

**Coventry Community Safety Partnership  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2009, 10am – 1pm**

**MINUTES**

**Present:**

Stephen Jones (Chair)	Chief Executive, Coventry PCT
Angie Parks	Coventry Youth Offending Service
Barry Eveleigh	Coventry City Council
Cheryl Rosser	Coventry Magistrates Court
Chief Supt. Steve Glover	West Midlands Police
Cllr Tim Sawdon	West Midlands Police Authority
Janice Nichols	Coventry City Council
Julian Garside	Coventry City Council
Karren Buttle	Coventry NDC
Laura Ohrman (Minutes)	Coventry City Council
Mandie Watson	Coventry City Council
Paul Wells	Community Drugs Team
Penny Kay	Coventry City Council
Rob Allison	Voluntary Action Network
Sara Roach	Coventry City Council
Sarah Chand	Coventry Probation Service
Simon Brake	Coventry City Council
Sue Charlton	Coventry Magistrates Court
Tim Coleman	Coventry City Council

**Apologies:**

Martin Reeves	Coventry City Council
Annie Steele	Swanswell

**1. Welcome & Apologies – Chair**

The Chair welcomed everybody to the meeting and apologies were accepted

Sara Roach was congratulated for being appointed the Assistant Director of Public Safety. Sara wished to note thanks to Alan Bennett for his support and commitment to his previous role as Manager of Public Protection. Stephen reported that he was soon to be the full time Chief Executive of Coventry PCT and advised that Mike Atwood was taking on the new role of Programme Director for Total Place across Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire from the end of November.

**2. Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Arising – 21<sup>st</sup> May 2009**

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

**Quarter 2 Crime Performance Update – Sara Roach**

Sara presented the quarter 2 crime performance update.

The report is undergoing continual development in order to ensure that the level and type of data is sufficient for the partnership to manage and understand progress.

The Partnership is not achieving target reductions for most serious violence. Current figures show an increase of 11% (30 offences) and work is ongoing to strengthen local offender management arrangements and continues to remain a key priority for the city.

The targets for serious acquisitive crime and assault with injury are all currently being achieved.

Angie reported that the re-offending rate of young offenders target is on target.

Repeat Victims of Domestic Abuse (NI32) is a new target and will be managed/monitored through the MARAC Steering Group.

### **3. Restructure and Proposals for new LPU – Chief Supt. Glover**

Chief Supt. Glover updated the group on the current restructuring within the Police and the move to one Local Policing Unit. The proposed structure aims to provide a more efficient and effective service to the community.

The structure will consist of one Commander, two Supt's and 3 or 4 Chief Inspectors. Neighbourhood Policing Teams will be aligned to wards, clustered into sectors each with an Inspector. The restructure will allow for some additionality, in particular around work areas such as ASB, Licensing, Schools Provision, Organised Crime, Neighbourhood Policing and Control and Contact management.

Steve reported that the local restructuring proposals are being positively received by the force and advised that the West Midlands Police Authority also strongly support the changes.

### **4. Violent Crime Update – Chief Supt. Glover & Mandie Watson**

Chief Supt. Glover provided a presentation on the ongoing work to address violent crime within the City.

An action plan which has been informed by the Violent Crime Strategic Assessment has been produced in order to co-ordinate medium and long term tactical interventions focusing on the victim, offender and location.

Stephen Jones reported that from a PCT perspective, Violent Crime is being seen as a priority target for the next 2 to 3 years.

Sarah Chand advised that violence, in particular DVA, is also a number one priority for Probation.

Janice Nichols suggested that the citywide work needed to be linked into other neighbourhood work regarding employment, education and training etc.

Angie Parks reported that more evidence is also showing Young People becoming violent towards their parents which reinforces that this is a learnt behaviour and the right interventions need to be used at the right time, although it was advised that current funding that support these interventions is precarious.

Barry Eveleigh informed the group that the impact of using illegal drugs such as cocaine as well as alcohol is currently underestimated. DIP testing shows cocaine

use has gone down however, alternatives are being used and a shift in the patterns of drug use is being seen. It was also suggested that more use of conditional cautions should be used.

The Partnership acknowledged and agreed to fully engage and commit to assisting and addressing the challenges in reducing violent crime within the City.

**5. Domestic Violence & Abuse Update – Penny Kay**

Penny provided an update on some of the key areas of work being delivered by the Coventry Domestic Violence & Abuse Partnership (CDVAP) against the priorities outlined within the revised strategy and action plan for 2009-2011.

Sara reiterated that the detail in paragraph 2.7 was inaccurate. Discussions regarding restructuring were ongoing and nothing as yet had been agreed.

All tenders for the re-commissioning of the Supporting People DVA services are currently being evaluated and service providers with new contracts are expected to commence in April 2010.

The multi-agency 'Scars of a Quiet Denial' DVA Awareness Training will continue and also be further developed as a bespoke training tool to use with key partners and agencies. Specialist training regarding DVA & the Law, Asylum & Immigration and the Law and Sexual Violence and the Law will also continue with the addition of a new specialist training course on working with Domestic Violence & Abuse Perpetrators.

**6. Tackling Knives Action Programme (TKAP) – Chief Supt. Lorraine Bottomley**

In the absence of Chief Supt. Bottomley, it was agreed that this will be deferred to the next meeting.

**7. Resources to Support Preventative Work – Angie Parks**

Angie updated the Partnership on the current funding position for prevention and family work delivered by Coventry Youth Offending Service.

Angie advised that all Prevention and Family Intervention Programme (FIP) funding (£519K) with the exception of £197k confirmed funding from the Youth Justice Board Prevention Grant, will all fall out in March 2011.

The Partnership acknowledged the value and impact that the FIP and other family work had on addressing learnt behaviours and long term behavioural change. It was agreed that this should be further discussed at a future meeting, once discussions had taken place at the CLYPS Commissioning Group and CLYPS Professional Advisory Group.

**8. Strategic Assessment Planning 2010/11 – Jo Floyd**

In the absence of Jo Floyd, Mandie provided a brief update on the current position in relation to the Strategic Assessment.

Mandie advised that it is not envisaged that there will be any significantly different target areas and reported that initial findings will be available early February. Key findings and recommendations will be discussed at the next meeting.

**9. Crime Issues Surrounding the Railways – Terry Hawkins**

In the absence of Terry Hawkins, it was agreed that this item would be deferred to the next meeting.

**10. Homelessness Provision – Julian Garside**

Julian delivered a presentation on the new Coventry approach to homelessness and provision within the City.

The change reflects a cut in Central Government SP funding. The revised approach will include direct access to the Chace/Salvation Army, the remodelling of some services, a new Rough Sleeper scheme and will also focus on 'move-on' via Homefinder or into Private Rented Sector.

The Partnership acknowledged the importance of making the links between the Homelessness Strategy and the CCSP.

**Action: Julian to contact Tim Coleman to ensure that frontline/street based personnel had the revised details.**

**11. Quarter 2 Substance Misuse Update – Barry Eveleigh**

Barry updated the group on performance targets for quarter 2. Despite attempts to increase numbers into treatment and although an increase has been shown for this quarter, it is unlikely that the numbers required to meet the target to avoid budget reductions will be met by the end of the financial year.

**12. Communications Update – Tim Coleman**

Tim updated the group on current communications activity. Key areas included; AIMS Seasonal Planning activities for Nov-Dec 09; reviewing Domestic Violence & Abuse Communications Strategy in light of public consultation; supporting the development of both on and off-licensing guides for Christmas; on-going review of our relationship with the Coventry Telegraph in light of the appointment of a new editor; and current police reorganisation (Paragon).

**13. Any Other Business**

Sara updated the group on the recent changes within the city council. Community Safety and Public Protection have now been merged and moved into the Community Services Directorate. The service will become Public Safety and consist of Community Safety, Trading Standards, Food Safety, Health & Safety, Licensing, Pest Control, Animal Welfare, Noise Nuisance, Environmental Crime and Pollution.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2010  
10am – 1pm  
Elm Bank Corporate Training Centre**