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AGENDA ITEM 2

**THURROCK COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP**

**STRATEGIC BOARD GROUP  
MINUTES**

**Meeting held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2010  
Committee Room 1, Civic Offices, Thurrock Council  
10.00 - 1.00pm**

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

**Invitee:** Supt Kevin Bailey (KB)

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

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**1.0 Introductions & Apologies**

Please see above.

**2.0 Items for AOB**

Safe and Confident Neighbourhoods Strategy

CDRP's name change

Date for diary 7/12/10

**3.0 Minutes of 10th December 2009**

The minutes of the meeting of 10th December 2009 were agreed as a true copy and agreed for them to be published.

**4.0 Outstanding Actions /Matters arising 10/12/09**

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

**4.1 Cruisers**

Presented by Ivor Harvey

He said 'there had been good attendance at the Cruiser meetings and they were currently looking at the long, short and medium term'. It was a difficult challenge and there would be a strong approach with the powers available to them. He would bring a copy of the complex plan to the next Board meeting. He thanked Cllr Ben Maney for all his support with this.

**5.0 Guest Speaker – Olympics presentation** (presented by Supt Kevin Bailey)

This presentation was to talk about the impact on Essex County by the 2012 Olympics and Para Olympics Games over a period of 64 days.

**6.0 Performance**

**6.1 NGO report and feedback**

Presented by Jacqui Payne

At the last NGO group meeting they specifically discussed the:-  
PREVENT Agenda – where they watched a PREVENT DVD and discussed where this should be shown in the community and should communities see it. The PREVENT poster was also discussed and comments were taken on board by Tess Wisbey (Police).

ASB Delivery Plan – Dave Northcott (ASB) gave a presentation on the ASB Delivery Plan and the Minimum Standards – the two days response has now been changed to one day, all comments were taken on board.

(IH) said 'he was very pleased with this, as this shows we are not just consulting and if it's right and correct things will change.

(JP) said 'on this occasion we opened the agenda much wider and this has had a clear impact on those agenda items, this may be a better way forward for the NGO group'.

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(TH) said this was a very good point to come out from the Minimum Standards and that there is legislation to come out from the Home Secretary and CLG which talks about response in 24 hours'.

(JP) suggested having an automated response system put in place.

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

Year to date crime is down by 11%.

Issues:-

Non Domestic Burglary

Serious Violent Crime – very small numbers better than our MSF

There is a focus on Domestic Burglaries as this is starting to increase

(IH) commented that domestic burglary is an issue right across the whole of Essex and the recession is playing a major part in this. It is the number one priority for partnerships.

(MC) explained that this report now includes all ASB information from both the Police and (LM)'s Community Protection team around tackling ASB.

LAA Targets:-

NI16 - is on track

NI30 – Reduce re-offending YTD Qtr 2 figures 27 against target of 86

NI47 – figures are not available for publishing (due out by the end of this month)

Sanction Detection for Domestic Abuse currently 67% against a 65% target so on track

NI21 – data not available

Emerging Issues:-

Will be looking at doing some work on Criminal Damage and the impact this has on our perceptions.

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

Meeting has taken place this week with the key partners to discuss Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence merged. What we have agreed is to develop a process to deliver the Governments latest strategy 'Together we can end violence against women and girls'.

He said 'in the past the response to women has been once they have been victimised, this strategy is about Prevention, Provision and Protect'. Thurrock already has the building blocks in place for a first class service but not all the links are in place. This will address Forced Marriage, Female Genital Mutilation, Cultural issues and also provides an action plan and checklist on what needs to be done.

We will be meeting again very soon to pull all this together.

(SC) said 'the merged groups will now be known as Thurrock Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy Group'.

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The group will be looking at prioritising between 3-5 sexual violence and 3-5 domestic violence areas that directly impacts on women and girls lives.

(JN) said 'there will be no complacency regarding issues around the Olympics and this will be something we will very much be looking at'.

(SC) said 'the Together we can end violence against women and girls document has full political backing and reiterated what (JN) had already said, that Thurrock already has a Domestic Violence Court  
Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA)  
Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (ISVA)  
Rape Crisis Centre  
Sexual Assessment Referral Centre  
Sexual Violence helpline

Thurrock is the only area in the country that has all the above in place.

(JN) and (SC) confirmed the document does cover same sex relationships.

**Action**

The document 'Together we can end violence against women and girls Strategy' to be circulated to board members.

**Michelle Cunningham**

(JN) referred to the Domestic Violence group performance and the method being used for the reporting of repeats. This is currently being explored and Thurrock's figures may be substantially better than what has been recorded.

(MC) said 'Southend have done some work on this and have calculated Thurrock's figures for us. Between Nov – Oct 2009 repeats are now at 15% this is because they have not taken into account anyone who is a repeat victim less than 3 times in a certain period of time.

Southend have agreed with Gaynor Mears and Government office that's how this should be calculated. So if we are currently at 15% we should achieve our target of 25%.

(JN) said 'it was very important that we use the same reporting method as everyone else'.

(IH) commented that if this group works well, Thurrock should have a first class service.

(MC) confirmed next year we will be using the same targets as Essex Police by using the repeat incidents and not the repeat victims.

6.4 Executive up-date - verbal  
Presented by Lucy Magill

Up-date from the last TCSP Executive group meeting 4/3/10

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- Discussed ASB delivery improvement plan and took into account the comments made by the NGO group and the Health, Well Being Overview & Scrutiny.
- Working Together Conference took place on the 18/3/10 and over 100 front line officers were in attendance. All aspects of ASB were discussed and how all the different agencies have an impact on ASB. Lots of information was circulated. (IH) confirmed it was an excellent event.
- Minimum Standards – is on the agenda for sign off.
- Victim witness champion – have identified gap, so some more work to do.
- Progress of LAA action plans:-
  - NI16 – Serious acquisitive crime, on track
  - NI30 – Re-offending, to be rewritten to reflect Integrated Offender Management and to focus on delivery rather than process which is now established
  - NI47 – Killed & Seriously Injured, on track
  - NI20 – Violent crime, working group will be established to develop cross cutting
  - NI21 – Perceptions, action plan completed and will now be replaced by the ASB
- Promote Tolerance action plan has been approved
- The Communications group has now become the Perception group, terms of reference has been revised and approved
- The Executive group received a presentation on PREVENT from Tess Wisbey (Police) in order to bring them up to speed with agenda and have sight of action plan
- The first Joint Action Group meeting planned to follow on from the next Executive Group meeting on the 22/4/10 to discuss the Cruisers issues, LAG update
- Funding 10/11, a lot of funding has already been allocated, currently waiting for a couple of partners confirmation on what their allocation will be. Will not be receiving the £8,000 Second homes tax system funding through the Police Authority this year. Some funding has been kept back for any emerging priorities. Please note any agency applying for funding the application form should be correctly completed and agreed by the relevant delivery group.
- TKAP funding (tackling knife crime) was discussed, this is much wider than just knife crime it's about all aspects of young people and (LM), (MC) and Rachel Wood (Police) are looking at this. We have been allocated £50,000 to do some more positive activities such as 'Prison Me No Way', additional Police Operations and Under Age Sales Operations.
- Community TV Decision, will not be continued
- LSCB reports signed off and presented to LSCB:
  1. Hate crime – LSCB accepted, no further comment
  2. Domestic Abuse
- Home Office Visit by Director General Stephen Rimmer – he was very impressed with Thurrock especially with our Locality Action Groups (LAGS). (IH) and (TH) confirmed it was an excellent visit
- Business Report, support and work with small businesses was adequate.

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(JP) referred to the Working Together conference 18/3/10 and the feedback she had received back from the NGO group, that there was no community input and how do you get this good feedback from the event out to the community.

(IH) responded saying it was a strategic event aimed at getting the professionals and agencies working together. The third sector was covered in the afternoon session.

(BN) responded saying he had thought he had made it very clear in his opening speech that this was the first of a series of events. The first event was about making sure as partners we know what each agency is about and the use of a common language also addressing the silo effect.

There will be a series of further events, through workshops, disseminations, seminars throughout the year.

(IH) fed back the results from the Working Together conference evaluation feedback forms:-

77% attendees found it was helpful with their roles

77% attendees rated the event positively

66% attendees said the pace of the event was good

6.5 Delivery Group Performance up-date (paper circulated)  
Presented by Michelle Cunningham

This item was for information only.

(TH) commented on a blip on Most Serious Violence IQUANTA figures for Jan 10, that showed a rise of 10 offences, this has now been rectified and is now back on track.

**7.0 Finance & Project Up-date:**

7.1 09/10 funding (paper circulated)  
Presented by Michelle Cunningham

This item was for information only.

All funding has been allocated.

**8.0 Communication and Engagement**

8.1 Progress to Strategy (verbal)  
Presented by Michelle Cunningham

- Executive Group has agreed to continue to fund Jane Warriner's post for another year, partly through partnership funding and ASB delivery implementation funding
- The Communication Plan is now in place which compliments the ASB Delivery Plan
- Various campaigns will be running throughout the year and Jane Warriner

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(TCSP Communications) will be linking in with Phil McCusker regarding Council campaigns

- A further 8 'You Said We Did' at ward level are planned, one planned every 3 months
- The Safer Thurrock Newsletter will be coming out next month (April) and a further 3 are planned across the year
- A-5 Minimum Standards flyer to be circulated
- TCSP website is being reviewed to see if it can be made more user friendly
- Currently looking at Social Networks have concerns around Facebook so will be doing a trial around Twitter, so working progress
- Janet Davison organised a Partnership Walk About Day in West Thurrock and South Stifford based on strategic analysis provided by Steve Greener (Police). This covered tidying the area by clearing rubbish felling trees and shrubbery causing a problem. Some of the agencies involved were the Environmental teams, Trading Standards, Fire Service and also the Community Pay Back scheme. A 'You Said We Did' will be going out on this. Two more days are planned throughout the year.

(BN) said 'it would be helpful to have before and after pictures taken'.

#### **Action**

To arrange for before and after pictures to be taken for Partnership Walk About Days.  
**Lucy Magill**

(CK) asked if the areas for the remaining two days had been agreed.

(SG) confirmed they were Grays Riverside and Stanford le Hope areas.

(MC) referred to Operation Stay Safes aimed at young people. This involves Youth Offending Service, Police, Youth Workers, and Network. One operation has already taken place in Corringham, and another one is planned for tomorrow night. There will be a further 4 to be funded out of the TKAP funding. These operations are very visible to the community whilst safeguarding young people.

## **9.0 DAAT Up-date**

- 9.1 Performance report (paper circulated)  
Presented by Jim Nicolson

For full details please refer to the circulated report.

(JN) explained that the DAAT went through a tender process on the tier 2 service provider, which is essentially OASIS. The cabinet approved the allocation of contract on the 17/2/10 and DAAT is currently working to get that in place. Performance is now improving.

Key points:-

#### Problematic Drug Users (PDU's)

PDU's figures for quarter 3 (215) against a target of 212 so well on target, we have also

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exceeded the target for next year (214)

### All Drug Users

Qtr 3 figures 446 against a target of 425 so well on target

### Treatment Outcomes Profiles (TOPS)

National average 37% we are currently at 60% which makes us the third most successful DAAT in England and Wales

### TOP Compliance – All Adults

All on target

### Harm Reduction Indicators

There have been some improvements:-

Waiting Times - improvement with capacity issues

Hepatitis B vaccinations – providers confirm good take up however there is a problem with the reporting mechanism

### Drug Rehabilitation Requirements (DRR)

The number of commencements have dropped but the number of completions are fine. A meeting is planned locally to re-visit to improve the process.

(LM) asked if it was because they have not been given DRR's in the first place, or was it that those who have been given them are not commencing them.

(AB) responded by saying they are just not coming through the Criminal Justice System and he was not sure why that was the case. He did however say this is a national problem.

### Drug Interventions Programme (DIP)

Figures are all on target

### LAA Targets

Figures all on target, currently looking at a more streamline service involving all the agencies.

(JN) said 'he was working on a service charter, that anyone coming into treatment will be given a laminated card that explains what people may expect from the service. There will also be one for all staff on what is expected of them as professionals.

He summed up by saying there has been further improvements and we are making good progress in Thurrock.

(IH) said 'on all these issues we always try to put quality first but it also helps if the figures are good as well as this attracts cash'.

(MC) raised the issue of DRR's going down and would it help if the LCJB sits on the board.

(JN) explained that the Probation Service has in place an ITS system which means prisoners that are drug users are put on drug substitution treatment whilst in prison. So consequently when magistrates see offenders with a drug problem there is anecdotal evidence that they prefer to send them to prison for the ITS system rather than back into the community on a DRR.

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(JN) said 'there had been a lot in the press recently about the drug Mephadrone, to-date he was aware of two adult cases in Thurrock.

(TH) said 'the length of prison sentence was not relevant support is still needed on release from prison'.

**10.0 Delivering Safer Communities**

10.1 TCSP Structure (paper circulated for sign off)  
Presented by Ivor Harvey

<p><b>Recommendation</b> To sign off the proposed TCSP Structure subject to agreed amendments</p>	<b>AGREED</b>
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<p><b>Action</b> To include NGO group and amend Domestic Violence name change on the proposed TCSP Structure.</p>	<b>Michelle Cunningham</b>
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10.2 Minimum Standards (paper circulated for sign off)  
Presented by Lucy Magill

<p><b>Recommendation</b> To sign off the proposed Minimum Standards</p>	<b>AGREED</b>
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10.3 Promote Tolerance Action Plan (paper circulated for sign off)  
Presented by Michelle Cunningham

<p><b>Recommendation</b> To sign off the proposed Promote Tolerance Action Plan</p>	<b>AGREED</b>
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10.4 Review Priorities and Forward Plan for 10/11 (paper circulated for sign off)  
Presented by Michelle Cunningham

<p><b>Recommendation</b> To sign off the proposed Review Priorities and Forward Plan</p>	<b>AGREED</b>
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<p><b>Action</b> To expand Reduce Re-offending to include beyond NI30 and Young People.</p>	<b>Michelle Cunningham</b>
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- 10.5 [Sustainable Community Strategy 2010-2020 Delivery Plan](#) (paper circulated for sign off)  
Presented by Michelle Cunningham

**Recommendation**

To sign off the proposed Sustainable Community Strategy 2010-2020 Delivery Plan subject to agreed amendments

**AGREED**

**Action**

To include NI18 to the proposed Sustainable Community Strategy 2010-2020 Delivery Plan

**Michelle Cunningham**

**11.0 [Strategic Partnership Up-dates](#)**

- 11.1 [CONTEST Agenda](#)  
Presented by Lucy Magill

- 11.1.1 [PREVENT Action Plan](#) (paper circulated for sign off)  
Presented by Lucy Magill

(LM) explained that at the last Board meeting it was agreed to set up both a PREVENT Board and a Crowded Places Board that will report directly to this Board.

The first PREVENT meeting has taken place and have now produced a PREVENT Action Plan (paper circulated for sign off). ***Please note that this is a restricted document because some of the information contained could be mis-interpreted should it go into the public domain, so therefore will continue to remain a restricted document.***

**Recommendation**

To sign off the proposed PREVENT Action Plan

**AGREED**

- 11.1.2 [NI35 progress](#)  
Presented by Lucy Magill

(LM) explained that the NI35 is the national indicator for Building Resistance Against Violent Extremism. Last year we achieved level 2, we suspect this may be lower this year as we are more aware of our communities. She said 'this is just to raise your awareness of this and that we are fully aware of the situation'.

(MC) explained that the CAA will be looking at the PREVENT agenda especially where cohesion has been red flagged, so there will be some scrutiny on this by the CAA.

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**Recommendation**

That the proposed NI35 indicator is circulated to the Strategic Board for sign off

**AGREED**

**ACTION**

Strategic Board members to approve NI35 indicator on circulation by mid May 10

(LM) informed the group that there is some funding available in order to do some local surveys into Violent Extremism, this will help to increase our knowledge of what's going on in our community and what we should be focusing our attention on.

(IH) said 'as chair of the Strategic Board he was confident we are improving on this'.

(AB) said 'it was important for this group to keep a focus on the PREVENT agenda and Community Cohesion agenda as they are definitely linked'.

11.2 Probation – statutory partners and re-offending rates (paper circulated)  
Presented by Alex Bamber

(AB) referred to the circulated paper on the up-date on the Regional Workshop on new CDRP/Probation Statutory responsibilities (for full details please refer to the circulated paper)

11.2.1 Policing and Crime act 2009 and Reducing re-offending  
Presented by Alex Bamber

(For full details please refer to the circulated paper)

(AB) referred to the circulated paper and highlighted some of the relevant issues and the indicators that might prove useful when developing an action plan for reducing re-offending

Points raised:-

- Expanding powers under Section 17 duties
- Requires all CDRP's to have reducing re-offending action plan
- Reducing re-offending - PPO is only part of NI18 (Adult offenders on supervision by the probation service). There is a need to include reducing re-offending by young people

(AB) explained that the work of the CDRP's in relation to reducing crime and re-offending has been good by way of support, policing, detection and prevention the final part is reducing re-offending.

He referred to page 4 and the different pathways that can be used to address re – offending and how most of them depend upon good and effective partnership working.

(IH) commented that changing the behaviour of an offender is the best way of reducing

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crime. He said 'we are just waiting for the Integrated Offender Management currently being discussed and will respond to this once this group is in place'.

11.3 Economic Recovery and Growth Plan (paper circulated as information only)  
Presented by Bill Newman

As chair of the Sustainable Communities Board, concerns have been raised regarding what one board is doing in relation to another board and the clear correlation between levels of crime and what is going on with the Economic recovery. It may be helpful to the TCSP Board to have sight of the Economic Recovery and Growth Plan to understand what we are doing in the other board, such as minimise the impact of the recession for example with unemployment.

He referred to the Three Key Areas of Action:-

1. Support to local business development and innovation
2. Support to local communities, residents and the workforce – access to employment and skills training
3. Stimulate investment with access to finance for local business and residents

He said 'there is also a monitoring process detailed in appendix 3'.

11.4 Youth Crime Governance Board Up-date  
Presented by Alex Bamber

(AB) highlighted 2 key issues:-

1. Accommodation –how partners can work together to provide young people a stable place to live.
2. Education, Employment, Training (EET) – a lot of young people that the Youth Offending Service currently supervising are not in (EET). He pointed out that this is not an easy task as a significant amount of these young people come with a lot of issues.

**12.0 A.O.B.**

12.1 Board presentation  
Presented by Ivor Harvey

**Action**

To arrange presentation to the next Strategic Board meeting on the 17/6/10.

**Lucy Magill**

12.2 Safe and Confident Neighbourhoods Strategy (paper circulated)  
Presented by Michelle Cunningham

This item was for information only.

12.3 CDRP name change  
Presented by Michelle Cunningham



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Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships (CDRPs) will now be known as Community Safety Partnerships (CSP's).

- 12.4 Date for diary 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 2010  
Presented by Michelle Cunningham

A meeting has been arranged on the 7/12/10 for TCSP Board and Executive members to meet to discuss setting the partnerships priorities for the next 3 year strategy and LAA targets.

**The date of the next meeting is Thursday 17th June 2010 10.00 - 1.00**  
**In Committee Room 1, Civic Offices, Thurrock Council**

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