

COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE GROUP MINUTES - 13 JANUARY 2016

Present:

Councillor Terry (Chair)	Lead Councillor for Neighbourhoods, Reading Borough Council (RBC)
Councillor Gavin	Lead Councillor for Children's Services and Families, RBC
Councillor Page	Deputy Leader and Police & Crime Panel representative, RBC
Angeline Cross	Women's Community Projects Manager, PACT/Alana House
Anthony Brain	Community Safety Manager, RBC
Bindy Shah	Youth Offending Team Manager, RBC
Councillor Page	Deputy Leader and Police & Crime Panel representative, RBC
Emily Marmion	National Management Trainee, RBC
Emma Burroughs	Acting Chief Inspector, TVP
Esther Blake	LSCB Business Manager, RBC
Hannah Powell	Senior Probation Officer, Probation CRC
Jo Middlemass	Anti Social Behaviour Team Manager, RBC
Keith Stacey	Neighbourhood Inspector, TVP
Lisa Wilkins	Troubled Families Project Manager, RBC
Liz Harrison	Chair, Berkshire Magistrates
Nicola Bell	Manager, Rahab & Mustard Tree
Nicola Webb	Asst Chief Officer, National Probation Office
Sarah Gee	Head of Housing & Neighbourhoods, RBC
Sarah Tapliss	Service Development Officer, RBC
Shona Morrison	Policy Development Manager, Police & Crime Commissioner's Office
Simon McGurk	Service Manager, Adult Social Care, RBC
Stan Gilmour	Reading LPA Commander, TVP
Steve Beard	Royal Berkshire Fire & Rescue Service
Suzie Watt	Public Health Programme Manager, RBC
Tina Heaford	Youth Engagement Service, RBC
Simon Hill	Committee Services, RBC
Apologies:	
Geoff Davis	Probation CRC
Melanie O'Rourke	Head of Adult Social Care, RBC
Natausha van Vliet	Head of Communities Development, Alana House

1. MINUTES AND MATTER ARISING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 14 October 2015 were agreed as a correct record.

Further to Minute 2(2) of the previous meeting it was reported that the community-based crime group had not yet carried out a gap analysis for services engaging with on-street sex workers.

2. STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT

Anthony Brain submitted the draft Strategic Assessment and gave a presentation on the Assessment with Emily Marmion.

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The presentation and assessment gave an overview of crime in Reading covering violent crime, domestic violence, acquisitive crime, anti-social behaviour, hate crime and sexual offences. The assessment also discussed the new CSP responsibility for Prevent, emerging crime priorities, Child Sexual Exploitation, Modern Day slavery and online crime.

The potential priorities for the CSP covered in the Assessment had been RAG rated against Threat, Harm and Risk and this had resulted in the following priorities being recommended:

- a) Violent Crime (associated with the Night Time Economy)
- b) Violent Crime (associated with Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence)
- c) Child Sexual Exploitation
- d) Adult Exploitation (sex working, human trafficking and cuckooing)
- e) Vulnerable Communities (Prevent, hate crime and counter-terrorism)

The meeting discussed the draft Assessment and endorsed the proposed priorities, which reflected a regional trend for a shift from targeting acquisitive crime to protecting vulnerable people and from perpetrators to victims. It was noted the Acquisitive Crime and Anti-social behaviour should continue to be a priority for specific partners and this needed to be made clear to the public, for whom 'visible' crimes such as ASB were likely to continue to be of most concern.

AGREED: That the recommended priorities set out in the draft Strategic Assessment be endorsed.

3. NEW PARTNERSHIP STRUCTURE

The Chair noted that following the discussion of new priorities it would be premature to agree any immediate changes to the Partnership structure. Anthony Brain was asked to develop a proposal and submit it to the next meeting.

AGREED: That Anthony Brain consider potential changes to the partnership structure and submit a proposal to the next meeting.

4. DELIVERY GROUP PERFORMANCE REPORTS

A performance report was circulated with the meeting agenda showing the targets for the Delivery Groups' priorities and, where available, performance information for 2015/16 quarters 1 and 2. Members of the Delivery Groups gave updates at the meeting as follows:

Community-Based Crime

Emma Burroughs noted that all indicators were rated green.

Town Centre

Keith Stacey noted that the increase in town centre violence had been covered in the earlier discussion (see Minute 2 above).

Domestic Abuse

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Sarah Tapliss reported that a dip in MARAC referrals was being investigated. Domestic Abuse training for new social care staff had been implemented. Councillor Gavin asked that the results of a survey of young people be circulated if possible.

Drug and Alcohol

The Chair noted that a new drug and alcohol misuse needs assessment would be submitted to the Policy Committee meeting on 18 January 2016, which would recommend that the focus shift from long-term drug users to tackling alcohol misuse.

Integrated Offender Management (IOM)

It was noted that the changing priorities of the CSP should ideally be reflected over time in the cohort of offenders subject to IOM.

AGREED: That the performance reports be noted.

5. TROUBLED FAMILIES

Stan Gilmour and Lisa Wilkins gave an update on Troubled Families. Stan noted that work in this area was accelerating and increasing in profile, and that it was now a strategic priority for TVP. Lisa reported that a permanent team had now been appointed, and that the Payment by Results being produced by the programme was being used for an Innovations fund to support VCS work in this area.

The Chair noted that under its new terms of reference from 2015/16 the CSP were the governing body for Reading Troubled Families Programme, but that arrangements still needed to be established for how this would work in practice.

AGREED:

- (1) That the report be noted;
- (2) That Anthony Brain consider how the CSP should function as governing body for Reading Troubled Families Programme.

6. READING YOUTH JUSTICE QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT

Bindy Shah submitted the Youth Justice Quarterly Performance Report for Quarter 2 (April to September 2015). He highlighted key issues as follows:

- An increase in reoffending rates, which was being investigated. The increase was exacerbated by low numbers in the cohorts;
- A fall in the rate of ETE (Employment, training and education);
- An inspection of the service was due this year.

AGREED: That the report be noted.

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7. POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONERS OFFICE UPDATE

Shona Morrison gave an update on the process of the 2016/17 Community Safety Fund allocations. Notifications would be made soon and it was expected that there would be a small overall reduction in funding.

AGREED: That the update be noted.

8. DATES OF FUTURE MEETING

The remaining meeting for 2015/16 would take place on 13 April 2016.

AGREED: That meeting dates for 2016/17 be circulated in due course.

(The meeting commenced at 9.30 am and closed at 10.51 am)