

Minutes

Safe and Strong Communities Board

30th July 2009

Muslim Centre, Neville Street, Chadderton.

9.00am - 12.00pm

MEETING 15

Present:	Caroline Ball (Co Chair)	Greater Manchester Police
	Sarah Jones	Greater Manchester Police
	Wendy Chadwick	Probation Service
	Cath Cook	VCFP
	Rod Blyth	Elected Member
	Jonathon Yates	VCFP
	Bill Edwards	Environment Forum
	Kevin Talbot	GMF & RS
	Veronica Jackson	Oldham Council
	Colin Cooper	Oldham Council
	Tim Mitchell	Positive Steps Oldham
	Alison Vaughan	Oldham Council
	Janet Sewart	DAAT
	Harriet Wilkins	Oldham Partnership
	Pam Flynn	GONW
	John Lake	GMFRS
	Bruce Penhale	Oldham Council
	Julie Luckman	GMP
	Imogen Fuller	Oldham Council
	Keith Pendlebury	Oldham Council
Apologies:	Carolyn Wilkins (Co-Chair)	Oldham Council
	Jennet Peters	GONW
	Carol Hopkins	Oldham Chamber
	Mark Reynolds	Oldham Council
	Chris Sykes	GMP
	Kevin Shaw	Cultural Partnership
	Ian Hughes	Oldham Council
	John Taylor	GMP
	John Hurst	Oldham Council
	Dave Catherall	Oldham Council
	John Rooney	Oldham Council
	Stuart Goodwin	GMP
	Debra Malone	PCT
	Gordon Roscoe	NDC

AGENDA

1 **Minutes and Matters Arising:**

2 **Actions from previous meetings:**

ACTION 108/12/08:

PPO Accommodation Issues: Hugh Broadbent & Paul Cavanagh to meet to discuss funding around the accommodation issues – PPO Action Plan is currently being developed, included within this is accommodation which is one of the themes, it is important that this is progressed further – Wendy Chadwick to progress this action. **Ongoing.**

ACTION 122/14/09:

SSC Block Strategy Press Release, Communications Strategy: Carolyn Wilkins to arrange a press release, Communications Strategy to be circulated, to include key stakeholders. **Ongoing.**

ACTION 123/14/09:

Alcohol Co-ordinator post/Alcohol misusing offenders accessing treatment: Dave Catherall to establish a Group with representation from each Board to discuss these issues. **Agenda Item.**

3 **SSC Strategic Assessment:**

The Strategic Assessment was signed off by the Group after the following comments were made:

- An Opportunities Strategy will be written and circulated to the Group in draft form for comment.
- A Delivery Plan will then follow, which the Board will take responsibility for.

Caroline Ball re-affirmed the Priority Leads role and the need to strengthen governance to achieve our priorities

Bill Edwards asked if the Strategic Assessment will be available on line

ACTION 127/15/09:

Accessing Strategic Assessment on Partnership Website: Julie Luckman to action this request.

4 **SSC Block Priorities and Performance Update:**

A **Priority 1 Report – Reduce Crime and Support Victims:**

- Independent Domestic Abuse Advisors are now in post.
- The Violent Crime Co-Ordinator is making a significant impact in the Town Centre, 22 Licenses have been reviewed in Town Centre Pubs and Clubs.
- Marketing - Currently working with Oldham College to promote Oldham.
- Significant work is going on to reduce burglary

B **Priority 2 Report – Reduce the Impact of Drugs and Alcohol:**

- It has been a difficult 3 years in terms of funding.
- Overall, performance has shown some good results.
- N.I 38 is doing very well but there are concerns around performance regarding DIP and engagement in treatment.
- Jonathan Yates highlighted the need for VCF involvement, particularly their contribution to engagement
- Need to link to offender management agenda. Janet Sewart to discuss with Harriet Wilkins and Wendy Chadwick
- There are imminent problems around alcohol treatment, there is not enough in the Needs Assessment regarding alcohol.
- Currently looking at JSNA which is being refreshed.
- A Delivery Plan is currently being developed.
- There is currently nothing in place in Oldham for the treatment of alcohol.
- There is a Stakeholders Day being held on the 16th September to look at what our Partners can do in terms of delivery.

C **Priority 3 Report – Prevent Young People becoming Offenders:**

Tim Mitchell reported on the National Indicator set to prevent young people becoming offenders and made the following comments:

- All N.I's can be reported on quarterly apart from N.I 19
- There is to be a review of the Indicator set.
- Alison Vaughan will highlight concerns regarding why we are just looking at ethnic compositions rather than broader issues during this process
- In addition to this, we need an analysis of gaps to determine what we are missing

D Priority 4 Report – Improve the Quality of Life:

John Lake reported on fire data in the absence of John Taylor who is currently on leave. There is a need to link to Safer Tasking activity around commercial properties to help reduce the number of incidences of arson

E Priority 5 Report – Offender Management:

Wendy Chadwick provided an update on the current state of projects within the Offender Management Strategy Group.

F Priority 6 – Building Cohesive Communities and Neighbourhoods:

Bruce Penhale gave a brief update on the current status of work to build strong communities, and advised on performance against targets within the LAA. Development of a transition plan is key - need to strengthen and confirm the role, remit and membership of the Strong Communities Strategy Group and include a critical friend in the process, possibly Pat Johnson, Audit Commission as it will be a focus of the CAA.

Need to ensure we link into the Community Strategy and promote perceptions agenda, based on information and intelligence we have to do this, and identify any gaps

G Priority 7 Report – Improve the Cultural Offer and Engage in the Arts:

Ian Hughes is currently on annual leave and wasn't present at the meeting. Alison Vaughan provided an update in Ian Hughes' absence.

Highlighted that Arts Council funding can not be drawn down due to Festival Partnership business case not yet being approved – on the agenda

H Priority 8 Report – Cleaner and Greener Neighbourhoods:

Carol Brown Submitted an update to the Board in her absence

I **Priority 9 Report – Housing Strategy:**

John Rooney submitted an update to the Board in his absence.

Probation Service to talk to homeless officers to ensure linkages are in place.

ACTION 128/15/09:

All Priority Theme Leads – to ensure, if unable to attend the Board meeting they send a representative to report on their behalf.

5. **SSC Board Spending Plan:**

Circulated to the Board for information only.

6, **Business Cases:**

Safe Tasking – Addendum to original approved Business Case (now includes £106K Capital from Home Office – **Approved**)

ACCE Project – Approved until new commission in place. Underspend or additional funding requirements to be considered depending on timescales of new commission

ACCE Service - £100,000 – Approved In principle subject to funding from HWB and DIP. Partnership Support Team to support this process and to collapse grants into one commission.

Operation 100 and Target Hardening - Approved

Business Cases Contd:

Festival Partnership – Ensure Arts Council funding secured. Independent evaluation to be undertaken linked to a wider review being undertaken of all festivals in the Autumn. **Approved**

Good Relations Oldham Festival Oldham. Independent evaluation to be undertaken. **Approved.**

Inter Faith Development. Independent evaluation to be undertaken. Wider piece of work to be undertaken regarding what needs to be commissioned around achieving outcomes related to community engagement and interaction. To involve Collette Kelly, Bruce Penhale, Chris Sykes, Carl Bell, Jonathan Yates and Oldham Partnership Support Team. **Approved.**

PVE Engaging Communities. Match funding for bid supporting delivery of PVE action plan. Agreed subject to bid for DCLG Challenge & Innovation Funding being successful. If not, revised proposals to be agreed through group of Caroline Ball, Carolyn Wilkins and Cllr Rod Blyth. **Approved.**

Alcohol Coordinator post – Agreed until end of March 2011, approved subject to changes in finance to March 2011. Caroline Ball to sign off finances. **Approved.**

Oldham Third Sector Infrastructure Support – Approved.

Voluntary Community and Faith Partnership and Compact – Independent evaluation to be undertaken. **Approved**

Oldham Volunteering Agency – Agreed in principle, but wider LSP to be involved to ensure a Partnership approach addressing all aspects of volunteering. Sub group of Caroline Ball, Carolyn Wilkins and Cllr Rod Blyth to have delegated powers to approve revised proposals. **Approved.**

Muslim Communities – to be linked into wider community development activity. **Approved.**

7. **Any other business:**

Barnardo's Recovery Report and Interim Management Arrangements:

Caroline Ball asked the Board to agree the paper circulated prior to the meeting and said Barnardo's would report on a weekly basis to Dave Catherall and Dennis Durnian, an update to the Board would also be required at the November meeting. **Agreed.**

8. **Date and time of next meeting**

4th November 2009, 9.00am until 12.00pm, Lees Suite, Civic Centre.