

MINUTES OF MEETING Community Safety Partnership HELD ON Thursday, 8th October, 2015, 13.00

PRESENT:

Cllr Bernice Vanier (Chair); Andrew Blight; Craig Carter; Supt Amanda Dellar; Tracie Evans; Gill Gibson; Paul Leslie; Eubert Malcolm; Stephen McDonnell; Cllr Martin Newton; Sharon Morgan; Jill Shattock; Beverley Tarka; Cllr Ann Waters;

Also present: Sandeep Broca; Peter de Bourg; Craig Dixen; Victoria Hill; Claire Kowalska; Gareth Llywelynn-Roberts; Kate Watson; Otis Williams.

168. FILMING AT MEETINGS

- That the Chair's announcement regarding the filming of the meeting for live or subsequent broadcast be noted.

169. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from John Abbey (Gill Gibson substituted), Hamera Asfa Davey, Andrew Billany, Douglas Charlton, Joanne McCartney and Victor Olisa (Amanda Dellar substituted).

170. MINUTES

RESOLVED

- That the minutes of the meeting held on 17 June be confirmed as an accurate record.

It was advised that the report requested on school exclusions would be deferred to the January meeting in order to allow more time for the drafting of the briefing. An item on the development of the Gang Strategy was also deferred to allow more time for discussion at the January meeting.

171. IMPLICATIONS OF THE CARE ACT FOR THE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

The Board received a short presentation setting out the implications for the Partnership of the Care Act 2014 including new responsibilities and duties and outlining the partnership linkages with the Safeguarding Adults Board.

Clarification was sought on which Partnership agency had primary overall duty under the Act. Confirmation was provided that it would be the Council in conjunction with partners, although case law was awaited in determining legal consequences in the event of any breach.

The Board broke into groups to discuss key points relating to the implications of the Care Act, with feedback provided as follows:

- More joint working was required around prioritising wellbeing.
- 'Not feeling safe' had slipped down the CSP agenda and it was considered that more data was required to monitor this and to move towards an 'on the ground' approach.

- A joint partnership training approach was required in this area to raise awareness including learning from the outcomes of Serious Case Reviews.
- The terms of reference of the CSP Board needed to be updated to clarify the remit of Partnership agencies in terms of Care Act duties.
- Both individual and community wellbeing needed to be covered under future approaches.
- The violence against women and girls (VAWG) work stream provided an opportunity for group working between the two partnerships of the CSP and Safeguarding Adults Board.
- The CSP needed to improve the alignment of outcomes across the Partnership.
- Improvements were required on joint working both strategically and operationally across the adult safeguarding arena which it was considered were not as joined up and effective as for children's safeguarding.
- Further clarification was required on the accountabilities relating to the Care Act and where legal liabilities and statutory responsibilities sat between agencies including with reference to linked pieces of legislation.

It was agreed that the Chairs of the CSP and the Adult Safeguarding Board would start a dialogue around the responsibilities and liabilities relating to the Care Act.

RESOLVED

- That the presentation be noted.

172. VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS STRATEGIC TIMETABLE AND AMBITIONS

The Board received a short presentation setting out a background to the issue of violence against women and girls, key principles, statistical information, strategic themes and structures and the importance of prevention, early intervention and holding perpetrators to account.

The Board broke into groups to discuss key points relating to the development of a VAWG strategy, with feedback provided as follows:

- The normalisation of attitudes to VAWG was a challenge both for victims and perpetrators.
- Schools had a vital role to play in prevention and early intervention.
- The often life long consequences of violent behaviour on both perpetrators and victims needed to be emphasised.
- A future VAWG communications strategy needed to be developed and adopted by all partners and which heard the voices of both victims and perpetrators.
- Frontline agencies such as Homes for Haringey, London Fire Brigade etc needed to be involved at an early stage to enable them to play a role in prevention and early intervention.
- The involvement of voluntary sector agencies needed to be incorporated and promoted within the communications strategy including reference to the valuable role of advocates and champions in this area.
- The communications strategy needed to promote positive behaviour.
- Consideration needed to be given to how a wider range of agencies could be involved such as employers etc.

- The challenges and limitations associated with court mandated perpetrator programmes were recognised. It was noted that one local authority was trialling a new approach through applying measures such as sanctions, conditions over access to housing, tagging etc of perpetrators of VAWG.
- The availability of domestic violence protection orders was noted as a potential tool although these had yet to be used in Haringey. Potential promotion should be considered of Clare's Law which allowed the identification of partner's histories.

RESOLVED

- That the presentation be noted.

173. KEY PERFORMANCE ISSUES - FOCUS ON AREAS OF CHANGE AND SIGNIFICANCE

The Board received an update in relation to the MOPAC 7 indicators, highlighting current performance against targets and identifying areas of challenge and positive performance. Performance continued to be monitored on a monthly basis by the Met Police, with accountability to MOPAC.

Key areas of focus going forward would be emerging crime and disorder hotspots plus improving reported confidence levels arising from the Public Attitude Survey.

In relation to improving confidence levels, proposals included a focus on 'quick wins' within the west of the borough and where possible using regular targeted communications in favour of generic to keep local people updated. Other suggestions included looking into piggybacking onto the recent Haringey rebrand and focussing on community groups to enhance grass routes prevention activities on the ground.

Discussions were held on emerging vulnerable locations within the borough experiencing statistically significant increases in key crime types over the last 6 month period. The importance was identified of collating and monitoring information of trends including over the long term and the positive impact partnership working could have in this area. The use of targeted messaging was suggested for different wards and which would also link in with efforts to improve fear of crime perception.

With regards to repeat victimisation, the MetTrace initiative was having a positive impact on burglary figures and needed further promotion. Positive work was also underway in designing out crime in Homes for Haringey properties. In relation to personal robbery, work was underway with schools in the borough to spread messages around personal safety in high risk areas such as transport hubs etc.

Overall, the importance of improving communication with residents to allay fears over perception of crime was recognised as a key issue for focus going forward.

RESOLVED

- That the update be noted.

174. STRATEGIC DELIVERY PLANS - PROGRESS

The Board received an update on progress against strategic delivery plans, now reported against a new RAG (red amber green) monitoring system which included an amber category.

Areas with a current red RAG status included:

- Prevent: an update was required of the information sharing protocol. Focus was required going forward on procurement to ensure services commissioned were not counter to the Prevent strategy.
- Multi-agency high risk panel: a meeting was currently being scheduled to resurrect the panel.
- Integrated Offender Management and gangs: a refresh was required of the information sharing protocol. Reoffending levels were reducing but remained above target.
- Changes were ongoing with relation to the Community Rehabilitation Company, which was still yet to be implemented, resulting in a complex current situation in having to deal with three separate providers.
- Development of the 10 year Gang's Strategy had been delayed. An alternative model to Shield was being developed with the community.
- VAWG had a number of reds including delays in achieving white ribbon accreditation and an agreed publicity campaign.

RESOLVED

- That the update be noted.

175. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

CSP

The opportunity would be taken to review the CSP to ensure it was fit for purpose, correctly aligned with priorities and had the appropriate membership. A briefing would be provided to the next meeting.

Update on the roll out of IRIS DV project to GPs surgeries in Haringey

Procurement was currently underway to support the roll out of the initiative.

Progress on Mental Health Concordat

The first draft had been completed and would come to the January meeting for discussion.

176. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

14 January 2016.

The meeting ended at 15.00

CHAIR:

Signed by Chair

Date