

TEST VALLEY COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

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Title of paper : Test Valley Community Safety Partnership Structure and GOSE correspondence		
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Present at meeting: Yes		
Leading partner/s: All		
Summary of content and issues raised: The report sets out diagrammatically the structure of TVCSP for approval and attaches recent correspondence with the Government Office of the South East regarding Partnership performance and delivery.		
Recommendations:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) That the Board approve the structure and functions as set out. ii) That the Board acknowledge the correspondence between TVCSP and GOSE in relation to Partnership performance. 		
Financial and HR Implications .		
Promotion of Equality & Diversity		
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REPORT OF COMMUNITY SAFETY MANAGER

STRUCTURE OF TVCSP

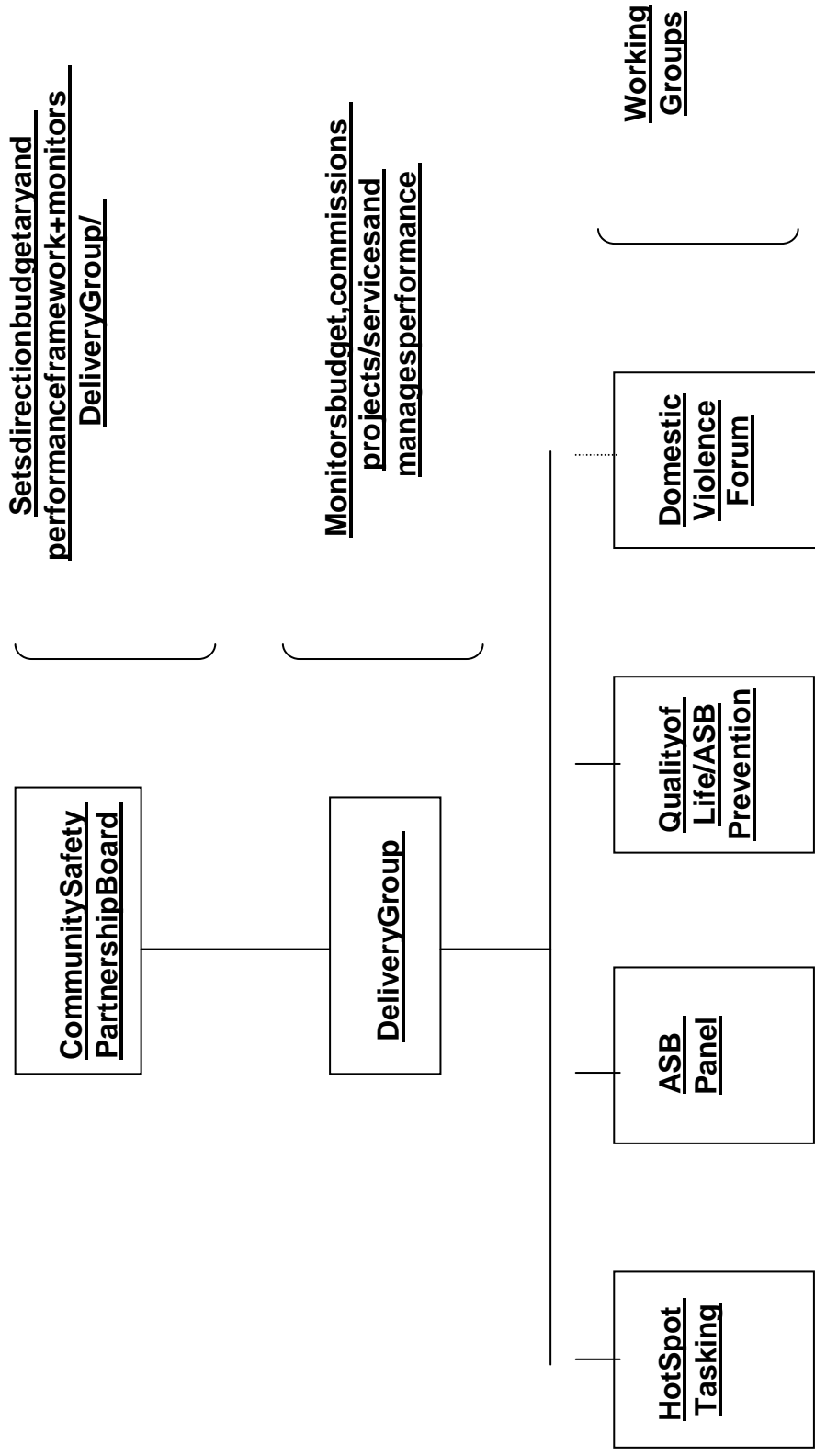
1 Diagram shown at Appendix 1.

2 CORRESPONDENCE

On 5th December the Test Valley Community Safety Manager received an email request for information from the Government Office of the South East for information to assist with a presentation to the Head of Service for Drugs and Crime as TVCSP had been flagged up by their performance alerts system.

The correspondence is attached at Appendix 2. In summary, GOSE responded by lending their unqualified support for the approach taken hereby the Partnership in August 2006, to improve performance.

Test Valley Community Safety Partnership Structure



Appendix2

EmailfromTroyHobbstoJamieO'Reillyon5thDecember2006

Hello Jamie- Test Valley has hit GOSE's radar for its current BCS performance, and I am required to present to Dick Oldfield on Monday 11th December, some intelligence behind this rise.

I attach for your convenience the latest analysis from my colleagues in RDS.

It will be most helpful if you can offer a couple of sentences on each of the crime types, some overview of any strategic/operational delivery issues that may be impacting and any anecdotal information that will help. Importantly, I will be asked what the Partnership is doing to address these identified risks, and where GOSE can add value (sorry, no cash).

Please let me know that you are able to provide this within the deadline.

Troy Hobbs
Government Office for the South East

Initial Email Reply from Jamie O'Reilly to Troy Hobbs - GOSE on 8th December

Troy

Please find attached response letter as requested. I've also attached the report which I did to our partnership which sets out the principles upon which it now operates. Happy to discuss further as necessary.

Jamie

Dear Troy

TEST VALLEY PERFORMANCE REVIEW

I write with reference to the above and in particular your request for:

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Owing to time constraints I have secured the endorsement of the Partnership Chair Carol Rooke in terms of the general thrust of the response, rather than the details. The information I am providing here will firstly address the analysis, then the strategic response of the Test Valley Community Safety Partnership. It will then provide, as requested a few lines regarding each crime type and finally will offer a suggestion as to how GOSE might add value.

Analysis

The Test Valley Community Safety Partnership is fully aware of the performance issues outlined in your email, following a performance report brought to the Partnership on 6th July 2006 and subsequent performance reports which are provided to every CSP meeting. I should point out though that the performance issue is not restricted only to the quarter which you identify, but is in fact the continuation of a trend which began to develop back in July 2005.

Strategy

The Partnership's response to the situation has been a radical one. Root and branch changes were initially proposed in July and ultimately fully endorsed by the Partnership Board in August 2006. At a strategic level these changes involved developing a new set of priorities to ensure all resources were being focussed on the top three priorities which emerge from a analysis of the BCS, namely criminal damage and related anti-social behaviour, the closely connected measures of assaults and woundings and finally the theft from vehicles. Activities which tackle these issues and the factors which drive these have been prioritised for attention and resources. These priorities and activities have been determined through the development of a Floor Target Action Plan (copy attached). The Board have developed a Commissioning based system for allocating its resources to these priorities, through a monthly Delivery Group which also performance manages the delivery of the Floor Target Action Plan. The priorities, developments and projects of the

Partnership are captured in a Floor Target Action Plan (copy attached). The FTAP is monitored and reported at the TVCSP Board.

Whilst this deals with medium term planning, the assessment and tasking of partnership resources in relation to emerging hot-spots and trends is delivered by a newly developed 'Hot-spot tasking' group which also meet on a monthly basis.

Operational Activities

Dwelling Burglary – The Police have explained to us that we were within target until a particular individual was released on licence from prison. In a very short space of time he committed over 60 crimes on the Hampshire / Wiltshire border - most of the Hants ones in Romsey. He has since been detained and dealt with, but realistically the damage has been done in respect of the target and it is unlikely we will be able to get back on track.

Vehicle Crime – The Police have advised that again following a prison release there was a mini-crime wave in Andover by a particular individual and his followers. He has now been detained as have they and a series of detections have been recorded. The Partnership are putting resources into the Capture Car Initiative which has now begun in Test Valley. A recent spate of incidents in the South of the Borough appear to be linked with a single prolific individual who is currently being sought by the Police.

Robbery – These continue to be very low numbers and Police advise that there is some evidence to suggest that reports are being generated for lost mobile phones as the insurance companies will only replace with a crime report – false reporting. Police are actively challenging those who make reports with some becoming no crime incidents, but we still have our doubts about some of the others.

Bicycle Theft - this is within target, although has been increasing of late. The vast majority of these have been unsecured cycles left in garages again in the South of the Borough and we believe that the same persons responsible for the vehicle crime are involved in the cycle thefts.

Theft From Person – The Police advise that most of these relate to handbag 'dippings' in the Town Centres, particularly in Andover. They suggest that this is something which has affected the whole South coast, and that they have carried out high-visibility as well as covert patrols and there has been some success. Test Valley Borough Council have recently recruited a Business Crime Co-ordinator who is charged with, amongst other things, helping to reduce this sort of crime in places like the shopping mall in Andover.

Wounding and Common Assault – Whilst 'woundings' are slightly better this year than last, they are still not on course for meeting the March 2008 target if current trends continue. Assault on the other hand appear to be much higher now than for the same period last year – but still not on course for being far off

from the March 2008 target. Taking the two together as a top priority and strongly linked to the problems of in Andover and the issue of domestic violence boroughwide tackled through a high profile AMEC project which has been launched recently and comprises both enforcement, high visibility joint patroling and a social marketing campaign. There is a risk that the higher level of patrols may result in a higher number of low level assaults being reported.

The Partnership sees the night time economy as a priority. These are being enlaunched recently at rolling and a social of patrols may result

For domestic violence we have implemented the MARACS system and have a Independent Domestic Violence Advocate/Adviser working for the northern part of the Borough. This is proving to be invaluable and we plan to expand the service. Winchester have agreed to take referrals onto their Perpetrators Program of this year only. We shall be seeking to develop access for our referral to neighbouring authorities programs and/or developing these for the next financial year.

Criminal Damage - Across the Borough this has risen, for a whole variety of reasons. The hotspots are well known and partnership activity has started to slow the trend. A particular problem location is North Baddesley where there is a significant multi-agency initiative in place to improve the environment and provide diversion for the offenders to attempt a long-term resolution. Interventions have included joint patrols, development of the wardens service and patrol plans based upon hot-spots. There is also joint hot-spot tasking, multi agency environmental auditing, CREW exercises in hot-spots and inclusion of a campaign focussed on vehicle related criminal damage which accounts for 40% of our problem. In addition we have developed an increasingly effective anti social behaviour panel which focuses partners attention and action in respect of those individuals who are having the biggest impact on the community.

Barriers and Added Value

The biggest barriers to delivery on our top priorities here in the Borough are due to the lack of strategic co-ordination and development of interventions at a County and sub-county level. This Borough is too small to develop sustainable effective interventions which would make the biggest impact on our priorities. Such interventions sought to be based on national models of best practise and perhaps should include:

A version of the Dundee Families Project, providing family based interventions for priority families with multiple problems.

A mediation service for tackling ASB and neighbour disputes at an early stage (Southwark model).

A domestic violence structured perpetrators program to change the behaviour of high risk offenders.

A women's support service provided by an IDVA.

Structured programs for children (particularly young men) who are particularly at risk of becoming future perpetrators. (eg Trip project – Nottingham or family intervention-Portsmouth)

Brief interventions (alcohol treatment) for hazardous drinkers (not necessarily alcoholics) for high priority individuals (e.g. PPO's, MARRACS based or ASB panel identified cases)

Virtually all of these models are proven, effective interventions that go to the heart of four priorities here in the Borough and their delivery would represent a massive change and impact. In addition they are almost all deliverable by the voluntary and/or community sector which enables them to be more sustainable. However, they cannot be delivered easily without the current CDRP resources being made available by Borough's, more shared prioritisation, strategic planning of services and commissioning across borough's, services being planned strategically at a County and then perhaps sub-county level and some central capacity and skill base for delivering the processes that are required.

GOSE are in a position of influence to try to ensure a bigger strategic impact at a County level in as short a time frame as possible. I would exhort GOSE to at least write to all CDRP Chairs to encourage a more strategic approach as outlined above. I would also ask that GOSE try to ensure that the changes that are required are achieved through the application of an effective change management approach.

I hope you find this information to be of assistance.

Yours Sincerely

Jamie O'Reilly
Community Safety Manager Test Valley Borough Council and Test Valley
Community Safety Partnership

Cc Carol Rooke, Chair Test Valley Community Safety Partnership

EmailReplyfromTroyHobbes–GOSEfollowinghispresentation

Jamie-aswediscussedaftermyperformancereviewmeeting,thankyoufor sending such a comprehensive analysis of Test Valley's PSA1 delivery. I said that I'd aim to respond to you today but, given the level of detail and interesting issues you raise, I will endeavour to provide a full response within the week.

In brief, I am very reassured that Test Valley CDRP's strategic approach is fully in line with GOSE's expectations of identifying and commissioning work against the highest priority issues. I fully agree with you that the lack of cross-subcounty strategic coordination is hampering effective intervention and sustainability and GOSE will indeed raise this and other related issues at all available fora, including at LAAB board level.

Thanks again Jamie - I'll be in touch later this week...

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