

## Safer Stockton Partnership

A meeting of Safer Stockton Partnership was held on Tuesday, 18th August, 2015.

**Present:** Dave Pickard (Chair), Cat Gibson (Thirteen Group), Gordon Lang, Ian Coates (Cleveland Police), Richard Parker (DTV CRC), John Bagley (National Probation Service - Cleveland), Sheila Whitehead (Youth Offending Team), John Bentley (Safe in Tees Valley), Cllr Jim Beall, Cllr Steve Nelson, Jane Humphreys, Steve Hume, Julie Nixon, Carolyn Chubb (Stockton Council), Steve Rose (Catalyst), Neville Cameron (PCC), Richard Poundford, Caroline Wood (SBC).

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

**Also in attendance:** Rachel Beard (MBC)

**Apologies:** Barry Coppinger.

### **1 Introductions/Apologies**

Introductions and apologies were given.

### **2 Declarations of Interest**

There were no interests declared.

### **3 Minutes of Meeting of 23 June 2015**

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd June 2015.

AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd June 2015 were approved.

### **4 Matters Arising**

SSP feedback regarding the Police ASB action plan; Supt Ian Coates advised that an ASB Action Plan had been developed in response to tackling ASB in consultation with the Tees Community Safety Lead Officers.

Feedback in relation to Domestic Abuse, members of the group were updated that an operational sub group for Domestic Abuse has been set up and it will meet on a quarterly basis. Feedback on this group will be reported through the Adults Well-Being Board and Safer Stockton Partnership.

### **5 Any Other Business - identification only**

The following item of business was identified:-

- Community Safety Awards

### **6 Minutes of Safeguarding Adults Board**

Consideration was given to the minutes of Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board Meeting held on 8th July 2015.

AGREED that the minutes of Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board Meeting held on 8th July 2015 be noted.

## **7 Troubled Families - Year 3 Review**

The Partnership was given a presentation on Troubled Families Year 3 Review. The presentation covered the following key areas:-

- Phase 2 of the programme
- Identification of Families
- Additional Resources
- Statistics
- Summary

A case study and the funding situation were detailed to the Partnership.

Members were then given the opportunity to ask questions and make comment on the presentation and these could be summarised as follows:-

- Phase 2 will be a significant challenge
- Families will continue to be monitored
- Cleveland Police are keen to be involved
- There has been different degrees of success in different areas
- There will be bigger rewards if the scheme is done right
- Healthy scepticism to the scheme
- There are already systems in place but the scheme does add another dimension

AGREED that the presentation be received.

## **8 Community Safety Q1**

The Partnership was provided with the targets from the Community Safety Plan 2014-17.

AGREED that the targets from the Community Safety Plan be noted.

## **9 YOT Q1**

Consideration was given to the YOT Data Summary April 2015 - March 2016.

AGREED that the YOT Data Summary April 2015 - March 2016 be noted.

## **10 PCC Victim Services Presentation**

The Partnership was informed that Barry Coppinger (Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland) had given his apologies for the meeting and had requested that the item be deferred.

AGREED that the item be deferred to a future meeting of the Partnership.

## **11 Mischief Night Planning**

The Partnership discussed the planning for mischief night. The comments from the Partnership could be summarised as follows:-

- There will be an overarching approach for Cleveland
- Preventative work will be looked at
- Resources will be put on the street
- Mischief night is now a cultural thing
- There is an increase in criminal activity
- The new Dispersal Orders may be used
- The Partnership should set itself a challenge of changing the cultural image
- Bonfire night is a bigger issue in some areas
- Councillors should get briefing on the issues in their ward

AGREED that the discussion be noted.

## **12 Update on Durham University research project on ASB**

Item deferred to a later meeting as research not complete.

## **13 Tees-wide Integrated Offender Management Scheme**

The Partnership was informed that the Tees-wide Integrated Offender Management Scheme had a centralised hub with annalistic funding obtained from the PCC.

There had been very good results locally and nationally. The perpetrator and the victim must both want to do the scheme. There was no benefit for the perpetrator in terms of time in prison or cash incentive.

The Scheme was still a work in progress. Performance of the scheme could be reported to the Partnership via the Community Safety Plan.

AGREED that the report be noted.

## **14 Format of PSA 2015**

Each year Safer Stockton Partnership had undertaken a yearly partnership strategic assessment which was produced by the Community Safety Team Analyst within Stockton Borough Council.

The aim of the document was to provide the partnership with an overview of the current crime and anti-social behaviour issues in the borough, along with the harm caused by the misuse of drugs and alcohol.

It was used by the partnership to identify if there were emerging areas that needed to be included as strategic priorities for the forthcoming financial period.

The assessment drew upon research and analysis from a wide variety of partnership data between the 12 months of October through to September.

This 12 month of data was not line in financial crime figures and provided crime

levels for the rolling 12 month period. Therefore the actual increase in crime based on the 12 month rolling data could often vary from that of the financial crime statistics (April to Sept).

During the first four months of the current financial year (April 15 to July 15), crime in Stockton had increased by 17.9%. Alongside this, the majority of crime categories were also showing significant increases.

This was particular of note for offences of violence. In April 2014, the Community Safety plan was implemented to cover the period of April 2014 to March 2017. The key priorities within this plan were identified by residents during the community safety team consultation in August 2013.

For the first year of the plan (end March 15) several of the performance targets within the CSP were not met. Therefore each of the six priority owners were asked to review their performance targets. Those that were still relevant and were achieved remained and others amended or removed.

As there were now several new targets and measures in place it was recommended that the PSA for this year was an exception report, looking at six month of current crime and ASB data. The report would mainly focus on the period of April 15 to Sept 15 against the same time period last year. However the statistical section would also have information relating to different data sets (6 and 12mths of crime).

The research would focus on crime and ASB linked to the six priorities from the Community Safety Plan to ascertain if the partnership was on track to meet its targets. Alongside this, there would be emphasis on recommendations in order to move successfully forward during October 2015 and March 2016 in order to achieve these targets.

The report would still include a wide variety of partnership data, including analysis on victim, offenders and geographical areas however will be more focused on issues rather than rolling 12 month of data. This would allow for more streamlined report that can be utilised by the partnership to identify how the CSP was aiding with the reduction of crime and ASB.

This recommendation was supported by Steve Hume, Community Safety and Security Manager.

AGREED that the report be noted.

**15 Reports back**  
**a) Local Strategic Partnership**  
**b) Adult Wellbeing Partnership**

There were no reports back.

**16 Any Other Business**

The Partnership was informed of the details of the upcoming Community Safety Awards.

**17 Date of next meeting - Tuesday 29 September 2015 at 9.30 a.m.**

The date of the next meeting of the Partnership was noted.

**18 Recorded Crime & Disorder**

Consideration was given to a report that provided an overview on crime and ASB in the borough of Stockton between April 2015 and July 2015 and ASB levels between April 2015 and June 2015 (July ASB data not available at time of writing).

These details had been taken from Cleveland Police Performance statistics and were restricted due to crime and ASB details not being released to the general public at the time of writing.

AGREED that the report be noted.

**19 Update on CSE Work in Stockton**

The Partnership was presented with the report of the Children and Young People Select Committee Task and Finish Review of CSE.

AGREED that the report be noted.

**20 Summary on Changes in Police Recording Practices**

At the last meeting of the Partnership on 23rd June 2015, concerns were raised by Members of the group with regards to the rise in crime figures, in particular offences of violence.

As a result, a summary note was provided for the next meeting on in relation to crime recording practices.

The figures were restricted at the time of this meeting and the Partnership requested that an email be sent to them letting them know when the figures were available to the public.

The Partnership requested the item be considered at a future meeting to help minimise the impact and to consider a corporate message.

AGREED that the report be noted.