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THE SAFER THURROCK PARTNERSHIP

LEADERSHIP GROUP MINUTES Meeting held on Thursday 20th March 2008 Committee Room 1, Civic Offices, Thurrock Council 10.00 - 1.30pm

Present:

Graham Carey (Chair)	Neighbourhood & Partnership Superintendent	Essex Police
Alex Bamber	Assistant Chief Probation Officer	Essex Probation
Rosie Barker	Operations Manager	Capital Shopping Ltd
Michelle Cunningham	Partnership Manager	Thurrock Community Safety Partnership
Cllr Gareth Davies in part	Essex Fire Authority Representative	Essex Fire Authority
Steve Greener	Community Safety	Essex Police
Lizette Fox in part	LSP Programme Manager	Thurrock Council
Cllr Ben Maney	Portfolio Holder for Crime & Disorder	Thurrock Council
Kishor Padki	Director of Public Health	South West Essex Primary Care Trust
Cllr John Schofield		Police Authority
Barry Smith	Guest	Essex Probation
Cllr Pauline Tolson in part	Thurrock Council Representative	Thurrock Council
David Watts in part	Local Safeguarding Children's Board	Thurrock Council
Lyn Snell (Minutes)	STP Support	Thurrock Council
Apologies		
Selena Bolingbroke	LSP Director	Local Strategic Partnership
Alan Cotgrove	District Commander	Essex Police
Mary Delaney	Drug Alcohol Action Team Manager	Thurrock Council
Katherine Gronqvist	Director of Public Health	South West Essex Primary Care Trust
Olly Holford	Community Commander	Essex Fire & Rescue Service
Clare Lawrence	Crime & Drugs Team	Go-East
Robert McCulloch	Corp Director of Children, Education and Families	Thurrock Council
Graham		
Bill Newman	Corp Dir of Sustainable Communities	Thurrock Council
Jacqui Payne	Community Involvement Board	Ngage
Mike Ward	Crime & Drugs Team	Go East

1.0 Introductions & Apologies

(GC) noted the high number of apologies for today's meeting and said 'there is a representation issue regarding these meetings'.

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He also confirmed that this was the last meeting of the 3 year cycle and the partnership's overall crime reduction target of 19.5% has been well exceeded to 25%.

2.0 **Items for AOB**

None

3.0 **Minutes of 13th December 2007**

The minutes of the meeting of 13th December 2007 were agreed.

4.0 **Outstanding Actions /Matters arising 13/12/07**

For a full up-date on the previous outstanding actions please refer to Appendix A.

4.1 Information Sharing Protocol (paper circulated)

GC confirmed that Michelle and himself will endeavour to finish this document and it may mean that this will have to be signed off between meetings. In the meantime group members will have the opportunity to share this document with their own organisations legal services.

5.0 **Safer Thurrock Performance**

Presented by Michelle Cunningham

5.1 **IQUANTA CDRP Performance 07/08** (copies of full report have been circulated to all members).

This report was submitted to the Safer Thurrock Partnership (STP) leadership group to give a progress report on the performance towards the STP targets for 2005-08. The STP is on track to meet its 3 year target for the reduction of BCS crime – 19.5% reduction. Currently in month 35 of 36 month cycle, reduction at present is 25%.

All crimes are decreasing with the exception of Robbery of personal property, this is the only crime that is on the increase, Up 11%, this was predicted and within local targets.

There will be a release of home office crime figures in July 08 that will highlight Basildon and Thurrock as two areas of exceptional reduction and a beacon of good practise.

GC said 'we must ensure that we publicise this achievement'.

Drugs and Alcohol targets have been achieved. ASB and Fear of Crime targets have not been achieved.

AB pointed out that we must try and separate our crime reduction of ie burglary, vehicle crime from ASB as the members of public may think we are not being honest about our overall crime reduction figures.

Comparison to Most Similar Group (MSG) 1/12/07 – 29/2/08

We are currently below average and performing well against our (MSG)
The (MSG) will be changing as from April 2008.

BCS Comparator crime 1/3/05 – 29/2/08

Up 6% from previous quarter

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Down 10% from quarter previous year
Down 9% from previous year to date
Down 9% from previous year ending selected month

All Crime per 1000 residents 1/12/07 – 29/2/08
21,683 crimes per 1000 residents

Vehicle Crime (incl vehicle interference) 1/12/07 – 29/2/08
3,155 crimes per 1000 residents (above average)

SG noted that there was now a good working relationship established with Lakeside Shopping Centre and Retail Park.

Racially Aggravated Offences 1/12/07 – 29/2/08
0.145 crimes per 1000 residents (above average)

It was noted that more people are now reporting Racially Aggravated crime.

GC said 'that both Vehicle Crime and Racially Aggravated Offences have been highlighted within the Strategic Assessment document'

5.2 **LAA progress** (paper circulated to all members for noting)
Presented by Michelle Cunningham

Thurrock Community Safety Partnership (TCSP) sits within the LAA Safer Stronger Block.

Increase proportion of DV offences resulting in sanctioned detection (measure) is still an issue, work currently in hand.

Sexual Violence group has now merged with Basildon and Brentwood areas. There is an issue regarding a 9 months delay regarding sexual incidents going to court. Essex Police looking to address this problem.

Action

To up-date LAA progress paper for quarter 3 and re-circulate

Michelle Cunningham

5.3 **Responsible Officers Group (ROG)** (paper circulated to all members for noting)
Presented by Michelle Cunningham

Key focus for ROG

- To work through and implement new structure
- Input to strategic assessment
- Review Funding – monies spent for this year – funding bids for next year
- Review new terms of reference for Thurrock Community Safety Partnership (TCSP) Executive Group and delivery groups
- To address Children, Education & Families attendance issues

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GC pointed out that this was Colin Slasberg's last meeting as chair of the ROG and took this opportunity to thank Colin on behalf of the partnership for all his support and hard work and wish him well for the future.

Colin is to be replaced by Lucy Magill Head of Public Protection who is due to commence her post on the 1st April 2008.

Recommendation

The minutes for the Responsible Officers Group (ROG) meeting 31/1/08.

AGREED

5.4 **Prolific and Priority Offender Group (PPO) recommendations** (paper circulated to all members for noting)

Presented by Graham Carey and Michelle Cunningham

Go East was asked to review Thurrock's (PPO) process and the circulated document highlights 13 recommendations to have in place.

Only recommendation number 6 which is to co-locate the PPO team of Probation, Police and DIP will not be taken forward. Clarification was also made on recommendation number 12 (DIP manager to attend selected meetings). This was confirmed that the DIP team is involved and meetings are taking place on a regular basis.

MC said 'she would be the link between the PPO group and the newly formed Offender Management group' (please refer to new structure). She also requested that Peter Woollard (Probation) would be sitting on Thurrock's Offender Management group.

Key changes:-

To work through 7 strands within probation pathways towards Rehabilitate & Resettle Thurrock to be involved in the Essex Southend and Thurrock Prolific and Priority Offender Group (ESTPPOG)

PPO to join resources with Thurrock's Supporting People and DAAT to provide PPO housing.

Recommendation

Go East evaluation of the Thurrock Prolific and other Priority Offender Scheme (PPO) recommendations to be implemented with the exception of point 6

AGREED

5.5

Quality of Life Survey results (summary attached)

Presented by Michelle Cunningham

Thurrock Council commissioned mruk research, an independent market research organisation, to conduct the sixth Quality of Life Survey for Thurrock.

The survey was designed to provide the Council, the LSP and other partners in Thurrock with key information relating to quality of life indicators and identify priorities for Thurrock

GC confirmed 1,000 responses had been received the sample included 309 members of the Thurrock Citizens Panel and 712 non-members.

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Local Neighbourhood

- The majority of respondents were satisfied with their local neighbourhood (78%).
- The number of respondents reporting satisfaction with the cleanliness of the local area has decreased from 72% in 2006 to 66% in 2007.
- This year shows an increase in the number of respondents reporting they felt safe in the area in the day. The number of people reporting they felt safe in the area alone after dark has remained consistent with the 2006 survey.
- The main reason respondents said they felt unsafe during the day and after dark was fear of harassment or intimidation from gangs of youths.
- Two fifths of respondents said the local area had got worse over the last few years (44%) and a further 42% said the area had not changed.

Safety when alone outside during the day

- 90% said they felt safe if alone outside during the day
- 2% increase compared to last year (2006).

Safety when alone outside after dark

- 49% of residents feel safe when alone outside after dark
- The number remains consistent with 2006 – 48%

Reasons given for feeling unsafe (%):

The main reason for feeling unsafe during the night was fear of **harassment/intimidation from gangs of youths** (73%).

- This is particularly true in Chafford & North Stifford (94%), Aveley & Uplands (92%), Stanford East, Chadwell St Mary (86%) and East Tilbury (82%).
- Nearly half of people (46%) who feel unsafe during the night in Orsett said the **local area is generally unsafe**. This was also concern in Stanford-Le-Hope West (29%), Little Thurrock Blackshots (25%), Belhus (24%) and The Homesteads and Grays Thurrock (22%).
 - **Fear of physical attack** was high among people who feel unsafe in Grays Riverside (21%), Orsett (23%) and The Homesteads (17%)
 - Both men and women fear harassment/intimidation from gangs of youth highly.
 - BME respondents are more likely to fear **harassment/intimidation from gangs of youths** than white people, particularly during the day – 100% compared to 65%.
 - The younger age groups appear to **fear harassment/intimidation from gangs of youths** slightly more than older people, but older people fear **physical attack** more.

GC said 'this survey was a significant piece of work and Thurrock in comparison with Essex was ahead of the field'. The survey has been distributed to every ward police officer.

ECFRS performance data Oct – Dec 2007 (paper attached for information only)

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6.0 Finance Up-date

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Presented by Michelle Cunningham
Detailed reports have been circulated to all members.

6.1 **Funding spend 07/08 update:**
Update 4th March 2008

Funding Stream	Funding	Total Allocation £	Running Total £ (spent, committed to date)	Planned Balance
BCU	Total	£143,846.00	£141,243.71	£2,602.29
BSC	Revenue	£135,427.52	£138,079.08	-£2,651.56
	Capital	£53,268.00	£8,500.00	£44,768.00
	Total	£188,695.52	£146,579.08	£42,116.44
Joint Funding	Total	£34,345.00	£29,429.28	£4,915.72
Revenue				£4,866.45
Capital				£44,768.00
TOTAL		£366,886.52	£317,252.07	£49,634.45

Please note the following:

1. That the Capital funding will be carried forward to next year for investment within CCTV & ANPR – surveillance strategy
2. The under spend on revenue will be used to purchase merchandise for next year with the new logo on and print the strategy for 08/11
3. The overspend showing on BSC will be funded from the joint pot
4. Most of the large funding allocation will remain the same and there should be no change for next year

6.2 **Police Operations Spend**

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Not available

<p>Action Police Spend up-date to be brought to the next meeting June 08</p>	<p>Steve Greener Alan Cotgrove</p>
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6.3

Funding processes 2008/11

The purpose of this paper is to outline 3 proposals for the funding process for 2008/11. These processes will be subject to any changes to our funding through the LSP.

The aim of the review is to ensure that:

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- The Community Safety Executive (formerly ROG) have delegated authority from the Strategic Board (formerly Leadership) to make the (OSR) Finance and Performance Group scrutiny & ensure value for money
 - That all funding is focused on the Safer Boards strategic aims, both to the CDRP priorities and LAA
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- That all statutory agencies are involved in the process
 - To ensure planning ahead by delivery groups

To achieve this the following changes to the current process are recommended:

1. All members of the ROG receive a full copy of the bid for scrutiny / comment
2. That applications for funding indicate which of the following will be supported by the bid:
 - CDRP aims
 - Reduce crime and anti-social behaviour
 - Protect the young and vulnerable
 - Reduce accident and injury
 - Tolerance agenda
 - Local priorities
 - Domestic violence
 - Alcohol
 - Hate Crime
 - Sexual violence
 - Community engagement
3. That probation and PCT be invited to be members of the funding group



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To provide 6 monthly review up-date of funding spend 2008/11 for Leadership meeting Sept 08.
Please note Communication group and Youth Crime group have currently required the most funding.

Michelle Cunningham

6.4 **Funding proposals 2008/9**
(Paper circulated for information only)

7.0 **Strategic Partnership Updates**

7.1 **ASB Team up-date**

This item was deferred until the next meeting in March 2008.

GC said 'he was grateful for the support received from Local Authority councillors and the £216,000 funding received from Local Authority that go towards the employment of 26 – 28 PCSO's'. This funding is match funded by Essex Police Authority.

7.2 **Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB) up-date**

Presented by David Watts

DW confirmed that the role of the Safeguarding Children's Board was now more of a strategic role that will scrutinise the effective work for children and young people holding the partnership boards to account.

He said he was currently liaising with Michelle Cunningham on how the STP links in with the Safeguarding Children's Board. He added that there needs to be a structure in place to receive reports and to show how the STP will endorse the evidence of work to ratify the reports before they are presented to the Safeguarding Children's Board.

GC suggested a six monthly review be presented to the (TCSP) Executive group on a regular basis to be signed off by both Executive and Strategic Boards.

He went on to say it was important that the targets between both boards were in sync and link together.

Recommendation

Proposal for Michelle Cunningham to produce an LSCB up-date for sign off by leadership group members every quarter.

AGREED

Action

To produce an LSCB up-date for sign off by leadership group members every quarter

Michelle Cunningham

DW said there was a need to look at the victims of crime within children and young people and confirmed the LSCB will be linking into the (TCSP) Communication Group

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people and confirmed the LSCB will be linking into the (TCSP) Communication Group. There will be a Communication co-ordinating group within the LSCB chaired by DW with membership from Healthy Communities Executive (HCE), Thurrock Community Safety Partnership (TCSP) and Children's Trust programme boards.

7.3 Local Strategic Partnership up-date (Paper circulated)

Presented by Lizette Fox

LAA

March up-date

Local Area Agreement 2008/09 – 2010/11

A paper was presented on all LAA targets with owners to ensure that partners are fully informed of what is expected of them as we develop and deliver our LAA and the indicators and targets contained in the LAA are set in a transparent and joined-up process. Individual partners and the Programme Board will be asked to make key decisions as a whole before the final LAA submission is sent to Government in early May 2008.

Recommendations

That the programme board

- Approve the list of named partners for each indicator;
- Agree those indicators that should be included in the LAA as local indicators;
- Named partners should agree or provide comment on the baselines and proposed targets for designated indicators (the up to 35); and
- Note the key milestones contained in the LAA timetable until June 2008.

Points raised from discussion:-

- Go East has identified Thurrock as Number 1 status – This means we are on target
- 34 targets have been agreed for reward basket
- There are some indicators that may have to be pulled, but we still have got to keep as local
- KSI target - is still an issue – NI41?
- Number incidences of hate crime reported to police target – needs more clarification
- Repeat incidence of (MARAC only) Domestic Violence target – likely to remove this target
- L49 No primary fires and related fatalities and non-fatal casualties – keep as local indicator

Action

To speak to Olly Holford (Fire Service) regarding L49 indicator

Graham Carey



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Action

Members to consider document and send any comments back to Lizette Fox by the end of Mar 08

All

Action

To look into what the percentage is of 'looked after children' in Thurrock

David Watts

Equality assessment

Assessment to be carried out on the 28th-29th April 08, may interview partners within the LSP.

Self assessment currently being conducted and will be shared with partners as soon as it becomes available.

7.4 **Research capability – CSP & LSP**

Presented by Graham Carey

The LSP are considering resourcing a data analyst and researcher to pool resources by having a single centralise data hub with an individual to drill down data/information across all agencies and produce reports.

7.5 **ACPO Strategy for Young People**

Presented by Graham Carey

(Paper circulated for information only)

7.6 **Health & Well Being strategic plans**

Presented by Kishor Padki

KP gave an up date on the recent Primary Care Trust Consultation Event held at the Culver Centre on the 5/2/08. He said 'there were discussions on a number of issues and all 4 workshops had key issues relating to the Health & Well Being strategic plan in line with the LAA targets'.

The consultation document is to be presented to the Healthy Communities Board before it is sent out for consultation.

8.0 **Delivering Safer Communities** 08/11 strategy development

Presented by Graham Carey

8.1 **Strategic Assessment**

GC confirmed the first Thurrock Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment document is now complete and in the process of being distributed. This document outlines the strategic aims for the partnership over the next three years and actions plans are currently being developed. The next strategic assessment will be due April 09 and will be slightly different, with less police and more of a community input.

GC said 'he would like to thank Rodri Rowlands, Steve Greener and Michelle for all their hard work in producing this document'.

8.2 **Branding**

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GC said 'branding was needed to raise the profile of the Community Safety Partnership, hence re named from STP'.

The logo is predominately purple and the strap line is 'Making Thurrock Safer'

Recommendation

Proposal for new partnership logo and strap line

AGREED

8.3

Strategy & Actions

Executive Summary 2008/11

This summary will be printed into an A4 1 page trifold leaflet and available to residents across the borough through libraries, events etc.

The objectives in producing this leaflet are to:

- Promote the partnership & Thurrock
- Identify our 4 key aims
- Show that we understand the public & business perceptions
- Where we will be at in 3 years time.

The full strategy will be much more detailed and will be available through our web site.

Recommendation

Thurrock Community Safety Partnership Executive Summary 2008/11

Agreed in principal subject to the amendments highlighted at today's meeting

AGREED

Strategy

The full strategy is currently not quite ready and will be circulated for consultation and sign off outside of today's meeting.

GC comments were the strategy should show what we hope to set out to achieve over the next three years and what we are seeking to achieve.

8.4

Structure

(Paper circulated for noting)

Points raised regarding new partnership structure:-

New Groups

- Communication group replaces the Reassuring our Communities group
- Promote Tolerance group replaces the Hate Crime group
- Alcohol group will link in to the DAAT
- Auto Crime group chaired by Nick Morris (Police)
- Geo group will specifically look at hot spot/target areas led by Steve Greener
- Offender Management Group will link into Prevent and Deter and PPO group.
- Road & Fire Safety group will be strategic
- Business Forum, primarily Lakeside to start, will then open to other businesses
- Vulnerable Adult Crime Forum
- Youth Crime replaces the Youth Crime Prevention group, with a focus on young people as victims as well as offenders

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GC pointed out the new structure still needs to be signed off by the Executive group first.

Action

To liaise with Amanda Burton PCT regarding the appropriate representation for the Vulnerable Adult Crime Forum

Michelle Cunningham

8.5 **Non Government Officers (NGO) Group**

GC confirmed that representation from the voluntary sector was required at Leadership meetings.

Action

To speak to Naya Naqvi CVS regarding voluntary sector representation at Leadership meetings and pre meetings

Michelle Cunningham

8.6 **Terms of Reference 2008/11**

MC said 'she intends to circulate the revised Terms of reference for Thurrock's Community Safety Partnership Strategic Board to members shortly'. She would appreciate any comments or agreement by Friday 11th April.

GC said 'he would like it noted that a piece of work has been undertaken to make the Partnership fit for purpose and this meant having 3 strands of work in place:-

- (1) Strategic Assessment
- (2) Structure
- (3) Strategy

He confirmed that this was now nearly complete and would like to offer his thanks on behalf of the partnership to Michelle as Partnership Manger also to the Responsible Officers Group and anyone else involved.

Action

To circulate the revised Terms of reference for Thurrock's Community Safety Partnership Strategic Board to members
Any comments or agreement by Friday 11th April

Michelle Cunningham

9.0 **A.O.B**

None

9.1 **Partnership review with ECFRS**

(Paper circulated for information only)

The date of the next meeting is 12th June 2008.

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