SAFER BROMLEY PARTNERSHIP STRATEGIC GROUP

Minutes of the meeting held on 27 May 2010

Present:

Councillor Peter Morgan (Chairman)

Councillor Julian Benington

Rob Clarke, (London Probation Service)

Sue Cooper, (Affinity Sutton Homes)

Andrew Holcombe, (Borough Commander, Fire Services)

Paula Morrison, (Bromley PCT)

Colin Newman, (LBB Head of Community Safety)

Terry Rich, (LBB Director of Adult & Community Services)

Eithne Rynne, Community Links Bromley

Sarah Walker, (Metropolitan Police Authority)

Also Present:

Councillor John Canvin

Susie Clark, (Communications Officer)

Howard Clark, (Bromley Community Engagement Forum)

Karen Fletcher-Wright, (Assistant Director CYP: Access and Inclusion)

Martin Huxley, (Detective Superintendent, Metropolitan Police)

Councillor Kate Lymer

Elaine Morgan, (LBB Youth Offending Team)

Malcolm Noone, (Chief Inspector, Metropolitan Police)

Dave Prebble, (Metropolitan Police)

Peter Williams, (Government Office for London)

1	INTRODUCTIONS / APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	Action
	Apologies were received from Councillor Reg Adams, James Cleverly (Metropolitan Police Authority), Charles Griggs (Borough Police Commander), Howard Oldstein (The Glades), Tracey Pidgeon (London Ambulance Service) and Jean Levy (Community Links Bromley).	
2	CONFIRMATION OF CHAIRMAN	Action
	Councillor Peter Morgan was confirmed as the Chairman of Safer Bromley Partnership.	
3	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING / MATTERS ARISING	Action
	The notes of the last meeting held on 11 th March 2010 were received:	
	It was noted:	

Minute 2 – Minute of Last Meeting/Matters Arising – The Deputy Borough Commander confirmed that a high level of partner working was still being undertaken in response to the High Street disorder in Orpington. There was strong engagement with Orpington College, with an emphasis placed on post-school deployment as 50% of Orpington College students reside out of the borough. Work was also being undertaken with local media to encourage a more positive image of Orpington College students. There would be a further meeting of all partners in August 2010 to consider the effectiveness of measures taken.

Minute 4 – Budget Proposals 2010/2011 – The Director of Adult and Community Services reported that the Executive had agreed to carry forward a proportion of the Portfolio underspend to fund the Domestic Violence Advocacy project for the next six months, however additional funding would then need to be identified.

CN to update

It was AGREED that the minutes be approved.

4 PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT (2009/2010)

Action

Consideration was given to the performance management report for 2009/10.

The majority of the targets had a Green rating, reflecting positive progress throughout the year. However there were a small number of targets that had been rated Red or Amber.

There was a red indicator around reduce gun crime rate PSA23. Martin Huxley explained the target had been impacted by a change in the accounting rules which widened the classification of gun crime to include the intimated possession of a firearm. Although the target had not been achieved, there had been a reduction in gun crime of 9% during 2009/10. The Chairman asked how further reductions in the gun crime rate might be achieved. Martin Huxley explained that publicity through the local media and weapons amnesties had been effective, but that the number of gun crime offences was low in comparison with neighbouring boroughs. Councillor Canvin queried the proportion of these offences that related to imitation firearms. This was hard to measure as firearms had to be recovered to be examined, but Martin Huxley confirmed that imitation firearms and real weapons without ammunition were used in firearms offences, but that some imitation firearms had been adapted to fire bullets.

The Head of Community Safety highlighted the green indicator for the target to reduce the number of young people within the Youth Justice System receiving a conviction in Court who are sentenced to custody, and underlined the hard work of the Youth Offending Team in achieving this. There was a red indicator around 90% of young offenders in suitable education, employment or training, reflecting the significant challenge of the target. A range of critical factors acting as a barrier for young offenders had been identified, and an action plan was being developed. There was an amber indicator

around increase the proportion of young offenders with access to suitable accommodation. Elaine Morgan explained that this target had been disproportionately impacted by one young person reporting on 3 orders. Although this young person had been accommodated. his needs were SO complex that the accommodation could not be rated as 'suitable'. There was an amber indicator around % of ASBOs where there is a detected breach in conditions. The Head of Community Safety explained that the disproportionate increase in Q4 related to localised issues regarding multiple ASBOs issued in the Mottingham area and was a feature of firm enforcement of these orders. There was a red indicator around increased % of drug users retained in treatment for 12 weeks. There had been significant progress against this indicator throughout the year, however the improvement was not high enough to meet the target. Performance against this target had been included as part of the priority areas for action within the Treatment Plan for 2010/2011. The Chairman underlined the potential to monitor the effectiveness of the 12 week treatment programme by identifying the number of clients who continued to use drugs after completion of the treatment, and asked how many offenders were drug users. Dave Prebble explained there had been an increase in the adult and problematic drug user population and that two drugs workers were based in Bromley Police Station. The Chairman asked that the number of offenders MH/DP identified as drug users be provided to the Partnership as well as figures for the proportion that had received drug treatment. CN addition, it was agreed that some analysis of the effectiveness of treatments in people remaining 'drug free' needed to be undertaken. It was AGREED that the Performance Management report for 2009/10 be noted. **DRAFT ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR STRATEGY 2010/2013** 5 Action Consideration was given to a report outlining the draft Anti Social Behaviour Strategy, which would now be subject to a widespread consultation process to support the development of the final draft Strategy for agreement in Autumn 2010. In considering the Strategy, the Chairman gueried how parenting orders could be utilised in supporting the strategy. Elaine Morgan explained that parenting orders and contracts had been used in a range of areas, such as in the reduction of truancy, but consideration had to be given as to how such orders could be resourced. A Family Intervention project that would utilise parenting orders and give an indication of the costs involved had just received grant funding. Martin Huxley highlighted the role of the police in prevention and engagement as well as enforcement, and supported the draft protocol in the draft strategy. Elaine Morgan underlined the need to involve the Local Children's

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	Safeguarding Board and Children's Trust. It was also important to involve the Youth Council and schools and colleges through their governing bodies and head teachers to promote ownership of the strategy. It was crucial to emphasis that young people were often the victims of anti-social behaviour. Other organisations to involve included the Federation of Housing Associations and a range of voluntary sector forums The Chairman asked members of the Partnership to consider the document and provide any feedback to the Head of Community Safety.	All Partners
	It was AGREED to –	
	 note partners comments on the draft Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy; note the proposed consultation measures; submit the final draft to the Partnership for agreement in Autumn 2010. 	
6	PUBLIC PROTECTION AND SAFETY PORTFOLIO PLAN 2010/2011	Action
	Consideration was given to a report outlining the latest draft of the Council's Public Protection and Safety Portfolio Plan for 2010/11, which would be considered by the Public Protection and Safety Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee on 1st June 2010 prior to being approved by the Portfolio Holder. The Head of Community Safety highlighted that responsibility for a number of areas of work identified within the plan would be held by Children and Young People Department and Environment Department as well as Adult and Community Services. Councillor Benington noted Action 1.3: Use of Youth Service Outreach teams, in relation to the increased levels of young people congregating in Biggin Hill Skateboard Park. Martin Huxley agreed that a number of young people were travelling to the area but that the police had put significant resources into Biggin Hill to reassure the local community that any anti-social behaviour would be acted upon. Martin Huxley highlighted Priority Action Area 4: Tackling Domestic Abuse and Abuse of Vulnerable Adults and asked that the wording in Action 4.2 be amended from increased reporting of "Domestic Violence" to "Domestic Incidents" to encourage earlier reporting by victims. The Chairman supported this change and requested that members of the Partnership provide any further comments to the Head of Community Safety. It was AGREED that the Public Protection and Safety Portfolio plan be noted.	All Partners

7	REVIEW OF PARTNERSHIP CONSTITUTION	Action
	Consideration was given to a report setting out proposed changes to the Partnership's Constitution in light of recent legislative changes introducing the Probation Service as a 'Responsible Authority' for the purpose of forming Community Safety Partnerships, and the implications of the Partnership's new responsibility to incorporate the reduction of re-offending within its official remit. The Head of Community Safety summarised the changes and highlighted the increased emphasis of the Partnership on working to	
	reduce re-offending. It was AGREED to –	
	 endorse the proposed changes to the Constitution; note the new requirement for the Partnership to include the reduction of re-offending as part of its ongoing strategic responsibility; note the information relating to the Ministry of Justice guidance on the new arrangements and Statistical Bulletin outlining re-offending rates. 	
8	SAFER BROMLEY PARTNERSHIP RISK REGISTER	Action
	Consideration was given to a report outlining a number of risks impacting on the Safer Bromley Partnership. The Head of Community Safety explained that a recent audit assessment of the Local Strategic Partnership had identified the need to develop a central Risk Register that would be held by the Local Strategic Partnership Executive around joint and common risks across the Thematic Partnership. As part of this the Safer Bromley Partnership would hold a Risk Register identifying its own particular risks. Risks would be those held by the Safer Bromley Partnership as a whole, not by individual partners. Paula Morrison asked whether the risk register included contingency planning for emergencies. Emergency Planning was not the responsibility of the Partnership but the work of the Partnership might well be put at risk if a number of the partners were tackling a major incident or impacted by illness. It was AGREED that the draft Risk Register be agreed.	
9	INTEGRATED OFFENDER MANAGEMENT	Action
	Consideration was given to a report setting out proposals for developing an Integrated Offender Management system within Bromley. This system would allow effective multi-agency	

management of offenders and deliver outcomes of reduced reoffending, improved public confidence and provide a more holistic approach to crime reduction.

The Head of Community Safety outlined the need to develop a Strategic-level board to provide governance, accountability and act as the main body for monitoring, evaluation and the setting of control strategies. Membership of this board would include Police, Probation, Adult and Community Services, the Youth Offending Team, the Primary Care Trust, the Chair of the Domestic Abuse Steering Group, Oxleas NHS Trust and the South London and Maudsley NHS Trust.

The Head of Community Safety confirmed that Martin Huxley had agreed to be Chairman to the Board, and Rob Clarke, Deputy Chairman. The Terms of Reference for the Strategic Board were currently in development. The Board would be responsible and accountable to the Strategic Group of the Safer Bromley Partnership.

It was AGREED to -

- 1) note the outline of proposals for an Integrated Offender Management system;
- 2) endorse the outline framework for the system;
- 3) undertake work to develop formal Terms of Reference for each of the constituent groups that will make up the system.

10 BROMLEY CRIMINAL JUSTICE GROUP UPDATE

Action

Consideration was given to a report underlining the role of the borough's Criminal Justice Group and providing an update to members of the Partnership on recent changes in relation to the Chairmanship and performance monitoring processes utilised by the group.

Dave Prebble underlined the willingness of clerks of the Magistrates Court to engage with the community around the work they do, and to work more closely with partners to improve the public's experience and confidence in the criminal justice system.

The Head of Community Safety noted that some concern had been expressed in recent weeks about the levels of financial penalties imposed on those guilty of 'enviro-crime' offences such as fly-tipping. It was noted that sentencing practice is a significant feature in the factors contributing to confidence in the Criminal Justice System and work should be undertaken to address this in community engagement work.

It was AGREED to -

1) note the role of Bromley Criminal Justice Group and its current chairing arrangements;

	2) note the changes in relation to the collection of Performance Monitoring Data by Bromley Criminal Justice Group.	
11	REPORTS FROM SUB-GROUPS	Action
11	Tactical Group – Martin Huxley reported that 2009/10 had been a successful year with a reduction of 10% in Total Notifiable Offences, which equated to over 2,500 fewer offences across the borough. It would be a challenge to achieve a further reduction in Total Notifiable Offences in 2010/11. In terms of crime, Bromley had been ranked as the 5th safest borough in London, with Darwin and Shortlands wards as the safest in London. Bromley was also the safest London Borough from a fire safety perspective. Andy Holcombe underlined the importance of looking at longer term trends when considering crime rates. Benchmarking against levels of crime in other boroughs would also be useful. Dave Prebble highlighted that fear of crime was still an issue and noted that it was important to utilise a wide range of media to increase public confidence. In response to a question by the Chairman regarding a slight increase in thefts from shops in Bromley, Martin Huxley confirmed that there were significant resources in town centres to discourage theft from shops, including CCTV and the work of Safer Neighbourhood Teams and Town Centre Managers. There was a Community Network between shops and shops could also sign up to the Shop Safe Radio scheme. The Glades had an excellent communications strategy in response to theft. DAT – Dave Prebble advised that the Drug Action Team had just gone through a commissioning process of providers and set a range of new Performance Indicators. Regarding treatment, Bromley's number of starts and exits was above the national average, and in terms of planned exits, Bromley was in the top quartile in London. Young people were now measured separately to adults, but both groups were on target and there had been improved engagement with parents. In terms of offenders who were drug users, the DAT was benchmarking against boroughs within the Diamond Initiative to identify best practice. YOT – Elaine Morgan advised that the YOT had achieved a reduction in first time entrants to the Criminal Justice System	Action
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	reconsidered. The Bromley PCT would also be impacted by a reduced budget. She confirmed that the Bromley PCT would shortly have elected members on their Board, supporting greater accountability. Sue Cooper noted that a caseworker had been secured for a planned Family Intervention Project. There had been a number of successes in reducing anti-social behaviour, including the closure of a "crack house" in Penge. The Audit Commission had recently awarded Affinity Sutton two stars following an inspection. Community engagement work in the Mountfield Estate was ongoing. Andy Holcombe underlined the importance of involving partners, including the Fire Service, in Vulnerable Adult Safeguarding Board where appropriate. Councillor Benington highlighted the success of the Council's Special Constable scheme, particularly in light of a London-wide recruitment drive for Special Constables.	
15	DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING	Action
	All Meetings start at 10.00am unless otherwise notified.	
	23 rd September 2010	

The Meeting ended at 12.10 pm

Chairman