

## Safer Stockton Partnership

**A meeting of Safer Stockton Partnership was held on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> June 2016.**

**Present:** Cllr Steve Nelson (Chair), Sarah Wilson (OPCC), Miriam Sigsworth (Youth Offending Team), John Bentley, (Safe in Tees Valley), Gilly Marshall (Thirteen), David Morton, Kerry Anderson (SBC – Public Health), Caroline Wood (SBC Housing), Steve Hume (Stockton Council), Steve Johnson (Cleveland Fire Brigade), Joanne Wright (IOM – Cleveland Police), Laura Mitchell (IOM – Cleveland Police), Luke Grimwood (SBC Housing), Sharon Barnett (National Probation Service), John Lyons (Cleveland Police)

**Officers:** Claire Sills, Kirsty Wannop (SBC), Gayle Nertney (SBC)

**Also in attendance:** Chris Dunwell, Tony Roach (Town Centre Officers, SBC Community Safety)

**Apologies:** Dave Willingham

### ACTION

#### 1 Introductions/Apologies

Introductions and apologies were given.

#### 2 Declarations of Interest

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

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Note**

#### 3 Minutes of Meeting 17 May 2016

The minutes were agreed as true record.

#### 4 Matters Arising

It was previously noted that a community meeting would take place prior to this meeting, however it was agreed to postpone until the evening of 14 July 2016 to allow for Ramadan.

#### 5 Any Other Business - identification only

There wasn't any other business identified.

#### 6 (a) Minutes of YOT Management Board

Consideration was given to the minutes of the YOT Management Board

It was noted that the report from the National Review was expected on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

**AGREED** the minutes of the YOT Management Board be noted.

#### (b) \*Minutes of Stockton Adults Safeguarding Board 23/2/16

Consideration was given to the minutes of the Adults Safeguarding Board held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2016.

**AGREED** that the Adult Safeguarding Board minutes be noted.

**(c) \*Minutes of Stockton Children's Safeguarding Board 21/4/16**

Consideration was given to the minutes of the Adults Safeguarding Board held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2016.

**AGREED** that the Adult Safeguarding Board minutes be noted.

## **7 Integrated Offender Management**

The Partnership was presented with an overview of the Integrated Offender Management Team, discussing how it was progressing, and how it affected the Stockton area

The IOM is a Cleveland Partnership approach to targeting prolific and priority offenders (PPO's) in Stockton.

The IOM hub was established in May 2015 and based within Holme House Prison. The benefit of being within the prison allows IOM Team to visit Offenders on site.

The IOM Structure focused on 3 areas:

- Prevent & Deter
- Catch & Convict
- Rehabilitate & Resettle

The IOM Team consisted of :

- Police Officers
- Probation Officers (Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC)/National Probation Service
- Prison Officers

Additional Partner Agencies included:

- Local Authority – Community Safety Partnerships
- Drug Treatment Providers
- Housing Providers
- Through the Gate
- Courts
- Crown Prosecution Service
- Youth Offending Service
- Restorative Justice
- Troubled Families

It was advised that the identification of PPO's were highlighted using a matrix scoring system, weighting offences according to the forces priorities.

Scoring was based on:

- Police Information
- Time in Custody
- Information from Partner Agencies

The Partnership was advised that monthly BRAG meetings took place, in which PPO's are given a colour grading, reflecting where they were in terms of their

risk of offending or risk of harm they pose to the community:

<b>BLUE</b>	In Custody
<b>RED</b>	High Risk – not complying. Flagged as a target at TCG. Catch & Convict
<b>AMBER</b>	Risk of becoming problematic. Disruption visits/Compliance visits required
<b>GREEN</b>	Low risk. Compliant.

The structure of the IOM meeting was discussed as well as the benefits of the IOM approach, which were highlighted as:

- Targeting the appropriate Cohort of offenders
- Reducing demand on services through a coordinated approach
- Empowering offenders to make positive lifestyle choices
- Reducing Reoffending
- Reducing Victims of Crime
- Improving Public Confidence

The Partnership was advised of a Success story by a Stockton Offender, who had fully complied with the conditions of his licence following release from prison, completing a full 12 months without a new conviction.

Successes of IOM were also discussed, including:

- In September 2015, the HMIC inspected the IOM Team awarding an overall grading of 'good'
- A successful Hub Launch in September 2015
- IOM independent Audit on behalf of the Police and Crime Commissioner's Office was very positive
- Service Level Agreements signed by Police, Prison, CRC and NPS on 22 April 2016
- **Performance statistics for Stockton PPO's:**  
When comparing September 2014 – February 2015 and September 2015 – February 2016, there has been a 36% reduction in cost; equating to a £45,851 saving.

Plans for the future include increasing the number of staff within the IOM Team to eight IOM Police Officers, as well as increasing IOM Coherts Force 140 – 240. It was confirmed that the increase in IOM Police Officers would not reduce the number of Officers on the beat.

It was confirmed that a small number of repeat offenders were not from the Stockton area, but following release from prison, they remained within the Town. It was however stressed that once these offenders had been recognised then they will be dealt with accordingly, and/or as a breach of their terms, potentially ending up back in prison.

The Fire Service requested to attend, and it was confirmed that an invite would be issued for future meetings.

**AGREED** that the discussion be noted.

## **8 \*Recorded Crime and Disorder (Restricted)**

A report was presented to the Partnership, providing an overview of crime

between April 2016 and May 2016 in the Borough of Stockton, and Anti-social Behaviour for April only (May stats not available at time of writing).

For further information on crime and ASB levels can be found at <http://www.cleveland.police.uk/about-us/Official-Crime-Statistics.aspx>

**AGREED** that the report be noted.

## **9 Domestic Abuse National Comparisons**

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

## **10 Town Centre Presentation – End of Year 1**

The Partnership was presented with an overview of the Town Centre Operations Officers.

The objectives of the Officers were discussed which were:

- Being visible in the High Street and surrounding areas to residents, visitors and businesses with the town
- Preventing and deterring anti-social behaviour, as well as being proactive in dealing with incidents that had occurred
- Identifying those responsible for persistent anti-social behaviour, taking relevant action where necessary
- Providing support to victims of crime and anti-social behaviour within the Town Centre and surrounding area
- Being a point of contact for businesses in relation to any environmental or anti-social behaviour issues they are experiencing

It was discussed that within the first year, the Town Centre Officers targeted specific behaviour – ASB & crime, alcohol related ASB, environmental crime, and begging. They also worked on business engagement and support, as well as supporting public events.

2 examples of where Criminal Behaviour Orders had been issued within Stockton were discussed.

In total, since 1<sup>st</sup> May 2015 to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2016, Town Centre Operations Officers have received 801 requests for service, averaging 67 requests per month.

July was the busiest month with a total of 109 requests for service. Presented to the Partnership were details of core days and times, as well as details of repeat locations within the Town Centre.

A member of the partnership requested that the intelligence be shared with Hartlepool in relation to CBO's, as it was understood that since being dispersed from Stockton, an offender was now within the Hartlepool Town Centre area committing acts of begging and harassment. The Partnership were advised that intelligence was shared as part of the Community Partnership, and information was held on Intelligence systems. It was also confirmed that compliance of CBO's cover all of England and Wales, and any breach would lead to an arrest, regardless of the location.

The Partnership praised the team and the good work that had been carried out.

**AGREED** that the discussion be noted.

## **11 Operation Raptor**

A report was discussed with the Partnership regarding Operation Raptor which detailed changes in the way Cleveland Police tackle shoplifting, following a reduction of police officers within the past 5 years, and changes in where resources need to be directed.

It was stressed that support would not be withdrawn from the Town Centres, or their support from retailers, but resources would be directed more efficiently.

Arrangements to be made for Cleveland Fire Brigade (Arson Reduction) to be involved with the Retail Crime Forum.

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**AGREED** that the discussion be noted.

## **12 Cleveland Fire Incidents Tilery and Portrack**

The Partnership were presented with a report from Cleveland Fire Brigade detailing fire incidents in the Tilery & Portrack areas, between 1 January 2016 to 16 May 2016.

The report detailed type of fire, days and time the incidents took place and what action had been taken following the incidents.

It was discussed that following a multi-agency approach, a huge reduction of incidents had been recorded. Only one fire on Tilery (factory) and 3 at Portrack (2 x vehicles 1 x commercial), had been recorded for June 2016.

It was advised that Cleveland Fire Brigade were looking at expanding this approach to the Town Centre and Newtown areas, which had been identified as a problematic area.

**AGREED** that the discussion be noted.

## **13 Draft Updated Information Sharing Agreement**

Consideration was given to the draft updated Information Sharing Agreement. It was requested that all comments be made to Claire Sills by end of next week in order for it to be finalised.

Members of the Partnership that used the E-Sins information sharing system praised how well it worked for all the agencies involved in accessing information quickly.

**AGREED** that any comments on the Draft Updated Information Sharing Policy be provided by 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016.

## **14 Restorative Justice Annual Review**

**AGREED** that the contents of the report be noted.

**15 Update on Community Meeting in Relation to Prevent/Community Engagement**

Deferred – Update to be given after the meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

**16 Reports Back:**

- a) **Local Strategic Partnership**
- b) **Adult Wellbeing Partnership**
- c) **Children and Young People's Partnership**

Members were asked to note the content within the documents.

**17 Date of next meeting – changed to Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30 am at Stockton Town Hall**