

SAFER PORTSMOUTH PARTNERSHIP

NOTES OF A MEETING of the Partnership held on Thursday 21 May 2009 at 9 am in the Guildhall, Portsmouth.

(NB These minutes should be read in conjunction with the agenda for the meeting.)

Partners Present

Paul Edmondson-Jones, Director of Public Health & PCC (In the Chair)
David Renouf, Hampshire Probation
John Turner, University of Portsmouth
Kevin Evenett, Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service
Councillor Andy Fraser, Hampshire Fire Authority
Councillor Paula Riches, Hampshire Police Authority
Neil Sherrington, Hampshire Constabulary
(Representing David Peacock)
Sue Wade, Wessex YOT
Jean Humphrey, Wessex YOT
Mark Poingdestre, Drug Services, Voluntary Sector
Charlie Adie, Motiv8 and Voluntary Sector
Councillor Jason Fazackarley, PCC, Cabinet Member for
Community Safety

Support Officers

Rachael Dalby
Lisa Wills
Alan Knobel
Sally Jackson
Alan Leonard
Sam Hogan
Joanne Wildsmith

Observer – Jo Cookes, GOSE

1 Apologies for Absence, Introductions and Ratification of Decisions

The meeting was chaired by Paul Edmondson-Jones as apologies had been received from the usual Chair David Williams and from David Peacock, and Councillor Jonas.

Paul opened the meeting by welcoming everyone, asking for introductions and explaining that technically the meeting was not quorate with David Williams and David Peacock not being present although they were represented, so it would prudent to hold the meeting but the decisions would need to be subject to their approval.

The Chair welcomed the two new researchers, Sam Hogan and Alan Leonard to their first meeting. It was noted that the membership of the SPP would be discussed at the away-day as PCCS had nominated an additional community network representative and this would need further discussion.

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2 Minutes of Previous Meeting – 19 February

i) Approval

The minutes were approved as a correct record and the following minor amendments raised, in the attendance list David Peacock was the Hampshire Constabulary representative (not the Police Authority) and that Councillors Fraser and Riches were not there as PCC representatives but as representing Hampshire Fire & Rescue Authority and the Police Authority respectively.

ii) Other Matters Arising

It was noted on the DIP Funding that a letter had not yet been sent as there were ongoing discussions regarding mitigation via the BCU Fund and an options paper would be discussed at the stakeholders' meeting on 4th June to look at the plans for this year before coming forward to the next SPP.

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3 Strategic Discussion and Decision Items

(i) Overview and Scrutiny for CDRPs

Anthony Quinn from the PCC's Democratic Services section will be preparing a paper to take first to the Scrutiny Members of the City Council before coming back to the SPP. Lisa therefore gave a summary of the overview of the scrutiny functions that had been in place for Councillors for calling in and challenging of decisions and reviews via topic panels, which has now been extended to partnerships. Therefore the partnership's decisions would be subject to call in for scrutiny and for examination topics via the existing Community Safety and Environmental Transport Scrutiny Panel. There need to be processes put in place to ensure all other avenues have been exhausted (eg via the Tasking and Co-ordinating Groups) before decisions were called in. In the interests of transparency there is a need to discuss methods for Partnership decisions to be publicised over and above the minutes being posted on the SPP website.

(ii) Strategic Assessment 2009 Timeline and Research & Analysis Programme

Sam Hogan presented her report, outlining the timescale for gathering data and identifying emerging priorities before presenting back to the SPP in September. Lisa reported there would then be a refresh process in December/January to ensure the data is up to date for publishing the Partnership Plan in April. Paul pointed out that parallel exercises were being undertaken by Health and the Children's Trust.

DECISION:

That the partnership accept the Police OCU strategic assessment due for completion in June as a first draft and that further analysis is conducted to produce a joint strategic assessment in time for the SPP business planning meeting on 17th September 2009.

(iii) Theme Champions Report

A summary paper of the discussions at the theme champions and support officers' meeting of 6th May was circulated. The event was to examine how the roles were working and there had been a resulting desire to continue the current roles and structures but to ensure that all champions had the same level of support and encourage cross-working between the champions. There will be further discussions at the away-day on how to take forward and improve the role. Councillor Riches reported she had stepped down as being champion of Community and Communications.

(iv) Away-day - 17 July

The away-day would consider four key themes:

- Alcohol strategy
- SPP membership (looking at refreshing the terms of reference)
- Theme champions/delivery structure
- Commissioning (the information paper circulated with this agenda would be discussed further at the away-day)

The venue for the away-day would be City Girls' School Conference Centre.

4 Performance Against Targets

Colour copies of the quarterly performance summary were circulated at the meeting. Alan Leonard presented the report and summary, reporting that the main change was that the LAA had been refreshed so that indicators had been updated with The Place Survey results being confirmed, including National Indicators. There would be a further breakdown of data into the 7 categories of ASB in order to identify particular issues. He also circulated iQuanta projection charts for serious acquisitive crime as at 31st March 2009.

Theme Champions were asked to address those targets assessed as Red:

- a) **Violence** – Neil Sherrington reported that the overall assaults had reduced but that the classifications had moved. It was a very challenging target for an area that had been previously under-reported. It was hoped that the work on alcohol and domestic violence would have an impact on the assault targets. Lisa reported that the police and/or the partnership were planning to commission Julia Wickson to undertake further research on the causes of violence (as identified in the Strategic Assessment and the Research and Analysis Programme) This was supported in principle by the partnership members if the time frame meant that this was unable to be undertaken with in-house resources. It would need the Police’s own analyst to assist with this compilation.

iQuanta charts showed upward trends for Assault with less serious injury as well as serious wounding although the numbers of serious woundings are much smaller (from approx 50 in Oct 06 to just under 100 at March 31st 09) .

Jo Cookes reported that Hampshire was part of the knives programme this year which could feed into this study. Jean Humphrey reported there would be a knife and gang crime survey inspection on 1st June which would focus on Southampton. It was agreed there was a need to look further at the timescale and how this would be resourced – Lisa would email the partners with the outcome.

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It was also agreed that there was more information needed on acquisitive crime within the projection charts there was information missing on the theft from vehicles and robbery and there was a need to present in a way that was easy to understand. There was also ongoing work between David Renouf, Richard John and David Peacock regarding prolific offenders and causal factors within the prevention work. Alan Leonard would bring an update to each SPP meeting.

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- b) **Young People** – Charlie Adie reported on the increased rate of first time entrants but stressed that overall the trend had dropped and plateaued over the last five years Further analysis was needed to identify the severity of first offences. It was agreed that this would be added to the Research and Analysis Programme. He was pleased to report that the re-offending rate had reduced significantly with the help of the range of preventative services. There had been a refresh of the Children and People’s Plan to establish priority theme areas. He further reported on the initiative to encourage schools to expand training on identifying substance misuse to primary schools. Sue Wade further reported there was funding for YOT officers to interview first offenders in the youth custody suites to help divert them from entering the criminal justice system.

- c) **ASB** - Kevin Evenett reported he was disappointed the 4% target on NI17 regarding the perceptions of anti social behaviour and the arson figures had been revised to be within the city boundaries. Neil Sherrington reported on the British Crime Survey baseline target for Hampshire for the single overall target of increasing public confidence

with the Police and Local Authority. Neil reported that the police are conducting their own telephone surveys which at the moment indicate higher confidence rates than the BCS

- d) **Adult Re-offending** – David Renouf urged caution on the figure of – 6.33 on the adult re-offending rate and Sally Jackson reported on two areas of reduction of repeat victimisation in domestic abuse. Firstly, women who had interaction with an agency seem to be reporting earlier. Secondly, men who would report a crime after a woman had reported an incident to the police, abusing the system as they were not true victims of domestic abuse.
- e) **Drugs and Alcohol** – Paul Edmondson-Jones reported on the new indicator on people effectively engaging in drug treatment and there had been a refreshed target for alcohol-related admissions to hospital which had been plateauing but when revised was then back on the old trajectory. This was a challenging target, as many alcohol problems being years in the making and interventions would take a similar time to have a significant impact.
- f) **Community Engagement** – Rachael Dalby reported that there had to be a submission to the CLG on progress on the Preventing Violent Extremism agenda which is recognised as a challenging and sensitive area of work. A replacement worker had been appointed and the working group would be refreshed. Charles Burns asked how the £104,000 budget provision had been spent. Rachael reported that this had been carried forward to 2009/10. The police were also working on the Prevent agenda from the angle of potential criminality. Charlie Adie suggested links with representatives of the Community Improvement Board. Jo Cookes added that Community Engagement was a key priority for central government and was much broader than the Prevent agenda.

5 Officer Updates

- (i) **Early Intervention** - Sally Jackson's early intervention programme mission statement had been circulated. She was seeking accreditation of the process and therefore seeking endorsement of the mission statement by the SPP members. SPP members gave their support and it was noted that whilst diversity was not specifically mentioned within the statement it was high within the agenda and protocols at the EIP.
- (ii) **Operation Nemesis** – Neil reported that this had successfully run from January to May focussing on domestic burglary - the average monthly total of 130 incidents had reduced to 58 last month. Locally it was intended to continue resourcing these methods. It was noted that the majority of incidents were by prolific re-offenders. iQuanta charts circulated at the meeting showed an upward trend for domestic burglary and non-domestic burglary. It should be noted that these are published a month in arrears.
- (iii) **Integrated Offender Management** – David Renouf reported on the

extension of the PPO scheme with key agencies working together on rehabilitation and continued targeting. In Portsmouth there would be a piece of work undertaken to focus on the targeting of re-offenders supported by the Criminal Justice Board.

- (iv) **Communications Report** – Alan Knobel reported that in future there would be a report by the new communications officer, Heather-Fiona Craig.

The recent Shoe Ball had received good media coverage and Sally Jackson reported on the events of that day which had started with a service of memorial in the Guildhall Square for the lives lost to domestic violence and celebrating the inspiration of survivors. In the evening the ball had been held including the raffle and the celebrity shoe auction with over £7,000 being raised which would go to the local domestic abuse forum for the running of crèche facilities. It was hoped that such an event could be held every two years with one year a conference/information provision and a second year of fundraising/raising awareness.

Alan reported that the national Tackling Drugs Week commenced 8th June and locally they were running a treatment works event. He also reported on “Save Dave” alcohol awareness campaign targeting males aged 35+ to encourage seeking support to stop/reduce drinking; this will be launched in June.

- (v) **Finance** - Lisa Wills circulated the 'out-turn' report giving details of spend on Area Based Grant, Basic Command Unit Fund etc. As the SPP Researchers posts were now being funded by a combination of mainstream funding, BCU Fund and increased partner contributions, the money in the 'Partnership Pot' - £148k - previously set aside to fund the analyst post and to top up the Communications and Marketing Officer post over three years, had now become available to the partnership.

It was emphasised that the majority of this money was a one off reward grant and would not be available every year. How this money will be spent will be discussed at the away-day.

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Neil Sherrington agreed to circulate the proposed allocation of the BCU Fund for 2009/10, when the amount had been confirmed by GOSE.

6 Forward Planning/Dates of Meetings

The dates of meetings were agreed as per the agenda with the additional date of Thursday 16th September 2010 being confirmed.

7 The Briefing Papers/Information

The commissioning paper would be looked at further at the away-day.

8 Any Other Business

- (i) Safer Homes Fund – Catch 22 wanted endorsement for their submitting a bid which was supported by the partnership.
- (ii) Charles Burns reported on short-term office space being available at Enterprise House which could be of interest to the Havant Court House.

The meeting concluded at 11.30.

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