

## KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

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### KENT COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

NOTES of a meeting of the Kent Community Safety Partnership held in the Darent Room, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Thursday, 1 November 2012.

PRESENT: Mr P M Hill, OBE, Ms S Billiald, Mrs V Coffey, Mr David Coleman, Ms Z Cooke, Ch Supt S Corbishley, Mr S Griffiths, Ms N Hussain, Mr P Jackson, Mr J A Kite, MBE, Ms K Paterson, Cllr M Rhodes, Ch Insp L Russell, Mr M Roberts and Mrs C J Waters

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms D Exall (Strategic Relationship Advisor), Mr J Parris (Community Safety Manager), Ms M Peachey (Kent Director Of Public Health), Ms A Slaven (Director of Service Improvement) and Miss H Topley (Community Safety Research and Support Officer), Mrs A Hunter (Principal Democratic Services Officer), Mr G Mills (Democratic Services Manager)

#### UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

##### **1. Apologies**

*(Item A.1)*

Noted

##### **2. Declarations of Interest**

*(Item A.2)*

There were no declarations of interest.

##### **3. Notes of last meeting**

*(Item A.3)*

The notes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record and signed by the chairman.

##### **4. Kent Community Safety Agreement 2011-14 - Action Plan - Partnership Anti Social Behaviour Strategy**

*(Item B.1) Report by Stuart Beaumont – Head of Emergency Planning and Community Safety*

- (1) The Community Safety Manager introduced the report by saying that it reflected the outcome of a consultation exercise that had started in August 2012 and that the need for an Anti Social Behaviour Strategy had arisen following the review of lessons learned from the Pilkington case.
- (2) There was a discussion about monitoring achievement against the strategy and the balance between central oversight and the ability of district and borough community safety partnerships to identify and respond to local issues and priorities.

**(3) Agreed that:**

- (a) The draft Partnership Anti Social Behaviour Strategy is approved for adoption.
- (b) The Partnership and Kent Police would continue their work in this area and establish a “task and finish” group to engage local partners in the adoption of the strategy at a local level.
- (c) Formal support and adoption of the Partnership ASB Strategy is sought from the Medway Community Safety Partnership.

**Action: The Chairman to write to the Chairmen of all locality boards asking them to take a role in monitoring and helping with the delivery of ASB resolutions in their areas. (Lead Officer- Stuart Beaumont/Jim Parris)**

**5. Domestic Homicide Reviews - Update on DHR1**

*(Item B.2) Report by Stuart Beaumont – Head of Emergency Planning and Community Safety*

- (1) Alison Gilmour, the Kent and Medway Domestic Violence Co-ordinator, introduced the report which provided an update on the steps taken following receipt of feedback from the Home Office on Domestic Homicide Review. The Partnership considered that it would be very useful to receive information on the trends and patterns emerging from the reviews of domestic homicides and for this information to be brought to the attention of the Criminal Justice Board.
- (2) In response to questions, the Community Safety Manager confirmed that an executive summary of each review would be presented to the Kent Community Safety Partnership sub-group. He also confirmed that, to date, the Local Government Association (LGA) had not responded to the Kent Community Safety Partnership’s letter about the costs of conducting reviews and that there was a need, a national level, to identify trends emerging from reviews of domestic homicides.

**(3) Agreed that:**

- (a) The Partnership approves the DHR1 Overview Report, notes that the Action Plan had been finalised, and that the implementation and monitoring of the recommendations had now passed to the Kent and Medway DHR Steering Group.
- (b) The Chairman of the Partnership would write to the Home Office: thanking them for input; informing them that the Review Panel had now met to review their comments in relation to this case; finalise the recommendations; agree an action plan; and to reiterate the Partnership’s earlier recommendation relating to the importance of joined up working.

**Actions:**

- (1) **The Chairman of the Partnership to write again to the LGA about the costs and resources required to conduct reviews and also to write to the Home Office to reiterate the Partnership's earlier recommendation about the importance of joined up working. (Lead Officer – Stuart Beaumont)**
- (2) **The Chairman of the partnership to write to the Home Office to request feedback on emerging themes. (Lead Officer – Stuart Beaumont)**

## **6. Domestic Abuse One Stop Shops**

*(Item B.3) Report by Stuart Beaumont – Head of Emergency Planning and Community Safety)*

- (1) The Kent and Medway Domestic Violence Co-ordinator, Alison Gilmour, introduced the report which outlined the success of Domestic Abuse One Stop Shops in Kent. She also outlined the difficulties a number of one stop shops were reporting about obtaining agency commitment to staff the one stop shops and asked the Partnership to consider what commitment county partners could give to support staff provision at the one stop shops.
- (2) During the discussion suggestions were made about raising the resourcing issue at the Defence Forum and the Kent Safeguarding Board. It was also said that the recommendations in paragraph 6.1 of the report should be amended to make it clear that partners and other relevant agencies needed to step forward and support the work of the One Stop Shops, particularly by ensuring that they had the right people available to provide the level of advice which clients need.
- (3) **Agreed** subject to the amendment to be made to paragraph 6.1 in the recommendations of the report that:
  - (a) The Partnership would actively encourage partners to support the One Stop Shops to help ensure that services can continue to be offered to victims of domestic abuse.
  - (b) Agencies prepared to provide staff to local domestic abuse one stop shops will be put in contact with local domestic abuse forums that co-ordinate the provision of the services and staff rotas (contact via the Kent and Medway Domestic Violence Co-ordinator).

### **Actions:**

- (1) **Alison Gilmour to provide details of the commitment required to support each one stop shop to inform a letter to be sent to the various agencies.**
- (2) **Meradin Peachey to raise the issues at a meeting of the Kent Safeguarding Board.**

## **7. Police and Crime Commissioner - Future Engagement with the Kent Community Safety Partnership and the Role of the Kent Community Safety Partnership**

*(Item B.4) Report by Stuart Beaumont- Head of Emergency Planning and Community Safety)*

- (1) Steve Griffiths introduced the report which considered: the relationship between the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) and the community safety arrangements in Kent; suggested that the PCC should attend meetings of the Partnership when appropriate agenda items require; and that the Partnership should consider the potential for adjusting its remit in future if necessary.
- (2) During the discussion it was confirmed that the Partnership is not itself a commissioning body but that its constituent organisations might be commissioned by the PCC. It was also confirmed that the PCC should meet with the Partnership in the week following his/her appointment.
- (3) **Agreed that:**
  - (a) The Partnership offers the PCC a position on the Partnership so that, as and when appropriate, the PCC can attend meetings to discuss and agree items of shared responsibility or priority.
  - (b) The Partnership would have a strong lobbying role for both the PCC and the Chief Constable at strategic level.

**Action: The Chairman to ensure that the Partnership is included in the PCC's early programme of meetings.**

## **8. Young People and Crime - Changing Communities -(Verbal Report)** *(Item C.1) Report of Chief Inspector Lee Russell)*

- (1) Chief Inspector Russell said the Police had examined gang activity among young people and had concluded there were no significant gangs at present although earlier in the year a potential threat had been identified in the Dartford area arising from the placement of a number of individuals from London. It was not clear whether this was a one-off incident or the start of a trend. He said that the Kent Youth Offending Service was dealing with 20 youths from London boroughs who had been placed in Kent. He said there was a narrow window of opportunity to prevent inappropriate placements, make agencies in Kent aware of their responsibilities and that the Police were bringing partners together to deal with the issues arising.
- (2) The Director of Service Improvement, Angela Slaven, said the County Youth Justice Board had focussed on this issues and that some young people had been placed in Kent as it was a condition of their bail that they were placed away from home. She gave assurances that the Youth Offending team were managing risks effectively and said that it was the Youth Offending team that had identified that both an offender and his victim had been placed in the same area in Kent. She also said that the drug treatment services were not all sufficiently skilled to understand what being in a gang meant and were considering how practitioners in this area might respond appropriately. She suggested that the Kent Community Safety Partnership might wish to receive a report on the key issues, potential solutions across a number of areas including the troubled families programme.

**Action: Angela Slaven and Lee Russell, with involvement of the Probation Service and third sector providers, to prepare a paper on youth gangs for a meeting of the Kent Community Safety Partnership**

#### **9. Domestic Homicide Reviews Update**

*(Item C.2) Report of by Stuart Beaumont, Head of Emergency Planning and Community Safety*

- (1) Alison Gilmour, the Kent and Medway Domestic Violence Co-ordinator introduced the report which provided an update for member of the Kent Community Safety Partnership regarding the delivery of domestic homicide reviews across Kent and Medway to fulfil the statutory requirements set out in Section 9 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act (2004).

#### **(2) Agreed to:**

- (a) Note the progress of DHRs that had been commissioned.
- (b) Support the creation of a task and finish group to establish shared mechanisms for conducting reviews in accordance with the terms of reference set out at Appendix A of the report.

#### **10. Kent Community Safety Agreement Update- Performance Monitoring**

*(Item C.3) Report by Stuart Beaumont, Head of Community Safety and Emergency Planning*

- (1) The Community Safety Manager, Jim Parris, introduced the report which outlined progress in relation to the Kent Community Safety Agreement and the associated action plans.
- (2) **AGREED** to note progress in relation to the Community Safety Action Plan.

#### **11. Any Other Business**

*(Item C.4)*

**AGREED:** to include a report for information on the troubled families programme on the agenda for the next meeting of the Kent Community Safety Partnership.

**Action: Angela Slaven to prepare a report on the troubled families programme for the next meeting.**

#### **12. Dates of meetings in 2013**

*(Item C.5)*

**Agreed** that the Kent Community Safety Partnership would meet at County Hall, Maidstone on the following dates:

19 March 2013 at 10am

17 July 2013 at 2.30pm

17 October 2013 at 10 am.

