



FAREHAM'S COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP DRAFT

**Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 3 December 2007
at the Civic Offices, Fareham**

Present:

Councillor Trevor Cartwright (Chairman)	Fareham Borough Council
Councillor Seán Woodward	Hampshire Police Authority
Councillor Ray Ellis	Hampshire County Council
Councillor Roger Price, JP	Hampshire Fire & Rescue Authority
Councillor Arthur Mandry	Fareham Borough Council
Chief Inspector Steve Wallace	Fareham Police
John Winter	Hampshire DAAT
Peter Watson	Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service
Claire Benfield	Community Safety Officer - FBC
Margaret St George	HATS Co-ordinator, Hampshire County Council
Phyllis Sheldon	Hampshire County Youth Service
Jeanette Barker	Hampshire County Youth Service
Jo Fuller	YISP Worker
John Piper	YISP Worker
Lorraine Ireland	Community Safety Data Analyst & Researcher - FBC
Sue Wade	Wessex YOT
Garry White	Director of Regulatory Services -FBC
Pam Buckingham	Committee Administrator – FBC

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from:-

Marion Shorrocks	Magistrates Court
Lawrence Taylor	F&G Drug & Alcohol Reference Group
Colin Hardy	Children and Family Service
Maureen Edwards	Children and Family Service

It was proposed that as the representatives for F&G Drug and Alcohol Reference Group and the PCT had been unable to attend recent meetings, the Chairman would write to both to suggest that it may be appropriate for a deputy to be appointed to attend future meetings.

It was AGREED that a letter be sent to the F&G Drug and Alcohol Reference Group and the PCT concerning this matter.

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Partnership held on 6 September 2007 were agreed.

3. MATTERS ARISING

The Partnership was given an update on matters relating to the minutes of the meeting held on 6 September 2007 as follows:-

- a) Minute 4 (a), (Crimestoppers presentation), Claire Benfield reported that an item in the recent edition of Fareham Today concerning doorstep crime had included information and contact details about Crimestoppers.
- b) Minute 4 (b), there had been no further update regarding distribution of Crimestopper leaflets.
- c) Minute 6 (c), Inspector Dave Hunter had been appointed as the deputy for Chief Inspector Steve Wallace, the Partnership's representative on the LSP Board, (Networkfareham).
- d) Minute 8, there had been no further news following the proposed meeting of Hampshire Local Authority Leaders on 28 September 2007 to discuss the Impact on Partnership Spending Plan of Home Office Funding Cuts.
- e) Minute 10 (b), members were reminded of the Community Safety Partnership award and requested to refer any nominations to Chief Inspector Steve Wallace.

4. YOUTH INCLUSION SUPPORT WORKERS - PRESENTATION

The Partnership received a presentation from John Piper and Jo Fuller on the work they undertake as Youth Inclusion Support Workers. The key features of the presentation were:-

- The Youth Inclusion Support Programme (YISP) was set up to work with young people (8-13 year olds) before they are referred to the youth justice system. Most of the young people are at risk of offending or involved in ant-social behaviour but had not yet been given a Police Final Warning.
- The service was set up in Fareham in July 2007 and there are 2 full-time case workers. This is one of the 11 teams operating in Hampshire.
- The aim is to give young people referred to them some positive experiences and support to enable them to alter their lifestyle and behaviour. The support workers develop a 1 :1 relationship with the young person and their families, provide support in school and encourage engagement with community activities.

- The referral and assessment processes were described. The team expect to manage a case load of around 14 young people.
- Panels meet once per month with representatives from other agencies to discuss and plan a course of action to support the young person. The aim is to inform, plan and review, to avoid a duplication of services.
- The service forms part of the work undertaken to help reduce the number of young offenders.

Members asked questions of John Piper and Jo Fuller on various aspects of their work.

It was AGREED that the YISP workers be thanked for their informative presentation.

5. STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT – PRESENTATION AND DRAFT REPORT

The Partnership received a presentation from Lorraine Ireland, (Community Safety Data Analyst and Researcher, FBC), and also considered a draft report entitled “Fareham’s Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment”. Members were informed that following legislative changes, in future the Partnership will be required to produce an annual Strategic Assessment (SA). The assessment is to inform an annual rolling Community Safety Plan the first of which will need to be in place by April 2008.

The report provided the Partnership with an overview of the issues affecting community safety within the Borough and identified the priorities and actions required to be incorporated into the 2008/09 Community Safety Plan. It provided an assessment of current, emerging and long term crime and disorder trends affecting the Borough of Fareham and included data on both a regional and local level. Members were informed of the key future proposed priorities which were: criminal damage; anti-social behaviour; alcohol and drugs; violent crime; reduce re-offending. Details were provided of the key locations in the Borough which, it was suggested, needed to be targeted.

The Partnership discussed the report at length and members expressed their appreciation of the work which had been undertaken to produce such a comprehensive document. It was reported that this document would be forwarded to Hampshire County Council by 11 December 2007 to inform the County Council’s Strategic Assessment and therefore all members were requested to make any comments/additions to the document by 7 December 2007 at the latest.

Reference was also made to the imminent cessation of the 101 call service as government funding will discontinue after February 2008. The Partnership was advised that a petition has been set up on the Downing Street website to support retention of the 101 service.

It was AGREED:-

- a) that Lorraine Ireland be thanked for her presentation and report; and
- b) that the Community Safety Team be notified by 7 December 2007 of any comments or additions which partners wished to make to Fareham's Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment.

6. HAMPSHIRE LAA: PSA1 – PERFORMANCE UPDATE

The Partnership considered an update on its PSA1 performance to the end of August 2007 which continued to show good progress. Councillor Mandry commented that the next round of Community Action Team (CAT) meetings in January 2008 would provide an opportunity for the Police to highlight the situation in the relevant local areas and obtain further information about local issues of concern.

It was AGREED that the report be noted.

7. COUNTY CO-ORDINATING GROUP FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY

(Minute 9 of 6 September 2007 refers)

Councillor Mandry gave an update on arrangements for the County Co-ordinating Group for Community Safety which was in the process of being formally established. At present the structure of the group, the terms of reference and the funding arrangements were still uncertain. As well as county wide initiatives, the 11 district members were concerned that funds/resources would also be available for local initiatives.

It was reported that the Group will hold another meeting in January 2008 to determine the constitution, terms of reference and funding arrangements.

It was AGREED that the information presented by Councillor Mandry be noted.

8. PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

(Minute 6 of 6 September 2007 refers)

Members were reminded that at the last meeting, a draft Partnership Agreement for the Community Safety Partnership had been considered. It had been noted that the timetable for completion of the agreement was dependent on the release of government guidance in respect of partnership minimum standards and the requirement to develop an information sharing protocol. A proposal was made that further work be undertaken on the Partnership Agreement and the document be e-mailed to partnership members for their input. Particular reference was made to the section in the agreement relating to the roles and responsibilities of the "responsible partners" which needed to be progressed following receipt of the government guidance referred to above.

It was AGREED that a draft Partnership Agreement for the Community Safety Partnership be e-mailed to all partners for further consideration.

9. POLICE UPDATE

The Partnership received an update from Chief Inspector Steve Wallace on Police activities. Reference was made to street drinking ban; the contribution of the Joint

Agency Action Groups (JAAG's); the work undertaken by the Youth Inclusion Support Workers in the community; truancy patrols; feedback from Community Action Team (CAT) meetings which took place in September 2007; an increase in theft from the person and shoplifting, arising from the Fareham's increasing affluence; the outcome of underage alcohol test purchases in the Borough which resulted in two premises having their alcohol licenses reviewed by the Council's Licensing Panel and the imposition of more stringent conditions and the benefits of having the services of a Community Safety Data Analyst for Fareham. The post of Community Safety Data Analyst & Researcher is shared between Gosport and Fareham Borough Councils. Members were also reminded that any nominations they may have for the Community Safety Partnership award scheme can be forwarded to Steve Wallace.

It was AGREED that Steve Wallace be thanked for his update and that the information be noted.

10. NEW PUBLIC SECTOR AGREEMENTS (PSA) TARGETS

The Partnership considered a report from Claire Benfield which provided a summary of PSA 23, the "Make Communities Safer" delivery agreement. It was noted that 4 priority actions have been specified to meet the Government's aims that fewer people will be the victims of crime and local agencies will be more accountable and responsive to the needs of the local community. The 4 priority actions were:-

- Priority Action 1 - reduction of the most serious violence including tackling sexual offences and domestic violence.
- Priority Action 2 – continuing progress in reducing serious acquisitive crime through focussing on the priorities of the locality and Prolific and Priority Offenders.
- Priority Action 3 – tackling the crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour issues of greatest importance in each locality and thereby increasing public confidence.
- Priority Action 4 – reducing re-offending through improved management of offenders.

It was noted that the Government's emphasis is on the overarching situation rather than just the achievement of specific objectives.

It was AGREED that the information contained in the report be noted.

11. COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP PROJECT MONITORING

The Partnership received a report from Claire Benfield which detailed the projects supported and allocation of funds.

It was AGREED that the report be noted.

12. APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – PORTCHESTER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

(Minute 11 of 17 May 2007 and Minute 11 of 6 September 2007 refers)
(Councillor Price declared a personal interest in this matter as a Fareham Borough Council appointed representative on Portchester Community Association Management Committee).

The Partnership received and gave consideration to a report regarding the request for financial assistance to install a new digital CCTV system at Portchester Community Centre to replace the existing system. Attached to the report was a copy of the quotation and recommended specification for the equipment it was proposed to be installed.

It was AGREED that the application for financial assistance made by Portchester Community Association for installation of a new digital CCTV system at Portchester Community Centre be supported.

13. APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – FBC LEISURE ON BEHALF OF THE LOCKS HEATH JOINT AGENCY ACTION GROUP (JAAG)

The Partnership received and gave consideration to a report regarding the request for financial assistance to erect timed lighting at Lock Heath Centre Skate Park. Members were informed that planning permission would need to be secured for this project.

It was AGREED that, subject to the securing of planning consent for the project, the application for financial assistance to erect timed lighting at Lock Heath Centre Skate Park be supported.

14. APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – FAREHAM POLICE

The Partnership received and gave consideration to a report regarding the request from the Police for financial assistance towards the purchase of a deployable speeding sign (mobile speed check sign) for use by the Police. Councillor Woodward expressed concern that since Fareham Borough Council also has a deployable speeding sign there could be duplication of usage in certain areas in the Borough.

It was AGREED that the Head of Engineering and Transportation, Fareham Borough Council be requested to contact the Police to determine suitable joint arrangements for use of the mobile speeding signs in the Borough.

15. RISK REGISTER

Garry White proposed that further consideration be given to the Partnership Risk Register and the matter be discussed at a future Community Safety Partnership meeting.

It was AGREED that the matter be deferred for consideration at a future meeting.

16. CHANGES TO HAMPSHIRE YOUTH SERVICE

Phyllis Sheldon addressed the Partnership regarding the recent proposals relating to changes in Hampshire Youth Service. The proposed changes will affect the role, delivery and function of District Youth Teams. Copies of documents the circulated at the meeting included the following:-

- A letter to County Councillor David Kirk, Executive Member for Education, dated 9 November 2007, concerning attendance of a representative of Children's Services at Fareham's Community Safety Partnership;
- A letter of reply from Councillor Kirk dated 26 November 2007 wherein reference was made to the ongoing project to integrate youth services;
- A Fareham District Information booklet (Hampshire County Youth Service).

Members expressed concern about the impact these changes in the provision of Youth Services would have in Fareham. Reference was made to the forthcoming Fareham and Gosport Hampshire Action Team Meeting (HAT's) concerning this matter. It was proposed that the Chairman write to Councillor Kirk on behalf of the Partnership. Each Partnership member was requested to identify and inform Claire Benfield, by 7 December 2007 at the latest, how they felt the changes in the County Youth Service would impact on them. It was also suggested that Councillor Kirk be requested to meet with a group of Community Safety Partnership representatives.

It was AGREED:-

- a) that each Partnership member contact Claire Benfield by the end of the week with the details referred to above; and
- b) that a letter be sent to Hampshire County Council Executive Member responsible for Youth Services concerning this matter.

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

The Partnership received an update report which summarised the current activity by the Community TCG and Joint Agency Action Groups (JAAG's) relating to Schooner Way/Locks Heath, Stubbington and Park Lane.

It was AGREED that the information be noted.

18. CCTV MONTHLY INCIDENT REPORTS

Claire Benfield stated 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 Partnership members.

It was AGREED that the information contained in the monthly incident reports be noted.

19. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The following other matters were also discussed:-

- a) Councillor Price reported that the Hampshire Fire Service were to set up a Prince's Trust at Gosport and might also be using Fareham Fire Station for some of the projects.
- b) John Winter reported that drug/alcohol dry treatment services were to be introduced shortly. An update on this matter would be made at a future Partnership meeting.
- c) It was proposed that further consideration be given to obtaining a clear picture of the roles and responsibilities of each of the partner agencies and the identification of any other agencies / organisations that could provide a positive contribution to the work of the partnership.
- d) Members expressed concern about future representation from HCC Youth Service following the restructure of the service (see minute 16 above).

20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was AGREED that the next scheduled meeting of the Community Safety Partnership would take place on **THURSDAY 13 MARCH 2008 from 2pm until 4pm. in the Collingwood Room, Civic Offices, Fareham**

(The meeting started at 3.15 pm and finished at 5.10 pm)