



## Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership Meeting

### Minutes of the meeting held on 3 December 2009

Present:	Robin Hales	Sevenoaks District Council (Chair)
	Chief Supt Mark Salisbury	West Kent Police
	Chief Insp David Cooper	West Kent Police
	Paul Shallcross	KCC Children, Families & Education
	Carol Healy	KCC Children, Families & Education
	Merle Bigden	Sevenoaks District Council
	Lesley Bowles	Sevenoaks District Council
	Phil Dey	West Kent Housing Association
	Heather Brightwell	West Kent Extra
	Linda Prickett	NHS West Kent
	Carolyn Michel	Kent Partnership
	Chief Insp Russ Nyman	Kent Partnership
	Tracey Kadir	Kent Probation Service
	Andy Birkin	KCC Youth Offending Service
	DI Steve Woollett	Kent Police
	Kelly Webb	Sevenoaks District Council

#### **Apologies for absence**

Kristen Paterson, SDC; Jenny Wilders, VAWK; Nick Sylvester, KFRS; Jo Norman, Kent Probation; Peter Tree, KCC Social Services; Will Campbell-Wroe, WK Extra; Deborah White, WKHA; Jo Ridley, MOAT;

#### **1. Minutes of the last meeting & matters arising**

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed; all actions had been taken forward by the Executive Group.

#### **2. Partnership check-in: recent successes in the District**

PD said that WKHA had won the Gold Award for Investors in People, which is a first for Kent. They had also received an Excellence in Customer Services, which has been rolled out as good practice.

PD said that an injunction had been obtained on a non-tenant who had assaulted a Housing Officer.

HB said that the West Kent Extra Active Lifestyles programme had been successful, involving over 1,000 older people. A celebratory evening will be held on 15 December.

CH said that schools and Police had worked together on an e-safety week. Over 700 pupils had received training on internet safety. Unfortunately there was no take up from parents, which is something the schools will be addressing.

DC said that there had been a truancy sweep in Swanley. DC also mentioned that the KCAP project had been most successful in Edenbridge, out of the 3 Kent pilot areas and would now be rolled out in Swanley and Hextable. Op Universal took place two weeks ago. The operation was a multi agency approach addressing vehicle crime.

DC said that all officers in the Sevenoaks District have a community engagement questionnaire on their blackberry, which is a quick and efficient way of finding out community priorities and this will be linked into the PACT process.

KW said that the CDAP (Community Domestic Abuse Perpetrators' Programme) had won a highly recommended Justice Award for Partnership Working. The West Kent Domestic Abuse Conference which was held at the STAG theatre in Sevenoaks had been a great success with over 100 delegates attending.

PS said that Swanley & District LCSP has produced a DVD offering examples of partnership working to support children and families. A new Think Family Officer has been appointed.

#### **Restorative Justice Presentation - DI Steve Woollett**

SW gave a presentation on a Restorative Justice project involving West Kent Mediation that is being piloted in Tunbridge Wells. The pilot enables officers dealing with low level crime or ASB involving young people to use restorative justice. KW will send the presentation out with the minutes.

SW said that he will be attending the Development Board meeting on 15 December to suggest that the pilot is rolled out across West Kent.

A few questions were raised about the programme. SW said that an offender who receives restorative justice will be recorded on the national database. The record will not appear on CRB checks and offenders will not have to declare it. However, repeat offenders will go straight to court.

The Partnership agreed that level 1 training would be a good resource for the Away Day on 18 January.

RH asked that a proper monitoring process be put in place along with a communication strategy. SW said that Kent Police are taking this forward. HB said that Time Bank could also be linked to this process.

SW said that when it is rolled out in Sevenoaks he will make contact with KW so that Partners can be involved.

SW

### 3. **Crime Statistics and Monitoring**

#### **3.1 Crime Statistics & Strategic review – CI David Cooper**

DC introduced the statistics from April-September 2009 and was pleased with the overall result of 13% reduction totalling 390 fewer crimes than the same period last year.

DC said that Burglary Dwelling is a top priority and has shown an increase this quarter. West Kent Police had targeted and arrested teams of burglars.

Violence against the person (VAP) had also risen, but the police have had good results of arresting offenders within 24 hours. The main rise for this is Public Order offences.

There has been a good improvement on vehicle crime.

Overall in Kent, Sevenoaks District still has the lowest recorded crime and also is lowest in several categories including criminal damage, violence against the person and fraud and forgery.

The confidence rating has also improved from 65% in July to 93% in September, However only 20 people in the District are surveyed per month through the KCVS. LB said that there are 3 surveys the KCVS, BCS and Place Survey and all show different results and target different numbers of people, so it is very hard to get an accurate picture across the District.

CM said that the Exceptions report submitted by the Kent Partnership shows the Sevenoaks ranking within Kent and also with our most similar families. CM said that Sevenoaks has had some very good successes being top 3 in 8 of the categories within their most similar families and 1st in 11 categories per 1,000 population.

RH commented on the ward increases. DC said that this is mainly the result of increased Burglary and Vehicle crime and that Tactical CID are using resources to focus on these crime categories. CH asked whether young people were involved in any specific crime types, e.g. shoplifting. DC thought not and that an operation would be taking place over the Christmas period to

reduce shoplifting.

### **3.2 Monitoring Report Year 2 Qtr 2 2008-2011 Strategy & Action Plan**

KW introduced the monitoring report. The monitoring showed the status of actions and outcomes. Many of the outcomes are linked to the National Indicators.

Outcomes – there are 20 outcomes: 74% (14) green, 21% (4) amber and 5% (1) red

Actions – there are 64 actions: 91% (58) green, 6% (4) amber, and 3% (2) information missing

The Partnership considered action regarding the amber and red actions and agreed to follow up on the missing information.

1.2 & 1.3 regarding Vehicle crime and Burglary had been discussed in item 3.1 and actions are being taken forward.

#### Restorative Justice

1.4c Will be reported in quarter 3.

1.5 Violent crime was discussed in 3.1. However Domestic Abuse and repeat incidents are being targeted through the Partnership and the MARAC process.

#### Drug and alcohol treatment

1.6i This target should be reached by 2011.

1.7a Concerns were raised about lack of referrals for the Power Project. LB said that this is being addressed through the steering group and more referrals will be picked up in quarters 3 and 4.

#### Reoffending

1.8 & 1.8a TK said that unfortunately data is only given at a county level and not yet at District. Internally Probation are hoping to drill down the information.

#### Anti-bullying projects

2.7c AB said that he was not sure why this had YOS against it as they did not collate this information. RH said it is imperative that when agencies sign up for actions they can provide the data and it should be data that they are already collecting so that work is not doubled. CH said that this information can come from Safe Schools. CH will give KW a contact name for the information.

CH

3.4 and 3.4a DC has received a report from Bob Newdick, Town Centre Co-ordinator concerning management arrangements. DC and LB will discuss outside the meeting.

DC/L

### **3.3 CSU Quarterly report - Lesley Bowles**

LB gave an overview of the report and pointed out some of the highlights including the Chief Constable Michael Fuller's visit in September. At the end of September 146 tasks had been received and 145 were completed. The report also looked at ASB incidents and graffiti reports. The Partnership confirmed that it was happy with the format of the report.

LB said that on 6 November, for 11 million takeover day, approximately 20 students from Wildernesse School attended with partners. A mock daily tasking meeting was discussed, community safety issues were raised by the students. The session was very lively with students participating well.

DC asked that the report be sent to Town and Parish Councils and be put on the website.

KW

## **4. Strategic Issues**

### **4.1 Strategic Assessment - Lesley Bowles**

LB said that the assessment is being done differently this year. It will still sit with the Executive Group for local contributions, but more data will be supplied centrally.

LB said that the draft is due on 7 December and will be sent to partners for comment via e-mail. LB said that there is a large amount of useful data. It will be put on the LSP website for partners to look at.

LB

### **4.2 EVA – New Ash Green Shopping Centre – Merle Bigden**

MB that unfortunately there has been no more movement since the last meeting.

SDC are now pursuing legal action under planning section 215. MB said that there the area has also been raised because of the vandalism to the toilets. MB said that she has been liaising with Barbara Cooper, KCC regeneration to see what can be achieved.

RH said that he had visited the area with Kevin Lyons, Portfolio Holder for KCC, who has said that the area needs to be addressed.

### **4.3 Ward Newsletter - CI David Cooper**

DC said that there will be a third newsletter due out in January. KW asked if there would be a partnership section, but DC said that this is not known.

### **4.4 Community Plan - Lesley Bowles**

LB said the plan will be going to the Residents Panel on 15 December. LB said that Community Safety is a priority in the plan and there are actions throughout which the Partnership supports and provides important information for. LB said that the draft will be complete for consultation on 7 December and

will be circulated to Partners.

#### **4.5 Away Day - Lesley Bowles**

The Partnership agreed that the day will address the strategic assessment and priorities from the report and training on the restorative justice initiative.

#### **PPO Update - Tracey Kadir**

TK went through the report that Jo Norman had been appended to the agenda. The report summarised work with PPOs and how Probation and other agencies work on reducing prolific and priority offenders.

RH thanked TK and Jo Norman for such an informative report.

### **6. Partnership Funding**

#### **6.1 Update: External Funding 2009/10**

KW said that this years funding was all on target

#### **6.2 Update: External Funding 2010/11– Kelly Webb**

KW said that the Partnership are working on the assumption that funding is the same as last year. Funding forms have gone out to Task Groups and currently funded projects and are due back 17 January, for appraisal by the Executive group in February and approval at the Partnership meeting in March.

#### **6.3 Update: BCU Police Funding 2009/10 – CI David Cooper**

DC said that some funding had been allocated to CCTV.

#### **6.4 Update: Kent Fire & Rescue Service Funding 2009/10 – Kelly Webb**

KW said that KFRS had contributed £2500 to community projects and £2000 to the Power Project. KW said that KFRS are piloting Smart Water DNA for fly tipping in the District and a funding bid is awaiting approval for a stand alone camera and batteries to target hot spot fly tipping locations.

### **6. Brief Updates & items to Note**

#### **6.1 Local Children's Services Partnership – Paul Shallcross**

PS said that the LCSPs covering the District could merge into one, but still have two managers. PS said that the Kent Children's Trust will be consulting in January. MB said that it would be good to incorporate Hartley and New Ash Green into that cluster.

CH said a Review of Phase Three Children's Centres is going ahead across the county.

## **6.2 Young People's Action Plan (YPAP) – Merle Bigden**

MB said that the current plan is monitored every 6 months and information will be available at the next meeting. There were over 413,000 attendances by young people and their parents/carers over the summer activities within the District.

## **6.3 Domestic Abuse Task Group – Kelly Webb**

KW said that the task group is going well and that the action plan is 75% on target. Actions from the conference will be taken forward and training for front line staff will be held in the new year.

## **7. Any Other Business**

DC asked that the Partnership could look at contributing to an ANPR system as there is only one in the District. RH asked that this be discussed at the Executive Group. KW will put on the agenda for January's meeting.

KW

KW said that she had met with Sarah Brown from Youth Offending Service and there are currently no reparation projects in the District. KW asked that partners notify her of any projects they have that might be suitable. KW will also send out an e-mail.

KW

RH said that this was MB's last meeting before retiring in January. MB will be attending the Partnership Away Day.

RH also wanted to thank CS Mark Salisbury, who is also leaving in January, but cannot attend the Away Day. RH wanted to thank MS for his contribution to the CSP and LSP and for his consistent partnership approach and innovative ideas.

MS thanked RH and the Partnership and would like to see his goal of a joint counter/service in the council offices achieved before he leaves.

## **8. Date of future meetings**

### **AWAY DAY - Monday 18 January, Bore Place, Chiddingstone**

Thursday 4 March	10am -12pm
Friday 11 June	10am -12pm
Monday 6 Sept	10am -12pm
Thursday 9 Dec	10am -12pm