

## ATTACHMENT 1

**SAFE AND STRONG COMMUNITIES BOARD**  
**Crompton Suite, Civic Centre**  
**1.00pm Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2008**  
**MEETING 12/08**

### **1. Welcome and Introductions:**

Caroline Ball opened the meeting and introductions were made.

### **2. Present:**

Caroline Ball (Chair)	Greater Manchester Police
Stuart Goodwin	Greater Manchester Police
Carol Hopkins	Greater Manchester Chamber
John Rice	Oldham Council
Paula Boshell	VCFP
Bill Edwards	OP Steering
Colin Cooper	Community Safety Unit
Gary Wheelhouse	Greater Manchester Police
Lindsey Wheelhouse	Domestic Abuse Co-Coordinator
Hugh Broadbent	Oldham Council
Jennet Peters	GONW
Pat Edwards	Home Office
Gordon Roscoe	HFM NDC
Steve Shaw	Greater Manchester Fire Service
David McGealy	VCFP
Jill Beaumont	CYPF
Tim Mitchell	Positive Steps Oldham
Bruce Penhale	Oldham Council
Paul Cavanagh	Probation Service

### **Apologies:**

Janet Donaldson	Oldham Council
Martin O'Connell	Community Safety Unit
Mark Odell	Oldham Council
John Hurst	Oldham Council
Charlie Parker	Oldham Council

### **3. Minutes of the last meeting:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> September were agreed as a true and accurate record.

### **4. Actions arising from previous meeting:**

#### **Action 102/11/08:**

The Board agreed to underwrite a funding allocation of £ 30,000 for the Alcohol Commission, John Rice to request that the funding be shared across all Blocks. **Complete.**

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### **Action 103/11/08:**

John Rice to circulate the Alcohol Commission document to the group.  
**Complete.**

### **Action 104/11/08:**

The Challenge & Support Team to be an Agenda Item for the next Board meeting. **Complete.**

### **Action 105/11/08:**

Fire Data to be supplied on a monthly basis. **Complete.**

## **5. SSCMG Minutes (Information Only)**

**Minutes 18<sup>th</sup> September 2008** – for information only

**Minutes 16<sup>th</sup> October 2008** – for information only

## **6. SSC Board Terms of Reference:**

John Rice suggested to the group that the Branch Prosecutor for the CPS, the District Manager for the National Offender Management Service and the Manager of DAAT be added.

The Group agreed the Terms of Reference.

## **7. SSC Block Strategy 2008 / 2011:**

John Rice reported there was a requirement for the CDRP Reform to produce a Strategic Plan that's available to the public. The document is designed to be a very pictorial and accessible document, based around the priorities of the Board.

John asked for comments on the format & content of the document, any comments on the priorities that are proposed in the document and an agreement to allocate £7000, to fund the production of 1000 copies and a launch event.

Jennet Peters – Suggested that there should be a slightly stronger mention of alcohol and a specific mention of Domestic Abuse.

Jill Beaumont – Suggested that it should be mentioned on the front of the document that it is a 3 year plan.

### **ACTION 106/12/08:**

**Colin Cooper to ensure that the document is designed and circulated to the Board for comments by mid December.**

## **8. SSC Block Delivery Plan 2008 / 2009:**

The plan detailed the proposed activity of the Block under the 3 Themes of Safe, Strong and Clean & Green and the 8 Priorities of:

1. Reduce Crime
2. Reduce the impact of Drugs & Alcohol
3. Prevent Young People becoming offenders

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4. Improve the quality of life
5. Manage our offenders
6. Promote Cohesion
7. Improve Culture
8. Cleaner & Greener

Following a short discussion the Delivery Plan was agreed.

### **9. SSC Block Themes & Performance Updates:**

#### **Safe Theme: Lead - Stuart Goodwin**

##### **Targets & Performance – Colin Cooper**

The Performance to the end of Quarter 2 showed:

NI15 (Serious Violent Crime) – Off Target

NI16 (Serious Acquisitive Crime) – On Target: Domestic Burglary

Robbery of Business Property

Off Target: Robbery of Personal Property

All Vehicle Crime Targets

#### **Priority 1 Report – Reduce Crime: Stuart Goodwin**

Burglary:

- Projecting 40 over target for the year
- Looking at offender targeting disruption with high visibility patrolling
- Targeting night time burglaries in a cross border operation with Rochdale
- Continuing with Burglary Operations such as Operation Sparrow.

Robbery:

- Quarter 1 & 2 were good, Quarter 3 shows a gradual but significant increase in robberies around Westwood, Coppice & Werneth.
- Town Centre activities planned for the run up to Christmas including active interventions with potential vulnerable victims.
- Commercial robbery in run up to Christmas is always a problem so will be visiting potential vulnerable premises with Trading Standards.

Vehicle Crime:

- Biggest increase, 10% on year
- Vehicle Crime Profile has identified the big issues, one being the theft of number plates.

Violent Crime:

- Serious element that we are trying to prioritise.
- Small numbers but percentage wise there are significant increases.
- Targeting night time economy, looking at trading hours and speaking with licensees.

#### **Priority 2 Report – Drugs & Alcohol: Paul Davies**

- The new Drugs & Alcohol Action Team Coordinator will be in place in January 2009.

#### **Priority 3 Report – Young People: Tim Mitchell**

- YOS were inspected in July, overall the inspection is dominated by “adequate” but there are some “good”; The Prevention Strategy, Victims & Restorative Justice and Management & Leadership. The inspection is based on documentation that could go back 2 years.

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- Oldham has been awarded £700k for 2009-2011 to implement a series of recommendations included in the DSCF youth Crime Action Plan. Guidance is specific and there is an expectation that between £200k & £250k will be allocated to a Youth Crime Family Intervention Programme.

### **Priority 4 Report – Quality of Life: Tim Mitchell**

- Challenge & Support team are now in place using a number of funding streams.
- Made up of 3 groups: ASB Officers, Police and Support Workers. They are continuing Operation Owl activity and working alongside the existing ASB & ABC Order systems to provide the support element for the people subject to those orders.
- 6 National Indicators:- Off Target: NI43, NI45  
On Target: NI46, NI111  
New Measures: NI19, NI44

### **Priority 5 Report – Management of Offenders: Paul Cavanagh**

Paul Cavanagh gave a brief update on the PPO Action Plan. He reported that in early October there was a 2 day PPO Walkthrough in which they came out of very well.

Jennet Peters reported that GONW were very impressed with the PPO team and saw really innovative practice. She highlighted a few findings to the group and reported on the strategic & operational recommendations.

### **ACTION 107/12/08:**

**Paul Cavanagh to circulate the PPO Action Plan when available to all members of the Board.**

Hugh Broadbent raised an issue about accommodation problems for the group in-between those helped by Adult & Community Service and those helped through Supporting People. John Rice reported that this had already been identified as a gap and there is £100k in the budget to deal with these sorts of issues.

### **ACTION 108/12/08:**

**Hugh Broadbent & Paul Cavanagh to meet to discuss funding around the accommodation issue.**

### **Strong Update: Lead – Bruce Penhale**

#### **Priority 6 Report – Cohesion: Bruce Penhale**

Bruce reported that the tension level is slightly up at present. A lot of work has been done in the last few months on the community tension assessments system and we are getting a lot more forward looking. Currently looking at 3 measures: Evidenced problems, Experienced problems & Potential problems. The Strong Agenda is much more about long term change; there are 7 themes that will help move things forward:

- Mainstreaming the Strong Communities work
- Third sector infrastructure
- Community Development & Community Engagement
- Neighbourhood Working
- Support for Vulnerable Individuals

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- Use of culture as a vehicle for engaging people
- Managing the risks

Paula Boshell highlighted issues around VCFP members not being involved and thinks this needs to be addressed as the outcomes could be very detrimental to the sector. Bruce offered to attend the next VCFP meeting to discuss these issues.

### **ACTION 109/12/08:**

**Bruce Penhale to present a quarterly update at the SSCB meeting in January.**

### **Priority 7 Report – Culture: Colin Cooper**

Re: Stretched target for number of adults 18+ and adults from BME groups. Colin reported that the information we have at the moment is anecdotal and is not strong enough to be audited. There is some work being done in the interim to pull some of that information together by sending out questionnaires to a number of organisations hence putting some money towards to cultural target.

### **Clean & Green: Lead – John Rice**

#### **Priority 8 Report – Cleaner & Greener: John Rice**

- Recycling Target is 30%, latest projection is 26%. Things are going extremely well.
- Street & Environmental Cleanliness – no data.
- The Clean & Green Group has now defined their own Terms of Reference and a draft version were sent to John Rice last week. These will now be taken to the December Management Group Meeting for them to agree.
- John reported that the two functions; Waste and Clean & Green within the Council have been merged together and Carol Brown will be leading on this.

### **10. Finance Update:**

Colin Cooper gave an overview of the finance, referring to the SSC Board Spending Plan 08/09. The spending plan detailed to the commissioned projects against the 8 Priorities of the Block (as detailed earlier). Currently an underspend exists and allocations have been made against the following priorities:

- Priority 1 – Reduce Crime: Unallocated funds £ 185,137.00 – There are a number of business cases to consider to take money from this.
- Having problems taking some of the projects forward due to recruitment issues; Safe & Strong Support Unit, Step by Step Domestic Abuse Partnership Unit and Challenge & Support. Hopefully by end of quarter 3 we will have an update in relation to the projected underspend and at the next meeting we can look at reallocating the monies.
- Priority 6 – Promote Cohesion: £ 20,000.00 unallocated funding from the Area Based Grants.

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- Priority 7 – Improve Culture: £ 50,000.00 put aside to assist this priority. Part of this money could go towards some resource between now and March to assist in pulling information together.
- Priority 8 – Cleaner & Greener: £ 100,000.00 to assist with Clean & Green issues including Neighbourhood Management.

### **11. Business Cases:**

**Partnership Covert CCTV Vehicle - Approved**

**Public Protection Project Manager PPIU – Approved**

**Services for Children affected by Domestic Abuse – Approved**

**Operation Medway - Approved**

### **12. Priority Programme Fund:**

A discussion took place around the funding.

Paula Boshell reported that there are a lot of staffing issues within the sector and raised her concerns about communication problems. Bruce Penhale took on board her comments and agreed to take the issues further outside the meeting.

### **13. Future SSC Board Meetings:**

- 29<sup>th</sup> January 2009, Lees Suite, 9.00am until 12.00pm
- 29<sup>th</sup> April 2009, Lees Suite, 9.00am until 12.00pm
- 30<sup>th</sup> July 2009, Lees Suite, 9.00am until 12.00pm
- 28<sup>th</sup> October 2009, Lees Suite, 9.00am until 12.00pm

### **14. Any other urgent business:**

- Caroline Ball – JC Decaux who do the bus shelters told GMP last week that they have 1200 crimes to report, so if the crime figures suddenly change that could be why.
- Bruce Penhale – Re: Neighbourhood Crime & Justice Coordinator  
Louise Casey recently published a report on behalf of the Home Office on Engaging Communities in Fighting Crime. Oldham has been selected as a pilot area to establish a post for a limited time. The post will be a strategic post at a very senior level to co-ordinate the local delivery of the Casey report recommendations for the Oldham Safe & Strong Communities Board.

### **15. Date and time of next meeting:**

29<sup>th</sup> January 2009 at 9.00am until 12.00pm in the Lees Suite, Civic Centre.