

Safer Communities Partnership Board
Minutes of meeting held on 19 April 2013
Committee Room 2, Hendon Town Hall

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Cllr David Longstaff	Cabinet Member for Safety and Resident Engagement (Chairman)
Adrian Usher	Barnet Borough Commander, Met Police
Douglas Charlton	Barnet/Enfield ACO London Probation
Andy Mariner	Chief inspector, Met Police
Mark Brown	London Fire Brigade Barnet Commander (Deputy)
Dr Simon Harding	Middlesex University, Department of Criminology

Also present:

Pam Wharfe	Interim Director for Environment, Planning & Regeneration, LBB
Paul Hammond	Barnet Borough Watch/Community Safety Engagement Group
Denise Thiruchelvam	Public Health, Barnet and Harrow
Laura Waller	Public Health, Barnet and Harrow
Steve Murrant	Community Protection Group
Michael Kelly	Acting Community Protection Manager, LBB
Richard Bell	Community Protection, LBB
Julie Pal	Community Barnet
Stuart Collins	Barnet Children's Service, LBB
Stav Yiannou	Barnet Children's Service, LBB
Andrew Nathan	Head of Governance, LBB
James Mass	Family & Community Well-being Lead Commissioner, LBB
Dov Gerber	Chair Barnet CSEG
Annette Dhillon	Victim Support, LBB

1. WELCOME INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chairman welcomed the Board and officials present and Dr Simon Harding introduced himself as from Middlesex University, Department of Criminology.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from the following: Terry Cameron (Barnet & Finchley Jobcentre Plus), Tim Harris (North West London Magistrates), Mathew Kendall (Assistant Director, Adults and Communities, LBB) and Michael Taylor (Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime DNA), Tim Beach (Children's Safeguarding Board Chairman), Steve Leader (London Borough of Barnet Fire Service Commander)

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING- 15 JANUARY

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 January 2013 were agreed as a correct record.

4. MATTERS ARISING

None

5. BOARD MEMBERSHIP PROPOSITION- DR SIMON HARDING

The Chairman asked all attendees for their approval of Dr Simon Harding becoming a Board Member.

ACTION: All Board Members agreed

6. PARTNERSHIP PERFORMANCE- ACTION PLAN UPDATE AND END OF YEAR SUMMARY

(a) PROPERTY CRIME

Adrian Usher reported that overall there had been a 1% overall reduction in burglary during 12/13.

Adrian advised that micro beat from predictive analysis mapping shows a 6% reduction could be achievable for residential burglaries and advised that as it was a community problem, it required a community approach.

He proposed that the SCPB had a sub group which met on a monthly basis and reported back to SCPB on strategies for tackling issues such as property crime/burglaries and other issues. Adrian recommended that in order to apply an independent academic approach, the sub committee group should not be chaired by the police members of this group.

Dr Simon Harding explained that previously he had worked on these issues before and volunteered to chair the new sub committee group.

There was uncertainty across the Board whether a group similar to this already existed.

ACTION: James Mass agreed to find out who chairs the Police Property Crime & Burglary Group.

(b) ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (ASB)

A 10% rise in litter was reported compared to the Residents Survey. Pam Wharfe advised that grounds maintenance staff will be working together with street cleaners to take on more ownership. She also advised that Lynn Bishop, Street Scene Director, will attend a future Safer Communities Partnership Board meeting to update.

Andy Mariner highlighted that there had been 32 new police recruits to the MET following the restructure and this is an increase of 60 – 70%. He explained that the efforts will be concentrated on gangs.

Adrian Usher reported a new initiative of diverting and engagement for offenders ages 14 – 22. He explained that a letter will be written to the offender to invite them to discuss the issues with the involvement of a health professional, and this is the engaging aspect; if the individual did not comply then strong enforcement would be used.

(c) **VIOLENT CRIME (DV)**

Adrian Usher explained that Domestic Violence crimes in the borough increased by 12%. However, there has been a decrease in the number of repeat victims due to the success of the Victim Care Package.

(d) **IMPROVING INTEGRATED OFFENDER MANAGEMENT (IOM)**

Michael Kelly reported that this year was the implementation stage IOM. Michael explained the current progress of the Cohort expansion and that the aim was to increase the caseload over the course of the next year and work together with partner agencies to identify the client groups who would benefit most from the IOM approach. He explained that the Case Management System would be piloted for a year and that Support Pathways continue to be further developed with partner services and the team are also looking to improve links to cover the transition from Custody to Community settings. The use of GPS tracking for some offenders has also been implemented.

Michael highlighted that Barnet was ranked 1st among all London boroughs with the lowest rate for adult reoffending.

Adrian Usher raised a concern of the resources required from other partners like the Met police to support the increase of the Cohort expansion. Michael said that the increase would be gradual and that decisions to take on additional clients would be taken in conjunction with all partners and in line with available resource.

In a response to a question from Pam Wharfe, it was agreed a housing officer involvement from Barnet Homes would be beneficial.

Action: Michael Kelly to amend the Key Performance Indicator's for Drugs & Alcohol Pathways and discuss with Denise Thiruchelvam.

(e) **EARLY INTERVENTION**

Stuart Collins reported that over 400 families are being supported by the Intensive Family Intervention scheme. He agreed to circulate the 'Early Help – Family Support and Early Intervention' with the Minutes.

ACTION: Stuart Collins to present financial and PBR outcomes at the next meeting.

James Mass announced that all recommendations for Early Intervention and Prevention contracts were accepted at CRC on 18th April.

Mark Brown would like to attend to represent the wider team from LFB.

ACTION: Stuart Collins to invite Mark Brown to appropriate meetings.

(f) **PLACES WHERE OFFENCES TAKE PLACE**

Adrian Usher explained that Andy Mariner would be supporting the "Go nowhere twice" model for policing to tackle issues relating to repeated incidents of street crime.

(g) **REPEAT VICTIMISATION**

Adrian Usher outlined the proposal of the 20-20-20 challenge of MOPAC, i.e. to cut crime in seven key areas, boost public confidence and cut costs, all by 20% over the next four years. He encouraged the Board to look at what counted towards reduction and what didn't. He noted that a 20% increase in satisfaction was achievable more locally. He highlighted that among the London Boroughs Barnet victim satisfaction was now ranked 3rd instead of 25th.

(h) REASSURANCE & CONFIDENCE

It was noted that the 12% result of residents who disagreed that Barnet Police and Barnet Council are dealing with antisocial behaviour and crime in their local area was incorrect.

ACTION: Michael Kelly to amend the 10/11 and 12/13 results.

Julie Pal queried the decline in resident's satisfaction to people not treating each other fairly and with respect and consideration and asked what may be the reason for this. The Board agreed that currently there is no data comparison with other boroughs available.

ACTION: Julie Pal to investigate further.

7. MOPAC- POLICE AND CRIME ACTION PLAN 2013 -16 AND POLICING AND PUBLIC ACCESS IN LONDON

James Mass updated the Board on the success of the nine proposals that were submitted to CRC and highlighted that 7 of the proposals were accepted.

8. MOPAC - BARNET FUNDING DECISION

James Mass updated the Board on the business cases that were approved by MOPAC for 3 of the 4 initiatives that received funding. James advised that the next step is to identify leads for the four projects and update at next meeting.

ACTION: James Mass

A member of the Board questioned whether the partnership could fund Community Coaches. James to discuss and update the Board.

ACTION: James Mass

9. COMMUNITY SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS

James Mass reported that this was now scheduled for the Council's Cabinet Resources Committee on June 18th. However the Business Case for CCTV had been agreed by CRC on the 18th April.

10. DRAFT VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN & GIRLS STRATEGY 2013-16

Stav Yiannou proposed to the Board to amend the strategy title "to be referred to here after as "Violence Against Women & Girls Strategy 2013-16, (VAWG) as it covered a range of initiatives.

Stav advised that the strategy will be rewritten and VAWG embedded into the new strategy. Stav highlighted that SOLACE would continue to deliver the service until March 2014 and this would be an opportunity to look at the gaps and re-commission and bring in line.

Andrew Nathan referred to pages 7 of 9 of the Draft VAWG Strategy 2013-16 and advised that some of the information was out of date and requires updating. Andrew agreed to assist Stav with the amendments:

ACTION: Stav Yiannou/Andrew Nathan

In a response to a question from Dr Simon Harding, if Honour violence was addressed in the draft strategy. Stav advised that this had been included.

Stav Yiannou agreed to update on progress against the Action Plan and feedback to the SCPB.

ACTION: Stav Yiannou

11. NATIONAL COMMUNITY SAFETY CONFERENCE 17TH/18TH SEPTEMBER 2013

Dr Simon Harding outlined the plans for the conference in September to be held at the Middlesex University. Dr Harding explained that the conference would be attended by several hundred members nationwide and this would be a good opportunity for the SCPB to network and be in the spotlight. Dr Harding recommended a SCPB Stand on the day and advised the Board to use this event to announce any new policies.

Mark Brown requested that the LFB be invited to represent at the conference. Dr Harding agreed to ensure that the LFB are invited to the event.

Dr Harding agreed to keep the Board updated on the plans for the event.

ACTION: Dr Simon Harding.

James Mass and Stephen Evans to meet and discuss how Barnet could benefit from the event.

ACTION: James Mass

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Michael Kelly advised that if there were any queries in relation to the Magistrates community initiatives to contact Tim Harris.

ACTION: All Board members

In response to a question from the Board, Michael Kelly confirmed that this group was represented at other court group meetings.

Mark Brown updated the Board on the London Safety Plan and highlighted that the changes will save about £28 million while maintaining response times. Mark advised 12 LFB stations were closing, but none in Barnet, and reported that the borough would benefit from an additional fire engine at Hendon.

Mark also highlighted that due to Barnet's location; LBB will receive high level support from the surrounding boroughs.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Friday 19th July at 2.30pm

The meeting finished at 4.00 pm