

SAFER HARTLEPOOL PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE GROUP



Minutes of meeting held on 21st April 2010

Present

Stuart Drummond (Chair)	HBC
Alison Mawson	HBC
Sheila Atkinson (Mins)	SHP
Richard Starrs	Hartlepool Partnership
John Bentley	SITV
Supt. Andy Summerbell	Police
Andy Powell	Housing Hartlepool
Anne Tarbitt	Chair, Hartlepool Magistrates Bench
Louise Wallace	NHS Hartlepool/HBC
Keith Bayley	Community Network
Sue Johnson	HBC
Pat McManus	GONE
Joanne Moore	CCJB
Lucia Saiger	Durham Tees Valley Probation Trust

1. Apologies

Dave Turton	Fire Brigade
Cllr Barker	Police Authority
Paul Walker	HBC
Sarah Wilson	Police Authority
Elizabeth Carroll	Community Network
Clare Clark	NDC
Denise Ogden	HBC

Prior to the commencement of the formal meeting, a presentation was made to the group by Emma Hildreth of Holden McAllister Partnership on the Regional template for a local Community Safety Information Sharing Protocol. (attached). Four training sessions had taken place for practitioners in Hartlepool and each Partnership was to adopt local conditions. Partnerships generally were currently weak on evaluation, as although data was available there was little focus on the impact.

There has been a delay in implementing the protocol due to a query from one agency, however it was hoped that this would be resolved by the end of May

2. Minutes of meeting held on 10th March 2010

Minutes were accepted as a true record with the following amendments.

- Apologies to be added for Sue Johnson.
- IDVA - To be shown as Independent Domestic Violence Advisor rather than Advocate, who would be available to support the victim rather than to act for them in court.

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3. Matters Arising

- Joint event with Childrens Trust Board and Safeguarding Children Board will take place on 9th June.

4. Revenue Funding 2010/11 for Community Cohesion

It had previously been agreed to delegate this funding stream to the Public Confidence and Community Engagement Group (previously Reassurance Group) chaired by Denise Ogden and various proposals had been considered. Recommendations were outlined on report circulated by Alison Mawson.

- Stakeholder Challenge Programme initiated by Council and now opened up to partners (Police, Probation, PCT and Housing Hartlepool), who would potentially participate in this to highlight services to be reviewed by a diverse section of the population. (£5,000)
- Multi Faith Forum – recommendation to continue funding which has been evaluated. (£1,000)
- Part time officer to assist delivery of Cohesion and Prevent Agendas (£20,000)
- Master Chef Initiative – within an intergenerational programme which had been successful last year and worthy of further support. (£5,000)
- £1,000 for each area North, Central and South managed by Neighbourhood Managers to fund small residents projects etc. (£3,000)

Keith Bayley raised the issue of whether continuing funding would be available for the officer post and Alison Mawson confirmed that the employer would be Safe in Tees Valley rather than HBC as was the case other project officer posts involving temporary contracts.

The group supported of all of the above proposals.

5. **Comprehensive Area Assessment**

The Audit Commission was proposing to use the same methodology as last year. Work was identified both on a Tees-wide and Hartlepool basis, and programmes proposed for special investigation included a domestic violence programme. This had not yet started, however SHP Team members and other organisations would be involved. Harm Caused by Alcohol would be re-examined, however Inspectors identified that Hartlepool had less green flags than other areas and were inviting suggestions to improve this. It had been felt that Community Safety proposals such as crime reduction, partnership working, PPO and Design Out Crime teams may contribute to a 'green flag' submission.

Louise Wallace felt that in respect of the Tees-wide work, there would be some impact on the under 18 admissions to hospital. She was interested in the health and equalities focus and hoped that the LAA returns could be used to inform this, as there was an awareness that this did not fit within the health stream and cross partnership work was required.

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Members of the group were therefore invited to raise any areas which could be highlighted for green flag purposes.

6. **Hallmarks of Effective Partnership**

Free support had been offered by Government Office to Partnerships to review their Hallmarks assessment and to consider areas which may affect the Partnerships over the next year. Tony Holden of Holden McAllister Partnership had been appointed to carry out this work for Hartlepool and John Bentley as Chair of the Business Group will assist with this, with recommendations brought back to this group. The suggestion of a facilitated event at the next meeting was made and it was agreed that a limited business meeting would follow lunch. Discussions could then take place on the Partnership challenges ahead in respect of finance, and resources. Details were to be circulated with the minutes.

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7. **LAA Reward Monies**

Report was circulated. As a result of achieving LPSA2 stretch targets, reward monies of £408K were available in two instalments, one of which had already been received, to be spent

over a period of years. A small amount of funding was to be paid to Harbour and the Probation Service in respect of their participation in some of the projects. This had been discussed at the SHP Business Group and it was suggested that Partnership priorities should be considered in allocation, and that the successful projects such as the Design Out Crime Team should continue. Existing steering groups were to be invited to put forward projects and the Public Confidence & Community Engagement Group were to provide further ideas on support to victims and witnesses in respect of anti-social behaviour, in view of the Government focus on this area.

Further discussions were to take place with Probation to explore the possibility of their £25K reward funding being retained within Safer Hartlepool Partnership, in order to continue with the existing Probation projects. Similarly a process is to be discussed at the next Reducing Violence Group meeting in respect of the domestic violence reward monies allocated to Harbour.

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The SHP Business Group had suggested that the theme groups should be asked to provide suggestions as to how the reward monies should be spent and recommendations will be submitted to the Executive Group in due course. There was no urgency to spend this funding as it could be spread over several years if necessary.

8. Terms of Reference – Alcohol Strategy Group

This group had been in existence for a number of years, however at times attendance could be improved. At the last meeting, the Terms of Reference and membership had been reviewed, and a document detailing this was circulated to the group. It was felt that there was a need to have additional representation from Child & Adult Services (Adults or Supporting People), together with members from Fire Brigade, NHS Acute Trust and Licensees Association. Representation from Community Empowerment Network will be available on completion of their election process. At present this group is chaired by Dr. Linda Wright (Linda Wright Associates) who has assisted with the draft strategy; however she would be happy to relinquish this post, should a suitable alternative Chair become available.

An investigation had been carried out via the HBC Health Scrutiny process into alcohol which was to recommend the establishment of a group with the suggestion of an Elected Member as the Chair. Comments were invited from the Executive Group and Supt Summerbell emphasised the need to take this agenda forward and influence the Local Authority's policy on licensing which would also assist Magistrates in decisions on licensing appeals. Louise Wallace concurred with this and felt that a strategic steer was required in order to deal with the recommendations which would come from the scrutiny process. In addition Louise advised that the Primary Care Trust had been offered National Support Team visit for alcohol in October across three of the four local authority areas and it was felt that much of the preparation work for this would already be available. The 'red flag' had been based around treatment services and there was a need for broader view in respect of alcohol across the town. The Alcohol Strategy Group was a good place to have these discussions which could include contentious issues such as minimum pricing.

9. LAA Delivery and Improvement Plans

Details of Outcome 13, 15 and 16 had been circulated, which needed to link to SHP group action plans. A reporting process was in place to the Hartlepool Partnership, however the Executive Group received a quarterly report via the SHP Business Group.

At a recent meeting of the Reducing Re-offending Group, it had been suggested that an additional action should be added in respect of more intensive activity for violent offenders. It was agreed that this recommendation should go ahead.

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10. **Community Safety Forum – 9th July**

It had been previously discussed that these forums should become more interactive, the frequency having been reduced to two per year. It was noted that the timing of this meeting may need to be changed slightly due to the scheduling of the Hartlepool Partnership meeting. It was proposed to have a morning session showcasing and examining projects of the previous year in conjunction with Community Network. Following this the suggestion was to hold a 'Question Time' session which would fulfil the requirements of the Hallmarks for a 'Face the People' session with an invited public audience. After lunch it was hoped to have some workshop sessions to ask for views on the Partnership's priorities in advance of the new Strategy due in 2011.

After discussion it was agreed that a shorter session would be preferable to start at 9.30 a.m. and finish at 1 p.m. after the question time session, followed by lunch. It was also suggested that the CAA Lead should be invited to this event.

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11. **BCU Plan**

Details were circulated for information, which had been signed off by Supt. Summerbell and Alison Mawson.

12. **Youth Offending Service Management Board Minutes – 16th December 2009**

For information.

13. **SHP Business Group Minutes – 1st March 2010**

For information.

14. **Letter from Home Office – Changes for Community Safety Partnerships**

Statutory changes were taking place with effect from 1st April as follows:

- New duty to take on reducing re-offending.
- Probation to become sixth responsible authority.
- Duty around Section 17 Crime & Disorder Act where reducing re-offending has been added to list of issues which public bodies should consider.

15. **Any Other Business**

- Event to take place on 8th June to showcase good practice in respect of the Reducing Reoffending Group invitations to be sent out shortly.
- Public Confidence and Community Engagement Group had suggested a presentation to the Executive Group on some of the intergenerational work taking place. It was agreed that this should take place at the meeting scheduled for July.

16. **Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 2nd June – amended times to be advised.