



FAREHAM'S COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 6 September 2007 Fareham Police Station

Present:

Councillor Trevor Cartwright (Chairman)	Fareham Borough Council
Chief Inspector Steve Wallace	Fareham Police
Councillor Seán Woodward	Hampshire Police Authority
Councillor Ray Ellis	Hampshire County Council
Paul Coates	Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service
Garry White	Director of Regulatory Services
Katie Knowles	Community Safety & CCTV Manager
Claire Benfield	Community Safety Officer
Margaret St George	HATS Co-ordinator, Hampshire County Council
John Piper	YISP Worker (Item 5)
Angela Simmonds	Community Safety Support Officer
Samantha Martin	Hampshire County Youth Service
Simon Theobalds	Hants & IOW Crimestoppers (Item 4)
Chris Beckett	Committee Administrator – FBC

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from:-

Councillor Arthur Mandry	Fareham Borough Council
Councillor Roger Price	Hampshire Fire & Rescue Authority
David Renouf	Probation Service - Hampshire
Sue Wade	Wessex Youth Offending Team
Peter Watson	Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service
John Winter	Hampshire Drug and Alcohol Team

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Partnership held on 17 May 2007 were agreed.

3. MATTERS ARISING

With reference to minute 6 of the meeting held on 17 May 2007, Katie Knowles reported that letters had been sent to the Hampshire Primary Care Trust (PCT) and the Hampshire County Youth Service regarding the appropriate representation at Partnership meetings.

The PCT had confirmed after its reorganisation that Neil Lockett would continue to be its representative on the Partnership, but that he would actually represent the PCT on all eleven community safety partnerships in Hampshire and so he would attend as many meetings as practicable.

No reply had been received from the Youth Service. Steve Wallace reported that he had discussed the matter with Phyllis Sheldon and her initial response had been favourable but stressed that a representative working at a strategic level was needed to attend Partnership meetings.

It was AGREED that a letter be sent to the Hampshire County Council Executive Member responsible for the Youth Service concerning this matter.

4. CRIMESTOPPERS PRESENTATION

The Partnership received a presentation from Simon Theobalds, from Crimestoppers, on the work of the Charity.

It was noted that the Charity had been in existence for very nearly twenty years and that it was outside the statutory system, although it was many people's perception that it was part of the Police.

Crimestoppers' aim is to give people the opportunity to report crime in complete anonymity. All calls go to a call centre located in Surrey which is staffed by professional, trained operators. Details of actionable calls and arrests and other actions taken as a result of them in the region were circulated to those present. The Partnership was also given information about campaigns carried out in areas of the Isle of Wight and the subsequent increase in calls to the service.

Members were informed that Crimestoppers had insufficient resources to fully publicise the fact that it offered a service which guaranteed total anonymity and was available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. It was seeking ways to work with other organisations to get its message across, without working directly with the Police so as to reinforce the message that it was not part of the same organisation. It was keen to get the concept that it was totally safe for people to talk to Crimestoppers across to as many people as possible. Once this message got through to people there would be an increase in calls to the service.

Members asked questions of Simon Theobalds and it was AGREED:-

- (a) that Claire Benfield contact Simon Theobalds to discuss the possible inclusion of details of Crimestoppers in an article concerning doorstep crime that was to appear in a forthcoming

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edition of Fareham Today, the Fareham Borough Council magazine;

- (b) that Paul Coates contact Simon Theobalds to discuss the possible production and distribution of a Crimestoppers leaflet in areas where there was a spate of arson attacks; and
- (c) that Steve Wallace consults with colleagues to seek ways of further publicising the Crimestoppers service and increase the number of calls made concerning the Fareham area.

5. YOUTH INCLUSION SUPPORT WORKERS - PRESENTATION

It was AGREED that the proposed presentation on the work of the Youth Inclusion Support Workers by John Piper be postponed to the next Partnership meeting on 6 December 2007.

6. DRAFT PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT AND REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Partnership considered a report concerning the revised Terms of Reference and a draft Partnership Agreement. Katie Knowles reported that Fareham Borough Council was required to examine all its partnerships, including the Community Safety Partnership. The Partnership Agreement cannot be finalised until the guidance on the National Standards for effective Partnership Working (Police and Justice Act 2006) are issued as they will be integral to the future role of the Partnership. It was recommended that the draft document was considered by all partners and that a final version be presented to the next meeting in December for approval.

In addition, the Partnership had been requested to nominate a representative to sit on the new Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) Board, the Networkfareham Board.

It was AGREED:-

- (a) that the revised Terms of Reference for the Partnership be adopted;
- (b) that the draft Partnership Agreement be noted and further considered at the next meeting; and
- (c) that Steve Wallace be appointed as the Partnership's representative on the LSP Board, the Networkfareham Board.

7. HAMPSHIRE LAA: PSA1 – PERFORMANCE UPDATE

The Partnership considered an update on its PSA-1 performance to the end of June 2007. Members felt that the performance was excellent. Katie Knowles reported that a letter had been received from the Government Office for the South

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East (GOSE) acknowledging the progress made in respect of reducing criminal damage in the Borough and this was circulated to those present.

It was AGREED that the report be noted.

8. HOME OFFICE 14.06% FUNDING CUTS – IMPACT ON PARTNERSHIP SPENDING PLAN 2007-2008

The Partnership considered a report on the impact on the Partnership Spending Plan for 2007-08 of the Home Office Funding Cuts of 14.06%.

Katie Knowles reported that a meeting of Hampshire Local Authority Leaders had been convened to consider the matter on 18 July 2007 (Appendix A to the report refers) and that further consideration of the matter would take place at another meeting on 28 September 2007.

In the meantime, a paper detailing how the cuts could be achieved had been prepared (Appendix B to the report refers).

Members expressed their concern at the decision by GOSE to reduce funding to Community Safety Partnerships, particularly in light of what had recently been achieved (minute 7 above refers).

It was AGREED that the suggestions to achieve the necessary cuts in expenditure as detailed in Appendix B to the report be accepted.

9. CRIME AND DISORDER REFORM PROGRAMME - NEW COUNTY CO-ORDINATING GROUP FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY

The Partnership considered a report on the Crime and Disorder (Formulation and Implementation of Strategy) Regulations, which came into effect on 1 August 2007. Katie Knowles reported that the first meeting of the new County Coordinating Group for Community Safety would be on 1 October 2007 and that it would be hosted in Fareham. Both CDRP Chairs and Community Safety Portfolio Holders are being invited to the inaugural meeting from each district until the constitution and terms of reference for the group are agreed.

It was AGREED:-

- (a) that the contents of Statutory Instruments 1830 and 1831 be noted by all Partners;
- (b) that the establishment of a County Co-ordinating Group for Crime and Disorder be noted;
- (c) that the grave situation regarding future funding arrangements for community safety activity post March 2008, and the impact on key posts and projects, be recognised; and

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- (d) that detailed consideration be given to the Borough's first Strategic Assessment and identification of priorities at the next meeting in December in light of (c) above.

10. POLICE UPDATE

The Partnership received an update from Steve Wallace on Police activities. It was noted that a measure of officers' performance was the absence of crime and disorder and that a 13% reduction in crimes meant that there were fewer victims of crime. Reference was made to the average number of crimes per day in Fareham; people's perceptions that Fareham was a good place to live and work; the number of emergency calls made; the success of the location of response officers at Park Gate and the development of neighbourhood policing; dealing with under age drinking; the co-location of the Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) with the Council's Community Safety Team; diversionary activities for young people in conjunction with other organisations; the importance of the role of Crimestoppers; the success of the pubwatch scheme and the aspiration to launch a similar shopwatch scheme; and a proposal to launch a Community Safety Partnership award scheme.

It was AGREED:-

- (a) that Steve Wallace be thanked for his update and that the information be noted; and
- (b) that members notify Steve Wallace of the names of any people who should be considered for the Community Safety Partnership award referred to.

11. APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASISTANCE – PORTCHESTER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

With reference to minute 11 of the meeting held on 17 May 2007, it was reported that this item was withdrawn because no further application had been received.

12. HOT SUMMER NIGHTS - UPDATE

The Partnership received an update report from Claire Benfield on the Hot Summer Nights events.

It was AGREED that the report be noted.

13. THE COMMUNITY TASKING AND CO-ORDINATING GROUP (TCG) - UPDATE

The Partnership received an update report which summarised the current activity by the Community TGG and Joint Agency Action Groups relating to Locks Heath, Stubbington, Park Lane and car parks.

It was AGREED that the information be noted.

14. CCTV MONTHLY INCIDENT REPORTS

Katie Knowles reported that details of recent CCTV (Closed Circuit Television) monthly incident reports, which contain exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, were available at the meeting for those Partnership members who had not yet received them.

It was AGREED that members requiring the information contact Katie Knowles.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was AGREED that the next scheduled meeting of the Community Safety Partnership would take place on **THURSDAY 6 DECEMBER 2007 from 2pm until 4pm**. Members would be advised of the venue for the meeting in due course.

(The meeting started at 2pm and finished at 2.51pm)