



**NOTES OF THE SAFER STRONGER
COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP BOARD
HELD ON 25TH JANUARY 2011
10 TILL 12PM IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER SHIREHALL**

Attendees

Paul Raymond	Shropshire Fire & Rescue Service	PR
Rod Thomson	Shropshire Primary Care Trust	RT
Andrew Gough	Shropshire Partnership	AG
Nicola Wall	Shropshire Partnership	NW
Miles Kenny	West Mercia Police Authority	MK
Angela Parton	Youth Offending Service	AP
Jayne Randall	Shropshire Partnership	JR
Pete Lightwood	West Mercia Police	PL
Tom Dodds	Community Services	TD
Mike Hyatt	Shropshire Council	MH
Sam Tilley	Shropshire Primary Care Trust	ST

Apologies

Karen Bradshaw	Shropshire Council	KB
Vicki Stevens	BASS Senior Service Manager	VS
Jackie Roberts	National Treatment Agency	JR
Marguerite Elcock	Crown Prosecution Service	ME
Barbara Stafford-Cairns	Shropshire Council	BSC
Anita Bickerdike	HM Courts	AB
Jenny Powell	Shropshire Partnership	JP
John Redmond	Shropshire Fire & Rescue Service	JR
Stephen Chandler	Shropshire Council	SC
Michele Hatfield	West Mercia Probation	MH
John Davies	Shrewsbury & Telford Hospital NHS Trust	JD
Adam Cairns	Shrewsbury & Telford Hospital Trust	AC

Item

Action

1 Welcome, introductions and apologies

PR introduced and welcomed all present to the meeting. A number of apologies were noted (please see above).

2 Notes of the last meeting

The notes of the last Safer Stronger Board meeting held on the 1st November 2010 were agreed as an accurate record.

3 Matters arising

JR circulated graph figures at the meeting due to an action from the previous minutes. PR was pleased with the figures stating excellent results in Shropshire; it is the top performing partnership amongst the non-intensives in the region. PR thanked all Board members involved for there excellent work.

AGou updated the group that both Shrewsbury and Oswestry Crucial Crew and North Shropshire Safety Scene have requested that those agencies who have supported the events in the past are to commit staff to ensure the events this year still go ahead. It was agreed that both Fire & Rescue Service and the Police would still contribute staff to the event if requested. The funding for Bridgnorth is still to be processed through community working.

PR indicated to the rest of the group that a handover is taking place. RT will be the future chair of the Safer Stronger Board after today's meeting.

4 Social Marketing

The Social Marketing Presentation documents were circulated prior to the meeting. TD, Performance Manager for Community Services at Shropshire Council gave a presentation to all Board members of the work happening prior to Social Marketing.

Social marketing is a process for achieving behaviour change to benefit the individual and society. It is an approach that is increasingly being used to achieve positive impacts on the behaviours of individuals and groups and to help sustain these over time.

The pilot in Shropshire was discussed. It is being funded by the Local Strategic Partnership which sees social marketing as a priority. Partners in the LSP are very keen to learn from the project so that they can do what they currently do, but do it more effectively thanks to social marketing. The project is aimed at people who are of retirement age in Shropshire mainly 50+ men.

The actions for the future from Social Marketing were as followed:

- Sign up to taking Social Marketing forward and identify the right person at the right level to take forward in their organisation
- Working with the other partners to identify what is need to incorporate Social Marketing into their

organisation/practice

- Commitment to the Social Marketing Physical Activity pilot
- Project risk – LAA funding/need to meet SM bench mark criteria
- March 2011 learning event

TD informed the group, (Marta) Marta Gajewska – Social Marketing Project Officer is going to be running a learning event to share the insights of the project, increase understanding for members and testing out the insights then expanding them.

A discussion took place at the Board on the longer term Partnership approach, looking at the areas/themes/priorities to influence in the future and to develop the boards role. It was suggested a good opportunity to all work together as there are opportunities to cross over to see how to change in different areas.

TD to circulate his details to all board members for contact.

TD

5 BASS Project Update

VS was unable to attend the Board meeting. An update will be presented at the next meeting

BASS Project update to be added on the next SSCPB agenda.

RT

6a Future Funding/ Cutting Crime Together/ Impact on Delivery

- The board supports a proposal from the Performance Management and Commissioning Group to establish a Task and Finish Group to consider future priorities and funding in light of a reduction in resources. The task and Finish group will consider the priorities identified in the Strategic Assessment; what priorities will continue to be funded in the next financial year, what projects or initiatives will not be funded in 2011 – 12, and what the implications for the Partnership will be.

The above recommendation was approved by the board. ✓

It was agreed within the group that the Task and Finish group are to come up with solutions and sensible suggestions to put forward. A joined up approach is needed. If any funding is needed around the task & finish group, they can take on submitting a bid on behalf of the Safer Stronger Board.

AGou reported that the Partnership is in the process of completing the Strategic Assessment for 2011. The current priorities for 2010 are; Reducing Offending and Re-Offending, Supporting Vulnerable People, Increasing Public Confidence and Tackling Substance and Alcohol Misuse. Each priority represents an area of work that is essential in helping reduce crime and disorder in Shropshire. It is against the priorities that the Partnership needs to begin to consider what level of funding will be required to ensure it achieves results.

The current level of funding the Partnership has its disposal is approximately £429,000. The Government has indicated that it will commit funding to new single fund for Youth Offending Teams which includes funding for youth crime prevention; £125m for the Drug Intervention Programme in 2011/12. AGou mentioned it doesn't specify the age group they will be funding; a more clarified decision is to be shown to all.

AGou updated the group on the conclusions and recommendations. It was made clear the next step is to start to identify priorities while the Strategic assessment is currently undertaking; it will be completed by February at which time the Partnership should know what level of funding the Home Office has indicated that will be available to local authorities.

6b SARC

A verbal update was provided by RT. A SARC aims to promote recovery to victims of sexual assault, whether or not the victims wish to report to the police. A SARC is committed to an interagency approach and works closely with the police and other criminal justice, health and social care services and voluntary sector organisations.

On behalf of the 4 PCTs a SARC will be established in West Mercia in the next financial year. The current main centre for SARC (hub) is based in Worcester, with a spoke in Hereford and a spoke in Wellington for use of Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin. Referrals of an assault will go through the police or other appropriate agencies. Any victims within Shropshire and Telford Wrekin will be referred to the Wellington spoke.

RT informed the group of a recent meeting that took place between himself and the Assistant Chief Constable West Mercia and Government Ministers. There is willingness to support the SARC centres and an agreement was made for a £75,000 grant. Conversations have been made with Lyn Featherstone from Home Office who is also willing to come to the spoke in

Shropshire.

6c Information Sharing Protocol

- The Board is asked to consider the attached Safer Stronger Communities Partnership Information Sharing Arrangement and make any final amendments before the Partnership is asked to adopt it.

The above recommendation was approved by the board. ✓

AGou gave a brief introduction to the Board members. The Information Sharing Arrangement is an essential process within the work of Shropshire's Community Safety Partnership. Information informs decisions, allows progress to be made through review and evaluation and supports partnership working. The document had been previously reviewed in 2008, but this had been stopped following the move to Unity Status. The Government last March provided information on developing the Protocols. All partners need to sign up to the protocol to share information. Once it has been agreed by all partners the Arrangement will be reviewed six months after its implementation and bi-annually thereafter.

Partners are requested to consider the protocol and make any amendments to AGou so that the Partnership can sign the document off.

All

7 Placed Based Interventions - Oswestry Workshop

- The Board is asked to note the contents of this report and feedback any comments it may have on work undertaken to date and planned for the future to the Shropshire Partnership Coordinator.

The above recommendation was approved by the board. ✓

MH updated the group that Oswestry had been the first pilot area to be looked at, and that a stakeholder workshop took place there on the 13th January 2011. Work in North-East Shrewsbury is currently at the interview and information gathering stage.

The approach is based on the principal that those who either deliver or receive services are the people who are best placed to identify the strengths and weaknesses of the way the system really works. Key to this is getting people involved, through interviews and via two workshops- one focused on identifying the system and the second one focussing on improving it – the

concept of co-design. It was noted there was a number of positives and negatives arising from the initial workshop and the mapping work that preceded it. These were circulated for all attendees.

A few issues were brought up within the group on better ways to improve the workshop. It was noted that by not involving people in the planning who have the task of leading the agenda forward, their time was wasted in letting people know when they already have knowledge of what options and solutions are in place. It was raised that the workshop would have been better value if senior managers had attended and worked through pathways; balancing out the workshop as organisations work on separate issues.

The next Safer Stronger meeting an update is to be provided on the progress of the 2nd workshop.

JP/MH

8a Drug Strategy 2010

- To note the key aims of the National Drug Strategy 2010
- To agree to the work programme as described in section 7- (Next steps).

The above recommendations were approved by the board. ✓

JR updated the group on the Drug Strategy 2010. The new drug strategy was launched by the coalition government in December 2010. The strategy's primary focus is to ensure that people who access treatment are offered an achievable way out of dependency to make a full recovery. The aim of the report was to focus on key aims of the strategy.

JR updated the group from the report circulated prior to the meeting. It was seen as a good opportunity to look at the implementation of the new strategy while the changes in government are currently taking place.

The Drug Strategy 2010 to become an item on the agenda for the next PMCG meeting for JR to update.

PL/JR

A copy of data to be sent to JR on the issues that were identified. This to then be circulated via email for all board members feedback.

RT

It was noted to shadow the national strategic on impact as there had been a strategic concern if strategic is more successful in supply, crime will go up.

8b LCJB – Future Arrangements

MH updated the group on the LCJB future arrangements. Funding was mentioned to support LCJB which will be ending in March 2011. A review is to be led by David Chantler for a decision to be made on whether to keep something in place at a West Mercia Police level.

9 Report from Performance Management and Commissioning Group

- Crime remained low in the review of performance against priorities/targets and emerging issues.
- The level of all crimes and ASB remained stable
- Work around the Shrewsbury Town bus station was discussed at the PMCG regarding an investigation of options for filling of the overhang.
- An update on the Taxi Marshalling scheme was given to PMCG. There will be a need to licence around 600+ taxi drivers following an influx from Telford & Wrekin.
- There were concerns raised over future budget and future proofing the Community Safety. There had currently been no information from Home Office on the level of funding to be allocated.
- Work is now needed to agree how to approach youths in tackling confiscation of Alcohol in the future.
- The group are still awaiting feedback from the 'How are you getting home' campaign however there is enough material to run another campaign 3 – 4 times covering the rest of 2011.
- A letter for thanks was received from the Coroner about river deaths. Environmental Protection Unit is now taking over.

10 Any Other Business

The group was informed it was the last Safer Stronger Board meeting to be chaired by PR. The group wished PR the best and thanked him for his input.

PR thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Date of Next Meeting

*Wednesday 9th May 2011 – 2 till 4pm – Council Chamber
Shirehall*