

**Coventry Community Safety Partnership
Tuesday 25th August 2009, 10am – 1pm**

MINUTES

Present:

Martin Reeves (Chair)	Coventry City Council
Alethea Fuller	West Midlands Police Authority
Andy Pepper	Coventry City Council
Angie Parks	Coventry City Council
Annie Green	Community Drugs Team
Barry Eveleigh	Coventry City Council
Bruce Undy	Federation of Small Business
Chief Supt Deb Harrod	West Midlands Police (M2)
Karen Buttle	Coventry NDC
Kevin Rogers	West Midlands Fire Service
Laura Ohrman (Minutes)	Coventry City Council
Nigel Gumley	Crown Prosecution Service
Nigel Wain	Coventry Partnership
Paul Wells	Community Drugs Team
Phil Dunn	Coventry City Council
Samantha Barrett	Coventry City Council
Stuart Honor	Baseline Research Ltd
Sara Roach	Coventry City Council
Sarah Chand	Coventry Probation
Simon Brake	Coventry City Council
Sue Charlton	Coventry Magistrates Court
Supt Steve Graham	West Midlands Police (M2)
Tim Coleman	Coventry City Council
Cllr Tim Sawdon	West Midlands Police Authority
Trevor Pepper	CVOne

Apologies:

Chief Supt Steve Glover	West Midlands Police (M1)
Inspector Jo Floyd	West Midlands Police (M1)
Janice Nichols	Coventry City Council
Rob Allison	Voluntary Action Coventry

1. Welcome & Apologies – Chair

The Chair welcomed everybody to the meeting and apologies were accepted.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Arising – 21st May 2009

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record.

Barry reported that a letter had been sent to Paul Hayes at the NTA, expressing concern regarding the delay in getting the TOPS reports and the impact this was having locally. To date, no response has been received.

3. Quarter 1 Crime Update – Sara Roach

Sara presented the quarter1 crime performance update.

The Partnership is not achieving target reductions for serious violence however, work is currently being undertaken to strengthen local offender management arrangements which will contribute to this target area. The violent crime action plan is being implemented and a range of activity is taking place.

Chief Supt. Harrod expressed her concerns regarding the reliability of the data in relation to violence because of changes in the definition and the introduction of malicious wounding. The Home Office have also acknowledged this and have written to partnerships highlighting the need to monitor contact violence as an indicator of success around violence. However, where partnerships have included most serious violence in their LAA, they must continue to strive to achieve targets set.

Sara informed the group that Chief Supt. Glover, who is the partnership lead for violent crime, would provide an update at the November meeting on the work of the Priority Crime Group.

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

Angie reported on the YOS targets and updated the group on the funding position. The majority of funds in Coventry that support preventative/family work is short term and is only available until March 2011.

Martin suggested that the partnership, together with the Children's Partnership understand the impact of funding fallout across the community safety/prevention work as soon as possible so that action could be put into place to address it.

Action: Angie to raise as an issue with the Children's Commissioning Board.

a) Increasing Public Confidence

Sara provided an update on the public confidence agenda. The group acknowledged the shift from chasing targets to actually increasing confidence and the various ways in which this could be achieved. Nationally, public confidence will be measured through the British Crime Survey, however the group agreed that the West Midlands Feeling the Difference Survey also provides the partnership with a good understanding of how local people are feeling about crime in their area and in the city.

Action: Sara to co-ordinate a partnership plan including the key strategic work that is taking place across the partnership to increase confidence.

4. Quarter 1 Substance Misuse Update – Barry Eveleigh

a) Prevalence Report – *Stuart Honor*

Stuart presented the findings of the recent Hidden Population Research to the group.

The Partnership acknowledged the findings which prompted discussions regarding the need to tighten up the current signposting process and build on some of the good work already taking place within the City.

The research identified a number of areas for improvement around access to services, communication about services, etc. A full copy of the report is available from the Community Safety Team.

Barry updated the group on some of the action that was being taken in response to the research which included targeted communications, developments within the local treatment system, the establishment of a local recovery service, re-tendering for floating support and a new social inclusion service.

An action plan is being produced to ensure that the partnership is responding to the findings in the report.

The Partnership agreed to re-commission the research in 2 years time in order to understand the impact of the actions that have been put in place.

Action: Laura to circulate the presentation with the minutes of the meeting.

b) Service Redesign

Barry provided an overview of the National Treatment Agency QIPPP Strategy, which outlines how we will support the prevention of ill-health and improve the quality and productivity of services, within the context of the economic downturn and other pressures. Barry will be using this to review all substance misuse services commissioned in Coventry. The reviews should be complete by April 2010.

Action: The Group supported the rationale behind this work and agreed that Barry should form a working group to support the commissioning team on the reviews that regularly reports to both the JCG and this group.

c) Report back from National Tackling Drugs Week and proposals for Alcohol Awareness Week

Barry reported on the success of the National Tackling Drugs week which consisted of a number of local events/work including:

- An event aimed at service users and professionals from the drug field to promote the concept of abstinence and the new local service
- A conference aimed at promoting the successes of the partnership and services available
- An event aimed at parents and carers, raising the profile of issues faced by families and promoting the new local carers service
- An event aimed at raising awareness of the impact of drugs within BME communities and providing an understanding of the specific services available
- A drugs information centre within a city shop, managed by ex-service users, which also displayed the images of the winners of the drugs photo exhibition
- A half day training event for PCSO's on basic drug awareness
- Extensive media coverage
- Operations by the police including the execution of warrants and pub/club walkthroughs

All the events over the five days were well attended, with approximately over 300 visitors/attendees in total.

Barry presented the proposed activities for National Alcohol Week and asked partners to consider any further activity that could they could lead on or be involved in.

5. Forthcoming Statutory Changes to Community Safety Partnerships – Sara Roach

Sara provided a brief overview of forthcoming legislative changes to Community Safety Partnerships. The Policing Green Paper outlines proposals to change the status of Probation from a cooperating body to a Responsible Authority and extend the remit of partnerships to include reducing re-offending.

These provisions are contained within the Policing and Crime Bill which is currently before Parliament. It is expected that the Bill will receive Royal Assent this autumn and it has been decided that the provisions will come into force from April 2010.

6. Scaled Approach to Youth Justice – Angie Parks

Angie reported on the Scaled Approach to Youth Justice and the introduction of the Youth Rehabilitation Order (YRO) from November 2009. YOS is currently working with partners to understand local capacity to deliver against the various requirements contained within the YRO. A series of stakeholder planning events will be taking place and in the interim, agencies requiring any further information were requested to contact Angie direct.

7. Proposal for Coventry Road Safety Partnership – Kev Rogers

Kev Rogers delivered a presentation on the proposal to form a Coventry Road Safety Partnership (CRSP).

The Partnership fully supported the recommendation for the development of a Coventry Road Safety Partnership and agreed that initially, the Chair should be from one of the emergency services. However, it was suggested that this should be reviewed in 12 months and could be rotated around the Responsible Authorities.

Nigel suggested that Kev make links with the Coventry Partnership's Transport Theme Group. It was also agreed that membership should be extended to Probation and Alcohol/Drug Treatment Services.

8. Policing Pledge – Supt Steve Graham

Supt Steve Graham updated the group on the Policing Pledge.

Steve advised the group that whilst the pledge states 60 minutes for a patrol to be with a person who may be vulnerable or upset, this is a national target and the West Midlands target is 30 minutes.

Steve emphasised the importance of the Pledge needing to be part of the overall community safety landscape and the need to be more accessible and visible to the Community.

A discussion took place regarding the range of ways the public can access the Council, Police and other services. Barry expressed concern re. internet access following some recent community work he had been involved in Spon End.

Tim asked the group for any human interest stories/case studies that could be used in local media releases.

The Partnership acknowledged the importance of the pledge and agreed that it was very important, where applicable, that the partnership deliver on the commitments together.

9. Police Re-organisation/Restructuring Proposals – Chief Supt Deb Harrod

Chief Supt Deb Harrod presented the proposal for 'Programme Paragon' which is the West Midlands Police review aiming to provide a more efficient and effective service. The initial proposal is to move from having three OCU's to having just one Local Policing Unit (LPU) with the intention of only one LPU Commander.

The partnership will find out who the LPU Commander will be in October and full implementation will be achieved by the end of March 2010. Deb agreed to bring further updates to future meetings.

10. CCSP Public Consultation Event – Alethea Fuller

Alethea Fuller informed the group of a CCSP Public Consultation Event taking place on the 16th September 2009, at the TechnoCentre. Partners were requested to review the proposed questions for the event's interactive session and provide any amendment/additional questions by the 4th September 2009.

The Partnership agreed the proposed agenda and agreed to review the questions in order to include some that would be relevant/useful for their organisation.

11. Business Crime – Sara Roach

Sara reported on Home Office capital funding that has recently become available to support small retailers. Coventry has been identified as a priority area and a number of Wards are eligible for funding.

Sara is leading on an application for this fund and proposed that £50,000 is applied for small grants and £50,000 is applied for project work, i.e. Rows of shops/parades.

Retailers would need to apply to Tribal, commissioned by the Home Office to administer the fund, for grants up to £3,000. However, the Crime Reduction Officer from M3 will be working across the City to encourage businesses in areas experiencing disproportionate levels of crime/ASB to apply.

Sara will report back on how this fund has been allocated/spent in Coventry at a future meeting.

12. NDC Community Safety Succession Strategy – Adrian Coles

Adrian Coles updated the group on the Community Safety Succession Strategy being undertaken in the NDC area. Adrian has been working with community safety colleagues to identify ways in which some of the current work can be continued/sustained.

It was recognised that most of the NDC funds have been utilised to 'top up' activity that was being undertaken by the partnership/agencies ie. Police overtime, rather than introduce new areas of work. The succession strategy is mainly about highlighting the services and programmes of work that exist across the city and being clear that the multi-agency tasking process will ensure that the WEHM area receives the level of resources available and required to respond to the levels of community safety issues. Therefore, the strategy does not commit the partnership to additional resources.

The plan will be signed off in October and the partnership agreed to delegate responsibility to Sara for final sign off.

13. Communications Update – *Tim Coleman*

Tim updated the group on current communications activity. Key areas included; working with residents in Spon End to tackle ASB and crime around drug/alcohol misuse and working with the AIMS group regarding Seasonal Planning activities. Developing a Critical Incident Media Response protocol and work around ASB in Hillfields.

The Group acknowledged the contribution that good communications made to the confidence agenda and suggested that an evaluation of activity taken place be presented to a future meeting.

14. Any Other Business

Martin Reeves gave his apologies for the next meeting.

***Date of next meeting: Tuesday 24th November 2009, 10am – 1pm
Elm Bank Corporate Training Centre.***