

Test Valley Community Safety Partnership

Minutes of a meeting held on 12 October 2006 in Conference Room 5, Beech Hurst, Andover

1. Present

Janet Blann, Test Valley Community Services
Brian Cowcher, Head of Housing and Community Services, TVBC
Sarah Durrans, Testway Housing
Kate Fryatt, Hampshire County Council
Cllr Sandra Hawke, TVBC
Chief Inspector Martin Jeffery, Hampshire Constabulary
Jamie O'Reilly, Community Safety Manager, Test Valley Borough Council
Cllr Roy Perry, Hampshire County Council
Carol Rooke, Victim Support (Chairman)
Laura Taylor, Head of Environment and Health, TVBC
Mike Wickenden, Hampshire County Council
Cllr Mike Woodhall, Hampshire County Council
Marion Woods, Test Valley Partnership

2. Apologies

Anthony Fielding, Hampshire County Council, Youth Service
Christine Jackson, Hampshire PCT
Jackie Hall, Probation
Nikki Keeley, Options
John Winter, Hampshire DAAT

3. Attendance

It was disappointing that not all statutory organisations were represented. Jamie would write to all those who were not present and include dates of next year's meetings. The membership also needed to be reviewed.

**ACTION: Jamie O'Reilly to write to statutory partners
Jamie O'Reilly, Carol Rooke and Brian Cowcher to meet to agree membership**

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 10 August 2006

Tyredump – Jamie had received further information from Emergency Planning confirming relevant agencies were already involved. A meeting was to be held shortly to look at recent developments.

Transport – Jamie had spoken to Licensing Manager, Michael White who was reporting to Members about taxi arrangements in Andover. Work was proceeding through the Delivery Group.

Publicity – positive reports had appeared concerning the recent Cleansweep at Galahad Close and support for the Neighbourhood Wardens and there-focusing of the Partnership by Members at a recent Executive.

Abandoned vehicles – Steve Cantelo and Kevin Evenett were working on this as a priority through the Delivery Group. Arson hotspots had been mapped and did not show any particular pattern for southern Test Valley but showed some concentrations just south of the border in Southampton. Overall, incidences of arson have been reducing.

Business sector – Jamie had yet to make contact and invite an appropriate representative to join the Partnership.

5. Vice-chairmanship

Cllr Sandra Hawke agreed to take on the position.

6. Partnership Performance

Jamie reported that some progress had been made since July 2006. Crime levels had continued to rise and now stood at 15% above the baseline. However the rate of increase had slowed and the forecast trajectory showing a 20% increase had not materialised. Jamie would provide a brief insight not giving a more detailed explanation of the statistics.

ACTION: Jamie O'Reilly to produce a briefing note on the crime statistics

Higher levels of reporting have possibly also affected the figures. However, this does show more confidence in the system by the public who are now reporting even low value crimes. Another factor to be borne in mind is the fact that the baseline target will not change over the 3 years, but circumstances and people's behaviour will change.

Cllr Perry enquired whether figures were available at ward level. This information is being collated by the Delivery Group through the identification of hotspots. However, ward level figures will only become routinely available once the CADDIE system is launched and our Partnership analyst is in post.

Cllr Perry requested that the Board noted that whilst there is some small satisfaction that the trajectory for BCS crime appears to be beginning to level out, the Board notes the report with concern with regard to the Partnership's current position in relation to the BC targets. It was agreed that the Partnership would look forward to receiving a further favourable report from the Delivery Group. Chief Inspector Martin Jeffery reminded the Board that it was 10th August 2006 when the Board gave its approval for 'the way forward' report and that the impact of the Partnership's current work will take some time to have an effect.

ACTION: Jamie O'Reilly to bring a further Performance report from the Delivery group.

Jamie to ensure the minutes are published on the Council's website in addition to the LSP's own.

7. Delivery Group's achievements

The following developments were noted:

- Anti-social behaviour panel had been established
- Hotspot approach to tasking adopted
- Alcohol Misuse Enforcement Campaign (AMEC) had been setup. It was hoped this would have a beneficial effect in reducing common assaults. External partners were also being involved to create a more visible presence on the streets. A publicity campaign is being organised.
- MARAC (Multi-agency risk assessment conference) training has been carried out in Test valley and MARACs are to be held in Andover initially, then rolled out to other areas of the OCU.
- Thefts from vehicles – Inspector Bernadette Smith in Romsey is concentrating police efforts in Nursling and Rownhams. 'Capture' cars are to be used and will be helpful in identifying car thieves. This will be accompanied by a large-scale publicity campaign to encourage drivers to lock their cars.

Reporting of criminal damage increases may be linked to insurance claims and this is being investigated further.

The Police are meeting with the ACSOs manager to increase their involvement in Test Valley.

There has been a reduction in re-offending and this may be a beneficial effect of the YISP. It was agreed that Jamie should discuss involvement with Jean Humphrey and find out how their targets fit with those of the Partnership.

ACTION: Jamie O'Reilly to contact Jean Humphrey about targets.

8. Hotspot Tasking

The first meeting of the Joint Action Group had been held. Martin Jeffery reported on the need for a data analyst to help identify the hotspots and the issues to be addressed. Ten hotspots have been identified in Test Valley – in Andover, Romsey, North Baddesley and Nursling and Rownhams. More crimes are committed on a Tuesday and Wednesday which falls in line with established patterns. The hotspots are all urban/suburban based and do not include the villages. Priorities include Charlton Sports Centre and Knightwood Leisure Centre. More agencies will be encouraged to join the Joint Action Group (JAG).

CI Martin Jeffery confirmed that if parish councils contribute towards the cost of the PCSOs, they would receive more dedicated time. PCSOs will be deployed to the hotspots as necessary within their neighbourhood grouping. The Mobile Police Office will still be used in villages.

9. Crime and Disorder Act Review

Jamie presented a briefing paper. The relationship between strategic and operational matters remains unclear. We have already organised our arrangements to include 6 monthly assessments which means we are ahead. Community engagement and scrutiny are likely to be areas of increased priority.

10 Any other business

Cllr Perry requested an update from the DARG and DAA. Janet Blann reported on the Turnaround Project and the appointment of the Neighbourhood Activity Co-ordinator. There is an networking lunch on the 19th October at The Entertainer. Brian Cowcher reported on the recent in principle decision by the Executive to agree to lease the empty shop at Atholl Court for the project.

CI Martin Jeffery reported that further local advertising for the PCSOs would be carried out. The recruitment and training programme was about 5 weeks behind schedule.

Jamie O'Reilly advised that progress with funding and expenditure would be considered at the next meeting.

ACTION: Jamie O'Reilly to bring the matters of the DARG/DAAT and Partnership funding forward to the next meeting.

11 Date of next meeting

Meetings would be scheduled for the year in line with the LSP schedule. The following dates are proposed as they appear to align as closely as possible with the LSP dates.

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| Thursday 25 th January 2007 2pm |
| Thursday 26 th April 2007 2pm |
| Thursday 19 th July 2007 2pm |
| Thursday 11 th October 2007 2pm |
| Thursday 24 th January 2008 2pm |