

THURROCK COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

**STRATEGIC BOARD GROUP
MINUTES**

**Meeting held on Thursday 10th December 2009
Committee Room 1, Civic Offices, Thurrock Council
9.30 - 12.30pm**

| Name | Initials | Organisation | Attended? |
|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| Ivor Harvey | IH (Chair) | Essex Police | Yes |
| Cllr Wendy Herd | WH | Representative Essex Police Authority | Yes |
| Roger Harris | RH | Thurrock Council | Apologies |
| Lucy Magill | LM | Thurrock Council | Yes |
| Cllr Ben Maney | BM | Thurrock Council | Yes |
| Jay Mercer | JM | Thurrock Council | Yes |
| Bill Newman | BN | Thurrock Council | Apologies |
| Jim Nicolson | JN | Thurrock Council | Yes |
| Mick Osborne | MO | Essex Fire & Rescue Service | Yes |
| Cllr Ian Harrison | IH | Representative Essex Fire Authority | No |
| Cllr Cathy Kent | CK | Representative Essex Fire Authority | Apologies |
| Alex Bamber | AB | Essex Probation | Yes |
| Mark Ansell | MA | South West Primary Care Trust | Yes |
| Sheila Coates | SC | Voluntary Sector | Apologies |
| Erika Jenkins | EJ | Voluntary Sector | Yes |
| Ruth Juett | RJ | Voluntary Sector | No |
| Jacque Payne | JP | Voluntary Sector | Apologies |
| Paul Lancaster | PL | Capital Shopping Ltd | No |
| Keith Brown | KB | Fed of Small Businesses | Apologies |
| Sue Coole | SC | South East Essex College | Apologies |

Invitee: David Northcott (DN)

Ex-Officio: Michelle Cunningham (MC), Steven Greener (SG), Tim Hughes (TH) (non-attend), Lyn Snell (LS) – (Minutes)

1.0 Introductions & Apologies
Please see above.

2.0 Items for AOB
None

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3.0 Minutes of 22nd September 2009

The minutes of the meeting of 22nd September 2009 were agreed as a true copy and agreed for them to be published.

4.0 Outstanding Actions /Matters arising 23/6/09

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

Cruiser Event

(LM) explained that the problem of Cruisers is an on-going issue and there is currently 6 different actions in place to try and deal with this emerging problem which is leading to road traffic accidents.

(IH) said 'there is an on-going plan to run small road traffic operations that both the Partnership and Police will be involved with and of which he will strategically led'. He said 'he is planning to meet with the new Chief Inspector for the Traffic Dept to discuss this'.

He explained there is Cruiser Strategic meetings held and members of this group would be very welcome should they wish to attend.

4.1 Offences Against the Person report (paper circulated)

(Presented by Steve Greener)

For full details please refer to the circulated paper.

Points raised:-

(IH) said 'he was surprised to see that the Lakeside ward had the highest number of assaults against young people, as Lakeside was very well policed in comparison with other shopping centres and there is a good working relationship with Lakeside Police'.

He said 'this may be a piece of work that Richard Baxter Inspector (South Ockendon) might need to look at why these figures are so high at Lakeside'.

(WH) asked if it would be possible to find out if the young people involved were from the local area.

Action

To speak to Richard Baxter Inspector (South Ockendon) about looking into why the Lakeside Ward had the highest number of assaults against young people.

Steve Greener

Action

To look into the number of assaults against young people at Lakeside to see if the young people involved were from the local area.

Steve Greener

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(MC) explained that Jane Warriner (Communications Officer) has visited Gable Hall Secondary School in Corringham, where there is a Diploma group that is currently studying Criminal Justice and Crime & Disorder. She has set them a small robbery project to do, so there will be a campaign coming out shortly from young people for young people.

(IH) commented that we need to look at a better way of dealing with first time low level offenders and consideration needs to be given to first time offenders.

(JM) agreed and said 'he would very much like to work with the Youth Offending Service and the Police in using a common sense approach to first time offenders'.

(AB) was also in support of this approach.

(IH) said 'the way forward is through the Integrated Offender Management and Family Intervention programmes as the best way of reducing crime'. He said 'as a board we need to work towards this'.

(JM) explained about the adoption of the Triage system, a referral system for early assessment into support and counselling.

5.0 Performance

5.1 NGO report and feedback

This item was deferred till the next meeting.

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

(MC) explained the slight changes to the TCSP performance report.

The addition of two pie charts that shows the comparisons of volume of crime of last year compared to this year.

The report has been broken down into the 4 strategic objectives and the police confidence target.

ASB data and other agency data such as the Fire Service statistics will be added so it is not so Police focused.

Members of the group to advised (MC) of any additional data or comments they may have.

Overall crime is down by 11% (Sept 09)

With the exception of non-domestic burglary, serious violent crime and racially aggravated all crimes are down year on year.

The Executive group has picked up on the concerns around non-domestic burglaries.

Red areas show the targets ranked against our most similar family (MSF)

Purple areas are reward targets

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NI16 on track
NI20 on track
Support the vulnerable data is unavailable
NI30 quarter 1 data well on track
NI47 continues to be on track
Promote Tolerance – Hate Crime we are achieving and increasing our sanctioned detections and repeat victims has gone down and out of 21 HCMARAC cases 9 have been closed.
NI21 no data available (due Jan 10)

Emerging issues

Violent crime starting to increase – currently monitoring
Detailed KSI analytical data report is now available

(IH) commented that the current target figures show the partnership to be doing quite well, but next year may prove to be a bit more challenging and we may need to start looking at the medium to long term work rather than the short term fix.
A good example is Domestic Abuse we have a very good arrest and sanctioned detection rate but the quarterly report for repeat victims needs to be worked on.

He said 'the Police Domestic Violence unit are taking part in a one month experiment, which will take place over the Christmas period to increase the offer of advice and support to victims after the responding officers have made the relevant arrests'.

(EJ) will advise her staff at Women's Aid about the possible increase in referrals over the Christmas period. She said 'the biggest risk factor is the lack of understanding of how quickly a response is needed'.

(AB) raised the issue regarding the performance of the Thurrock Domestic Violence Court at not getting many convictions.

Action

To speak to Eileen Mullins (Police) about looking into why Thurrock's Domestic Violence Court are not getting many convictions.

Steve Greener

5.3 Domestic Abuse progress up-date (verbal)
Presented by Jim Nicolson

(JN) said 'he would raise the issue regarding Thurrock's Domestic Violence court at the next Essex wide Domestic Abuse Strategic Group meeting and will feedback any outcome'.

A draft copy of the Domestic Violence review report has now been completed and will be presented to the strategic group in two weeks time.

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The key points from the review:-

- Performance is stable and we compare favourably with the Southend area but obviously there is still a lot more work to be done.
- Individual parts of work are in place but there is a need to be more synchronised and joined up.
- The report is to be circulated very shortly.

He said 'there was a presentation on the 8/12/09 by the Foreign Commonwealth Office on Forced Marriages and some really important actions came out of that'.

He said 'he will be taking the main lead for this to ensure Thurrock's response to this issue was adequate'.

(EJ) said 'historically it has been thought that forced marriages had been a London problem but Thurrock Women's Aid has been dealing with this issue over the past two to three years'. She said 'a lot of in depth work and training is needed to identify victims'.

(IH) commented on how are we to pass this information and knowledge on to our practitioners.

Action

To progress the issue of Forced Marriages and to also look at how we disseminate our information. To report back to the Strategic group members

Jim Nicolson

5.4

Executive up-date - verbal

Presented by Lucy Magill

Information Sharing Protocol (ISP)

(LM) explained that following the Council's review of the Information Sharing Protocol (ISP) we had an (ISP) team member come and talk to the Executive Group members, reminding them about the importance of making sure we are adhering to the protocol. They also provided a 1 page handout to disseminate down to all teams to make sure we are sharing information correctly.

Progress up-date on LAA Action Plan:-

NI16 (Serious Acquisitive Crime) on track

NI30 (Re-offending) on track

NI47 (Killed and seriously injured) on track

NI20 (Violent crime) – set up working group to establish and develop some cross cutting work

NI21 (Perceptions of ASB) – Rewrite action plan

She said 'because of the changes that have happened regarding the approach of ASB, although a lot of work is being done we are not monitoring as well as we need to'.

Progress up-date on Locality Action Groups (LAG's)

Groups working really well just some membership issues regarding the attendance of Mental Health. Also looking at other agencies and how they are linking in.

(MA) said 'he had discussed attendance at LAG's with a Mental Health Commissioner

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and he thought it had been agreed that a representative from South Essex Partnership Trust (SEPT) would be attending’.

Action

To check if South Essex Partnership Trust (SEPT) is attending LAG’s and confirm with (MA)

Lucy Magill

She said ‘the Executive group are to focus on the increased amount of work, with a great deal of funding attached to it, that is currently taking place in and around Tilbury’.

Review of Community Engagement Days (summary paper circulated)

Positive feedback, but do intend to make a few changes. Agreed will continue with them.

The Executive group members passed their thanks on to Myles Rapley (Fire Service) for all his work and support to the Partnership.

5.5 Delivery group performance up-date (paper circulated)

This paper was for information only.

5.6 Young Victim Strategic Assessment - (paper circulated)

This paper was for information only.

6.0 Finance & Project Up-date:

6.1 09/10 funding - verbal
Presented by Michelle Cunningham

Revenue left to allocate - £7398 this can be carried over to next year.
Capital all allocated and cannot be carried over.

There is a concern regarding putting some funding aside for ANPR and about the revenue to support this. Discussions are on going and will only be supported subject to Essex Police committing to ongoing Revenue Costs.

There is still no expenditure against Sanctuary capital funding spend. There are plans in place for any under spend to be returned to the funding pot.

6.2 BCU report – (paper for information only)
Presented by Ivor Harvey

(IH) gave a verbal up-date.

Key points:-

- Independent Advisory Group (IAG) an excellent meeting and very well attended

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the group is performing well.

- Changing trend on burglaries due to the recession although Thurrock is still currently under target. The main concern is Millennium burglaries (Steal keys for high value cars from driveways). There is a need for better locks on doors and windows and for vehicle keys to be hidden. He said 'ANPR is one of the best tools we have to combat this and supported ANPR work although agreed it was expensive'.
- Violent Crime – currently looking at licensing conditions on premises with violent crime issues.
- Operation Christmas Presents (Lakeside) is currently running successfully.

6.3 Funding Process (paper circulated)
Presented by Lucy Magill

Key points:-

In the case of a split decision at the Executive Group meeting, it will be referred to the Chair of the TCSP *unless the bid comes from the chair's organisation at which time the decision will be referred to the Vice Chair.*

All funding bids must be supported by the delivery groups and if all the details are not completed then the bid will not be considered.

(IH) said 'the key priorities for funding will be Domestic Abuse and Youth Crime'.

6.3.1 Application for funding (paper circulated)

Key points:-

Changes to the application form:-

Project costs box moved up so it can be clearly seen.

Progress up-date has been included

Quarterly returns on progress will be required

Consultation relevant to the bid looking at Duty to Involve

Have simplified the form

6.3.2 Claim Form for funding (paper circulated)

Key points:-

Gives a clearer up-date on how the project is progressing and how the milestones are being met.

The new funding process forms will be rolled out from the 1st January 2010.

Recommendation

Quarter spend funding report to be presented at Strategic Board meetings

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7.0 Communication and Engagement

7.1 Progress to Strategy (verbal) Presented by Michelle Cunningham

Jane Warriner our temporary communications officer, is now in post and will be coming down to introduce herself when the meeting breaks for tea. Her primary focus is the Partnership's Newsletter which is currently at print and will be delivered with the Thurrock Gazette to all Thurrock households. The positive stories will be crime prevention messages, and trying to combat perceptions. Her key focus will be to move forward on the perception indicators.

The Communications Plan, ASB Plan and the NI21 Plan will be all pulled together into one NI21 Action Plan.

There is a resource from COI regarding support for 1 day a month on ASB perceptions. They are running a postcard campaign in a small area of Tilbury that will ask people for their thoughts and issues regarding ASB. We will then feedback to those residents what we have done to try and address those issues. From this we will be able to do a lot more "You Said We Did" 1 page Newsletters.

TCSP Community TV

Community TV is proving to be very resource intensive and is not being used to its full potential. The TCSP will need to find £54,000 to fund the scheme for next year. However with the new communications officer now in post this should help to alleviate some of the pressure to develop this. Evaluation is in progress.

(MC) explained that the TCSP will need to approach the LSP for funding across all the different agencies to keep the scheme going for next year. She asked members of the group for their thoughts and views.

(MA) said 'there will be issues about making this a good case as it will be judged against other priorities and unless a robust evaluation can be completed he can not envisage what the PCT response will be'.

(LM) agreed Community TV was difficult to evaluate.

(MC) said 'it had been difficult to transfer National campaigns onto Community TV'.

(JN) pointed out the additional costs involved in the costs of localising National Campaign Information.

(IH) said 'that nationally it was generally well acclaimed for a Local Authority to have Community TV and the Communications officer will be a better option to progress this'.

He proposed we fund it for a further year to see if we can make better use of it, should this prove unsuccessful then we will no longer support the scheme.

(JM) asked if Community TV was linked to any secondary schools or colleges because they have something very similar on display in their foyers which the students generate the content for as part of their creative media diplomas. This may be one of the ways of

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addressing the Community TV content issue.

(SG) commented that a recent schools competition had highlighted some excellent storyboard clips. He said 'it was a very good way of getting messages out to people but there is a question of value for money'.

(AB) the positive is that it actually exists as a communication tool but in terms of its effectiveness and purpose this is difficult to quantify and this may be something the Probation Service may not want to prioritise.

(EJ) said 'when people present to their service they are unable to quantify how they have accessed the information it may have been by Community TV, but any awareness raising of services such as Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence must be a good thing'.

(JM) Mainstream this as a direct link for the delivery of diplomas.

(WH) said 'it may be more appropriate to wait until the Communications Officer has done some research and feedback her findings'.

Action

To speak to Jane Warriner Communications Officer regarding prioritising work on the Community TV research.

Michelle Cunningham

(LM) proposed that the results from the research should be circulated to Strategic Board members and an opportunity for those members to discuss and comment at the next Executive Group meeting on 21st January 2010, where a final decision will be made.

Recommendation

The Executive group will make the final decision regarding the support for Community TV. All Strategic Board members will be advised of the next Executive Group meeting where they will have the opportunity to attend and present their comments or their written comments to be presented on their behalf. *All comments from today's meeting will be included in the discussion.*

AGREED

Action

To circulate the results of the Community TV research to all Strategic Board Members prior to the next Executive Group meeting on 21st Jan 2010.

Michelle Cunningham

(MC) said 'the next Place Survey has now been completed and the results are due out in

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January 2010'. The Executive Group will be looking at how we manage the results that come out of that.

(MC) said 'she had recently attended a Parenting Team meeting which has resulted in looking at more linking up with the work around parenting and family interventions projects which will all go towards supporting the perceptions work'.

8.0 DAAT Up-date

8.1 First Half Performance report (paper circulated) Presented by Jim Nicolson

For full details please refer to the circulated report.

Key points:-

Problematic Drug Users (PDU's)

In 2008/09, our target to engage 210 PDUs into treatment was just missed with a total of 207 clients being recorded in this category. However, the latest data, based on a rolling twelve-month period up to June 2009, shows that against a revised target of 212 for 2009/10, the DAAT has already engaged 216 PDUs into treatment.

Work for next year's plan is to work more with prisons which has already identified a further 35 Thurrock PDU's.

Crack Cocaine Training

Crack Cocaine Training which is training for front line staff on how to engage with Crack Cocaine users has now been set up.

Care Planned Discharges

Year To Date performance of 51% (72/141), which is comfortably the best in the Eastern Region and Thurrock DAAT is one of the best in the country.

Harm Reduction Indicators

Waiting times are a particular concern and is due to capacity issues at OASIS arising from staff turnover and recruitment difficulties. Additional staff have since been brought in and waiting times are now below three weeks and there should be a more positive report for the next meeting.

Drug Rehabilitation Requirements (DRR)

The number of completions is on target but there is an issue with the number of commencements. This is a national problem and Thurrock now have dedicated staff at CDAS who have undertaken a written review that have identified some changes that have now been put into place.

(AB) commented that the Probation Service have an optimistic view that the targets will be met. He said 'there are a number of reasons why the numbers are so low and this could be due to all the previous work that has been done over the past 10 years with the client group'. So therefore there is less Class A drug users committing offences and going through the courts, less arrests by police, less are going to court and less are getting rehabilitation requirements'.

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He said 'we need to be looking at the processes and making sure we are doing everything we can'.

LAA/CDRP Targets

Please see below up dated figures that replaces previous circulated report.

TABLE 7 – PERFORMANCE AGAINST LAA TARGETS

| | | Actual Performance 2008/09 | Target 2009/10 | YTD 2009/10 | Qtr 1 |
|----------|---|----------------------------|----------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| LAA | Increase by 30% from 2007 to 2010 the number of hazardous, harmful or dependent drinkers (>18yrs) successfully completing brief interventions at tier 2 | 208 | 113 | 79 | 79 |
| LAA | Increase number of clients entering treatment through the DIP (cross ref: no.2-DIP grid) | 162 | No target set | 31 | 31 |
| LAA/NI40 | Increase number of PDUs in effective treatment (cross ref: no.1- nos in effective treatment) | 207 | 210 | Data not yet available | Data not yet available |
| LAA | Increase number of drugs and alcohol individuals in treatment | 518 | No target set | 441 | 441 |

Half –Year Review

The overall indication from the NTA was very positive about the way the DAAT was performing and a formal feedback is awaited and will be reported to the Strategic Board members in due course.

(IH) commented that at the last 6 monthly review of the DAAT we got lots of plaudits and said 'he was very confident the feedback from the NTA would be very positive'.

9.0 Strategic Partnership Up-dates

9.1 CONTEST Agenda

Presented by Lucy Magill

As members of the board will remember Bob Chatterton from Essex Police came to talk to us about the Contest agenda which is the counter terrorism agenda. We have the option of Thurrock's contest work sitting under the CDRP if the board agree or coming under the Local Resilience Forum which for Thurrock is the Essex LRF. My recommendation for Thurrock would be for contest to sit under the CDRP, with an

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overarching group consisting of the Head of Public Protection and the District Commander, a Prevent Group which the paper you have refers to and has the membership and terms of reference and a task/ finish group to deal with Crowded Places which will consist of Head of Public Protection, District Commander, CTSA from Essex Police and Crowded Places Site Owner.

Recommendation

The CONTEST agenda to sit under the CDRP, with an overarching group consisting of the Head of Public Protection and the District Commander, a Prevent Group and Crowded Places task and finish group.

AGREED

9.1.1 PREVENT TOR (paper circulated for sign off)
Presented by Lucy Magill

Points raised:-

Preventing Violent Extremism Board to report back quarterly to the Strategic Board.
To produce a strategy that will meet our requirements of NI35

Membership –agreed as terms of reference.

- Head of service – Public Protection, Thurrock Council
- District Commander Thurrock, Essex Police
- Community Liaison Officer, Essex Police
- Member of the Police Independent Advisory Group
- Community Development Manager, Thurrock Council
- Manager, Youth Offending Service
- Essex Probation Service
- Schools - MAGs

(JM) confirmed that Jason Read will be the Youth Offending Service representative.

Action

To confirm with (MC) the Probation Service representative for the Preventing Violent Extremism Board

Alex Bamber

Action

To approach the Thurrock Association of Secondary Heads regarding MAGS/Schools representative for the Preventing Violent Extremism Board.

Jay Mercer

(LM) explained that there had been no nomination for Fire Service or Health representation. She said 'should we need them we will contact them'.

(LM) said 'that Milton Keynes does have a representative from the Prison Service included within their group and as there is evidence to show that people are undergoing radicalisation whilst in prison this may be something Thurrock may want to consider about the appropriateness to have someone from the Prison Service sitting on this

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group’.

(LM) confirmed that the group will be specifically looking at extremism as a whole.

(LM) said ‘that they had recently run a Preventing Violent Extremism exercise with the Independent Advisory Group (IAG) that proved very positive’. She said ‘they had all gained some understanding of the agenda and more of these exercises are planned to be carried out in the future’.

(MO) referred to David Sloggett’s presentation on radicalisation and said ‘he would look into the possibility of a presentation to the group’.

9.2 LSP Sustainable Community Strategy (paper circulated)

This paper was for information only.

9.3 Local Safeguarding Children’s Board (LSCB) – annual plan (hard copy circulated)

This **sensitive** paper was for information only.

Key points

David Watts LSCB Manager has left his post.

Page 9 – Domestic Abuse – up-date from (JN) will go towards addressing some of the concerns raised by the LSCB.

Page 11 – Bullying – positive comments for the TCSP starting to look into Hate Crimes but still a lot more work to do.

Section 3.8 – Children’s Trust have confirmed that the Anti-bullying group will now sit within the Behaviour and Attendance group.

Page 14 – Working with Children and Young People – this is progressing

Page 15 - Children and Young People safe from becoming victims of crime – there has been a request for a 6 monthly report from the TCSP

Page 19 – Hospital Admissions and Young people KSI’s - positive no issues raised

Page 21 – sections 8.5 and 8.7 sexual exploitation – to be noted

Page 23 – Communications – to continue with Child Safety Week campaigns as proved very positive

The board noted the contents of the Local Safeguarding Children’s Board (LSCB) – annual plan.

Action

To look at the process of reports presented to the LSCB Board. They will now go to the Executive group to be agreed there before going to the LSCB Board.

Michelle Cunningham

9.4 Youth Crime Governance Board up-date (verbal) (paper circulated)

Presented by Jay Mercer

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Key Points

Stay Safe Operation: took place in Corringham, although there were no major issues dealing with the young people it did highlight a good co-ordination process that was in place with the Police and other agencies.

Family Intervention Project: this is a multi agency project that focuses on the most difficult families. The project is now up and running and there is now a third sector body 'Catch 22' that is based in the Stanford Le Hope Youth Centre that have already started to work with those families.

Currently applying for some additional funding through the Housing Challenge route in order to extend the project to take into account the issues social landlords are experiencing this will also be match funded by Housing.

(JM) said 'it was most important that members of the partnership were aware of those key families'.

Transforming Communities: this is another significant project run by a national charity group called Youth at Risk that have been funded by the government to run 10 pilot projects. Thurrock has been chosen to be one of those pilots and will therefore have access to approx £250,000 of activities.

They have 4 different levels of engagement ranging from working with schools and the wider community of young people and a residential experience working with 25 of the most difficult young people (*planned for March 2010*).

There will be a lot of training for adult volunteers with the intension that this will be sustainable by leaving behind a trained network of volunteers for young people.

Issues

Performance indicators: (Young People going into education, training & employment). Thurrock currently has one of the worst percentages in the country.

For pre 16 years olds the Local Authority has a statutory responsibility to provide appropriate 25 hours per week of education and we need to address this.

For post 16 years olds as part of the NEET cohort of finding very targeted courses for young people to move on to. In February and March 2010 work is going on in-conjunction with the Thurrock Learning Campus to run targeted courses for young people.

First time entrants to the criminal justice system: planning to adopt the Triage system will now be using statistics provided by the Police rather than the Youth Offending figures.

Ethnicity of youth offenders: Youth Justice Board population statistics are at least 2 years behind and considering that there has been a significant increase in ethnicity within Thurrock these figures are not reliable.

Peter Kay YOS Manager is due to leave, so will need to look at recruitment for his replacement.

(JM) referred to the last two Youth Crime Governance meetings that were very well attended and thanked board members for their support.

10.0 Delivering Safer Communities

10.1 TCSP Board TOR - (paper circulated for sign off) Presented by Michelle Cunningham

(MC) explained that there had been a review of the LSP and the Sustainable Community Strategy so therefore the TCSP terms of reference will need to be reviewed to be in line

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with them. She said 'the terms of reference will need to be signed off by the LSP Executive but wanted the Board to approve them first'.

For full details of all the relevant amendments please refer to the circulated paper.

(AB) commented that on page 1 it should read that the TCSP will be accountable for the management of the Prolific and Priority offenders and not Persistent and Prolific offenders.

AB) commented that the TCSP Board will have a statutory responsibility for Re-Offending as from 2010.

Action

To make amendments and to add the statement that the TCSP will be responsible for reducing re-offending as from April 2010 to the TCSP Terms of reference

Michelle Cunningham

Recommendation

To sign off the proposed TCSP Terms of Reference subject to amendments

AGREED

(IH) thanked (LM), (MC) and (JP) for all their hard work and effort in producing this document.

- 10.2 ECFRS Partnership Agreement (paper circulated for sign off)
Presented by Mick Osborne

Recommendation

To sign off the ECFRS Partnership Agreement

AGREED

- 10.3 ASB presentation
Presented by David Northcott

(LM) said 'due to Thurrock's perception indicator scores we have been nominated to be a ASB priority area and with that comes £5,000 of funding for this year and £20,000 for next year together with additional support from ASB experts'.

The Department of Communities and Local Government have also made some financial rewards around ASB and because we have NI21 as a LAA target and we are an ASB priority area we have got an additional £54,000 which means we have a total of £59,000 to spend on ASB by the end of March 2010.

A self-assessment questionnaire has been completed with the Home Office and from this a delivery improvement plan drafted.

(DN) gave an overview of where we are with ASB a presentation.

Action

To circulate a copy of the ASB Presentation slides with minutes.

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10.3.1 ASB Delivery Improvement Plan (paper circulated for sign off)
Presented by Lucy Magill

(LM) explained that the ASB Delivery Improvement Plan is the partnership's plan on how we are going to spend the funding and try and improve our perceptions.

She referred to the circulated plan which was currently version 3 and pointed out that the plan was a working document and will continue to change. We are closely involved with the Home Office regarding getting further best practises.

(EJ) asked it what context is Sanctuary mentioned within the plan.

(LM) responded that because Sanctuary is a support scheme for victims in the context of Domestic Abuse, is there any best practise we can take from that and implement support for ASB.

(DN) also responded and said the principal for Sanctuary is around target hardening.

(AB) commented that the plan was very good and Probation would support it. He said 'one of the issues the Probation Service has in relation to ASB is there are a significant number of people being supervised by Probation but they are unaware if any of them are on ASBO's and the same applies with groups issuing ASBO's that are not aware of people being supervised by Probation'. There is a real need to develop a simple communications system in order to flag this up.

(LM) responded saying this is an area we can look at and agreed the Probation Service has a key role to play in addressing perceptions for example the Community Payback scheme.

(JM) commented about the development of the Family Interventions Project in relation to housing which involves conditional tenancy arrangements with the most difficult families.

(DN) responded that this facility was unavailable in Thurrock.

(JM) said 'he would be willing to support this scheme should the partnership wish to develop it'.

(JM) commented about the new Youth Referral Order's scheme adopted for youth offenders with potential conditions on them. There may be an opportunity to link up with this.

(JM) commented about the issue regarding attending the Locality Action Group's and Community Forum's and the need to plan our engagement with them.

(LM) responded that (MC) has drafted a reviewed proposal that will be presented at the next Executive group meeting Jan 10.



(IH) commented that the aim of the partnership should be that other areas approach us for best practise. An extension of the community walk around should be community act and talk by actually carrying out work and dealing with the issues there and then.

Recommendation

To agree the ASB Delivery Improvement Plan in principal but with the understanding that the details may change

AGREED

- 10.3.2 Focus Partnership –verbal
Presented by Tim Hughes

This item was deferred to the next meeting

11.0 A.O.B.

- 11.1 Home Office Visit (verbal)
Presented by Lucy Magill

As we are now a ASB Priority area Stephen Rimmer the Director General of the Home Office will be coming to visit us on the 1/2/10 to see how we getting on implementing the action plan and spending the ASB funding.

- 11.2 Potential Arson Targets (PATS) (verbal)
Presented by Mick Osborne

The Fire Service are looking to pilot this scheme in Thurrock and Brentwood for a 6 months period.

Key points:-

Fires in properties that are subject to planning refusal

Scheme already running in the London area

To be able to run this scheme in Thurrock will need buy in from Local Authority

(LM) suggested (MO) links in with the Community Protection Team and Environmental Health Team.

(IH) said ‘he would welcome this piloted scheme in the Thurrock area’.

Action

To circulate a copy of the details regarding Potential Arson Targets (PATS) scheme

Mick Osborne

Recommendation

Proposal to support the Potential Arson Targets (PATS) scheme.

AGREED

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- 11.3 Government White Paper (paper circulated)
Presented by Ivor Harvey

This paper was for information only.

Key points:-

Giving members of the public the power to sit on Local Authority Crime & Disorder Overview & Scrutiny Committees, to hold local partners to account.

(IH) said 'he would be happy to discuss with members should they have any issues regarding the Governments White Paper'.

**The date of the next meeting is Thursday 25th March 2010 10.00 - 1.00
In Committee Room 1, Civic Offices, Thurrock Council**

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