

Safer Stockton Partnership

A meeting of Safer Stockton Partnership was held on Tuesday, 15th December, 2015.

Present: Dave Pickard (Chair), Glen Westmoreland (Cleveland Police), Joshua Le Darcy (Victim Support), John Bagley (National Probation Service - Cleveland), John Bagley (National Probation Service - Cleveland), Cllr Steve Nelson, Cllr Jim Beall, Steve Hume, Kerry Anderson, David Willingham, Richard Poundford (Stockton Council), Steve Rose (Catalyst), Neville Cameron (PCC), David Egglestone (DTV CRC Probation Services), Gilly Marshall (Thirteen).

Officers: Claire Sills, Peter Bell, Vicky Hatton, Jenny Cowell, Simon Milner, Mike Chicken, Lisa Lyons, Dale Metcalf (SBC).

Also in attendance: None.

Apologies: Caroline Wood, Jane Humphreys, Angela Connor, Julie Nixon, Christine Goodman and Miriam Sigsworth.

SSP Introductions/Apologies 12/15

Introductions and apologies were given.

SSP Declarations of Interest 13/15

Councillor Steve Nelson declared a person non prejudicial interest as his son worked for a security firm in Stockton Town Centre.

SSP Minutes of Meeting 17 November 2015 14/15

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th November 2015 were agreed subject to the following corrections:-

Remove from the list of those present and add to the list of apologies:-

John Bagley (National Probation Service - Cleveland)

On page 3 at Action 7.6 delete the word "Recidivism" and replace with the word "Encompass".

SSP Matters Arising 15/15

With regard to Action 7.2 it was noted that further discuss was needed between Councillor Beall and Claire Sills as to the DA report that would be circulated.

With regard to Action 7.7 the Community Safety Manager reported the history of the DA Medium Repeats Group. Cleveland Police identify individuals who were victims of DA but were not serious enough to be dealt with at MARAC level. It was a informal group with no set criteria. The Community Safety Manager felt that the quality of the referrals needed to be looked at.

SSP Any Other Business - identification only 16/15

There was no other business identified.

SSP 17/15 Minutes of YOT Management Board 10 November 2015

Consideration was given to the Minutes of YOT Management Board held on 10 November 2015.

AGREED that the minutes of the YOT Management Board held on 10 November 2015 be noted.

SSP 18/15 Crime Survey - summary of key points

The Partnership was presented with a report on the Crime Survey for England and Wales.

The Crime Survey for England and Wales (formerly British Crime Survey) asked people aged 16 and over living in households in England and Wales about their experiences of crime in the last 12 months. These experiences were used to estimate levels of crime in England and Wales. Until recently the survey did not cover crimes against those aged under 16, but since January 2009 it now includes children aged 10 to 15 years.

Respondents to the survey were asked about their attitudes to crime-related issues such as, the police, the criminal justice system, their perceptions of crime and anti-social behaviour. The results of the survey play an important role in informing government policy.

The survey provided a better reflection of the extent of household and personal crime than police recorded statistics because the survey includes crimes that were not reported to, or recorded by, the police. The survey was also a better indicator of long-term trends because it was unaffected by changes in levels of reporting to the police or police recording practices.

It was able to capture all offences experienced by those interviewed, not just those that had been reported to, and recorded by, the police. It covered a broad range of victim-based crimes experienced by the resident household population. However, there were some serious but relatively low volume offences, such as homicide and sexual offences that were not included in its main estimates.

The survey until very recently excluded fraud and cyber-crime however following the success of recent development work, new questions had been added to the survey from the beginning of October 2015 with initial estimates (based on three months data) beginning to appear in April 2016.

Police recorded crime data were supplied to the Office for National Statistics (ONS) by the Home Office, who were responsible for the collation of recorded crime data supplied by police forces in England and Wales.

ACTION 7.1 As the figures showed an increase it was felt that there needed to be a co-ordinated media response from the PCC Office.

AGREED that the report be noted and the action identified above be carried out.

SSP DAAT Q2

19/15

The Partnership was presented with the DAAT Q2 figures.

The Partnership discussed the communication between the National Probation Service - Cleveland / Public Health / DTV CRC.

ACTION 8.1 A meeting take place between the 3 parties to improve communications.

AGREED that the report be noted and the action identified above be carried out.

**SSP
20/15** **Update on IOM/Arrest Referral**

The Partnership was informed that this report hadn't been prepared for this meeting.

ACTION 9.1 The report be prepared for the next meeting of the Partnership.

**SSP
21/15** **Burglary update**

The Partnership received a presentation on Burglary Crime Prevention. The presentation covered the following key areas:-

- House Burglary in Stockton
- Burglary Crime Prevention
- Repeat and Vulnerable Victims of House Burglary
- Burglary Crime Prevention Pilot Scheme
- Burglary Hot Spot Areas
- Environmental Visual Audit of Tarring Street
- Individual Property Crime Prevention Surveys

The Partnership thanked Glen Westmoreland and Dale Metcalf for the presentation.

ACTION 10.1 The results of the Burglary Crime Prevention Pilot Scheme be reported back to a future meeting the Partnership.

AGREED that the presentation be noted and the action identified above be carried out.

**SSP
22/15** **Shoplifting update**

AGREED that this item be deferred to the next meeting of the Partnership.

**SSP
23/15** **Update on Street Lighting Scheme in Stockton**

The Partnership received a presentation on the Street Lighting Scheme in Stockton. The presentation covered the following key areas:-

- Street Lighting - Previously
- LED Benefits
- Lighting Standards
- Design Elements

- Progress So far
- Recent Research

The Partnership thanked Mike Chicken for the presentation.

AGREED that the presentation be received.

SSP 24/15 Alley Gates Maintenance and future use

The Partnership received a presentation on Alley Gates Maintenance and Future Use.

The alleygate programme in Stockton-on-Tees began in 2001 with a pilot scheme in Newtown with 3 alleyways being gated with the installation of 8 alleygates.

Although the alleygate programme, with its dedicated budget came to an end in 2012/13, it was eligible to use the Community Participation Budget to install alleygates, subject to the legislation criteria being met. There was now 327 alleygates installed across the Borough, protecting 4643 properties.

The oldest gates were approaching 14 years old, with the average age of the alleygates being a little under 9 years old. Some of the recently installed gates through the Community Participation Budget had been gates salvaged from housing regeneration areas.

A table within the report highlighted the projected costs per ward for 2015/16, based on the projected cost of the annual scheduled maintenance and the fault repair costs per gate.

A request was made to the Partnership for any help with regard to the maintenance of the alleygates.

An offer was made by David Egglestone (DTV CRC) that there could be the possibility of some un-paid maintenance work from the DTV CRC.

ACTION 13.1 The offer of un-paid work from the DTV CRC be investigated.

AGREED that the report be noted and the action identified above be carried out.

SSP 25/15 Reports Back
a) Local Strategic Partnership
b) Adult Wellbeing Partnership
c) Children and Young People's Partnership

Consideration was given to the minutes from the Children and Young People's Partnership held on 21st October 2015.

AGREED that the minutes from the Children and Young People's Partnership held on 21st October 2015 be noted.

SSP Date of Next Meeting - Tuesday 9th February 2015 at 9.30 a.m.

26/15

SSP Ian Coates (Cleveland Police)

27/15

The Chair informed the Partnership that Ian Coates (Cleveland Police) had a new post within Cleveland Police and would no longer be attending the Partnership.

The Partnership wished their thanks be recorded for all his work over the years for the Partnership and a letter be sent to him thanking him.

ACTION 16.1 A letter be sent to Ian Coates from the Chair thanking him for all his work over the years.

SSP Partnership Strategic Assessment

28/15

The Partnership was presented with a document that had been produced for the purpose of strategic priority setting to reduce crime and disorder in the borough of Stockton.

The audience for the report was the key decision makers within Safer Stockton Partnership (SSP).

The aim of the assessment was to provide an accurate picture of issues affecting the borough and to aide with setting the strategic priorities for the future.

In previous years the assessment had been prepared on a 12 monthly basis and was used as part of the process to set new actions and priorities in line with the Community Safety Plan 2014-17 (CSP).

In April 2014 this plan was revised and new priorities implemented which had been identified by residents during the Community Safety Audit in the summer of 2013.

The Partnership commended the report and discussed some of the key findings.

ACTION 17.1 The issue of alcohol offending was being looked into and a revised Action Plan would be presented to the Partnership in May 2016.

ACTION 17.2 The Partnership discussed the restrictions on the report and it was felt that they needed some written clarification from Cleveland Police on why this and other reports contained within the agenda were classed as restricted.

ACTION 17.3 With regard to Cybercrime it was felt that it would be appropriate for Steve Rose to raise this issue at the Children Safeguarding Board.

AGREED that:-

1. The Partnership Strategic Assessment be noted.
2. The key findings and recommendations be agreed.

3. The actions identified above be carried out.

**SSP
29/15** **Recorded Crime & Disorder**

The Partnership was presented with a report that provided an overview on crime between April 15 and November 15 and anti-social behaviour levels between April 15 and October 15 in the borough of Stockton.

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

The figures for DA were discussed and that DA was a key priority for the Partnership, Cleveland Police and the HMIC.

Stockton-On-Tees was still the safest place in the Tees Valley and although there had been an increase in crime the figures which looked very dramatic they were dispropiate as the crime figures had previously been so low.

AGREED that the report be noted.

**SSP
30/15** **Operation Recidivism briefing paper**

AGREED that this item be deferred to the next meeting of the Partnership.