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AGENDA ITEM 2

THURROCK COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

**STRATEGIC BOARD GROUP
MINUTES**

**Meeting held on Tuesday 23rd June 2009
Tilbury Police Station, Tilbury
10.00 - 1.00pm**

Name	Initials	Organisation	Attended?
Ivor Harvey	IH (Chair)	Essex Police	Yes
Paul Moor	PM	Essex Police	Apologies (SG) represented
Cllr John Cowell	JC	Representative Essex Police Authority	No
Lizette Fox	LF	Local Strategic Partnership	Apologies
Roger Harris	RH	Thurrock Council	No
Lucy Magill	LM	Thurrock Council	Yes
Cllr Ben Maney	BM	Thurrock Council	Yes
Jay Mercer	JM	Thurrock Council	No
Bill Newman	BN	Thurrock Council	Apologies
Jim Nicolson	JN	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	Apologies
Cllr Sue MacPherson	SP	Representative Essex Fire Authority	Apologies
Alex Bamber	AB	Essex Probation	Yes
Mark Ansell	MA	South West Primary Care Trust	Yes
Erika Jenkins	EJ	Voluntary Sector	No
Ruth Juett	RJ	Voluntary Sector	Apologies
Jacque Payne	JP	Voluntary Sector	Yes
Keith Brown	KB	Fed of Small Businesses	Apologies
Paul Clancy	PC	Fed of Small Businesses	Apologies

Observers: Karen James (KJ)

Ex-Officio: Michelle Cunningham (MC), Steven Greener (SG), Tim Hughes (TH), (Tina Murphy (TM) Apologies), (Catherine Sackey (CS) – Apologies), Lyn Snell (LS) – Minutes)

Invitee: Bob Chatterton (Head of Special Branch – Police)

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1.0 Introductions & Apologies

Please see above.

The chair welcomed Bob Chatterton detective inspector for special branch and counter terrorism.

Action

To arrange meeting with Ivor Harvey (chair) with Steve Chandler's, who is due to retire, replacement at Capital Shopping Ltd.

Steven Greener

2.0 Items for AOB

None

3.0 Minutes of 19th March 2009

The minutes of the meeting of 19th March 2009 were agreed as a true copy subject to amendments on page 6 and page 12.

Page 6 (5.4) item (6) Priorities for 2009/10 Safeguarding Against Children should be replaced with Serious Acquisitive Crime.

Page 12 (8.1.2) NI47 - No changes should be replaced with targets negotiated by sustainable communities (these were negotiated outside of this meeting).

4.0 Outstanding Actions /Matters arising 19/3/09

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

5.0 Performance

5.1 Local Strategic Partnership 08/09 report (paper circulated for information only)

Presented by Ivor Harvey

Points raised:-

Fairly good news with an overall 9% reduction in crime which has been even more challenging this year due to the current economic climate. Currently achieving a 5% reduction in crime at the moment.

We have adopted NI16 – Serious Acquisitive crime and the work around Selecta DNA, has assisted us with that.

There will be a challenge with NI21 –satisfaction with Police and Local Authority how we deal with concerns about crime & ASB as we do not always promote all the good work currently being done by the partnership.

Community TV has been very successful and the chair thanked Tim Hughes for his support.

Recommendations to LSP:-

The partnership will be looking at a continuation of Community TV.

LSP endorsement of the Alcohol Harm reduction Strategy, Domestic Abuse Improvement Plan and Prolific and Priority Strategy.

The performance report currently indicates there are more green than red targets although Domestic Violence repeat incidents still remain a concern.

SERICC is now involved and is looking at how to tackle the sexual offences targets

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(AB) commented on the 2 sexual offences targets (RED) highlighting that this was worrying area, because what we do not want is more offences being reported that are not resulting in sanctioned detections.

The chair agreed and acknowledged this comment.

5.2 Performance summary 09/10 report (paper circulated)
Presented by Michelle Cunningham

For 08/09 there has been a 9% reduction in crime overall. There are concerns around Most serious violence, Domestic burglary and Theft of cycle, she confirmed there are action plans in place around all of these. As from April 09 we have already made improvements on Domestic burglary and started to reverse this trend. There is a positive direction of travel apart from Non domestic burglary, Serious violent, Racially aggravated and Criminal damage. Serious violent and Criminal damage continue to be very good against our most similar families.

5.3 Domestic Abuse performance report (paper circulated)
Presented by Ivor Harvey

(IH) referred to the Domestic Abuse comparison charts and commented on the good direction of travel..

The bottom chart shows actual reported incidents have increased. He said “both charts are very positive indicators with more people encouraged to report, the real concern is that we have not got a grip on the repeat offences” and invited member’s views.

(JN) referred to a recent Domestic Abuse delivery group meeting where these issues were discussed, and what has been agreed is he will commission a needs assessment to be followed by a strategy, that will identify national good practise and compare where we are in comparison with the national best practise. A gap analysis will take place and the development of an improvement plan to establish where we are and we need to be. A meeting with the consultant is set to take place next week.

The group were unified that this is one of the partnerships key priorities.

(JP) raised a concern on behalf of the Non Government Organisation group regarding the delivery group had not met since January 09 and asked if the most recent meeting was a good meeting.

(JN) replied by saying it was a very good meeting but not all the key players attended. But what has now happened is a bit more enthusiasm and energy has been injected into the group.

(JP) to feedback to Non Government Organisation group.

(AB) raised some concerns by saying Thurrock is the only one out of 14 other CDRP’s



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areas served by Essex Probation not to have funded a Women's Safety Worker in relation to the domestic abuse perpetrator programme, as these posts are directly focused on victims of domestic abuse in relation of known perpetrators and reducing re-offending.

He said "there is a clear indication we are not impacting on this indicator (reducing repeat victims)".

He did acknowledge there were some positives such as the MARAC's process that is now in place.

(JN) replied by saying that we do have the relevant keystones in place for an excellent service such as the specialist court, MARAC, and the SARC that's due shortly, these are the building blocks that we now need to link together.

He said "one of the outcomes from the commissioned work spoke about earlier should be to clarify this. He assured the group it is all in hand and scheduled to be in place Sept – Oct 09.

(LM) reiterated that the partnership was still committed to Domestic Violence and is working hard, but will need to take our time to make sure we get it right.

Action

To provide a progress up-date on Domestic Violence at the next meeting.

Jim Nicolson

5.4 Executive up-date - verbal
Presented by Lucy Magill

Last Executive meeting was on 14th May 09 and another meeting is planned this Thursday 25th June 09.

Locality action groups: which are the new groups working to bring operational officers together to deal with problems, place, people and circumstance. 2 separate locality east and west have held one joint meeting and separate locality group meetings are planned, one of which has already taken place although the attendance was not particularly good the outcomes from it were very good.

National indicators: action plans have been signed off by the Executive for NI21 (Perceptions) and NI47 (Killed Seriously Injured). We are now working much closer with sustainable communities board on joint indicator NI47 to ensure there is no overlapping, both boards are doing work that can improve that indicator. NI30 – re-offending of PPO's is drafted and will be signed off at the next Executive meeting 25/6/06.

Hallmarks: This is something that has come out from the Home office. A self-assessment audit has been completed and red amber green rating produced. A working group has been set up to look at action planning around the development of this, the first meeting is planned for 25/6/09. Go East support has also been provided to look at all the key areas.

Communication: We now have some research data and a draft communications strategy. A working group meeting was held to present the data and to look at the strategic direction and what we should be focussing on. Will provide an up-date at the next meeting.

Violent crime strategy: Progress against this strategy has been reported to the Home

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Office and is progressing well. A decision has been taken that we will not have a separate strategic group focused on violent crime as recommended by Home Office guidance, but the Executive group would perform this function rather than having both.

(JP) asked did the Locality action groups have voluntary group representation?.

(LM) replied that they only have partner agencies representation at present.

(JP) asked if it would be possible for her to receive a copy of the minutes.

(MC) responded by saying that some of this information would be highly confidential but would be happy to sanitise this and forward that information on to (JP).

Action

To sanitise the recorded minutes from the Locality Action Group meetings and forward that information on to (JP).

Michelle Cunningham

- 5.5 Delivery Group performance up-date (paper circulated for information only)
Presented by Michelle Cunningham

Autocrime: (MC) raised a concern that this group had not met since February 09. (MC) (SG) and Richard Baxter are arranging to meet to sort this issue out.

Action

To produce a progress report for the Autocrime delivery group at the next meeting.

Steve Greener

- 5.5.1 Prolific & Priority Offenders (PPO) Strategy for sign off (paper circulated)
Presented by Ivor Harvey

(IH) commented that the work on Prolific & Priority Offenders is key to making communities happier and it is only a very few people who can commit a large amount of crime.

The partnership is doing it's best to help and encourage these people not to commit crime. He acknowledged the support from all the agencies around the table and to Go East for their PPO inspection report. He said "the next step was to co-ordinate all of this work together and there was now a new Detective Inspector Simon Anslow who is very keen to take this work forward with the Prolific & Priority Offender group.

(TH) raised the question on behalf of his colleague Mike Ward (Go East), how does this strategy fit into the integrated offender management work.

(IH) said "his personal view was a further strategy with appendices will follow this current one".

(KJ) referred to page 7 item 5.3 Rehabilitate and resettle and asked what had been set

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up regarding engaging with agencies and interventions programmes such as basic skills.

(MC) replied saying at the last Offender Management group meeting they had a learning skills representative attend and Liz Hand and probation both took an action to link into the Learning Campus.

(AB) referred to page 13 and asked what the freedom programme was?

(MC) replied the Freedom Programme is a programme for Women and perpetrators. At the last Domestic Violence group meeting there was an item raised by Martin Powers (Probation) regarding concerns raised by the probation service concerning the fact that the Freedom Programme was not accredited by Respect. The delivery group report to the Executive group has been up-dated to address this and will be discussed on Thursday 25/6/09. She said “unfortunately there was no one here from children’s services to give comment on this as the programme is being run by the Children’s Trust and not through the partnership, but the issue has been flagged up”.

(AB) said “we must ensure that if we are providing perpetrators programmes they must be accredited

Action

To report back to Alex Bamber on the Freedom programme issues.

Michelle Cunningham

Recommendation

To sign off Prolific & Priority Offender Strategy.

AGREED

6.0 Finance & Project Up-date:

6.1 08/09 funding report (paper circulated)

Presented by Michelle Cunningham

(MC) apologised for not circulating the 08/09 finance report but it has not yet been through the executive group, will bring it forward to the next meeting.

Up-date on spend

Spent all but £900 of the area based grant.

Joint funding pot spent £34,000 carried forward some funding for domestic violence.

BCU spent £111,000 split between operations and partnerships.

6.2 09/10 funding – verbal (paper circulated)

Presented by Michelle Cunningham

Of the £110,000 area based grant, £108,000 has been allocated

Capital funding we brought forward £25,000 and we got allocated a further £50,000.

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Joint funding pot so far we have got £89,000 we are waiting for some more funding from the Police Authority that gets shared out later on in the year. Out of that we have £19,500 left to allocated

BCU: we have been given £100,000 of which £80,000 is for operations and the remainder is for the partnership, all but £17,000 has been allocated.

Remainder of the year's funding left to allocate:-

£27,000 Revenue

£17,000 Capital (*Editors up-date should be £33,748*)

She confirmed funding was very tight at the moment and that we have already received bids that will exceed these remaining funds.

(LM) commented that currently the executive are being very stringent around funding bids because there is not much funding left. They will not be accepting incomplete bids and feedback will be expected on projects.

She went on to say that the executive group are not being difficult but financially we do not have much money left for this financial year. There may be bids that have been funded previously but we will not have the funds to do that this year and any spend will be on the priority areas.

7.0 Communication and Engagement:

7.1 Perception research report (paper circulated for information only)

Presented by Lucy Magill

She referred to the 2 documents that are the research results of a survey commissioned particularly around perceptions of safety and crime, with a few cohesions questions added. Judy Wilson (Marketry) who produced this document came and presented the results at a recent communications workshop and went through it in a bit more depth. The results did not show anything we did not already know but it put some formality around the facts and figures.

7.2 Communication Strategy 09/11 (paper circulated for sign off)

Presented by Lucy Magill

She said thanks to the funding from the Home office we have been able to fund Natalie Williams who currently works at the Safer Hastings Partnership as their director of communications to produce a draft communications strategy for us. There are recommendations within the document on what we should be doing and part of the work we did at the workshop was to go through these and prioritise them. The next step will be to decide what the key priorities are for the partnership and the work that came out of the workshop is currently being amalgamated and looked at. The communication delivery group will then report back to the executive group on what we really need to be focusing our attention on.

(IH) thanked (LM) for the strategy and said "it was a really solid document to work on and a great improvement on the previous one".

(JP) made a comment that was raised by the Non Government Organisation group firstly

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the strategy was a great piece of work but an issue was raised concerning the damage happening in parks at a costs in the region of (£50,000) she said “has this been raised in the strategy”. (MC) confirmed this had not but would take this issue on board.

(IH) offered police support to this issue such as support from PCSO’s.

(LM) said “she was aware of this problem and that Public Protection is currently working with Environmental services that run the parks to see if there are any additional measures that can be put in to protect the parks.

(IH) acknowledge that park’s were key to the life of the community and we should all work together to address this problem.

(AB) commented that crime is constantly mixed up with disorder and common behaviour and we should try and separate out when we are responding to people, we might then get people to believe us a bit more. An example would be of a complaint concerning disorder and bad behaviour and we supply them with crime statistics.

(IH) referred to the recent issues in Grays town centre and said “that most of them were not crime but were disorder issues”. He said “he knows that Cllr Maney supports the importance of tackling these pockets of disorder and taking the no nonsense approach”.

(BM) commented that when we are communicating to people, why it’s important to say that crime has gone down it does not make Anti Social Behaviour any less of a problem and we must not lose sight of that.

(LM) commented that she and (TH) attended a Home office conference for crime & disorder partnerships and the messages that came out of that was, we must start communicating better and stop telling people that crime is going down. Improve telling people what we are doing. People want to feel safer where they live they want us to tell them what we are doing to make them feel safer.

(TH) also referred to the conference and said “what people really need to know is that CDRP’s are listening to them and they can see what we are doing to address there issues”.

(TH) raised the question was the strategy linked into the Police Targets.

(IH) replied that it was.

Recommendation

To sign off Communication Strategy.

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8.0 DAAT Up-date

8.1 Performance 08/09 report (paper circulated) Presented by Jim Nicolson

This report outlines the performance of the Thurrock DAAT for 2008/09. Overall the performance of the DAAT has been very good indeed and all performance targets for which full-year figures are already available have been met. In regard to the two key targets that cover the total number of adults in effective treatment and the number of Problematic Drug Users (which comprises clients using opiates such as heroin and/or using crack cocaine), due to the retention element of the indicator, there is a three-month delay before year-end totals are confirmed.

During the year's performance against these two targets there has been an area of concern for a variety of reasons, one significantly being funding, for every PDU we get £1,440 and for non PDU's £720 so funding streams are critically dependant on our success.

However, the target for all adult engagement into treatment has now been met, with 421 clients against the interim target of 418 and there are also good grounds to believe we will meet the target in regard to PDU engagement too.

In regard to PDU's, which is our priority group, for the period under review an impressive 87% were recorded as being retained in effective treatment compared with a target of 85%, the national average is 85%. Similarly 85% of all drug users over the age 18 were retained in effective treatment this is also against a target of 85% and the national average is 83%. These figures make us one of the best performing DAAT's in the Eastern Region.

Care Planned Discharges against the target of 44%, some 55% of our clients left treatment this way compared to the national average of 40% and the regional average of 37% this has been one of our most impressive indicators.

Drug Rehabilitation Requirements (DRR's) - we have comfortably hit our targets.

Drug Interventions Programme (DIP) – the locally set target of getting 100 clients into treatment has also been achieved, but the numbers in each quarter identifies the variability of performance during the Grays custody suite closure. He said “he was looking to report back a much improved (DIP) report at the next meeting”.

Other Issues - very positive comments have been received from the National Treatment Agency's Deputy Regional Manager Rick Andrews (see paper).

(JN) circulated a Treatment Outcomes Profiles paper and explained this was an important piece of work. Essentially the government have put a lot of money into drug treatment the justification being if you tackle drugs and alcohol you hit criminality. Up to now there has been no way of tracking if this has actually worked and now 10 – 11 years on people are asking the question what has actually been gained from this. Treatment Outcomes Profiles is when people come into treatment and are assessed for drug/alcohol use.

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Thurrock has performed substantially better than anybody else within the eastern region. The National Treatment Agency has placed 2 priorities, Problematic Drug Users and Treatment Outcomes Profiles, Thurrock is currently in a very comfortable position for both.

Waiting Times – there are significant capacity issues although we have hit a 90% target (clients do not wait more than 3 weeks for an interview and into treatment). We are monitoring this and we will look to bring in extra agency staff if there becomes a problem

Escort Service – looking at some kind of escort service for people who have just been released from prison so the DAAT team are the first service they get to see. (JN) said “he was currently looking at a scheme that they may be able to use”.

(LM) thanked Jim Nicolson and Holly Edwards for all the work they have been doing. She said “the DAAT are doing very well and that was reflected at the last Joint Commissioning Group. However both (JN) and herself had some concerns about what was happening with the Young People’s DAAT because if that is not performing well then we are just building up problems for when young people turn 18 years old and then eventually end up in the DAAT as adults. She said “both Jim and herself are going to meet up with colleagues so they can start to address some of these concerns and issues”. One issue is the data for the Young People’s DAAT. She asked the board if they would be happy for her to make enquires as to who was currently receiving the data for the Young People’s DAAT.

Action

To make the relevant enquires as to who was receiving data for the Young People’s DAAT

Lucy Magill

(IH) thanked (JN) for his remarkable work by the DAAT.

(BC) said “he was very impressed by the work of the DAAT and it’s work was very much making a difference.

8.2 Alcohol Strategy (paper circulated for sign off)
Presented by Jim Nicolson

(JN) explained that we did have an Alcohol strategy that was approx 50 pages long, and thought it would be more helpful to have a more concise document which highlights the strategic points. He referred to the very large Home Office toolkit that sets out a series of actions on what should and should not be done and distilled that into the this document. He said “he was aware concerns have been raised that the document may be too brief”.

He said “the Home Office toolkit did stress that the point of the strategy should be not to think of new things to do but to record and co-ordinate what all the various agencies are all ready doing”. He said “the strategy would be supported by a template that has been developed by Michelle Cunningham that would actually provide the structure, accountability and ways to progress performance”. He accepted that there is a need to



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make clear what the outcomes are.

(MA) commented that the document was a very good aspirational statement but had concerns that in a year's time how would we evidence the progress made against these aspirations and would like another level of detail somewhere that states these are the measurable outcomes and milestones.

(IH) responded by saying that those were more like actions and the Strategy was a strategic document so are we are talking about the next stage down which would be some kind of action plan to back this up.

(MA) commented that how it gets implemented is not really dealt with any depth, also who will be responsible for making it happen.

(LM) said "that this is where the action plan comes in. Every action will have a plan behind it, outlining what we are going to do, how we are going to implement it, how we have improved over the 3 year strategy".

(JN) acknowledged that the milestones are missing.

(MA) said "the very brief top level statement of aspirations needs to say who is doing what, who is responsible and to what extent it sets out clear commitments for we as partners to be judged against".

(JP) said "she agreed with (MA) and that the Non Government Organisation group had a long discussion about this document and the comments made were, yes it was a nice relatively short document but no outcomes were identified, how it was measurable and no reference that it would be aligned to an action plan.

(IH) said "in order to clarify the Alcohol Strategy it should include that the document will be supported by action plans".

Action

To include within the Alcohol Strategy that the document will be supported by action plans.

Jim Nicolson

Recommendation

To sign off Alcohol Strategy subject to agreed amendments as above.

AGREED

(MA) asked the question in terms of reporting against the action plans where will this get reported.

(MC) replied that it is an agenda item on the Local Strategic Partnership Executive board meeting next week so she will raise the question what control will the Local Strategic Partnership require.

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Action

To raise at the next Local Strategic Partnership Executive board meeting the question what control will the Local Strategic Partnership require on the implementation of the Alcohol Strategy

Michelle Cunningham

9.0 Strategic Partnership Up-dates

9.1 NI35 counter terrorism – presentation and discussion
Presented by Bob Chatterton

Should anyone need to contact Bob his email bob.chatterton@essex.pnn.police.uk

9.2 LSP

9.2.1 LSP Up-date (paper circulated at the meeting)
Presented by Michelle Cunningham

(MC) presented this item on behalf of Lizette Fox

This report is to up-date partners of progress of the Shaping Thurrock review of Governance.

The IDeA conducted interviews with board members and Programme Board chairs in June 2009.

Delivery leads and key individuals across the partnership were invited to complete a questionnaire in June 2009

Government Office will be analysing responses to the questionnaire on behalf of IDeA in late June 2009.

(MC) said “she did not know what the impact is going to be to this board as yet, but the structure of all partnerships will be reviewed”.

They are looking to improve delegated authority coming down through the partnerships so there will be a review of the LAA leads and how they take responsibility for their indicators and may look at the chairs and how partnership meetings need to be strengthened to enable more delegated authority from the Local Strategic Partnership. How we link into overview and scrutiny, which is not particularly strong in this board will also be looked at.

(MC) said “she was not equipped to answer questions but should anyone have any queries or concerns she would see that those are feed back to Lizette Fox (LSP)”

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- 9.2.2 LAA up-date (paper circulated)
Presented by Michelle Cunningham

(MC) presented this item on behalf of Catherine Sackey

She informed the group that this was the final paper that will be going to the next Local Strategic Partnership executive meeting for sign off.

She said “it was very clear on the indicators that this board is accountable for”.

(MC) referred to the action plan status paper and informed the group that the Chair (IH) has already signed this paper off on behalf of the board.

She referred to the partnership’s 5 reward targets and their allocated lead owners. To the question “is achieving this target realistic” 2 concerns were raised NI21 and NI47. She said “dealing with ASB (NI21) this will be difficult as this is based all around perception indicators although she did agree the target was set quite reasonable at 5%”

(IH) agreed and said “we know our weaknesses, we are not good at communicating the good work we are doing and we have got to improve in that area, if we do that we have a good chance of meeting this target”.

The scale of the problem “dealing with ASB” has come back very weak and it is going to be published today as 22.6% for NI21 (the confidence the public have in the Police and local authority in dealing with ASB), Thurrock is currently in the 4th quartile.

(TH) commented this was the worst in the region.

(LM) responded saying in terms of the region we have to realise who we are being compared with as we have a different borough make-up compared to the other areas.

(MC) asked if members were happy with those risks highlighted.

Recommendation

Members were in agreement

AGREED

- 9.2.3 LAA action planning – NI 21 & NI47 (paper circulated for information only)
Presented by Michelle Cunningham

Recommendation

To sign off NI21 and NI47 LAA indicators.

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9.3 Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB) (verbal)
Presented by David Watts

The Local Safeguarding Children's Board have been working on its annual report that reviews its annual business plan up to March 2009. What it does is forms a judgement on the evidence that has been provided by partnerships and other individual organisations on whether they have been effective on safeguarding children and young people against all the key objectives. Some of those objectives have an impact in terms of the TCSP role specifically Domestic Abuse and Young People becoming victims of crime.

The report has still to go before the board and some of the things we are saying is Domestic abuse is causing some concern as Local Safeguarding Children's Board, because in relation to the impact on children we cannot see any progress being made in this area and that's what the findings of the report will state.

(IH) commented that one of the first actions previously discussed was 5 out of 19 Looked After Children have been impacted by Domestic Abuse, this appears to be a very low figure and another action has been set to revisit this in 3 months time. (see appendix A)

(DW) referred to a recent meeting he had with Steve Greener and Michelle Cunningham regarding crimes against young people. This discussion raised that we need to be a bit more smarter with our data gathering and to possibly link in with unauthorised absents from school and those on fixed and short term exclusions. We also need to think about the different data sets.

He said "the meeting proved very useful to try and think about all the areas we get our information from, such as the Tell us survey, Annual surveys and Perceptions of crime and then for the Local Strategic Partnership to process this information so we get more meaningful data".

He referred to the Lord Laming recommendations regarding the structure of the Children's Trust and having a Stay Safe Group within it.

He said "the Children's Trust has since formed a Stay Safe Group".

9.3.1 Domestic Violence review (paper circulated)
Presented by David Watts

He said "an audit review has taken place and has been circulated". The review is on-going and is being co-ordinated by DCI Stuart Smith an Local Safeguarding Children's Board member. There has already been some progress made regarding information being made available alot quicker.

A report is expected from Stuart Smith highlighting what things have improved.

(IH) commented that the Thurrock area is one of the quickest in the county for getting all the Domestic Violence paperwork through and DCI Smith has been quite effective.

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- 9.4 Youth Crime Governance Board - (verbal)
Presented by Lucy Magill

Board members have raised some concerns concerning the Youth Offending team, and although the board are currently working quite hard and the team are starting to sort themselves out, there is still a way to go but it is at least heading in the right direction. A full up-date will be presented at the next meeting.

- 9.5 Non Government Organisation (NGO) - (verbal)
Presented by Jacqui Payne

(JP) had one comment to make and that was the members of the Non Government Organisation group do go through and discuss the Board's agenda items, but felt it would be nice to also be involved with items where they felt they could have an influence on rather than just discussing it as an information item. She reminded people that the group does exist and if you want to bring us in at an earlier stage instead of us looking at the end result then please consider that.

(IH) remarked that the Non Government Organisation was a valuable consultation forum to have.

(MC) said "there were two items that the Non Government Organisation group could add value to before coming to the board".

The Geo group and the Domestic Abuse Improvement Plan and we should consult with the Non Government Organisation group before these items are presented to the board.

10.0 Delivering Safer Communities

- 10.1 Cutting Crime 2 years on - (paper circulated)
Presented by Michelle Cunningham

Cutting Crime 2 years on is an up-dated version to the 2008/11 Crime Strategy and as this was a rather long document she has circulated a summarized version of this to all board members.

She said there are some new strategies coming down from the Home Office, such as Retail Crime and Counter Terrorism. A gap has also been identified on how this board links into the Local Criminal Justice Boards which is vital to ensure all relevant agencies are working together to deliver a more responsive service to the public. An ideal link would be through the Essex Wide Prolific Priority Offenders group of which (AB) chairs.

It was agreed that Simon Anslow who has taken over as chair of the Prolific Priority Offenders delivery group would be the most appropriate person to attend Essex, Southend, Thurrock Prolific Priority Offenders Group (ESTPPOG) meetings on behalf of the partnership.



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Action

To invite Simon Anslow to attend Essex, Southend, Thurrock Prolific Priority Offenders Group (ESTPPOG) meetings on behalf of the partnership.

Ivor Harvey

10.2 Focus Partnership (verbal)
Presented by Tim Hughes

The Home office was also surprised by Thurrock's results within the Place survey due out today, but said "from the list coming out from the Home Office particularly looking at concerned areas nationally they are not picking out anything from our region". Counter Terrorism is very important and an agenda will be coming down to all CDRP's in the summer.

He has a meeting fairly soon to up-date on the performance of focus CDRP's, but did not think there would be too much of a focus on Thurrock . He said "they may ask for views on why burglary is coming down in Thurrock and the work currently taking place against burglary.

(IH) commented that the partnership have now made burglary more of a priority with Selecta DNA and the work of the Prolific Priority Offenders group.

(IH) said "the DI who is going to lead on the Offender Management group will be the lead for delivering the new strategy".

(TH) referred to the performance figures for the last quarter as good and there were no issues.

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Network Rail No Messin Road Show 5th August 2009, Basildon (open invitation to all)

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 22nd September 2009

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