

Safer Stockton Partnership

A meeting of Safer Stockton Partnership was held on Wednesday 19th March 2025.

Present: Cllr Norma Stephenson (chair), Cllr Pauline Beall, Jen Moore, Adam Bateman, Andy Evans, Angela Corner, Marc Stephenson, Dawn Tyreman, Mandy Mackinnon, Mandie Rowlands, Kay Nicolson, Tracy Brittain.

Officers: John Devine

Also in attendance:

Apologies: John Wrintmore, Sharon Conney.

SSP/60/24 Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record.

SSP/61/24 Recorded Crime and Disorder Report

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Members asked if the figures of total number of bikes seized could be provided to the Partnership, Officers agreed to bring a report back to a later meeting. Officers were thanks for the new layout of the report.

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SSP/62/24 Update from Knife Crime Summit

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SSP/63/24 Town Centre Partnership

Officers informed members that the implementation of a seven-day footprint plan of patrols had begun, which would be done by two Officers. Joint patrols with partners would continue and local business in the town centre had already begun to give positive feedback. As touched on in the Recorded Crime and Disorder agenda item this positive feeling would lead to an improved perception of local crime levels.

Members Agreed to note the report.

SSP/64/24 Project Harmony/Shield Update

The increased patrols which Officers had highlighted in the previous agenda item were directly connected with Projects Harmony & Shield. An increase in the joint working with Licensing Officers had also been undertaken alongside the increased patrols.

Offices also informed members that members of the public were being encouraged to report crimes directly to the Police instead online.

The ward Councillors for the areas covered by the projects discussed with Officers their experiences joining the partnership patrols, and the impact the public had felt from them. Councillors and Partners had also stated that they were committed to continuing regular walkthroughs.

All partners were keenly aware of public perception of crime and the need to keep pushing key information to the public on the reductions in crime levels. This was also connected to the work being done on the urban park in Stockton and wanting to reassure the public that the park wouldn't become a hot bed of anti-social behaviour when it opened.

Members AGREED to note the report.

SSP/65/24 Prevent (CT) Update

Officers gave a brief update on the number of Prevent case currently underway in the Stockton area and noted that there had been an increase in the number of referrals.

Officers and Members thought that this could be due to the tv series Adolescents raising the public awareness and highlighting to the public the risks of radicalisation.

Members agreed to note the update.

SSP/66/24 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/67/24 SBC Performance

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

Chair: