



tackling drugs and crime

South Leeds Community Safety Partnership – Core Group

Minutes of the meeting held on 19th June 2009

Dewsbury Road One Stop Centre

Present:

Chief inspector Sykes, Keith Lander (Area Management), Councillor Judith Blake (Inner South Area Committee), Gerry Shevlin (Area management), Phil Diamond (Aire Valley Homes Leeds), Sue Disley (ASBU), Steve Watkins (Arson Task Force)

Apologies:

Neil Bowden (Safer Leeds), Councillor Finnegan (Outer South Area Committee).
Satbinder Soor (Youth Service)

1.0	Welcome, introductions and apologies	Action
1.1	Keith Lander welcomed everyone to the meeting and the above apologies were noted.	
2.0	Minutes of last meeting (March 09)	
2.1	Gerry advised that the first version of the minutes that had been circulated contained some inaccuracies. Julie advised that Simon Beldon not Anne Banks/David McDougal had presented the item on Offender Management. The amended version was agreed as a correct record.	
	Matters Arising	
2.2	Keith stated that he has raised the issue of non attendance by the Youth Service with Shahid Mahmood (Locality Enabler for Children's Services). Shahid has advised that he has made John Paxton aware of the issue and will continue to pursue adequate representation and contributions to the DCSP.	
2.3	In light of the development of the Integrated Youth Support Service (IYSS), it was felt there needs to be a review of which young people's services are represented at the partnership. The meeting discussed whether other young people's services such as Youth Offending Service and/or Children's Social Care should also be invited to the Core Group. Concern was raised about whether one representative from IYSS can adequately address the issues of the partnership, especially in terms of influencing service delivery of partner agencies.	
2.4	Cllr Blake stated that the 8-13 age group is of increasing concern and at risk of becoming involved in crime/ASB. Cllr Blake stated that she has now taken on the role of Shadow Board Member for Children's Services. She will raise the issue of IYSS representation at DCSP with Rosemary Archer (Director of Children's Services). The meeting agreed that it required one key representative from the IYSS with key contacts for all the separate services under the IYSS umbrella.	Cllr Blake

2.5	The quarterly hate crime statistics have not been circulated – Gerry will circulate with the minutes of this meeting.	Gerry Shevlin
2.6	Partnership Pledge – Gerry advised that the Safer Leeds Executive did not have a meeting in June therefore the issue of the Partnership Pledge was not raised. Keith advised that he and Julie attended a meeting with other DCSP representatives regarding the Pledge. It was felt that South is in a good position as the Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) have linked their PACT meetings with existing local forums. Keith and Julie will continue to develop the Partnership Pledge	Keith Lander/Julie Sykes
3.0	DCSP Action Plan	
3.1	Gerry presented an updated version of the DCSP Action Plan for 09-10. She advised that it was in line with the Safer Leeds Strategic Plan and the Area Delivery Plans for Inner and Outer South. The meeting was advised that the majority of the plan is being delivered already. However, there are some key areas that have not progressed in the last year. These are: drugs and alcohol, linkages with the Children's Services agendas and reassurance/confidence.	
3.2	<u>Addressing alcohol misuse through a combination of prevention, control and treatment:</u> Gerry advised that the drug/alcohol sub group had ceased to exist. She advised that the group had struggled to define it's purpose. Many of the actions in the plan are strategic and citywide so can't be influenced by a local sub-group. Also, some of the activity is already being addressed by local Tasking meetings (problems of young people drinking then causing ASB for example). The group felt that some further work needs to establish more clearly what the issues are in relation to tackling drug/alcohol problems. It was suggested that a mapping exercise may be of benefit to help to define a remit and series of actions to be carried out by the DCSP. It was agreed that Gerry Shevlin would discuss the issue with Keith Lawrance (Safer Leeds) for guidance. It was also agreed that Keith Lawrance should be asked to identify a link with health around these issues. The group asked that this issue be included on the agenda for the next DCSP meeting.	Gerry Shevlin
3.3	<u>Tackling ASB and damage through a combination of prevention, diversion and enforcement activities.</u> The group agreed that enforcement action is being successfully managed within existing structures. However, there are areas for development around prevention. It was agreed that the actions agreed earlier in the meeting regarding IYSS representation would need to be resolved as a matter of urgency. Julie Sykes and Keith Lander are due to have a meeting with Shahid Mahmood about the linkages between ASB and diversionary work. Progress to be reported back at the next meeting.	Keith Lander/Julie Sykes
3.4	The group ratified the DCSP plan for 09-10. The final version will be circulated with the minutes. The group agreed that the plan should be used as a driver for setting the agenda at future DCSP meetings.	Gerry Shevlin
4.0	Anti-Social Behaviour – summer 09	
4.1	Incidents of ASB and motorbike nuisance are likely to increase during the summer holidays. The group had a discussion about work that is planned to take place to address this predicted increase.	

4.2	Julie Sykes advised that Kevin Chippendale at Police HQ is looking for resources that can be used when talking to young people about issues around riding motorbikes responsibly and safely. NPT officers and ASB link officers will be carrying out high visibility patrols in current hotspots	
4.3	Gerry advised that the next two Champions in Belle Isle and Morley North will aim to distribute information to young people about summer holiday provision.	Gerry Shevlin
4.4	Gerry advised that she has contacted Barbara Temple (Extended Schools) and Elaine Holden (Youth Work Partnership) regarding the programme of activity during the school holidays. When the information about the programme is available, it will be circulated to partner agencies.	Gerry Shevlin
5.0	Middleton Bright Ideas	
5.1	Gerry provided an update on Middleton Bright Ideas. Ten projects have submitted applications totalling over £60K. Decision Day is due to take place on Saturday 11 th July. The event is timed to take place after the monthly meeting of Middleton Community Group.	
5.2	Gerry advised that the Bright Ideas Steering Group will continue to meet after the Bright Ideas projects have been funded. The Steering Group will build on the work to date in working together with the community to bring residents together.	
6.0	Burglary	
6.1	Gerry Shevlin presented an update on the target hardening now available in Leeds. Reactive target hardening (security improvements offered to victims of burglary) is no longer widely available. Streets in the most burgled areas are being identified. Houses in these streets will be offered target hardening as a preventative measure to reduce their risk of being burgled. All agencies are asked to consider whether they are able to fund any additional target hardening.	
6.2	Gerry reported that the burglary group is working well. It recently set up a "Capture House" in a burglary hotspot. The house was an empty property belonging to LFHA. It was set up with a laptop visible from the window to entice potential burglars. The laptop was fitted with a tracking device. This meant that when the house was burgled, the burglar could be traced and an arrest was made. Other actions include the use of tri-signs in hotspot areas and talks to schools about the importance of property marking.	
7.0	Reassurance and confidence	
7.1	Julie Sykes stated that there is a joint target for the police and the council to improve confidence of the public in how both services are dealing with crime issues. The satisfaction levels with the police are generally higher than the levels of satisfaction with the council. The group agreed that a way of improving satisfaction would be to ensure that positive and consistent messages are delivered to residents about multi agency activity.	

	<p>Gerry presented an example of a Media Guide that has been developed by the Safer Communities Team at East Sussex County Council. For more information please see www.safeineastsussex.org.uk She recommended that the DCSP could adopt a similar structure to ensure press releases are co-ordinated. She stated that a Media Group could be set up involving the key staff from the NPT, Fire Service, Aire Valley Homes and Leeds City Council press offices. Phil Diamond advised that Ian Montgomery would be the contact for AVH and that he would pass on the information to him about the Media Plan. Steve Watkins advised that he would find and pass on the details of the Fire Service communications person. Gerry agreed to convene a meeting and update on progress at the next meeting.</p>	Gerry Shevlin
8.0	Crime Group updates	
8.1	Gerry advised that only one update had been received due to the lateness of the request from her for information. When the reports have been collated, they will be circulated to members in the form of the Highlight Report for Q1.	Gerry Shevlin
9.0	Tasking Updates	
9.1	Morley – Sue Disley (Chair of Morley Tasking) stated that the meeting is well attended and there are no issues of concern to report. She said that they have good engagement from the Youth Service representative and that detached work in ASB hotspots is organised through the meetings.	
9.2	Rothwell – Phil Diamond (Chair of Rothwell Tasking) stated that the meeting works well and there are no issues of concern.	
9.3	Belle Isle/Middleton and Beeston/Holbeck Taskings – Gerry Shevlin stated that she recently attended both. Attendance and contributions were good at both and there are no issues of concern.	
9.4	Julie Sykes advised that she will be attending a Tasking meeting next month to observe how they are functioning. She will also ask the NPT Inspectors for feedback on the meetings.	
9.5	Steve commented that the administration of the meetings is very efficient. He observed that the meetings have become more effective and that issues he has brought to the table have been addressed. Julie Sykes will pass on this positive feedback to the staff member concerned.	
9.6	Gerry advised that when the Tasking updates are received, they will be circulated to the group via the Highlight Report.	Gerry Shevlin
10.0	Any other business	
10.1	Saturday 22 nd August – an open day at Morley Police Station in partnership with the Fire Service. All welcome and please publicise among partner networks. Gerry advised that Champion will be taking place in Morley North during the first week in August so can publicise the event then.	Gerry Shevlin
10.2	Floodlight PACT – Julie said that Floodlight PACT is a piece of equipment that can be used to project images or messages onto the sides of buildings. It costs around £3K per unit and could be used as a	

	<p>way of engaging with local residents. Phil Diamond stated that he thought it could be used by AVH on their mobile office and would explore finding the funding to buy a unit. Julie Sykes to pass information to Gerry for circulation.</p>	Julie Sykes
10.3	<p>Face the People – Gerry advised that Safer Leeds want the support of the DCSP to hold a Face the People event in south Leeds. It is suggested that the event is run along the lines of a previous successful event at Roundhay High School. Safer Leeds would be responsible for organising the event and would like the DCSP to assist with the selection of venue and relevant issues to be addressed. The meeting agreed that it would support the event.</p>	
10.4	<p>Timeline – Julie requested that the timeline is updated at each meeting so that agendas can be set accordingly. The following issues will be included in the agenda for the October meeting: Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA), Operation Flame, domestic violence 16 days of action, Confidence and Satisfaction, Drugs and alcohol. Steve Watkins and Gerry Shevlin agreed to draft Operation Flame for the next meeting.</p>	Gerry Shevlin
11.0	Dates for future meetings	
	<p>Friday 18th September 10 -12</p> <p>Friday 4th December 10-12</p> <p>All meetings will be in the conference room at DROSC</p>	