. Are we doing enough? Could we raise more awareness in Schools
- Impact of welfare reforms
- Focus on repeat offenders - top burglars identified
- Focus on promoting prevention as high levels of unsecured property

Members were requested to forward any other comments to Anna Clark.

AGREED that the feedback be noted.

7 Recorded Crime & Disorder

Members were provided with the recorded crime figures for April - November 2011/12 compared to the same period in 2010/11. A comparison of anti social behaviour incidents was not possible this financial year due to a change in recording practices as of 01/04/11.

AGREED that the update be noted.

8 DAAT Q2 Performance

Members were provided with the DAAT Quarter 2 Performance data.

Discussion was held on the rate for Planned Discharges and it was felt that the rate was positive but when the figures were broken down it was mainly problem drug users therefore further positive partnership working was required. This area would be based on payment by results.

There was a low transition from young adults in treatment to adult services. Further research would be undertaken in this area and reported back.

AGREED that the update be noted.

9 Meeting Dates for 2012/13

The following meeting dates for 2012/13 were suggested:-

8 May 2012 – to include fourth quarter monitoring reports 2012/13

26 June 2012

14 August 2012 – to include first quarter monitoring reports 2012/13

18 September 2012

6 November 2012 – to include second quarter monitoring reports 2012/13

18 December 2012

5 February 2013– to include third quarter monitoring reports 2012/13

19 March 2013

7 May 2013 - include fourth quarter monitoring reports 2012/13

AGREED that the meeting dates for 2012/13 be approved.

10 Public Order Powers - response to consultation

Members were provided with a list of the questions which we were required to respond to as part of the formal Home Office Consultation on Police powers to promote and maintain public order. Some initial comments had been received and were provided for Members information. Members were encouraged to forward any further comments to Steven Hume, Community Safety Manager, Steven.Hume@stockton.gov.uk by Friday 6th January so that they could be included in the formal submission to the Home Office. Further consultation was had taken place with the BME Network on Wednesday 14th December, 2011.

Members held some discussion on 'face coverings' and how the word 'insulting' could be interpreted differently.

AGREED that the report be noted and that comments be forwarded as detailed above.

11 JSNA Update - Crime & ASB, DV, Drugs, Alcohol, Health of Offenders

The JSNA was now well underway. The draft sections would be presented at the next meeting.

AGREED that the update be noted.

12 ACPO/NOMS/LGA Protocol

Members were provided with a copy of a new protocol, agreed and signed between ACPO, NOMS and the LGA to help clarify and raise awareness about arrangements for sharing information with local authorities about prisoner releases, and particularly those subject to short sentences. The purpose of the protocol was to help make information available to local authorities which they may be able to use in selected cases to provide some support for newly released prisoners alongside other members of their local Community Safety Partnership.

Members felt that the Protocol was positive and reinforced what was already being done.

AGREED that the Protocol be noted.

13 POAL Project

The Tees Valley Preventing Offender Accommodation Loss (POAL) Project was established after a successful bid for funding from the Department of Communities and Local Government (CLG) and the Ministry of Justice (MoJ). Funding was confirmed in July 2008 to set up a sub-regional partnership between Middlesbrough Council (lead organisation), Stockton Council, Redcar and Cleveland Council, Darlington Council and Hartlepool Council, their partner landlords and the prison and probation service. Funding was provided to establish a demonstrator project for female offenders on remand or serving a sentence at HMP/YOI Low Newton and returning to the Tees Valley area. The project became operational in February 2009 at HMP/YOI Low Newton, being extended to include HMP Holme House in March 2010.

The project demonstrated ways of working between Local Authorities, Housing Providers and local Prisons that could reduce the loss of settled accommodation where appropriate, or end the tenancy where needed.

Middlesbrough Borough Council was currently the only authority funding the project as the other authorities including Stockton had ceased to fund the project some time ago. NOMs would be able to match fund what each of the other authorities would contribute. But, unfortunately a poor response from the other authorities had been received at present.

Sharon Caddell, Principal Homelessness Co-ordinator for Middlesbrough Council was requesting assistance to enable research to be carried out by the POAL Development Officer upon cessation of the operational service and to enable a business case for commissioning of a wider regional POAL Service.

It was reported that SDAIS had previously been carrying out similar work and had recently secured further funding. There were a number of new initiatives and Caroline Wood would be able to provide a presentation on this at a future meeting.

Members felt that they needed to consider what other work of this nature was being carried out within Stockton.

AGREED that:-

1. Members receive a presentation from Caroline Wood.
2. Members consider other similar work that may be carried out throughout the Borough.

14 Local Healthwatch Consultation

The 'Health and Social Care Bill 2011' sets out that patients and the public must be at the heart of everything our health and social care services do. To help this happen, 'HealthWatch England' and 'Local HealthWatch' would soon be set up to champion the views and experiences of patients, people using these services, carers and the wider public.

Members would be provided with a presentation at the next meeting on matters relating to Health as there had been a number of changes recently and many still ongoing.

AGREED that the report be noted and that a presentation be provided at the next meeting.

15 PCCs and PCPs

Members were provided with a copy of a report that would be submitted to the Council's Cabinet in January 2012.

This report outlined the position in respect of Police & Crime Commissioners and Police and Crime Panels as a result of the new Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.

Members of Cabinet would be requested to agree the proposed composition of the Cleveland Police & Crime Panel, i.e. two Councillors from Hartlepool, three from Middlesbrough and Redcar & Cleveland, and four from Stockton-on-Tees. It was also being proposed that Stockton would act as lead authority and that the panel would have reciprocal observer arrangements with the Durham & Darlington Police & Crime Panel.

Full details of the rules of procedure and financial arrangements for the Panel would be reported at a later date.

AGREED that the update be noted and that further update reports be received.

16 EIT Review of Community Safety & Security

Members were provided with a summary of the Housing and Community Safety Committee's Review of Community Safety and Security. The targeted savings from the review were £153,000 and Members were provided with a schedule of the proposed savings.

AGREED that the report be noted.

17 Counter Terrorism

The DVD had been launched and a lesson plan for Schools was currently being produced in order to roll the DVD out to Schools.

AGREED that the update be noted.

18 Communications

Members were provided with the list of press releases from SSP for the period of: 1/11/11 - 30/11/11 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

None

20 **Date of next meeting - Tuesday 14 February 2012 at 9.30 a.m.**