

Safer Stockton Partnership

A meeting of Safer Stockton Partnership was held on Tuesday, 23rd June, 2015.

Present: Dave Pickard (Chair), Stewart Tagg (Thirteen Group), Helen Eustace (Cleveland Police), Richard Parker (DTV CRC), John Bagley (National Probation Service - Cleveland), Miriam Sigsworth (Youth Offending Team), John Bentley (Safe in Tees Valley), Cllr Jim Beall, Cllr Steve Nelson Steve Hume, Caroline Wood, Jane Edmonds (Stockton Council), Steve McCarten (Cleveland Fire Brigade), Steve Rose (Catalyst), David Morton, Jenny Cowell (Public Health), Barry Coppinger (PCC), Richard Poundford, Caroline Wood (SBC).

Officers: Claire Sills, Peter Bell, Vicky Hatton (SBC).

Also in attendance: None.

Apologies: Kerry Anderson, Emma Champley, Jane Humphreys, Julie Nixon and Richard Poundford.

1 Introduction from new SSP Chair

The new Chair Dave Pickard introduced himself to the Partnership.

2 Introductions/Apologies

Introductions and apologies were given.

3 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Nelson declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 9 - Recorded Crime and Disorder as his son worked for a local security firm.

4 Minutes of Meeting 5 May 2015

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 5th May 2015.

The Chair highlighted that consideration needed to be given to the actions highlighted at section 14 in relation to the Police ASB Action Plan i.e. who was responsible? how will success be measured? where will feedback be shared?

AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on 5th May 2015 were approved.

5 Matters Arising

The Community Safety Manager updated Members with regard to the planned Easter Holiday Fire Patrols. He outlined that the patrols had not taken place due to staffing issues but there was a plan to do something similar in the summer holidays. Members agreed that this was acceptable and that the funding that had been previously agreed should be carried forward.

6 Any Other Business - identification only

The following business was identified:-

1. HMIP Inspection
2. ASB - Summit
3. Multi Sharing System

- 4. Community Safety Awards
- 5. The North East Infidels

7 Minutes of YOT Management Board Meeting 5 May 2015

Consideration was given to the minutes of YOT Management Board Meeting held on 5th May 2015.

AGREED that the minutes of YOT Management Board Meeting held on 5th May 2015 be noted.

8 DAAT Q4

The Partnership was presented with the DAAT Q4 Performance Report.

AGREED that the DAAT Q4 Performance Report be noted.

9 Private Rented Sector - Driving Up Standards

The Partnership was presented with a report that provided information to the Safer Stockton Partnership on an initiative operated by the Councils Private Sector Housing Team (supported by other Council service teams and external partners).

The Private Rented Sector (PRS) had been growing nationally at an unprecedented rate over recent years, a position which was reflected in the Borough. Against this background local authorities across the country sought to work in a proactive manner with PRS landlords one which sought to support good landlords and ensures unscrupulous landlords were targeted in an effective manner.

Following Cabinet approval (November 2014) the Private Sector Housing Team was progressing a '10 Point Plan'; actions detailed within the plan were intended to send a clear message out regarding the Councils intention to promote best practice and drive up standards (both property condition and management) across the PRS.

The partnership felt that they would like to receive regular updates on the scheme.

AGREED that the report be noted.

10 Revised Channel and Prevent Guidance update

The Partnership received an update on PREVENT and CHANNEL.

Members were reminded that a report to the Partnership on 10th February outlined the key changes to PREVENT and CHANNEL duties as part of the revised Counter Terrorism and Security Act which came into law on the 12th February 2015.

The report outlined the proposed approach in Stockton which was agreed both

by the partnership and by Stockton Borough Council CMT.

The Cleveland-wide PREVENT Silver group (currently Chaired by Stockton Borough Council) was also in the process of developing a 'rolling' action plan to further address the revised guidance as well as ensure that all four localities and partners were aware of the key issues and were contributing to the wider Prevent agenda.

An initial training and awareness raising session was held with 36 staff from local authorities and partner agencies across the four Tees areas in May. This was an initial introductory session to highlight the key elements of the Home Office WRAP 3 (Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent) training. It was envisaged that this would continue to be rolled out to front line staff, elected members and other bodies such as Tees Adult Safeguarding Board in the coming months.

Following approval by the Cleveland PREVENT Silver Group, the action plan would be shared with members of the Partnership for information and possible input. A further discussion on how to raise the awareness of PREVENT could also be conducted at Partnership should members feel that this may be of benefit.

AGREED that the report be noted.

11 Stockton Town Centre update

The Partnership was given a verbal update on the Stockton Town Centre Action Plan. Town Centre Operations Officers were still providing a dedicated high visibility presence in Stockton Town Centre.

AGREED that the update be noted.

12 Hartington Road verbal update

The Partnership was given a verbal update on Hartington Road. There was a feeling amongst residents of Hartington Road that the programmes in place were working and the community was getting more confident.

AGREED that the update be noted.

13 Reports back
a) Local Strategic Partnership
b) Adult Wellbeing Partnership

There were no reports back.

14 Any Other Business

HMIP Inspection

The YOT Manager reported that the Youth Offending Team would be inspected and the focus of the inspection would be on transitions. There would be a subsequent inspection report but it would not be on an individual basis but on a

thematic basis.

ASB - Summit

The Police and Crime Commissioner reported that there would be a summit on ASB in the near future.

Multi Sharing System

The Police and Crime Commissioner reported that a procurement process was being undertaken for a multi sharing system that shared live information between partners.

Community Safety Awards

It was reported that the Community Safety Awards would be repeated this year and nominations were being sought.

The North East Infidels

It was reported that the North East Infidels would be marching in Stockton Town Centre in the near future.

15 Date of next meeting - Tuesday 18 August 2015 at 9.30 am

The date of the next meeting was noted.

16 Recorded Crime and Disorder

The Partnership was provided with an overview on crime and ASB levels in the Borough between April 2015 and May 2015.

It was reported that there had been an increase in both publicly reported crime and total crime. Members had a discussion on the figures and the increases and it was felt that the Borough was seeing the outcome of the governments austerity measures. It was also reported that Cleveland Police were being more ridged in their recording of incidents. Members felt these two factors were the main reasons for the increases. It was reported that a brief explanation of the revised Police recording practices would be provided for information at the next meeting of the Partnership.

It was also requested that the Partnership receive an update on the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

AGREED that :-

1. The Recorded Crime and Disorder figures be noted.
2. A brief explanation of the revised Police recording practices be provided at the next meeting of the Partnership.

3. The Partnership receive an update on the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

17 Community Safety Plan revised targets

The Partnership was provided with an overview on the changes that have been made to the Community safety Plan performance measures for each of the six priorities.

Each of the priorities and their targets had been reviewed by the Priority Leads to ensure that the performance targets implemented in April 2014 were still relevant. Those that were still relevant had remained and others amended or removed.

As a result of the review the number of performance targets had reduced from 20 to 16 covering 6 priorities.

AGREED that the Community Safety Plan revised targets be noted.

18 Revised Domestic Abuse Action Plan

The Partnership was presented with the Revised Domestic Abuse Action Plan.

Members felt that there was some good positive work within the Revised Domestic Abuse Action Plan but they had some concerns about the breadth and focus of the plan. It was felt that a meeting should be held with the contributors to the plan and that the outcomes should be reported to a future meeting of the Partnership.

AGREED that :-

1. The good positive work contained within the Revised Domestic Abuse Action Plan be noted.
2. A meeting be held with the contributors to the plan and that the outcomes should be reported to a future meeting of the Partnership.