
**Minutes of the
SAFER COMMUNITIES EXECUTIVE BOARD
Monday 11 September 2006
11 am, CIVIC CENTRE, LONDON, N22**

SCEB13 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES (Agenda Item 1):**Members Present:**

Dr Ita O'Donovan	Chair	Chief Executive, LBH
John Brown		Borough Commander, Haringey Fire Service
Jean Croot		Head of Safer Communities, LBH
Margaret Barker		Crime Advisor, GOL
Sean Sweeney		Metropolitan Police
Jan Doust		Children's Service, LBH
Gillian Prager		Haringey TPCT
Sean Walker		Probation Service
Claire Kowalska		Community Safety Team, LBH
Siobhan Harper		
Natasha Porter		
Rowan Fraser		
Marion Morris		
Enid Ledgister		
Janette Karklin		

Also present:

Katie McCracken
Janice Robinson
Nilam Popat
Nicolas Mattis

Apologies:

Councillor Nilgun Canver	Executive Member, Crime and Community Safety
Deborah Cohen	Haringey Mental Health Services
Andrew Travers	Interim Director of Environmental Services, LBH
Kirsten Hearn	
Simon O'Brien	Borough Commander, Metropolitan Police (represented by Sean Sweeney)

SCEB14 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING (Agenda Item 2)

Regarding the minutes of the meeting on 12 June 2006, it was noted that SCEB3 para 8, should have read: Deborah Cohen informed the Board that a "proposal" had been submitted for a specialist crack cocaine service.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes be approved subject to this corrections.

SCEB15. COUNTER-TERRORISM – VERBAL UPDATE (Agenda Item 3):

There was no verbal update given due to absence of the Police Borough Commander. However, the Chair gave an outline of her attendance at a meeting with Scotland Yard officials at which it was emphasised that informing people about the treat of terrorism required sensitivity. The strengthening relations between the Metropolitan Police and local authorities had, broadly speak, made progress.

SCEB16. HATE CRIME AND HARASSMENT STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN (Agenda Item 4):

Claire Kowalska outlined the purpose and background of the Strategy, and highlighted the amendments that had been made. Katie McCracken informed the Board of the priorities for action, namely *improving community cohesion, long term prevention work, improving intelligence, encouraging reporting of hate crime and harassment, and responding to hate crime and harassment*. She stated that the Strategy would be extended following consultation with Partners and that this would be a catalyst for future action in this field of work. The Board heard that the resource implications stemming from the Strategy were minimal as most of the actions would be subsumed into existing work plans and staff resources, but that there would be implications of development costs, training, communications and the development of a directory of organisations and services relevant to offer support to victims. Board members were encouraged to take on responsibilities on an as-and-when basis over the two-year cycle of the Strategy in areas that they could best support.

The Board heard that the Strategy should made explicit reference to safe-guarding children and this was agreed. There would also be clarity over the use of the terms “education” and “children and young people’s services”. Board members were invited to submit any additional comments directly to Katie McCracken who would also ensure that the Strategy was in line with Commission for Racial Equality guidelines.

RESOLVED

That the Board endorse the approach, priorities and action plan and agree to support the implementation of the Strategy, subject to endorsement by the Council’s Executive.

SCEB17. PARTNERSHIP DATA REPORT: KEY THEMES AND ISSUES (Agenda Item 5):

The Board were informed of the key findings in the most recent assessment of data around the areas of anti-social behaviour, acquisitive crime, violent crime and youth and crime. Board members were asked to feedback on the findings in an effort to get the best mix of data in the range of sample spaces chosen and the Board recognised that the illustration of Partner data added value to the findings and ensured clarity on what otherwise could be misconstrued messages emanating from the data, particularly over issues such as rapes of children. There was a need to ensure sensitivity and this would be achieved by clearing data sets with relevant Partners prior to any publication of them. The Board expressed its gratitude for the work on these findings to date.

SCEB18. COMMUNITY STRATEGY (Agenda Item 6):

Janice Robinson, Project Manager for the renewal of the Sustainable Community Strategy, highlighted to the Board the five themes of which the Policy and Partnerships Team would welcome feedback from Partners on in the development of the renewed sustainable community strategy that was currently at a consultation stage. These were:

- What are the good things about Haringey?
- What three things do you think would make Haringey a better place?
- What should Haringey be like in 10 years' time?
- What concerns do you have about Haringey?
- How do you think we could work better in partnership?

The Board were also given an update on the process so far in terms of the consultation and development of the Community Strategy, namely that an HSP Conference had been held in May 2006 to establish partners' main issues that they would want address by the Strategy. Further, that a post-card consultation campaign had been undertaken with members of the public which had proved very successful in terms of establishing what were the expectations and aspirations of the public. A summary of these findings were tabled to Board members and there would be opportunities for Board members to participate in the consultation process.

The Board had a brief discussion on some of the issues raised in the public consultation, namely that there appeared to be gap between perception and reality of crime fears and the issues over the reporting of crime which need to be taken into account. It was accepted however, that if people are "feeling" crime, then there is a problem – this would need carefully managing. There was a recognition of the relation between physical/visability improvements and reassurance over crime. The Board also mentioned campaigns around promoting activities that people may fear due to a perception of crime, such as using public parks. Board members were asked to submit their comments to the Council's Policy and Partnership's Team by 13 October 2006.

SCEB19. DRAFT LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT (Agenda Item 7):

Nilam Poppat, Principal Policy Officer Haringey Council, informed the Board about the Safer Stronger Communities (SSC) Block of the LAA, and the possibility of being creative in the use of the SSC Funds. The Board were also informed of the Special HSP LAA workshop that would take place on 18 September in order to draft the draft LAA ahead of submitting to Government Officer of London. The overarching issues to capture in the LAA would be:

- (i) Economic diversity and prosperity
- (ii) A focus on young people (14-24)
- (iii) Narrowing the gap between East and West of the borough.

The Board were also introduced to the types of targets used in the LAAs, namely, mandatory (targets already set), optional (targets and indicators set by the Partnerships), and stretch (either mandatory or optional targets that can stretch performance by setting tougher target than those outlined by the government and can achieve pump priming funding). The Board would be expected to consider at

length the stretch targets with a view to identifying a mixture of those that have worked well in the past, and those that will require experimental/new planning.

SCEB 20. MENTAL HEALTH REPORT (Agenda Item 8):

Siobhan Harper highlighted to the Board five key recommendations that were pertinent to Haringey in terms of Mental Health services after a comprehensive review of these by the Patient Pathway Project. She outlined the progress to date on the five which were outlined in the Report to the Board. There was also a short explanation on the Police Liaison Pilot based at Hornsey Police Station and it was felt that there could be a relationship between the findings from this pilot and those outlined by the Partnership Data Report.

The Board heard concerns that a Haringey board on mental health was needed in order for the Haringey Probation Service to feed into. There were also concerns raised over the MAPPA. The Board also heard that the Project would be focussing on adult mental health, and that youth issues would be linked to CAHMS.

RESOLVED:

The Board noted the discontinuation of the Haringey Mental Health Committee, and gave support to the continuation of the Police Liaison Service and noted the intention to bid for funding from the SSC Fund and other appropriate funding sources.

SCEB 21. LONDON RESETTLEMENT STRATEGY (Agenda Item 9):

The Board was given a brief outline of the Strategy and emphasised that domestic violence featured significantly in the project. The Board heard what input it could give to the Strategy, namely representation on the local strategic group, links to local prolific and other priority offender schemes, and to voluntary and community sector and faith communities.

RESOLVED:

That regular reports are provided to the Board regarding this programme, the frequency to be dependent on progress made.

SCEB 22. CCTV REVIEW UPDATE (Agenda Item 10):

Sean Sweeney gave some background to the Review that had been commissioned by the Board in conjunction with the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee and outlined the scope of the review for the Board's approval.

RESOLVED:

That the Board approved Review and gave its support to the Review where necessary.

SCEB 23. FEEDBACK FROM PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT GROUP (Agenda Item 11):

Clair Kowalska gave a verbal update on some of the projects under way by the Council's Safer Communities Team and reported some slippage in terms of the Communications Plan and Community Engagement work due to the summer

recess, but stated that most work was on track. Other good progress made was on the ASB Action Plan, and the Wood Green Consultation which awaited further progress. An update from DAAT would go before the Board at its next meeting.

RESOLVED:

The Board noted this update.

SCEB 24. YOUTH CRIME PREVENTION STRAGETY (Agenda Item 12):

The Board was informed that the Strategy was in draft form and that it was linked to Children and Young People's *Children's Plan* in order to highlight five key strategic aims in terms of youth crime prevention after the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee reported its findings from a review of the Youth Offending Service (YOS).

RESOVLED:

That the Board approved the draft Youth Crime Reduction Strategy, to be subsequently discussed by the YOS Partnership Board and its progress monitored by the SCEB.

SCEB 25. DRUG INTERVENTIONS PROGRAMME (Agenda Item 13):

Marion Morris gave a outline of the programme and talked about the outcome of the tendering process, in particular that the contract had been awarded to the Crime Reduction Initiatives scheme. The Board was also informed of the sign-off of the COMPACT dispite some concerns about its robustness. It was agreed that the Board would receive more regular updates on this due to the importance of the performance of these schemes.

Sean Walker informed the Board that the Prolific and Priority Offenders Scheme would also be reported back to the Board in terms of progress made.

SCEB 26. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (Agenda Item 14);

Gill Prager informed the Board that findings of the investigation in Ishmal Doggen would "go live" before the next meeting of the Board.

SCEB27. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

- Monday 18 December 2006, 11am, Civic Centre
- Monday 12 March 2007, 11am, Civic Centre

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DR ITA O'DONOVAN

Chair, Safer Communities Executive Board 2006/7

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