

Safer Stockton Partnership

A meeting of Safer Stockton Partnership was held on Tuesday, 7th May, 2013.

Present: Geoff Lee (Chairman - Tristar Homes), Cllr Steve Nelson, Julie Lathan, Kerry Anderson, Mike Batty, Emma Champley, Jane Humphreys (Stockton on Tees Borough Council), John Bentley (Safe in Tees Valley), Geoff Turner (Western Area Partnership Board), Alastair Simpson, Andy Fox (Police), Miriam Robertson (YOS), Jeff Evans, Lucia Saiger-Burns (Probation), Paul Noddings (Tristar Homes), Christine Goodman (Victim Support), Sam Gibbons (Junior Neighbourhood Watch), Steve McCarten (Cleveland Fire), Evaline Cunningham (Cleveland Fire Authority), Tina Williams (Central Area Partnership Board), Paul Green (Adult Safeguarding Board).

Officers: Steven Hume (DNS); Fiona McKie (LD)

Also in attendance:

Apologies: were submitted on behalf of Steve Rose, Peter Kelly, Cllr Jim Beall, Lynn Beeston.

1 Geoff Lee - Outstanding Service

Geoff had been awarded 'The Services to the Community Award' at Stockton Borough Council's recent Annual Meeting. Geoff had shown outstanding commitment to public services in the Borough.

2 Draft Minutes - 19th March, 2013

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th March 2013 were agreed as a correct record.

AGREED that the minutes be approved.

3 Matters Arising

16/17 Year olds in hostels and B&Bs

An update on the figures was provided. During 2012/13 there had been 20, 16 and 17 year olds in bed and breakfast accommodation. 17 of these were 17 years of age and 3 were 16 years of age. There were 15 males and 5 females.

It was reported that work was being done to provide some specialist provision for this age group.

4 Area Partnership Boards - reports back

Central Area Partnership Board

The Members of the above Board wished to congratulate the Police on their successful crime figures and were pleased with the way/methods in which the Central Area was being policed. Positive feedback had also been received on the skateboard hub at Elm Tree.

5 Minutes of YOS Management Board 23 April 2013

Members were provided with the minutes of the YOS Management Board meeting of 23rd April 2013. Discussion was held on the future funding for the YOS and how savings could be identified.

AGREED that the minutes be noted.

6 Minutes of Safeguarding Adults Committee 12 February 2013

Members were provided with the minutes of the Safeguarding Adults Committee on 12 February 2013.

AGREED that the minutes be noted.

7 Action Notes from Scanning & Challenge Group 25 April 2013

Members were provided with the action notes from the Scanning and Challenge Group 25th April 2013.

AGREED that the action notes be noted.

8 Any other business

There was no other business at this meeting.

9 Troubled Families - Year 1 Review

Members were provided with a copy of a report that was due to go to Cabinet on 13th June 2013.

The report provided an outline of the progress achieved during the first year (April 2012 to March 2013) of delivering the 'Troubled Families' programme in Stockton, and made proposals for the delivery of the remainder of the programme.

The report requested that Cabinet consider the following recommendations:-

1. That the delivery of the programme be extended for a fourth year, subject to satisfactory performance and to the availability of funding within the 'Troubled Families' budget.

2. That a further report be submitted during 2014/15 examining in more detail the case for continuing funding from the Council's 'Invest to Save' budget to a continuation of the programme beyond 2015/16.

Members held discussion on the report and requested an update once the report had been considered by Cabinet.

AGREED that the report be noted and that an update be provided following the Cabinet meeting on 13th June 2013.

10 Recorded Crime & Disorder

Members were provided with the recorded crime and anti-social behaviour figures for April 2012-March 2013 compared to the same time period in 2011/12.

At the end of the financial year, total recorded crime had reduced by 3.9%, equating to 453 fewer victims of crime. This included both public reported and police generated crimes.

It was reported that there were a small number of prolific offenders within Stockton. It was stated that Durham University was carrying out research on shoplifting and Members would be keen to see their report.

Discussion was held on the night time economy in Yarm and the increase in anti social behaviour etc.

AGREED that the figures be noted.

11 Community Safety Q4 Performance

Members were provided with the Community Safety Quarter 4 Performance.

AGREED that the Community Safety Quarter 4 performance report be noted.

12 YOS Q4 Performance

Members were provided with the quarter 4 performance report for the YOS.

AGREED that the YOS Quarter 4 performance report be noted.

13 Monitoring Report for Alcohol Strategy/Action Plan

The Stockton-on-Tees Alcohol Strategy was implemented in April 2010. The Strategy was a 3 year Strategy with a 2 year Action Plan within it. The 1 year plan for 2012-2013 had been developed to ensure that the strategic aims of the Stockton-on-Tees Alcohol Strategy were continuously achieved. This plan had the needs of young people threaded throughout it as opposed to a separate section (as was within previous plans). This plan covered responsibilities across both adults and children's services.

Members were provided with an update on alcohol related domestic violence. It was noted that 532 intervention letters had been sent to parents regarding their child being found in possession of alcohol.

A new action plan was currently being developed. Jo Heaney would provide members with an end of year summary at the next meeting.

AGREED that the monitoring note be noted.

14 Planned Reports 2013/14

Members were provided with an updated list of planned reports for 2013/14.

Jane Humphreys advised that once the Tees Adult Safeguarding Group was established towards the end of the year an update report would be brought to the Partnership.

AGREED that the planned reports for 2013/14 be agreed.

15 9 July Session

It was agreed as part of the planned reports for 2013/14 to hold a special session as part of the meeting on 9 July to take stock of the changing landscape in which the Partnership is operating. A key challenge question was "Is it business as usual?". Further information was provided on the itinerary for the meeting.

AGREED that the itinerary for the meeting on 9th July be agreed.

16 Community Safety Audit 2013

Members were provided with a working copy of the information document that was being prepared to form the basis of the Community Safety Magazine which would be going out to all residents at the end of August 2013.

Members were requested to note in particular the crime and ASB statistics that were planned to be used as part of the document as well as the first draft of the questionnaire for residents to complete.

Members queried whether the ward comparator information was meaningful to members of the public as there were many factors that could affect the results such as night-time economy etc.

A copy of the suggested questionnaire was circulated for information. Members were requested to email further comments and/or suggested changes to Steven Hume.

AGREED that the update and comments be noted and that this report be brought back to future meetings.

17 Community Safety Fund 2012/13 - Performance

The Community Safety Fund (CSF) was the only funding controlled by the Partnership in 2012/13. The total Stockton allocation was approximately £103k which was 'topliced' by approximately £19k, reflecting the historical ringfenced allocation for young people's substance misuse services, leaving approximately £84k for allocation by the Partnership.

Members were provided with the performance outcomes for the work of the IOM team for 2012/13, and two of the key targets in relation to Domestic Violence Services were included in the Community Safety Plan monitoring report, a further report on domestic violence was distributed at the meeting.

AGREED that the report be noted.

18 IOM Review

Members were provided with a report detailing the Integrated Offender Management Review.

The review would be looking at the four different schemes across Cleveland.

A further meeting would be held next week and then a further update report would be provided to Members at their next meeting.

AGREED that the update be noted and that a further update be presented at the next meeting.

19 Reducing Reoffending

Members were provided with the interim report prepared by the joint ANEC/NOMS project.

The report raised a series of issues for community safety partnerships, and for colleagues responsible for a range of services including at least housing supply/re-housing, drugs and alcohol misuse, offender health and work with children and families, and the agenda around adults with multiple and complex needs. In this last respect, it was noteworthy that the Tees Valley bid to Big Lottery Fund's 'Fulfilling Lives – Multiple and Complex Needs' programme was unsuccessful, despite very positive feedback at the initial bidding stage.

Stockton, in common with other localities, was participating in the 'common offer' approach to the 'Troubled Families' programme.

A further report would be provided in June, 2013.

AGREED that the report be noted and that a further report be presented at the next meeting.

20 CSP Funding 2013/14

Following the election of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) in November 2012, funding that was previously allocated to the partnership by the Home Office was transferred under the new arrangements.

All four Community Safety Partnerships were required to submit a business case for funding. A business case was submitted on behalf of the partnership outlining the key priorities for funding and this had since been approved by the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Members were provided with a table that outlined the allocation for Stockton for 2013/14 along with the agreed performance measures which would be reported back to the Commissioner on a quarterly basis.

AGREED that the Funding for 2013/14 be noted.

21 MUP - Letter to PM

A letter had been sent on behalf of the Partnership to the Home Office detailing the Partnership's concerns about recent press coverage that the Government were dropping their commitment to a Minimum Unit Price (MUP) for alcohol.

A response had been received back stating that MUP was part of a larger piece of work around alcohol misuse and that the Government would announce its intentions in due course.

AGREED that the letters be noted.

22 Restorative Justice Update

Stockton IOM had secured funding from DAAT commissioning group to fund a project around the delivery of restorative Justice across those offenders being managed by the IOM multi-agency team
Brian Neale was employed with one year's funding to implement the process within Stockton. A brief update was provided detailing the work completed so far.

AGREED that the update be noted.

23 Residents Survey

A public opinion survey of satisfaction with local authority services and associated issues was undertaken on behalf of seven of the twelve North East local authorities by Ipsos MORI between June and August 2012.

The headline results were reported to the Partnership at its meetings of 18 December 2012 and 5 February 2013. The key finding was that the results for our Borough compared extremely favourably with the average of results.

Further detailed comparator information had now been made available and was provided to Members.

AGREED that the information be noted.

24 Reports Back

(a) Renaissance

(b) DAAT Groups

- Adults & Young Peoples Commissioning Group

- Reducing Reoffending and Harm Group

There were no reports back.

25 Date of next meeting - Tuesday 9 July 2013 at 9.30 a.m.