

**SAFE AND STRONG COMMUNITIES BOARD**  
**Lees Suite, Civic Centre**  
**9.00 am Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2009**  
**MEETING 13/09**

**1. Welcome and Introductions:**

Caroline Ball opened the meeting and introductions were made.

**1. Present**

Caroline Ball	GMP
Stuart Goodwin	GMP
Jennett Peters	GONW
Tim Mitchell	PSO/DAAT
Janet Sewart	DAAT
Martin O'Connell	OMBC
Geoff Harris	GMFS
Bruce Penhale	OMBC
Carol Brown	OMBC
John Hurst	OMBC
Anna Forster	NDC
Paula Boshell	VCFP
Wendy Chadwick	Probation
Steve Critchlow	Victim Support
Dave Catherall	LSP Support
Dave McGealey	VCFP

**2. Apologies**

Mark Reynolds	OMBC
Colin Cooper	OMBC
Ian Hughes	OMBC
Councillor Hudson	Elected Member
Councillor Alcock	Elected Member

### **3. Minutes and matters arising (24<sup>th</sup> November 2008)**

#### **Amendment to Agenda Item 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*
- 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 with the recommendation that the example of proposed activity within the Stronger Theme in relation to Third Sector Infrastructure, Legal and Advice Services, Community Development and Engagement be removed as it pre-empts the outcomes of current consultation with the VCFS.*

The minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2008 were then agreed as a true and accurate record.

#### **4. Actions arising from previous minutes**

##### **Action 107/12/08:**

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

##### **Action 110/13/09:**

Martin O'Connell and Wendy Chadwick to meet with Dave Lea regarding POMIS quarterly reports to the Board

##### **Action 108/12/08:**

**PPO Accommodation Issues:** Hugh Broadbent and Paul Cavanagh to meet to discuss the funding around accommodation issues – **Mark Reynolds is the lead for Housing, John Hurst to pick the issues regarding premium service to prolific offenders up with Mark Reynolds and Stuart Goodwin – Ongoing.**

### **Safe and Strong Communities Management Group:**

The Board agreed to disband the SSCMG.

#### **Action 111/13/09:**

Martin O'Connell to draft a formal paper regarding the abolition of the SSCMG and interim arrangements and circulate to the Board.

### **5. SSC Block Priorities and Performance Update:**

#### **Action 112/13/09:**

Colin Cooper to formally request that all Block Leads submit reports in time to be circulated with the papers for all Board meetings.

#### **Action 113/13/09:**

Colin Cooper, John Eley, Anne Nikolaou and the three Theme Leads to meet to establish a schedule of Theme meetings,

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

- The overall crime figures are down but we face a challenge to maintain this due to the present economic climate/
- Robbery is still a challenge and has shown a rise.
- Personal Robbery has also risen.
- Theft of number plates has increased.
- Currently looking at Domestic Violence courts
- The IDA's will be in place in the next two months
- Safe Tasking meetings are now in place and meeting monthly. Jennett Peters to attend the meeting on behalf of GONW.

#### **Action 114/13/09:**

Dianne Hayes to forward a list of Safe Tasking meeting dates to Jennett Peters. **Complete**

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

Janet Sewart circulated a report to the Group and gave a brief overview.

- Performance in Oldham on the whole is fine.
- National Treatment Agency has commended Oldham's Adult Treatment Plan.
- There are still concerns around the 18 – 25 age group.
- Evidence based commissioning is important, there needs to be a cross fertilisation of information sharing.

**Action 115/13/09:**

Janet Sewart to meet with Stuart Goodwin to discuss the process around commissioning work, through the Analysts.

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

**Performance is good:**

- Education, Employment & Training – Target 90%, Oldham has achieved 84% which is the highest rate in the North West.
- Fourth Indicator – Ethnic Make up – as yet no baseline figure has been set.
- Some concerns around accommodation – 100% target has been set – 88.5% has been achieved.

**Activity Update:**

- Currently in the process of developing a response to Youth Crime Action Plan.
- YOS worker in place at the Custody Suite at the Police Station.
- Keen to develop punitive activities on Friday and Saturday evenings.
- Looking at developing After School Patrols to create a safer schools environment. Detailed plans to be submitted by 27<sup>th</sup> February.

**Business Case – Youth Crime Prevention Initiative:**

Tim Mitchell asked for approval from the Board in principle as plans need to be in place by April.

**Agreed in principle subject to the challenge process.**

**Priority 4 – Improve the Quality of Life (Safer Communities):**

- Respect Group is now the ASB Management Group.

- N.I's have recently been pulled together.
- Primary fires – trend is back up this year, but this is down to increases in reporting.
- Campaigns were run throughout December in the Oldham Chronicle.
- Improved access re vulnerable people/groups.

**Action 116/13/09:**

Stuart Goodwin to meet with Geoff Harris to discuss issues around fire crime.

**Action 117/13/09:**

Martin O'Connell to meet with Chris Sykes to discuss the possible alignment regarding Priority Crime meetings and CSU Weekly Tasking meetings.

**Priority 5 Report – Offender Management (Progress to jobs and housing):**

Report for April SSCB meeting.

**Priority 6 Report – Building Cohesive Communities and Neighbourhoods:**

- Place shaping review taking place 18<sup>th</sup> February.
- Currently looking at quarterly updates on some of the indicators.
- Strong Communities Strategy – more work to be done on the governance of the strategy – update to be available for the next Board meeting.

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

- Achieving on current stretch targets.
- John Eley has been involved in discussions around the employment of a co-ordinator for the Cultural Partnership. The new post will be in place by April.

**Priority 8 Report – Cleaner & Greener Neighbourhoods:**

A report was circulated to the Group prior to the meeting, Carol Brown gave a brief overview.

**Strategic Assessment:**

There is to be a Strategic Assessment review meeting in March which all partners need to attend. Martin O'Connell to circulate a template to the Group for comments and updates on priorities and delivery, to be circulated to the group by mid February. The review will need to be complete by March to support delivery for April onwards.

## **6. Finance Update:**

Martin O'Connell reported there was currently an ABG under spend of £150,000.

### **Action 118/13/09:**

Colin Cooper to circulate a full expenditure profile to the Board.

### **Action 119/13/09:**

Colin Cooper to clearly identify how much is going to be under spent from ABG this financial year.

### **Action 120/13/09:**

Colin Cooper to meet with each of the Priority managers to identify allocated monies where there is no business case and review the need to either request a carry over or identify as an under spend.

## **7. Business Cases:**

### **Victim Support Counselling Service and Accommodation £68,560:**

Money for accommodation agreed by the Board.

Dave Catherall to ensure that the commissioning process for the counselling element of the business case is undertaken appropriately.

**Agreed in principle.**

### **LEQ Corridors Strategy £20,000:**

**Agreed.**

## **8. Alleygating Strategy Update:**

Report circulated to the Group prior to the meeting.

**Action 121/13/09:**

Martin O'Connell to report back to the Group at the April meeting with a detailed set of recommendations.

**9. Any other business:**

Dave McGealey commented on the recent attack in Oldham Town Centre and the press coverage of the incident, it was noted that the still photographic evidence was unclear whilst the CCTV footage images were very clear, it would be useful to enable members of the public to access a website in order to view images of this kind.

**10. Date and time of next meeting:**

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 9.00 am until 12.00 pm, Lees Suite, Civic Centre.