

**Safer Stockton Partnership
 Scanning and Challenge Group
 4 July 2012**

Present: Mike Batty, Darren Best, Tony Churchill, Lucia Saiger

Apologies:

		ACTION
1.	<p>Draft SSP Agenda 14 August</p> <p>Reviewed the draft agenda. LS and JE pursuing the Prostitution issues. YOS Management Board on 10 July will discuss YJB's proposal to devolve to YOTs the financial responsibilities for secure remand beds.</p> <p>Drug Related Offending will be stand-alone – RD to lead, with support from EC. Presentations from drugs providers will be scheduled for following meeting (25 September).</p>	
2.	<p>Police savings letter</p> <p>Discussed letter of 18 June to SBC Chief Exec from Chief Constable Cheer and Mr Drummond, and likely content of SBC's reply.</p> <p>Operation Orbis team at Police HQ, under CS Ian Richardson, are co-ordinating the savings programme, which will include a formal review of BCU structures, with options including 4 (status quo), 2 1 or none.</p> <p>Police and Fire Authority precepts - both understood to be subject to the requirement to hold a referendum if proposals exceed certain thresholds.</p>	
3.	<p>PCC & PCP</p> <p>Cllr Barry Coppinger remains the only formally declared candidate. Expected that Cllr Ken Lupton will declare shortly.</p> <p>12 nominations for Councillors to sit on the Police & Crime Panel. Process to follow for co-opting at least two non-Councillors, and expected that this will have regard to demographic issues, including gender, ethnicity and age profile.</p> <p>Labour Party nationally is believed to be preparing a policy statement on 'operational independence'.</p>	
4.	<p>Director of Crime</p> <p>Congratulated Darren on his promotion, and discussed prospective timing etc. for appointing his successor.</p>	