

SAFER PORTSMOUTH PARTNERSHIP

NOTES OF A MEETING of the Partnership held on Thursday 5 November 2009 at 10.30am in the Chief Executive's Conference Room, Civic Offices, Portsmouth.

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

Partners Present

David Williams, PCC Chief Executive (Chair)
David Renouf, Hampshire Probation
Kevin Evenett, Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service
Jeff Ballard, Wessex YOT
David Peacock, Hampshire Constabulary
Charlie Adie, Motiv8 and Voluntary Sector

Support Officers

Rachael Dalby
Lisa Wills
Alan Knobel (part)
Sally Jackson
Alan Leonard
Heather-Fiona Craig
Julia Wickson (External consultant)
Neil Sherrington, Hampshire Constabulary
James Fulton, Hampshire Constabulary (Partnership)
Paul Moorman, Hampshire Constabulary
Simon Bates, SPP (Fire Service)
Nic Christie, SPP
Sam Hogan
Karen Martin

Observers

Jo Cookes, GOSE
Anthony Griffiths, GOSE

1 Apologies for Absence, Introductions and Ratification of Decisions

The Chair, David Williams opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and asking for introductions and apologies.

It was reported that apologies had been received from Councillor Frank Jonas, Paul Edmondson-Jones and Councillor Paula Riches. The Chair reported that Charles Burns was hoping to attend but would be late if he did so.

No other apologies were received.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting – 21 May 2009

Lisa Wills circulated copies of the minutes of the previous meeting as the set emailed in advance of the cancelled meeting (17 September 2009) were not complete.

DECISION:

The minutes were approved as a correct record.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Item 2 ii) Other Matters Arising - DIP Funding (page 2)

Lisa Wills reported that the issue relating to DIP Funding was not yet resolved. David Peacock felt that it was disproportionate to take the full amount from the BCU fund and that partner organisations should contribute in order to minimise the impact on each one, adding that the Police would contribute in this way. Jo Cookes stated that it was a pity that this funding had been cut as part of the national DIP review as it was felt that it was a key crime reduction tool.

LW It was agreed that Lisa Wills would liaise further with Paul Edmondson-Jones about this funding issue.

See minute no.4 iv) SPP Pot (page 5), for further information on this item.

Item 4 a) Violent Crime (page 4)

Lisa Wills apologised that she had not emailed information relating to the timescale and resourcing of the Hampshire element of the knives programme. She reported that there had been a meeting about this on 10 June and that the Police were keen to participate in any analysis of data but that there were issues relating to resourcing the work. She also reported that Julia Wickson had provided a specification of the analysis required and could oversee the production of the document if the partnership agreed that this was the preferred way forward. Lisa added that Julia had estimated that the work required 2-3 weeks focused time to complete.

There was some discussion about the scope of the analysis, the potential for it to provide precursors and patterns of behaviour which lead to violent crime and the desirability for information from A&E to be included.

DECISION:

DP **David Peacock undertook to ensure that Police resources were released to do this work as it was a top priority for the Police and SPP.**

4. Strategic Discussion and Decision Items

i) Strategic Assessment 2009 and Research and Analysis Programme

PM

Alan Leonard and Sam Hogan introduced the report circulated previously and highlighted some of the indicators in the analysis which could assist the SPP set its short, medium and long term priorities and added that the results will feed into the R&A work programme. They also highlighted some issues relating to the process including:

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- The need for consistent time frames for the analysis. Paul Moorman said that the Police are reconsidering time frames of data provided by the Police. Rachael Dalby also agreed to raise this at **XXX Group** which is discussing the development of SA's and information sharing.
- The development of D&R agreements more formal information sharing systems. There was some discussion about generating/collecting and sharing information from A&E although it was recognised that collection was an issue. It was reported that the Home Office was expected to issue a protocol on information sharing in the next two weeks.

The recommended priorities listed on page 10 of the Strategic Assessment report were discussed. Discussion focused on the numbering (and therefore perceived prioritisation) of the list:

- the alcohol culture in Portsmouth which underlies many of the priorities; early intervention and connectivity in relation to the priority relating to adult re-offending;
- the need to approach the priorities with a 'think family' approach;
- the impact of density in the city (Jo Crookes referred to a study taking place in Slough on violence).

Charlie Adie asked about the data in Section 9 of the report (Summary analysis of key acquisitive crime), requesting that this information be broken down by age – 10-15 yrs, 15-19 yrs and 19-25 yrs. Paul Moorman said that this could be done for victims and that the data relating to offenders was not always accurate. Julia Wickson added that data relating to young adult offenders was available.

DECISIONS:

The SPP endorsed the recommendation that for the next strategic assessment (2011), data/ analysis be collected for the time period April 09-March 10 and that the same time period is used every year to allow year on year comparisons for all data.

It was agreed that in 2011, data relating to key acquisitive crime would be broken down into age groups.

Priorities set out on page 9 were agreed subject to the following amendments:

It was agreed that Lisa Wills would revisit the numbering and wording of the priorities in the light of the comments made. Specifically, it was agreed that:

- **The words “and early intervention” would be added after “Focus on prevention” in no. 3 Young People.**
- **Re-word the re-offending priority.**
- **the non-bold wording of priority no. 9 (referring to ‘emergencies and major incidents’) be deleted**

ii) Working Differently

This item was introduced by David Williams who stated that ‘working differently’ was also the subject of much discussion at LSP. He added that agencies could expect budget challenges over the next few years, that they would need to work collaboratively, commission smartly and make marked changes in order to face the challenges brought about by the recession. The work of the Children’s Trust was discussed as a good example of working differently. Lean thinking was also raised part of this discussion although it was recognised that it was not always helpful in encouraging collaborative working.

The Total Place projects were discussed with specific reference to Total Place in Kent and Quest in West Sussex, and Jo Crookes offered to provide updates to SPP on these projects and their impact on efficiencies.

DECISIONS:

It was agreed that the following briefings on these topics would be added to the agenda of the meeting scheduled to take place on 3 December 2009 as part of the ‘Working Differently’ item.

- **Young people – Charlie Adie**
- **Colocation update/ benefits – James Fulton**
- **Smart commissioning – Sally Jackson**

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JF
SJ

iii) ‘Virtual analysis team and development of joint commissioning unit

PE-J

Deferred until the next meeting on 3 December 2009 (Paul Edmondson-Jones).

iv) SPP Pot

Lisa Wills introduced this item stating that the funding available could be carried forward year on year and that the purpose of this item was to help inform SPP about the options available.

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- **COVAID – the Vigilance Fund.** Lisa Wills reported that the money allocated to fund temporary staff was not needed to deliver the Integrated Offender Management Pilot as this work could be absorbed by existing staff. These funds could therefore be diverted to fund the COVAID intervention with the approval of the Home Office. Lisa added that she had a meeting to discuss this on 9 November and would be reporting the results to David Renouf

DP

- ISVA – Sally Jackson reported the Police Authority had contributed £3,000 to the cost of the post for the current financial year but that long term funding was still an issue. This post was located at the Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC). After some discussion David Peacock undertook to look at potential sources of funding beyond Portsmouth as the SARC provides support for a number of authorities which do not contribute to its costs.
- DA Co-ordinator – Sally Jackson introduced this item stating that the bid to the Early Intervention Fund for a young person worker had been successful and that some of this money could be used to contribute to the cost for 2010-11. This was therefore likely to be in the region of £38,000 rather than the projected £45,000. She also suggested that SPP consider funding this project along the lines that West Sussex does – whereby SPP partners would contribute to a pot on an on-going and long term basis allowing for a more sustained, mainstream approach with regular reports back to the Partnership re. delivery against priorities. This proposal was considered by those present and it was agreed that a report should be brought forward to SPP.
- DIP Funding – there was some discussion relating to the earlier item on DIP Funding with the suggestion that SPP contributed £7,000 to add to the £3,000 from BCU to ensure funding for the rest of this year. It was agreed that this would provide the time for funding sources for 2010-11 and beyond to be identified. Jo Crooke provided more information on the DIP review which was seeking to change funding in the future – splitting it into fixed costs, variable costs and allowances (for intensive areas). She added that more information should be available in the next month.

DECISIONS:

The following funding decisions were made:

ISVA - £17,000

DA Co-ordinator - £38,000

COVAID – funds to be diverted from the Vigilance Fund if agreed by the Home Office. If the Home Office did not agree – funding to come from SPP Pot

Street Pastors - £8,000

DIP - £7,000 (+ 3,000 from BCU)

It was also agreed that reports on the following would be added to the agenda for 3 December 2009:

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BD

ISVA – other sources of funding

DA Co-ordinator – long term funding

DIP - long term funding/ scope to become an intensive area

v) Theme Champion's Focus

Lisa Wills stated that a date for a Theme Champions meeting was needed in order to progress the themes of confidence, communication and community engagement agreed at the Awayday on 17 July.

DW

David Williams agreed to call the meeting.

vi) SPP Communication Strategy

H-FC

Heather-Fiona Craig introduced the proposed Communication Strategy 2009-12 stating that it aimed to raise the profile of the SPP, increase momentum and help partners speak with 'one voice'. She described the process undertaken to develop the strategy and the themes and messages it aimed to deliver. She added that she would be in a position to give an evaluation report on the press coverage received to date at the meeting on 3 December.

There was some discussion about the issue of the promotion of individual partners over the SPP and the role of social networking in promoting specific projects (such as Save Dave).

DECISIONS:

It was agreed that the Communications Strategy should be implemented as proposed with the following additions:

ALL

- **All partners to seek clarification re. managing the promotion of partners as individual organisations alongside the promotion of the SPP as a whole before the next meeting**

H-FC

- **Heather-Fiona Craig to report back to the SPP on branding the partnership at the next SPP meeting on 3 December 2009.**

vii) Protecting Communities Project (Preventing Violent Extremism)

RD

Deferred until the next meeting on 3 December 2009.

5. Performance Against Targets

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Deferred until next meeting on 3 December 2009 when Q1 and Q2 2009/10 Performance Framework data will be reviewed.

6. Officer Update

i) Vigilance Programme

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As previously reported, Lisa Wills has a meeting on Monday 9 November 2009 and undertook to provide members of the partnership with an email update following this meeting.

ii) Integrated Offender Management

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Deferred until next meeting on 3 December 2009.

iii) Co-location

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Rachael Dalby reported that co-location was going well and that the Probation service was due to move in to the Civic Offices in January 2010. She added that there would be an official opening date for the unit on 4 December and that further details will be forwarded to SPP members as they become clearer.

It was agreed that an update on co-location be added to the agenda for the next meeting on 3 December 2009.

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iv) Finance

LW

Deferred until next meeting on 3 December 2009.

7 Briefing Papers/ For Information

i) **Small Retailer Capital Grant Fund**

Nic Christie reported that six businesses had applied and that there had also been two partnership bids and that if all were successful, the £100,000 available would have been allocated.

ii) **Safer Homes Bid**

BM To be updated at next meeting on 3 December 2009 (Bruce Marr)

iii) **ASB Home Office Announcement**

Kevin Evenett explained that the perceived level of anti-social behaviour (over 25% of residents feel asb is a problem in their area) which had triggered the focus on Portsmouth. He added that Portsmouth was doing a significant amount to combat anti-social behaviour and that a Review Plan and Implementation Plan were being developed that that strenuous efforts would be made to publicise initiatives including as part of the Communications Strategy. He added that some funding to be targeted at witnesses and victims could be forthcoming. Jo Cookes agreed that perceptions were often different to the reality which showed a significant decline in crime.

8. **Forward Planning**

The following dates were agreed:

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| 3 December 2009 | SPP Priorities 2011-14 |
| 4 December 2009 | Official opening of Co-location unit |
| 14 January 2010 | SPP Plan 2011-14 |
| 23 February 2010 | Sign off SPP Plan and up-date delivery plans 2011-14 |
| 20 May 2010 | SPP Delivery Plans |
| 2 July 2010 | SPP Awayday (Friday) |
| 3 September 2010 | Chairs of Delivery Group Meeting – Strategic Assessment presentation and discussion about funding priorities for 2011-14 |
| 16 September 2010 | Business Planning – agree priorities from Strategic Assessment and discussion about funding for 2011-2014 |
| Dates to be confirmed | December 2010 January 2011 February 2011 |

9. Thanks to David Renouf

David Williams thanked David Renouf for his considerable contribution to the SPP and added that he hoped Mr Renouf would be able to attend the meeting in December. David Renouf stated that Sarah Beattie would be taking over and that from January 2010 she would be based in Portsmouth.

The meeting concluded at 1.30pm.