

Minutes

Safe and Strong Communities Board

4th November 2009

Lees Suite, Civic Centre

9.00am - 12.00pm

MEETING 16

Present:	Carolyn Wilkins (Co Chair)	Oldham Council
	Chris Sykes	Community Safety Services
	Alison Vaughan	Oldham Partnership
	Bill Edwards	Environment Forum
	Janet Sewart	DAAT
	Gary Wheelhouse	Greater Manchester Police
	Teresa Broadbent	Oldham Council
	John Rooney	Oldham Council
	Paul Argyle	Greater Manchester Fire Service
	Keith Pendlebury	Elected Member
	Howard Sutcliffe	YCFP
	Paul Cavanagh	Probation Service
	Ian Hughes	Oldham Council
	Tim Mitchell	Positive Steps Oldham
	Liz Windsor-Welsh	Voluntary Action Oldham
	Carl Bell	Oldham Council
	Stuart Goodwin	Greater Manchester Police
	Carol Brown	Oldham Council
	Jean Jones	Elected Member
	Bruce Penhale	Oldham Council
Apologies:	Caroline Ball (Co Chair)	Greater Manchester Police
	Dave Catherall	Oldham Council
	Ian Hughes	Oldham Council
	Kevin Shaw	Oldham Coliseum
	Mark Alcock	Elected Member
	John Taylor	Greater Manchester Police
	Harriet Wilkins	Local Criminal Justice Project
	Zaiem Khan	Oldham Council

AGENDA

- 1 **Minutes and Matters Arising:**
N/A

2 **Actions from previous meetings:**

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.

Update: Part of an ongoing project that is looking at the Partnership as a whole. Chris Sykes to update on progress at a future meeting. **Ongoing.**

ACTION 127/15/09:

Accessing Strategic Assessment on Partnership Website: Chris Sykes to action this request. **Ongoing.**

3 **Feasibility Study – CCTV Cameras/Oxford Street Freehold/Werneth:**

Chris Sykes requested the Board formally agree sign off to the CCTV scheme in Oxford Street as there was a strong evidence base for the scheme to be implemented in this area. A six monthly review to be brought to the Board.

Agreed.

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

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

- Significant reductions shown across the Borough
- Significant reductions on Yorkshire Street due to ongoing work with Trading Standards.
- Improved partnership working has had a significant effect on the reductions.
- Passport to Summer is a contributory element.
- Repeat victims have fast access to crime reduction measures.
- Monies available through Area Based Grants and Safe Tasking, is also a factor.

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

- There are some challenges around performance.
- Services in Oldham are good, unfortunately Oldham doesn't get the credit it deserves due to recording issues.
- There are still a lot of concerns around alcohol.

Key priorities:

- Strengthen strategic links
- Audit of all commissioned services
- Need to look at how other Agencies can support substance misusers
- Develop a protocol re parents of substance misusers
- Shared care delivery is a priority
- Map out existing treatment provision
- Alcohol Strategy is being developed as a priority
- Communications Strategy is being developed.

Chaucer Street, which houses the ODIP will be closing, currently funded by the DIP main grant.

Alcohol update:

Janet asked the Board to agree the use of the existing provider (ADS) to commence delivery on the Alcohol Programme.

Agreed.

C Priority 3 Report – Prevent Young People becoming Offenders:

- Out of 21 inspections for Risk of Harm, Oldham was placed 8th (and above the average score)
- For Safeguarding 8th (and above the average score)
- 12th for Likelihood of Re-offending
- Improvement plan has now been produced and signed off by the lead inspector, this will now be monitored by the Youth Justice Board

Commissioned Activity:

- Three existing projects based in Alexandra Ward: (Holts Estate with outreach in Glodwick); Fittonhill and Greenacres.
- Hollinwood /Limeside project commenced on 1st October

Challenge and Support Team (CAST)

- Now relocated from Chadderton Town Hall to Positive Steps

Chris Sykes asked that his appreciation and thanks be placed on record to Tim Mitchell and Adrian Ball for their support in relocating the CAST Team.

D Priority 4 Report – Improve the Quality of Life:

- Home Fire Risk Assessments (HFRA) 2,850 have been completed to date.

CAST:

- Hollins Rd/Failsworth has seen a reduction in ASB of 30%
- Work in the Medlock Vale area also produced positive results working with YIP
- CAST are also involved in after school patrols and have taken a lead in several Staysafe initiatives.

E Priority 5 Report – Offender Management:

NI 18 – Adult reoffending rates for those under NOMS supervision

The annual target has been set at 10% by the Strategic Group. The latest available data up to March 2009 indicates a 9.21% offending rate within Oldham, which is 7.51% less than the predicted rate.

NI 143 – Offenders under NOMS supervision living in settled/suitable accommodation at the end of licence or order. Achieved 84.7% from April to Sept 2009 (target 75%)

Progress Update:

The main activity and energy of the group over the past six months has been the investment of considerable time and skills in initiating work for implementation of the Integrated Offender Management project.

F Priority 6 – Building Cohesive Communities and Neighbourhoods:

Progress Update:

There have been a number of challenges to good race and community relations during Quarter 2. Considerable work done by a range of partners was involved in managing the associated risks to community cohesion. There was a prior concern about the potential for tensions during the summer months and into Ramadan. However this passed off peacefully, and the Passport to Summer programme contributed to this.

- Performance Indicators are based on the Place Survey which is conducted annually.
- Summer Festivals funded by the Partnership were well attended.
- First meeting of the Strong Communities Strategy Group (SCSG) took place on 14th October.

A brief overview for all commissioned activity for the period July – September and a breakdown of ABG Grant expenditure to date was circulated in the main report prior to the meeting.

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

The Cultural Partnership has been re-established with 9 key priorities (see report circulated prior to the meeting)

Work in Progress:

- **Festivals Task Group** – has been established to assess current provision and create a strategy for future activity
- **Passport to Summer** – this years summer programme of activities for young people was a remarkable success, and it is now intended to extend the scope of this initiative in order to monitor, evaluate and publicise the Borough's sport and cultural offer

- **Arts engagement Officer** – Miriam Biran has now been in post since August.
- **New Coliseum Theatre** – A task group involving officers of the Council and the Coliseum has been established to plan for the replacement of the theatre building.

H **Priority 8 Report – Cleaner and Greener Neighbourhoods:**

Update:

Street Champions – agreed to examine the role of Litter Watchers, Home Watch representatives and other community partner based groups to form a new role of Street Champion.

Biomass – It was agreed that a Business Case would be developed to support the provision of a manned site to store and deliver wood cuttings to supply fuel for biomass boilers locally.

Commissioned Activity:

The ENCAMS report is now complete. This has now provided a methodology for further routes to be inspected and 7 routes have now been given funding for improvements through Council's Priority Investment Fund and Capital Programme.

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

Commissioned Activity:

A meeting of the Oldham Strategic Housing Board was held on 22 October 2009. The main areas to be discussed at the meeting were

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- Greater Manchester Housing Strategy
- Housing led regeneration
- Responding to the Rugg Review (The Private Rented Sector)
- The Oldham Bond Scheme and the future of ABG

Performance update:

- **NI155** – Gross affordable homes provided 09/10 revised target 112 - 78 completions during first two quarters.
- **LAA24** – Reduce levels of homelessness acceptances 09/10 target no more than 430, despite the economic downturn there were only 40 homeless acceptances in the first two quarters.
- **LAA25** – Number of dwellings returned to occupation 09/10 target 150 – 76 homes were brought back into use in the first two quarters.

5. **Violent Gangs:**

The purpose of the report was to ask for support from the Board to take this piece of work forward. The Board has commissioned a piece of work around Tackling Violent Crime and the Violent Crime Co-ordinator is currently writing the Violent Crime Strategy.

ACTION 129/16/09: Tackling Violent Crime - report to be brought back to the January Board meeting. **Chris Sykes.**

ACTION 130/16/09: Tackling Violent Crime Sub Group – to be formed, meeting to be held with colleagues to discuss recommendations for membership of the group. **Bruce Penhale/Chris Sykes.**

6. **Neighbourhood Crime and Justice Report:**

- Harriet Wilkins has been appointed as the NCJ Co-Ordinator and is now in post.
- Draft Strategy is being progressed.
- Community Crime Fighters training with 80 residents is ongoing.
- Justice Seen, Justice Done Scheme will be launched on the 21st November.

7. **Business Cases:**

- **Integrated Offender Management Project** – Agreed
- **Improvement of Local Environment Quality of Main Routes & Corridors** – Agreed
- **Raising Aspirations and Reaching Communities** – Agreed in principle subject to wider evaluation. Alison Vaughan to circulate the Commissioning Brief to the Group.
- **Youth Crime Prevention Initiatives** – Agreed.

8. **Any other business:**

Approval has now been given to recruit to the SSC Partnership post.

ACTION 131/16/09: SSCB Agenda – Timings to be put against future agenda items. **Dianne Hayes/Anna Forster.**

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

27th January 2010, 9.00am until 12.00pm, Crompton Suite, Civic Centre.