

Minutes

Safe and Strong Communities Board

29th April 2009

Lees Suite, Civic Centre

9.00am - 12.00pm

Present:	Caroline Ball (Co Chair)	Greater Manchester Police
	Carolyn Wilkins	Oldham Council
	Stuart Goodwin	Greater Manchester Police
	Steve Shaw	Greater Manchester Fire Service
	Jill Beaumont	Oldham Council
	Rod Blyth	Elected Member
	Martin O'Connell	Oldham Council
	Bill Edwards	Environment Forum
	Debra Malone	NHS Oldham
	Dave Catherall	Oldham Council
	Colin Cooper	Oldham Council
	Paul Cavanagh	Manchester Probation Service
	Tim Mitchell	Positive Steps Oldham
	Kevin Shaw	Oldham Cultural Partnership
	Janet Sewart	DAAT
	John Rooney	Oldham Council
	Anna Forster	NDC
	Carol Brown	Oldham Council
	Bruce Penhale	Oldham Council
Apologies:	Jennet Peters	GONW
	Carol Hopkins	Oldham Chamber
	Mark Reynolds	Oldham Council

AGENDA

- 1 **Minutes and Matters Arising:**
Amendment to minutes 29th January under Priority 3 Activity Update:
"Keen to develop punitive activities on Friday and Saturday evenings"
sentence to be changed to read "Keen to develop reparative activities on
Friday and Saturday evenings"

2 **Actions arising from previous minutes:**

ACTION 110/13/09:

Martin O'Connell and Wendy Chadwick to meet with Dave Lea regarding POMIS quarterly reports to the Board. **Paul Cavanagh to progress the action and contact Dave Lea.**

ACTION 113/13/09:

Colin Cooper, John Eley, Anne Nikolaou and the three Theme Leads to meet to establish a schedule of Theme meetings. **Carolyn Wilkins to progress the action further.**

ACTION 121/13/09:

Alleygating Strategy – Martin O'Connell to report back to the Group at the April meeting with a detailed set of recommendations. **Report is with Veronica Jackson and awaiting her comments, Martin O'Connell to meet with Veronica Jackson to progress further.**

COMPLETE – Report received by Veronica Jackson, who is to discuss it with Charlie Parker.

3 **SSC Block Strategy 2008/2011**

A discussion was held regarding the Strategy and it was agreed by the group that overall the document was useful and informative. Bill Edwards commented that Making Oldham's Communities Stronger was a key element to the strategy.

ACTION 122/14/09:

Carolyn Wilkins to arrange a press release, communications strategy to be circulated, to include key stakeholders.

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

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

Summary:

Reductions on the previous year's reductions are always a challenge, but overall this has been achieved. The total crime figures for Oldham division for this year were 22852, a 3% reduction on last year. Since 2003/04 there has been a fantastic 20.3% reduction in all crime, which equates to 5851 fewer victims of crime.

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

Janet Sewart outlined performance against a number of Drug and Alcohol and Criminal Justice National Indicators.

Business Cases

1. **Alcohol Co-Ordinator post**
2. **Alcohol misusing offenders accessing treatment**

Both business cases were discussed and it was felt by members of the Board that these business cases were cross cutting issues with the Health and Wellbeing Block, who should be the lead Block in this instance. The Board agreed that further discussions should take place outside of the meeting to ensure that these very important issues should not be taken forward in isolation.

ACTION 123/14/09:

Dave Catherall to establish a Group with representation from each Board to discuss these issues.

ACTION 124/14/09:

Dave Catherall to attend the Alcohol Strategic Group on the 6th May.

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

Tim Mitchell reported on the National Indicators set to prevent young people becoming offenders.

D Priority 4 Report – Improve the Quality of Life:

Reported on by Martin O’Connell.

ACTION 125/14/09:

Martin O’Connell to speak to GONW and revisit the reassurance information.

COMPLETE. Contact made with GONW and request for meeting passed onto lead. Awaiting contact back.

E Priority 5 Report – Offender Management:

Paul Cavanagh provided an update on the current state of projects within the Offender Management Strategy Group.

ACTION 126/14/09:

Ian Flanagan Smith to collate N.I Targets.

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..

Bruce presented a number of business cases to the Board.

Independent Evaluation of Projects – To be established whether the Council’s Research Team have capacity to do this “in house” instead of commissioning externally. Bruce Penhale to investigate further.

Contribution to Summer Festivals – Agreed.

Commission for Mainstreaming Equalities Work – Agreed.

LATICS Project – Agreed.

Capacity Building & Community Development Programme – Questioned whether this should go through an open commissioning process or a preferred supplier route, linked to other support for third sector. Bruce Penhale to resolve.

Third Sector Infrastructure Support Change Management Programme - Agreed

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

Ian Hughes wasn't present at the meeting, Kevin Shaw presented on his behalf.

H Priority 8 Report – Cleaner and Greener Neighbourhoods:

Carol Brown gave an update to the Board.

I Priority 9 Report – Housing Strategy:

Report given to the Board by John Rooney.

5. Finance Update:

The final spend was noted and commissioned activity agreed.

6. Finance Report by Commissioning Unit:

Covered under Agenda Item 5 (Finance) by Colin Cooper.

7. National Indicators 2009/10:

Noted for information only.

8. Business Cases:

Safe Tasking: Agreed by the Board.

9. Any other business:

N/A

10. Date and time of next meeting

30th July 2009, 9.00am until 12.00pm, Muslim Centre, Neville Street, Chadderton.