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AGENDA ITEM 3

THURROCK COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

**STRATEGIC BOARD GROUP
MINUTES**

**Meeting held on Thursday 19th March 2009
Committee Room 1, Civic Offices, Thurrock Council
10.00 - 1.00pm**

Name	Initials	Organisation	Attended?
Ivor Harvey	IH (Chair)	Essex Police	Yes
Cllr John Cowell	JC	Representative Essex Police Authority	No
Lizette Fox	LF	Local Strategic Partnership	Yes in part
Roger Harris	RH	Thurrock Council	Yes
Peter Kay	PK	Thurrock Council	Yes (represented RMG)
Lucy Magill	LM	Thurrock Council	Yes in part
Cllr Ben Maney	BM	Thurrock Council	Yes
Robert McCulloch - Graham	RMG	Thurrock Council	Apologies (PK represented)
Bill Newman	BN	Thurrock Council	Yes
David Watts	DW	Thurrock Council	Yes in part
Mick Osborne	MO	Essex Fire & Rescue Service	Yes
Cllr Ian Harrison	IH	Representative Essex Fire Authority	No
Cllr Sue MacPherson	SP	Representative Essex Fire Authority	No
Alex Bamber	AB	Essex Probation	Apologies (PW represented)
Peter Woollard	PW	Essex Probation	Yes (represented AB)
Mark Ansell	MA	South West Primary Care Trust	Yes
Erika Jenkins	EJ	Voluntary Sector	Yes
Ruth Juett	RJ	Voluntary Sector	Apologies
Jacquie Payne	JP	Voluntary Sector	Yes
Rosie Barker	RB	Capital Shopping Ltd	Apologies
Keith Brown	KB	Fed of Small Businesses	Apologies
Paul Clancy	PC	Fed of Small Businesses	Yes

Observers: Lynn Goodall (LG)

Ex-Officio: Michelle Cunningham (MC), Steven Greener (SG), Tim Hughes (TH), Jim Nicolson (JN) (part), Catherine Sackey (CS), Lyn Snell (LS – Minutes)

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1.0 Introductions & Apologies

Please see above

Please note Rosie Barker is due to leave Capital Shopping Ltd, Steven Greener to arrange for Ivor Harvey (chair) to meet with her replacement.

Action

To arrange meeting with Ivor Harvey (chair) with Rosie Barker's replacement at Capital Shopping Ltd,

Steven Greener

2.0 Items for AOB

None

3.0 Minutes of 18th December 2008

The minutes of the meeting of 18th December 2008 were agreed as a true copy.

4.0 Outstanding Actions /Matters arising 25/9/08

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

4.1 Young Victims of Crime (paper circulated)

Presented by Ivor Harvey

Since 1st April 2007 there have been 1363 offences where young people under the age of 18 have been victims of crime.

In July 2008, the number of recorded offences reached its highest since April 2007 at 75 offences, however since this time the number of offences have steadily decreased to its lowest level in February 2009.

For full details please refer to the circulated paper.

(EJ) and (PW) said 'they would like to see this type of data on offenders.

Action

To provide a data breakdown on offenders.

Steve Greener

Action

Michelle is currently looking at school exclusions and will feedback at the next Board meeting Jun 09.

Michelle Cunningham

4.2 Anti-bullying report (paper circulated)

Presented by Michelle Cunningham

Anti-Bullying Strategy has been drafted and has been adopted by the Anti-Bullying group. This will now be extended into a detailed guidance document for schools and is scheduled to be in all schools during the spring term.

The Local Authority is developing a behaviour and attendance strategy that will work

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alongside the strategy group in producing guidance and support for behaviour, including bullying.

A breakdown of the Tell Us survey (on-line survey for year 6 children) has shown that lack of data by ethnicity and gender is a concern.

The board noted for concern that 58% of Thurrock schools have not reported any incidents of bullying as having taken place. (For further details please see circulated paper).

Currently looking at the promotion of Crimestoppers campaign within schools. To look at best practise and what schools can learn from one another.

Action

To look at those schools reporting incidents and those who are not and to feedback at the next meeting.

David Watts

4.3 Domestic Abuse Report (paper circulated)
Presented by Michelle Cunningham

A paper for Domestic Abuse Comparison Charts as requested at the previous TCSP Board meeting was circulated.

Members of the group discussed the charts in particular the spikes of domestic abuse.

(LG) said 'there can be a number of factors that can relate to the sudden rise in Domestic Abuse such as the weather, environment and the current credit climate'.

(EJ) said 'there was a need for more awareness raising campaigns'.

(PW) said 'the introduction of the Police DV1 forms are helping'.

Recommendation

Recommendation that Domestic Abuse continues to be a priority report.

AGREED

Action

To provide data for the Domestic Abuse standing agenda item for future meetings.

Michelle Cunningham

5.0 Performance:

5.1 Local Strategic Partnership half year report (paper circulated for information only)
Presented by Ivor Harvey

Points raised

(JP) said 'the Non Government Organisation Group (NGO) had raised concerns regarding the continuation of funding for the alcohol worker who works with clients who

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may require further structured support. In 06/07, 66 clients successfully completed brief interventions for alcohol. Since the appointment of the alcohol worker this figure has more than tripled to 200.

(MC) responded by saying that this gap will be reviewed in the Alcohol Strategy which Jim Nicolson is currently drafting.

Action

To liaise with Jim Nicolson regarding the Alcohol Strategy to be shared with Peter Woollard and Roger Harris for their input.

Michelle Cunningham

(EJ) commented that Women's Aid had set up community out reach work to mitigate against increase in the percentage of repeat victims.

5.2 Performance report Mar 08 – Dec 08 (paper circulated)
Presented by Michelle Cunningham

All crime continues to show a decrease and is -8% YTD April - Dec. Serious acquisitive crime across all areas gives cause for concern. Criminal damage and assault with injury, although still better than MSF have both started to deteriorate and need to be monitored.

Emerging Issues

Shoplifting continues to increase - +26% YTD - Proactive operations at Lakeside have encouraged reporting.

Theft of cycle up 48% YTD, however improvement seen in last quarter - -36%.

LAA target - increase reports of hate crime 198 Q3 YTD, target 259 on track.

LAA target - increase sanctioned detections of hate crime **GREEN** 62.3 % YTD, target 47%.

Points raised

Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) reduction of 15%.

Overall crime reduction of 8%.

Go East money available to tackle Burglary which (IH) thanked (TH) for. The Police analyst has identified areas and the use of forensic DNA coding is planned.

(IH) said 'there is a need to look at the cause of burglary and raised concern that ex burglars are now returning to burglary for example to feed a drug habit'.

Action

To link in with Lynn Goodall Essex Police to discuss LSP recommendations paper.

Catherine Sackey

Burglary Day of Action 7th April 2009.

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Action

To arrange to meet to discuss Burglary Day of Action 7th April 2009 and what can be achieved on the day.

**Ivor Harvey
Michelle Cunningham
Steven Greener**

5.3 Place Survey

Presented by Lucy Magill (verbal up-date)

(LM) explained that the Place Survey was currently embargoed however Michelle Cunningham and herself were currently working on looking at the data and mitigation of any negative press. The results of which should be published by the end of the month.

Quality of Life Survey report was circulated as an information document only.

5.4 Executive Report – verbal

Presented by Lucy Magill

1.Revision to Youth Crime Group

Proposed Changes

After discussions at the Youth Offending Services (YOS) Governance Board it was proposed that the Youth Crime Prevention Group (YCPG) be merged with the Positive Activities Task Group chaired by Michele Lucas. Therefore be moved out of Thurrock Community Safety Partnership (TCSP) and into the Children's Trust.

This will enable the Youth Crime Group (YCG) to concentrate wholly on that part of the population whose criminal activity and risk factors are measured for the purposes of meeting those targets i.e. Re-offending, ETE, accommodation, young victims, custody rates, knife crime etc plus the function of increasing public confidence and perceptions of youth crime.

2. Funding for Diversionary Activities

The Executive group has agreed to allocate to the Children's Trust a pot of money for positive activities - £10k agreed.

The Partnership have agreed that we should continue to support the Positive Futures football programme which Chelsea are now involved in and has improved. Funding will be required from Sept 09 onwards.

3. Delivery Groups

- Sexual violence – will now be chaired by SERICC
- Promote Tolerance – concerns are long term on-going issues, The multi agency HARAC group has now been set up to look at individual cases and to provide support to victims, also the Tilbury Hate Crime group has been resurrected
- Locality Action Groups (LAGS) are moving forward

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Action

To speak to Erika Jenkins regarding the referral process to the HARAC group.

Michelle Cunningham

4. LAA Indicators

- Perception indicators – the executive group will undertake to look at the results from the African community survey, Place survey & Quality of Life survey
- Domestic violence – separate meeting of Executive Group members to be convened to look at the Domestic Abuse workshop outcomes
- Action plans signed off for serious acquisitive and violent crime indicators.

5. Safeguarding

This will now be a standing agenda item for Executive group as the crossover of adults and young people is significant.

6. Priorities for 2009/10

Recommendation

(LM) required confirmation that executive group was to continue to prioritise Domestic Violence and Serious Acquisitive Crime.

AGREED

Drive to develop support for vulnerable adults and businesses.

Business Forum meeting has taken place 18/2/09, although there was a very low take up the outcomes from the day were very positive. Those who did attend suggested a smaller agenda with less speakers and more time allocated for one to one's with the various agencies.

Steve Greener is planning another meeting to look at the Bluewater Shopping Centre.

5.5 Delivery Group performance up-date (paper circulated)

Presented by Michelle Cunningham

Points Raised (exception reporting only)

Autocrime Group

Issues & Risk

Chair of this group will be moving on, planned that new Inspector for Ockendon Richard Baxter will take over.

Acquisitive Crime Group

Performance

Currently high on Robbery, and Burglary – initiatives in place to try and reduce the number of offences.

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Business Forum

Membership and attendance:

Core members still attending, however Action Against Business Crime has been taken over by the British Retail Consortium.

Lakeside Shopping Centre are moving this forward without the Retail Park and meeting planned for re-writing the data sharing protocols.

Meeting held with Bluewater Shopping Centre and positive links created with their partnership.

Rosie – chair is leaving Lakeside.

Action Plan and Strategy

With the scheme being run by Lakeside Shopping Centre and the Operations Manager moving on to Uxbridge, the security team are going to run the scheme.

Anti Social Behaviour

Structure proposed to sign off and implement, 1st meeting of Local Action Groups (LAG's) held jointly, Chairs and referral processes to be agreed to take forward.

Domestic Abuse

Performance

Repeat incidents currently red - action planning to be developed after workshop

Sanctioned detections on target.

Need to extend use of database to collate all agencies data in similar format to support decision-making.

Resources

IDVA and DV coordinator funded from LSP money. This is only funded to Mar 09.

(PW) required clarification that the IDVA post would be funded.

(MC) confirmed that £35k had been received from the LSP for 09/10 for IDVA post.

Need to identify additional resource requirements to support reduction in repeat victims
Look ahead now commissioned to work with high-risk offenders and PPO's.

Sexual Violence Group

Membership and attendance:

Sheila Coates SERICC has now agreed to chair. Meeting held 18/3/09.

(MC) raised concerns over lack of attendance.

Youth Crime Group

Now re-structured as explained in (LM) up-date.

Road Rail & Fire Safety Group

Issues & Risk

Non-attendance of Ambulance Service.

Cruisers (Boy Racers) A126 Oliver Road/ Lakeside Car Parks – Operation Serberus currently underway. Oliver Rd is new issue.

Promote Tolerance Group

Issues Raised

Chafford 100 – emerging issues, number of repeat victims.

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High number of repeat victims are shop owners, in particular licensing.

A lot of cases coming forward have been going on for some time and are now difficult to tackle.

Operational group HCRAC set up to look at repeat cases. Concern number of cases to deal with and with the structure. 1st meeting positive.

Tilbury Hate Crime group has been resurrected due to the emerging hate crime issues in Tilbury.

Action

To follow up with Luke Addams on members from Social Care within TCSP.

Roger Harris

5.6 Delivery Group presentation

Prolific and Priority Offenders (PPO) (paper circulated)

Presented by Lynn Goodall

5.6.1 Prolific and Priority Offenders scheme has 3 strands:-

1. Prevent & Deter
2. Catch & Convict
3. Resettle & Rehabilitate

0.5% of the population account for 10% of offenders.

There is a scoring system for entry to the scheme that includes local issues such as Domestic Violence. A PPO tracker system has been put into place by the police and other agencies need to adapt similar system.

(LG) said 'the main strengths of her team is that all team members work very well together and any recommendations she has to the Board is that more funding is needed in order to carry out this vital work.

Target data – reward indicators are currently on track.

Future plans are:-

- PPO surgeries at probation offices
- ASBO success on a PPO need for more of them
- Multi- agency prison visits to visit prisoners
- Co-located multi-agency

5.6.2 Geo up-date (verbal)

Presented by Steve Greener

Geo Group has been set up to target the Chadwell St Mary area.

Go East have allocated funding of £22,500 to the Geo Group. This will be spent on:-

- Police Overtime
- Fire Service Firebreak Scheme
- D Jay and recording studio equipment (currently seeking a suitable venue)
- To re-paint sports changing room on the Heath (young people will paint and design)
- Drugs warrants enforce/seizures

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- Neighbourhood Watch Launch

There is a Fun Day planned for the 4th July 09.

The team are looking at combating criminal damage.

Looking at a contingency plan for when the group pulls out from the area.

(TH) asked how this project would be evaluated.

(SG) responded by saying that a residents survey would take place before and again after.

(IH) thanked (SG) for his leadership.

6.0 Finance & Project Up-date

6.1 Police operations spend (verbal up-date) Presented by Ivor Harvey

(IH) advised that a full report would be presented to board members.

6.2 Funding up-date - verbal Presented by Michelle Cunningham

She referred to the revenue under-spend and said 'currently we are developing a Domestic Abuse Improvement Plan and the funding will be spent on repeat domestic abuse incidents'.

The capital under-spend she hoped would be able to be carried forward to next year.

She confirmed all funding projects would be spent.

6.3 Violent crime funding - verbal Presented by Michelle Cunningham

£14,000 Home Office Funding for Violent crime expenditure details:-

- Domestic Violence contact cards
- 3 x Prison No Way Schools project
- Anger Management

(IH) commented that the Prison No Way project was a very good deterrent for young people.

Action

To circulate the dates of the Prison No Way Schools project to Jacquie Payne.

Michelle Cunningham

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- 6.4 Vision to listen funding - verbal
Presented by Michelle Cunningham

Communications grant £102,000 – projected underspend £2k.

Natalie Williams (external consultant) has been commissioned to produce a Communication Strategy and to facilitate a communication training day on 26th March 2009.

1. The Community TV Launch at the Thameside Theatre 31/3/09 12 – 2pm is all on track and all partnership members have been invited.

2. Training external facilitator to deliver training on 26th March 2009 10am – 2pm.

3. Research we will be using Marketry to determine the following from this study:-

Feeling of general safety

Peoples views on crime

Top 5 concerns for ASB and top 5 on crime

People's perception of crime

Views on the council and police

Levels of satisfaction with the handling of crime

Understanding and addressing people's concerns

Local perceptions of other people in the borough, measure how cohesive the area is

They will conduct the research through phone and they will also be at the event on the 21st March 09.

4. ASB Newsletter 8 page glossy brochure to address perceptions. Will be issued on 2nd April 09.

- 6.5 ASB Funding on perceptions

£22,500 Geo Group funding has been spent.

- 7.0 Drug and Alcohol Action Team Up-date (paper circulated)
Presented by Jim Nicolson

- 7.1 Thurrock Drug and Alcohol Action Team Performance Up-date report April to Sept 2008
(Full report has been circulated)

This report outlines the performance of the Thurrock DAAT for the first three quarters of 2008/09. In general terms good progress continues to be made and this report highlights the improving quality and effectiveness of the various stages of clients' treatment journeys. However, increasing the total number of clients, especially Problematic Drug Users (PDUs), which are those clients using crack cocaine or opiates, such as heroin, is still the biggest challenge we face.

It needs to be remembered that we are only slightly below target. If an additional 21

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clients enter into effective treatment, of which 14 are PDUs, then we will have hit all our targets. This is still a significant task, but is within reach.

Despite the concerns on overall numbers, significant progress has been made in engaging clients in effective treatment. In regard to PDU's, for the period under review an impressive 92% were recorded as being retained in effective treatment. Compared with 87% in the last quarter. This is against a target of 85%. Similarly 89% of all drug users over the age of 18 were retained in effective treatment compared with 86%.

Year end figures will be available from October 09.

- Work on the Treatment Plan is well advanced with a deadline of 20th March for the submission of the final draft Plan. This work has been informed by an excellent needs assessment, which has identified on a geographical and demographic basis, areas for us to target future outreach work.
- Development of the diversity agenda remains a key focus for the work of the DAAT and it was encouraging to see that 11% of clients were reported as coming from our BME communities. Since the last Strategic Board, the information leaflet on the availability of local drug and alcohol services has been translated into Polish and widely distributed. Additionally, we are contributing to the race/gender/disability equality schemes, to ensure information on the work of the DAAT is disseminated through those avenues.
- Since the last Strategic Board meeting, the DAAT website has been revised and re-launched.
- The expansion of the harm reduction services has taken place with additional staff, funded by the PCT, proving advice on a wide number of issues, including Blood Borne Viruses, Hep B vaccinations and Hep C testing - **nurses are now in place to support this.**
- A women's group to be set up by CDAS is now in place.

Points Raised

(JP) raised concerns from the NGO group regarding the issue of the alcohol worker's post coming to an end due to lack of funding and the length of the waiting list (30). (LAA money comes to an end June 09).

(JN) responded by saying he was confident that these interventions would continue, due to everyone is now skilled up. A worker only completes 15-20% of interventions. The waiting list was due to staff changes, it is now at full strength and should reduce.

Action

To feedback up-date on alcohol brief interventions scheme to Jacquie Payne who will in turn feed back to the NGO group.

Jim Nicolson

Action

To feedback Alcohol worker funding issues to Non Government Organisation group.

Jacquie Payne

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(RH) said 'there is a need to align direction of travel across adult social care'.

Action

To pick this up outside of today's meeting.

**Roger Harris
Jim Nicolson**

8.0 Strategic Partnership Up-dates

8.1 LSP

**8.1.1 LSP Up-date (paper circulated)
Presented by Lizette Fox**

(LF) confirmed the LAA refresh was now complete and thanked Ivor Harvey and Michelle Cunningham for all their support and co-operation.

(IH) spoke about the good relationship with Go East and said 'he would like to thank Tim Hughes for all his help and support'.

(LF) said 'the next step was to look at the effectiveness of the LSP executive group and all the Programme Boards and was the governance and structure of the groups right'.

The new post of Information Manager will allow for information to be used more effectively. The Place survey results will be taken to the LSP Executive group meeting.

**8.1.2 Reward Indicators Targets
Presented by Michelle Cunningham**

Reward Indicators the following have been negotiated:-

"Safer Block"

NI16 -5.07% over 2 year period to Mar 2011

NI 20 (Assault with Injury) - baseline target (08/09) -5%

NI21 5% improvement Mar 2011

NI 26 (Sexual violence support) - need to continue to report on this indicator Thurrock has been invited to be part of a pilot scheme this comes with £20,000 of funding

NI 30 (PPOs re-offending rate) - 20% improvement over year 1

NI47 (killed or seriously injured RTA) - targets negotiated by sustainable communities

**8.1.3 LAA action planning – NI 16 & NI20 (papers circulated)
Presented by Michelle Cunningham**

This item was for information only.

Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB) (verbal)

Presented by David Watts

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- 8.2 (DW) reported that work still needs to be done on Domestic Violence and referred to the Lord Laming report and the recommendations of new statutory targets and inspections.

Action

To forward a copy of the Lord Laming report to Lyn Snell who will circulate to all members of the group with the minutes.

**David Watts
Lyn Snell**

Non Government Organisation (NGO) Feedback

Presented by Jacqui Payne

- 8.3 (JP) said 'Michelle Cunningham has attended an NGO meeting and was very well received by the members who found her attendance very helpful.'

She said 'there are still concerns around Neighbourhood Action Panels (Naps) and Joint Action Groups (Jags) working practise and there is a need for PCSO's training.

Community Forums chairs will be asked to complete a questionnaire at their next meeting (JP) will feedback the outcome at the next TCSP Board meeting.

Federation of Small Businesses presentation

Presented by Paul Clancy

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

8.4

Youth Crime Governance Board - (verbal)

Presented by Lucy Magill

- 8.5 A letter about the planning framework states that we are deemed to be unsatisfactory. It needs to be targeted on the specific issues to take it forward to help make the service more effective for example focus and transparency.

The Youth Offending Service (YOS) have bought in an outside consultant to put a robust range of policies and service level agreements in place this has been done and are awaiting signing off by stakeholders. Peter Kay will be returning to the YOS on the 1st April 09 and this improvement work will be his key focus.

(PK) said that first time entrants' data is now measured off PNC and performance has improved.

Delivering Safer Communities

Focus Partnership (verbal)

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9.0 Presented by Tim Hughes

9.1 (TH) explained that Thurrock would remain a focus partnership for another year. He said 'he appreciated that there had been a significant improvement in Thurrock and the focus on burglary with a number of burglary initiatives, also the theft of vehicles trend is going down'.

(IH) said 'he was appreciative of the funding and best practises received from Go East'.

(TH) wanted to reiterate that focus partnerships were not about poor performance.

Engaging Communities (verbal)
Presented by Michelle Cunningham

- 9.2 Within delivering safer communities guidance there is a statutory requirement to engage with communities through the following:
- The strategy group must hold one or more public meetings through the year
 - The partnership will consult its communities on crime and disorder issues and their priorities
 - Consult communities who maybe affected by the priorities within the strategy and plan
 - The partnership will hold one or more public meetings during the year

The opportunity has arose to be part of an LSP event, which involves all partnership Boards. This will now be an event hosted by the Community Involvement Board, aimed at the community and voluntary sector and will be held on **March 20th and 21st** within various locations in Grays, i.e. Civic Offices, Beehive, Learning Campus.

Fridays will run from 4 –7pm and is aimed at young people.

Saturday's event will run from 10 –3pm.

This will present an excellent opportunity for us to engage and consult with our residents there will also be an opportunity for residents to pose questions to senior members of the Board.

(JP) confirmed that approx 60 voluntary sector agencies will be attending.

Progress against Strategy (paper circulated)
Presented by Michelle Cunningham

9.3 This is an information item.

Points raised

- 4.4 Young people has not delivered
- This report is to be put on the partnership website
- Challenge for next year to market ourselves better

A.O.B.

Schools Challenge Shield Quiz 15th June 09, 6pm, Civic Hall Blackshots,

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- 10.0** Please contact Paul Clancy if you would like to attend or alternatively just turn up on the day.

The date of the next meeting is 18th June 2009

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