

SAFER STOCKTON PARTNERSHIP

A meeting of Safer Stockton Partnership was held on Wednesday 27 November 2024.

Present: Cllr Norma Stephenson (Chair), Cllr Steven Nelson, Cllr Pauline Bealle, Sarah Bowman-Abouna, Sarah Wilson, Vanessa Houghley, Mandy Mackinnon, Sharon Cooney, Marc Stephenson, Gary Knight, Angela Corner, Lucy Owens, Dawn Tyerman, Leanne Maloney-Kelly, Anna Waddington, Adam Bateman, Kellie Wrigley

Officers: John Devine.

Also in attendance:

Apologies: John Wrintmore, Lucy Owens, Richard Brown, Eddie Huntington, Matt Storey.

SSP/3624 Evacuation Procedure

The Evacuation Procedure was noted.

SSP/3724 Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held 2nd October 2024 were agreed as a true record.

SSP/3824 Operation Autumnus Update (Mischief and Bonfire period)

The Operation Autumnus Update was presented to members, Officers noted that experience from previous years had enabled them to put affective planning in place.

Officers were able to use data collected from previous years operations for targeted patrol plans. Staff rotations were also altered to accommodate the need for extra staff to be on hand during the period. There had been a slight increase in anti-social behaviour and damage, but Officers were keen to note that the incidents were handled effectively. However there had been no significant incidents that Officers needed to bring to members attention.

During the Bonfire period drones had been used to identify waste gathering points, which allowed Officers to remove them. Joint patrols had also been undertaken between the Fire Brigade, Police and Council Officers.

Members noted the report.

SSP/3924 Serious Youth Violence Strategy

As had previously been agreed a Serious Youth Violence Strategy were being completed. Officers gave members an update on the strategies progress, self-

assessment tools had been sent out to a number of local authorities with the result being used to shape the strategy.

The Strategy plan had also been presented to the Youth Justice Board for their feedback to be incorporated. Once that work had been completed the strategy would be brought back to members in the new year.

Officers also spoke to members of the struggles that are associated with the Serious Youth Violence Strategy, there was a lack of acknowledgement of serious youth violence nationally and a lack of comprehensive guidance from central government targeting the underling causes of the serious youth violence.

Members agreed to note the report.

SSP/4024 Problem Solving Plans

Officers introduced themselves to Members as they and gave some more details on what their role would be. Officers would be working in conjunction with the Clear Hold Build strategy which was used in Project Harmony.

This had taken the form of attending community engagement meetings being held in the Ropner Ward, feedback from the community would then be taken into account on how best to help supplement Operation Harmony.

Some areas which had already been discussed and had begun to focused on was around graffiti, although it was a low level nuisance any work done to rectify graffiti had the benefit of making communities perceptions of crime to diminish.

Another issue that Officers would work on was Street Drinking which the public had raised as an issue. Officers were looking at evidence-based approaches from other local authorities and would seek to use existing legislation to provide solutions.

Members agreed to note the report.

SSP/4124 Recorded Crime and Disorder Report

Representatives of Cleveland Police presented the Recorded Crime & Disorder Report to partners. Officers highlighted several sections of the report to partners they were as follows:

- 13.3% reduction in recorded crimes compared to the same period of the pervious years.
- 7.3% reduction in Anti-Social Behaviour compared to the previous 12 months.
- Reductions in reported Vehicle Crime, although Officers did state that due to the nature of vehicle crime spikes in activity do occur.
- Increased numbers of drug trafficking offences, more work had been undertaken to tackle organised crime and Officers indicated that this was the reason for the increase.
- Overall there had been a reduction of 7.9% in October 2024 versus October 2023.

Members of the Partnership were pleased by the overall reduction, however asked if Officers would be able to provide clarity on if the overall reduction was being driven by

Operation Harmony or if it was a Borough wide reduction. Officers confirmed that they would be able to provide that break down to the Partnership.

Members Agreed to note the report.

SSP/4224 Project Harmony Update

Work had continued through Project Harmony with Officers keen to highlight the reductions in crime being almost double that of other areas within the borough. But Officers were aware that the public's perception of crime did not reflect that.

Partners had undertaken joint patrols around the ward to in part increase the public's awareness of Officer presence. Monthly drop in sessions for the community had continued with all partners. The drop in sessions would also include community groups in the future.

Members agreed to note the update.

SSP/4324 Prevent (CT) Update

Officers informed members of the Partnership that refresh training was available to Councillors and School Governors, with a new updated training package being included.

Members agreed to note the update.

SSP/4424 Any Other Business

Members were informed that the Data Information and Sharing of Intelligence scheme had moved forward. Officers were looking at other areas of the Country for best practices to incorporate going forward.

Members agreed to note the update.

SSP/4524 iQuanta Report

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.

SSP/4624 DARD Consideration

Due to the connection to an ongoing Police investigation this Agenda Item was restricted.

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