

Safer Stockton Partnership

A meeting of Safer Stockton Partnership was held on Wednesday, 1 September 2021.

Present: Cllr Steve Nelson (Chair), Cllr Ann McCoy (Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care), Jamie McCann, Marc Stephenson (SBC – Community Services), Dave Willingham (SBC – Children’s Services), CI Chris Smiles (Cleveland Police), Calum Tittley (SBC – Adult Services), Ann Powell (Cleveland Probation), Gary Knight (SBC – Housing Services), Joanne Hodgkinson (Cllr Paul Kirton (CFA), Sarah Wilson (OPCC), Dave Willingham (SBC), Jon Carling (Catalyst).

Officers: Peter Bell (SBC – Democratic Services).

Also in attendance: Rachele Kipling (OPCC), Simon Smart (OPCC).

Apologies: Cleveland Fire Brigade, Angela Corner, Sarah McManus, Craig Willows.

1 Introductions / Apologies

Introductions and apologies for absence were given.

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared.

3 Minutes

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 7 July 2021.

AGREED that the minutes be approved.

4 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5 Confirmation of Vice Chair

The Partnership was informed that there had been no expressions of interest with regard the position of Vice Chair of the Partnership.

The Chair outlined that as there was a new bill passing through parliament that was giving a renewed focus on for a public health approach to serious violent crime it was appropriate to approach HWB and PH to get a nominated representative. This representative could then be asked if they would like to be nominated as Vice Chair of the Partnership.

AGREED that the Chair formally write to HWB and PH requesting a representative for the Partnership.

6 Presentation – Cleveland Police and Crime Plan

The Partnership received a presentation from Rachele Kipling (OPCC) on the Cleveland Police and Crime Plan. The presentation covered the following key

areas:-

Elected on a large mandate

- Engaged with a wide range of individuals to develop manifesto commitments
- Accountable to the public

Performance focused approach

- Clear outcomes, key deliverables and measures

10-point plan

- Term of office
- Annual delivery plan

Consultation

- Chief Constable
- Due regard to Community Safety Partnership Priorities and Public Views

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

- The Chair updated the Partnership on a motion that had been submitted to Council regarding special constables receiving a council tax reduction in recognition of their service. The motion had been rejected by Council and the main reason for this was that it was felt it was divisive within the voluntary sector as there were 45k volunteers within the Borough and this suggestion would create a tier system within the voluntary sector. The Chair would be asking the Commissioner at the next meeting of the Cleveland Police and Crime Panel why he doesn't use his own budget to make allowances as other Commissioners have done in other parts of the country. Jon Carling (Catalyst) endorsed the Chair's comments and would support a council tax reduction.
- Regarding the custody suite at Hartlepool it was reported that costings were being carried out and at present it was being used as a resilience suite for any special operations.
- The Chair praised the outgoing Chief Constable for his work around neighbourhood policing and was saddened that he was leaving Cleveland Police.
- It was reported that unfortunately the Commissioner couldn't be in attendance at the meeting to make the presentation as he was at an engagement in Hartlepool. It was hoped that the Commissioner would attend a meeting of the Partnership in the future.
- It was reported that the Commissioner saw a role for the voluntary sector in the process of engagement with communities. Conversations had already commenced with MVDA.
- The Annual Delivery Plan would be published on the OPCC website and updated regularly and if the Partnership wanted the Delivery Plan brought to a meeting that could be accommodated.

AGREED that:-

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

7 Presentation – A Fairer Stockton-on -Tees: A Framework for Tackling Inequalities 2021 – 2031

The Partnership received a presentation on A Fairer Stockton-on -Tees: A Framework for Tackling Inequalities 2021 – 2031. The presentation covered the following key areas:-

- The Challenge
- What does inequalities mean?
- What can we build on and the process
- Strategic approach / A strategic framework / Borough wide action
- Disadvantaged communities / Deprived areas / Six key gaps
- The most Marginalised / What is our role
- What does success look like? / Engagement plan

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

- The process was an open process so any member of the Partnership could contact Dave Willingham with any comments or suggestions.
- The approach was Council led but partnership driven.
- Can we look at inequalities and the link with crime and anti-social behaviour.
- Reference should be made to issues that are beyond Council/partners control but are the responsibility of central government e.g. universal credit.
- We should be proud that we maintain funding for the SDIS Who help people claim the benefits that they are entitled to receive.

AGREED that:-

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

8 Discussion – Police, Crime, Sentencing and Court Bill (Serious Violence)

The Partnership was informed that there was a new serious violence statutory duty bill that was coming through parliament. A formal presentation would be brought to the next meeting of the Partnership. Some of the work involved in the bill had already been done by Cleveland Police and OPCC but a lot more work was still needed. There would be no new funding associated with the new bill. As part of the bill in its current form there was an amendment to the Crime and Disorder Act which means that CSP's will have a new duty as a partnership that it aims to reduce and prevent serious violence and that is one of the priorities in

the community safety plan.

AGREED that the update be noted.

9 Community Safety Plan Update

The Partnership was updated regarding the CSP. The Partnership was reminded that the CSP should reflect the needs of the community and this should define the document.

The Plan was on-course regarding development and was in its final phase. The Plan would be presented to the next meeting of the Partnership. Support had been obtained from the Home Office (Chris Williams) and was assisting in the development of the Plan. The next of the timeline would be a workshop with partners and then to run through the strategic assessment and then to start formulating the strategies based on the consultation outcomes and what the problems are here in Stockton.

AGREED that the update be noted.

10 Recorded Crime and Disorder Report

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

The report provided an overview on recorded crime, anti-social behaviour incidents, domestic abuse and hate crime in the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees for the 12-month period of August 2020 to the end of July 2021.

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 (04/01/2021). 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.

The report would 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.

Any reference to Population rates per 1,000 had been used in conjunction with the ONS UK Mid-year population estimates for 2019, which was the latest version provided by the ONS.

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

- Regarding stalking and harassment figures and the definition, figures had

been requested on which ones are on-line and similarly with hate crime figures.

AGREED that the report be noted.

10 YOT Board Performance Report Q1 2021-22

The Partnership considered a report on YOT Board Performance Q1 2021-22.

Prior to any analysis taking place in the report it was noted that any comparisons to previous years were likely to show a significant and varied difference due to the impact caused by Covid-19 and its restrictions.

From April - June 2021, there were 132 outcomes for 175 offences committed by 82 young people aged 10 - 17 years at the time of their outcome. This equated to 2.13 offences per young person on average. Using these figures the outturn for the year 2021/22 can be predicted to be approximately 700 offences committed by 328 young people, however it was noted that these predictions were made based on one quarter.

In comparison, with the same period the previous year (April – June 2020), 67 offences had been committed by 38 young people aged 10 – 17 years at the time of their outcome (1.76 offences per young person on average). Comparing the two periods, April – June 2021 had seen an increase of 108 offences against the previous period and an increase of 44 young people.

Violence Against the Person offences continued to be the dominant type of offence committed by offenders aged 10-17, followed by Sexual Offences and Motoring Offences.

There were 71 male offenders committing 142 offences, the majority of offences were committed by 17 year old males (51).

There were 11 female offenders committing 33 offences, the majority of offences were committed by 16 year old females (12).

Total throughput had increased by 50.6% (+44 outcomes) between April - June 2021 when compared with the same period the previous year.

It was noted that regarding the new entrants, the Borough seemed to be an outlier nationally. It was felt the Partnership should receive a report at the next meeting regarding new entrants and any issues around the high figures.

AGREED that the report be noted.

11 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.

12 Any Other Business

Safer Streets 2 Funding

The Partnership noted that Stockton had been successful in its bid to the Safer Streets 2 Funding and had received just over £350k to be utilised to tackle neighbourhood crime in and around Parkfield and Oxbridge and Stockton Town Centre. Work had commenced on projects and they were ahead of schedule for completion. Safer Street 3 Funding that focused on vulnerable women and girls due to a number of reasons Stockton hadn't bid for this. Stockton was now preparing for Safer Street 4 and Simon Smart was leading on this and Stockton was supporting the bid from the OPCC.

AGREED that the update be noted.

13 Date and time of next meeting:

27 October 2021.