

# Safer Stockton Partnership

A meeting of Safer Stockton Partnership was held on Tuesday, 11 September, 2018.

**Present:** Cllr Steve Nelson (Chair), Cllr Jim Beall (Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health), Steve Hume, Claire Sills (SBC – Children’s Services), Marc Stephenson, Craig Willows, (SBC – Community Services), Sarah Wilson (Office of the PCC), Marc Anderson (Cleveland Police), Jane Smith (SBC – Public Health), Steve Johnson, Simon Weastell (Cleveland Fire Service), Gary Knight (SBC – Housing Services), Tanya Evans (SBC - YOT), Dave Willingham (Youth Direction), Kevin Parry (DTV CRC).

**Officers:** Peter Bell (SBC – Democratic Services), Mandy Mackinnon (SBC – Public Health).

**Also in attendance:** None.

**Apologies:** Steve Rose, John Bentley, Miriam Sigsworth, Jamie McCann.

## **1 Introductions / Apologies**

Introductions and apologies for absence were given.

## **2 Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Jim Beall declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 7 – In Depth Discussion – Violent Crime as he was a member of Eastern Ravens.

## **3 Minutes**

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 10 July 2018.

AGREED that the minutes be approved.

## **4 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

## **5 Minutes of the Adult Safeguarding Board, Stockton-on-Tees Local Safeguarding Children Board and YOT Management Board**

Members were presented with the minutes of the Adult Safeguarding Board Management Board held on 24 April 2018 and the RESTRICTED minutes of the Stockton-on-Tees Local Safeguarding Children Board held on 24 May 2018.

AGREED that the minutes be noted.

## **6 In Depth Discussion – Violent Crime**

Members held an in depth discussion on violent crime.

The discussion covered the following key areas:-

Police Overview of Violence in the Borough  
Home Office Serious Violence Strategy  
Preventing Criminal Exploitation / County Lines

A detailed overview of violence in the Borough was given by the Police. Reference was made to the definition of violence and the new categories that were included within these figures. There had also been a change in recording practices with regard to violent crimes.

Members noted that there was funding available to produce a Serious Violence Action Plan. Bids were being prepared in conjunction with the Cleveland Police and Crime Commissioner. Members requested that an update be given at the next meeting of the Partnership.

It was noted that the Youth Justice Board had made a notification that they intended to review the Young Persons Violence Strategy however with no indication of timescale or how in-depth the review will be. Funding was still an issue with regard to Youth Offending Service which had been halved nationally.

A piece of emerging work with regard to County Lines. The key challenge for the Partnership in Stockton was the need to refine intelligence. In terms of young people at risk of criminal exploitation there wasn't the evidence to suggest this was occurring, although the true scale is not clear.

In Stockton there was a number of established partnerships and panels in place that provided the opportunity to discuss, problem solve and highlight emerging issues. The key challenge was to ensure that these processes continued to develop. National guidance called for the need for a multi-risk panel which looked at the most vulnerable individuals covering all aspects of risk as opposed to separate systems which only look at one aspect of vulnerability, for example Child Sexual Exploitation, ASB, Missing from Home etc. Within Stockton the Vulnerable exploited missing and trafficked (VEMT) group was best placed for this to take place.

Work was ongoing to review the various processes which were in place as well as explore how best to use existing data and information gathering processes to support the early identification of risk. In addition to this a joint bid in collaboration with the PCC had been submitted to the governments 'Early Intervention Youth Fund' which would seek to co-ordinate diversionary and targeted work across the Tees. Further updates would be provided to SSP in due course.

It was noted that a Regional Co-ordinator on County Lines had recently taken up post. Members felt that it would be worthwhile if the Partnership received a presentation at a future meeting.

AGREED that:-

1. The discussion be noted.
2. The comments made from the Partnership be noted.

## **7 Recorded Crime and Disorder**

Members were presented with a report on recorded crime and disorder.

The report provided an overview on recorded crime and anti-social behaviour

incidents in the borough of Stockton for the time period of April 2018 to the end of July 2018.

The bulk of the statistics utilised for this report had been obtained from Cleveland Police crime statistic database with the figures correct at the time of writing (06.08.18). The data was extracted from 'live' systems and therefore remained the subject of on-going operational activity, audit and scrutiny, and therefore may result in slight amendments to some of the statistical information in future publications.

Crime details for Darlington, who form part of the Tees Valley area, were not available at the time of writing.

The report would be not provide any detailed analysis due to being only four months into the start of the new financial year unless there were any significant changes to patterns or trends.

Members felt that there was a direct link between the reduction in ASB figures and the money that had been invested in the Council's Community Safety Unit Service in conjunction with the Police and other agencies.

Members requested future reports could include Tees Valley crimes per thousand population.

AGREED that the report be noted.

## **8 Community Safety Partnership Comparative Data – iQuanta - RESTRICTED**

Members were presented with a restricted report that provided an overview on crime comparisons against other similar CSPs utilising iQuanta.

This report was a restricted document due to the statistical information only made available as an intelligence tool for partnerships until released by the Home Office.

AGREED that the report be noted.

## **9 CSP Q1**

Members were presented with a report on the CSP Q1 figures.

Members agreed that target 4.7 should be removed from future reports.

AGREED that the report be noted.

## **10 DAAT Q1**

Members noted that Early Intervention Manager (Children and Young People) would present this item at future meetings. It was suggested that the report would be re-casted for future meetings.

AGREED that the report be noted.

## **11 Operational Update for Bonfire Strategy**

Members were presented with a report that provided an overview surrounding the seasonal demand on services during the end of October and beginning of November leading up to bonfire night. Historically the partnership had previously experienced seasonal crime and disorder mainly amongst youths within the communities and town centre areas. The report was presented on behalf of the wider Safer Stockton Partnership, who come together during the period in order to work toward and achieve a collective set of objectives, aimed at ensuring the communities remained safe from crime and disorder.

AGREED that the report be noted.

## **12 Alcohol Presentation**

Members received a presentation on alcohol in the Borough.

The presentation covered the following key areas:-

- Public Health
- Licensing
- Trading Standards
- Policing
- Domestic Violence
- Impact in the NHS
- Developing a Strategy
- Conclusion

Members felt that the Partnership should be represented by an officer on the new multiagency group that would be developing a new alcohol strategy for the Borough.

AGREED that the presentation be received.

## **13 Reports Back**

There were no reports back.

## **14 Date and time of next meeting: Tuesday, 30 October 2018**

AGREED that the date of the next meeting be noted.