

Safer Stockton Partnership

A meeting of Safer Stockton Partnership was held on Tuesday, 10 September, 2019.

Present: Cllr Steve Nelson (Chair), Cllr Ann McCoy (SBC - Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care), Jamie McCann, Marc Stephenson, Craig Willows, Dawn Tyreman (SBC – Community Services), Dave Willingham, Claire Sills (SBC – Early Help), , Marc Anderson (Cleveland Police), Steve Johnson, Alan Brown, Cllr Andrew Stephenson (Cleveland Fire Service), Gary Knight (SBC – Housing Services), Tanya Evans (SBC - YOT), Angela Corner (Thirteen Group), Steve Rose (Catalyst), Sarah Wilson (PCC), Angela Connell (SBC – Adult Social Care), Richard Phelan (HMP Holme House Prison), Michael Houghton (HAST CCG), Katie Needham (SBC – Public Health).

Officers: Peter Bell (SBC – Democratic Services).

Also in attendance: Paul Diggins (SBC), Richard Lewis (Chief Constable Cleveland Police), Barry Coppinger (Commissioner for Cleveland Police).

Apologies: Martin Gray, Sarah McManus, Miriam Sigsworth, Tanya Evans, Angela Corner, Joanne Hodgkinson, Jane Smith and Cllr Andrew Stephenson.

1 Appointment of Vice Chair

AGREED that Steve Johnson be appointed Vice Chair of the Partnership for the Municipal Year 2019/20.

2 Introductions / Apologies

Introductions and apologies for absence were given.

4 Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared.

5 Minutes

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 16 July 2019.

AGREED that the minutes be approved.

6 Matters Arising

Marc Stephenson provided an update on matters arising from the previous meeting. These included;

ASST contract position regarding asylum seeker housing. Current position statement provided to the group.

7 Invited Speaker Chief Constable Richard Lewis

Chief Constable Richard Lewis was in attendance at the meeting and outlined his vision for Cleveland Police going forward.

The key points outlined by Chief Constable Richard Lewis were as follows:-

- The process is underway of appointing a new chief officer team who do not have a history of working with Cleveland Police.
- There is a great deal of work to do within Cleveland Police.
- In post since 29 April 2019 so there has been opportunity to meet with many of Cleveland Police's partners.
- Four priorities have been set by the Chief Constable for Cleveland Police as follows:-
 - Cut crime and ASB and have a prevention agenda
 - Focus on the most vulnerable people in our communities
 - Public service ethos
 - A new focus on staff
- The Chief Constable then gave his vision for neighbourhood policing for Cleveland. Consultation on what people wanted from neighbourhood policing would take place in the near future.
- Cleveland Police would now attend where possible shoplifting incidents.

The Partnership was given the opportunity to ask questions and make comments on the presentation and these could be summarised as follows:-

- Local Councillors have a great relationships with PCSOs.
- Relationships with partners mean a lot and it is important that we all talk together.
- At a lower level I have had nothing but good experiences with Cleveland Police.
- Great news that shoplifting incidents will now be attended by police officers but retailers have still got an input to make.
- Cleveland Police need to update their technology.
- The extra police officers will be a huge boost for Cleveland.

The Chair invited the Chief Constable to come back in 6 months to update the Partnership on progress.

AGREED that the update be noted and the Chief Constable come back in 6 months to update the Partnership on progress.

8 E-CINS

The Partnership received a presentation on E-CINS. The presentation covered the following key areas:-

- How E-CINS works
- The Benefits of Using E-CINS
- How are we using E-CINS in Stockton
- System Demonstration
- Further Development Requirements
- Frequently Asked Questions

The Partnership was given the opportunity to ask questions and make comments on the presentation and these could be summarised as follows:-

- Partners that are not using E-CINS are causing a potential block to

- partnership working.
- There needs to be a buy-in from all partners to make the circle of information.
- A lot of problem solving goes on using E-CINS.
- If anyone isn't using E-CINS they should go back to their organisation and sell it showing what the benefits are.
- A full position statement of all partners will be provided at the next meeting of the Partnership.

AGREED that:-

1. The presentation be received.
2. The comments made from the Partnership be noted.
3. E-CINS remain as a standing item on the SSP agenda until all of the issues have been fully resolved.

9 Tees Water Safety Policy

The Partnership considered a report that had been to Cabinet on Tees Water Safety Policy.

The report had been prepared following an increased focus on water safety and drowning prevention both nationally through the Local Government Association (LGA) Safer and Stronger Communities Board and regionally following a number of different incidents. The report presented the Water Safety Strategy for the Borough of Stockton.

Services across the authority had worked together to develop the Water Safety Strategy. The Water Safety Strategy and the initial Water Safety Plan was attached to the report. In taking this work forward it was recommended that an operational working group was formed to ensure an on-going coherent approach and the support of wider stakeholders. The proposed Membership of the Water Safety Operational Working Group was as follows:-

- Flood Risk Management Team
- Greenspace
- Community Services
- Health and Safety
- CaRT (Canals and Rivers Trust)
- RUG (River User Group)
- Operator
- Community Safety Partnership

In addition in order to enhance public awareness and improve communication of water safety issues a specific web page had been developed to deliver key water safety messages at:-

<https://www.stockton.gov.uk/community-safety/staying-safe-around-water/>

AGREED that the Tees Water Safety Policy be noted.

11 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 April 2019 to the end of August 2019.

The bulk of the statistics utilised for the report had been obtained from Cleveland Police crime statistic database with the figures correct at the time of writing (03.07.19). 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 unless there were any significant changes to patterns or trends.

A comparison against other similar Community Safety Partnerships utilising iQuanta was noted within a separate report. This report was a restricted document due to the statistical information only made available as an intelligence tool until released by the Home Office.

AGREED that the report be noted.

12 Community Safety Action Plan Q1

Members were presented with an update on Community Safety Action Plan Q1.

The following areas were highlighted to the partnership:-

- Reduce Re-Offending by the Most Prolific Offenders
- Protecting Vulnerable People and Communities
- Reduce Crime Linked to Alcohol and Drug Misuse
- Community Safety and Protection

AGREED that the update on Community Safety Action Plan Q1 be noted.

14 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.

15 The Arson Position in Stockton-on-Tees

The Partnership received a presentation on the arson position in Stockton-on-Tees. The presentation covered the following key areas:-

- National / Local Perspective
- Arson Figures for Stockton-on-Tees
- Local Profile / Hotspots
- Delivering Services
- The Arson Reduction Strategy
- The help and support that is needed
- In year position

The Partnership was given the opportunity to ask questions and make comments on the presentation and these could be summarised as follows:-

- Management of void properties is key.
- Fuel for potential fires should be removed as soon as possible.
- The Strategy should be communication to Town Councils.
- Detection rate and prosecution rate is very low.
- Community pride is key to reduce arson rates.

AGREED that:-

1. The presentation be received.
2. The comments made from the Partnership be noted.

16 Any Other Business

The Partnership was updated with regard to the Community Safety Plan and the upcoming consultation exercise.

15 Reports Back

There were no reports back.

15 Date and time of next meeting: Tuesday, 15 October 2019

AGREED that the date of the next meeting be noted.