



**NOTES OF THE SAFER STRONGER  
COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP BOARD  
HELD ON 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2011  
2pm – 4pm IN THE  
COUNCIL CHAMBER SHIREHALL**

**Attendees**

Rod Thomson	Shropshire Primary Care Trust	RT
Andrew Gough	Shropshire Partnership	AG
Sam Tilley	Shropshire Primary Care Trust	ST
Miles Kenny	West Mercia Police Authority	MK
Jackie Roberts	National Treatment Agency	JRo
Jayne Randall	Shropshire Partnership	JRa
Pete Lightwood	West Mercia Police	PL
John Redmond	Shropshire Fire & Rescue Service	JRe
Debbie Vogler	SaTH	DV
James Anthony - Edwards	Shropshire Council	JA-E
Sue Horne	Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin YOS	SH
Lesley Burrows	Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin YOS	LB
Jane Williams	West Mercia Probation	JW
Vicki Stevens	BASS Senior Service Manager	VS
Andrea Lloyd	BASS	AL

**Apologies**

Paul Raymond	Shropshire Fire & Rescue Service	PR
Michele Hatfield	West Mercia Probation	MH
Adam Cairns	Shrewsbury & Telford Hospital Trust	AC
Angela Parton	Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin YOS	AP

**Item**

**Action**

**1 Welcome, introductions and apologies**

RT 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 25<sup>th</sup> January 2011 were agreed as an accurate record.

**3 Matters arising**

AG reported that funding for Shrewsbury and Oswestry Crucial

Crew, Bridgnorth Crucial Crew and North Shropshire Safety Scene had received funding for the events both this year and next year. All the organisers of the Crucial Crew events had been informed that no further funding would be available after March 2013.

AG reported that he had not received any further amendments to the Partnerships revised Information Sharing Protocol and therefore it will be adopted as the Partnerships ISP and be shared with partners.

## **PRESENTATION**

### **4 BASS Project**

VS gave a short update on the work of the BASS project in Shropshire. The project was now managed by Stonham and aimed to offer those people coming out of prison accommodation and support to enable them to get resettled into the community. Referrals for places come from either the Courts or prisons but presently the project only has 8 bed spaces in West Mercia, but is looking to secure three more in the Shrewsbury area. The properties are mainly 3 bedroom houses. The project tries to place people in their own locality and works with both males and females aged 18+. The project hopes to work alongside the IOM Project (Route 7) in Shrewsbury.

For colleagues who want more information on the project they can contact Vikki Stevens, BASS Senior Service Manager (Wales/West Midlands) Regional Office, Saphire House, 28 Cathedral Road, Cardiff. CF11 9LJ. Tel: 02920660175, Fax: 02920660180 or email: [vicki.stevens@homegroup.org.uk](mailto:vicki.stevens@homegroup.org.uk) or Secure email: [vicki.stevens@homegroup.org.uk.cjism.net](mailto:vicki.stevens@homegroup.org.uk.cjism.net) mobile: 07860 402 978

## **FOR DISCUSSION**

### **5a Drug Strategy 2010**

JRa presented a report 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.

JRa wanted it to be noted that any decisions taken on funding for

the delivery of the strategy need to be based on need rather than just cutting services without considering the consequences to both the client user and the service.

The recommendations contained in the report were agreed by those present.

#### **5b Crime Reduction, Community Safety and Drug & Alcohol Strategy 2011- 2014**

The Safer Stronger Communities Partnership is required, by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, to produce a three year Crime Reduction, Community Safety and Drug & Alcohol Strategy. The aim of the Strategy is to set out the key priorities for the Partnership. The Strategy is based on a Strategic Assessment, which is undertaken on an annual basis, and allows the Partnership to identify any changes in local crime types and whether they have increased or decreased. It also enables the Partnership to identify any emerging 'vulnerable' localities which require extra resources to address emerging issues around crime, community safety, ASB etc.

It was proposed that the strategy should reflect links to other strategies that help support and deliver reductions in crime and disorder. AG reported that the draft strategy had been presented to the PMCG for comments and amendments and was being presented to the Board for any further comments or amendments. Once the strategy had been amended it would be placed on the Councils website and circulated to partners.

**ALL**

Any further comments should be sent to AG by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June.

#### **5c YOS Inspection**

SH reported to the meeting the outcome of on youth offending service in Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin that was undertaken by the Criminal Justice Joint Inspection and Inspection of Youth Offending. Overall it was a good report which highlighted good working practices and that the service required 'minimum improvement' in respect of safeguarding and re-offending and moderate improvement in respect of public protection. The YOS has submitted an action plan in order to address the recommendations made in the report much of which has already been delivered.

## **5d Review of Membership and Governance of the Partnership**

A number of challenges will need to be met by the Partnership over the next two years including; the introduction of Police and Crime Commissioners; a reduction in Home Office funding; the localism and the Big Society agenda and the reduction in staff numbers across a wide range of public sector organisations.

The aim of a review is to ask members to consider what the structure of the Board should be and how it should address a number of issues:

- The Loss of Partners, LSP Overview and attendance at the SSCP Board;
- Reductions in funding and resources and ;
- Fewer targets.

The aim is to begin a process whereby partners consider what the CSP will look like in the future, how it will continue to pool resources and deliver against what could possibly be an increase in crime which is driven by the recession.

Members of the Board were asked to consider the questions set out in the report and respond to them, with any other comments and observations, by 29<sup>th</sup> July 2011. A further report will be presented to the meeting in September proposing a future structure and way forward.

**All**

## **5e Domestic Homicide Review**

In November 2010 the Government published a document entitled '*Call to End Violence against Women and Girls*'. The aim of the document is to prevent violence from happening in the first place. However, as part of the document the Government has committed to establishing statutory domestic violence homicide reviews under section 9 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act (2004). This provision came into force on 13th April 2011.

When a domestic homicide occurs, the relevant police force should inform the relevant Community Safety Partnership (CSP) in writing of the incident. Overall responsibility for establishing a review will rest with the local CSP. CSPs have been identified as having a lead role in establishing a DHR and Review Panel due to their multi-agency design.

RT said that the make up of the review panel may depend on the

nature of the case and there was a need to establish a clear set of guidelines for undertaking the review and calling a meeting. Whilst the guidelines are being developed it was agreed that any reports will be dealt with by RT or PL.

**AG**

## **FOR INFORMATION**

### **6 Emergency Planning**

JRe updated the Board on the plans for Emergency Planning. The proposal is to combine teams from a number of agencies and that this will be discussed at a meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> May to discuss how this might be done in the future, and the possibility of co-locating a team.

### **7 Performance Management and Commissioning Group**

PL reported that the PMCG was still working well despite the loss of the Councils Crime Analyst and that the Bronze level Tasking Groups were continuing to focus on key areas of work both around localities and key threats such as metal thefts and GHB in Oswestry.

### **8 Safer Stronger Communities Delivery Plan 2010-2011 End of year report**

AG reported that overall crime in Shropshire had continued to fall as part of a trend that began in 2004. A number of initiatives had been put in place to help reduce crime and disorder and to improve community safety. These included the taxi marshalling scheme, the sanctuary scheme and the L-Cap project.

A press release will be drafted based on the information contained in the report and sent to the local media to promote the work the Partnership had undertaken.

**AG**

### **9 Safer Stronger Communities Partnership funding allocation 2011-2013**

AG reported that in previous years the Safer Stronger Communities Partnership (Shropshire's Community Safety Partnership) had received an allocation of funding as part of the Area Based Grant that had been 'ring-fenced' by the Home Office to be used specifically for crime reduction, community

safety and substance misuse initiatives. This year the Home Office has 'un-ring fenced' the allocation as part of the Governments Reform Agenda. As part of the Comprehensive Spending Review the funding made available by the Home Office to the Partnership has been reduced. The funding available to the Partnership in 2011/12 is £344,889, which is a reduction of 20%, and in 2012/13 it will reduce to £174,480 which is a 60% reduction on the 2010/11 baseline. There is no capital funding in this allocation.

A report was presented to the Councils Senior Management Board asking that the funding continue to be ring fenced until the introduction of Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) from May 2012, as it is likely from 2013/14 the funding currently managed by the Partnership will transfer to the elected Police and Crime Commissioner. It is still unclear how funding will be allocated to Community Safety Partnerships, and what the funding criteria will be, after 2013.

#### **10 Any Other Business**

There was no further business so RT thanked everyone for their input and time and closed the meeting at 3.45pm.

#### **Date of Next Meeting**

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at 10.00am in the Council Chamber Shirehall**