



**GREAT YARMOUTH**  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

# Safer Communities Delivery Partnership

**Date:** Wednesday, 27 November 2013  
**Time:** 11:00  
**Venue:** Supper Room  
**Address:** Town Hall, Hall Plain, Great Yarmouth, NR30 2QF

## AGENDA

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| <b>1</b> | <b>Minutes</b>  | <b>3 - 8</b>  |
|          | To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 15 July 2013      |               |
| <b>2</b> | <b>The Future of the Safer Communities Delivery Partnership</b> | <b>9 - 11</b> |
|          | To consider the attached report.                                |               |

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## **SAFER COMMUNITIES DELIVERY PARTNERSHIP**

**15 July 2013 – 3.00 pm**

### **PRESENT:**

Robert Read (GYBC) (in the Chair), Councillor T Wainwright (GYBC), Hugh Sturzaker (Purple Flag Representative), Councillor L Sutton (GYBC), Glenn Buck (GYBC), Tracey Jones (GYBC), Superintendent Roger Wiltshire (Police), Inspector Nick Cheshire (Police), Michelle Gibson (Norfolk Future Sport Coordinator), Linda Mockford (GYBC), Helen Taylor (Youth Offending Team), Trevor Chaplin (GYBC), David Wiles (Press Officer, GYBC), Sharon Brooks (Probation Service) and Karline Smith (GYBC).

### **1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The Chairman introduced himself and a round of introductions took place to welcome everybody to the meeting.

### **2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from E Nurse (Leeway), Kate Watts (GYBC) and Family Focus.

### **3. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 April 2013 were confirmed.

### **4. MATTERS ARISING/OUTSTANDING ACTIONS**

#### **(a) Outstanding Actions**

#### **Action 3 – Caring Dads**

Inspector Cheshire spoke of this action stating that he had spoken to Naomi and Carey from the Norfolk Family Focus team who said they might consider running the project in future once the Family Focus work had progressed further. He asked for this action to be discharged.

#### **Action 3 – Safe Haven**

Clarification was sought as to whether there was a need for a Safe Haven Project and Tracey Jones reported that research had found that there was not currently enough evidence to justify spending money on one at this stage.

**Action 5 – Working with Leeway to talk to the James Paget Hospital to address any concerns they have and to try and encourage them to have an IDVA (independent domestic violence advisor) or other domestic violence advice service.**

Hugh Sturzaker reported that he had contacted Leeway and given them the correct contacts for the hospital and he had hoped that all was well. Although absent, Emma had provided a written update on this action stating that Hugh Sturzaker had put her in contact with Julia Hunt, the Deputy Director of Nursing, whom she had met on 9 May. Julia was very interested in the project. However, the James Paget did not currently have sufficient funds to activate it. She had provided Julia with some of the proposals including a price per drop in advice surgery. If the James Paget Hospital could find £2,500 it would fund a monthly advice surgery at the hospital. She thanked Superintendent Davison, Hugh Sturzaker and Dr Shamsher for their assistance in the matter as it was very much appreciated. It was reported that Leeway had recruited an employee to work with victims of domestic violence from within our migrant and BME communities.

**Action – Inspector Cheshire would ask a representative from Family Focus to attend the next meeting to give a presentation.**

It was reported that Family Focus were unable to attend this meeting and therefore this action was deferred to a future meeting.

**Action – Inspector Cheshire would link in with the OPD and Youth Offending Team**

He reported that Pc Jo Williamson would lead her seafront team into dealing with youths at the Marina Centre. She had been liaising with Michelle Gibson on this.

## **5. SAFER COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP ACTIVITY LIST**

Tracey Jones, the Partnership Officer, reported that the list was a list of activities carried out under the Safer Communities banner. However, she had noted that Michelle Gibson's activities needed to be included. She reported the list could be sent to the Police and Crime Commissioner to show what partnership working was being carried out in Great Yarmouth. All partners were asked if they were happy for this list to be published. Robert Read commented that he would like to see the list revised and stronger measures and outcomes included before submission to the PCC.

### **RESOLVED:**

That the list would become part of the discussions around a new terms of reference / approach to be agreed for the Partnership.

## **6. MEMBERSHIP REVIEW**

Tracey Jones referred partners to a list of current members on the Partnership and commented that it would be good to review membership in light of organisational changes across the community safety landscape. Linda Mockford stated that she currently sits on an

alcohol implementation group and they had been discussing the same issues as the Safer Communities Delivery Partnership had discussed today and asked if there was a need to have two groups discussing the same thing. Helen Taylor stated that she felt this group had lost its focus and a discussion ensued around the best way forward for the Safer Communities Delivery Partnership Group. The Partnership's Officer suggested that the current membership did not reflect organisations currently involved in community safety work across the Borough, including those from the voluntary and charity sectors such as GFS, Matthew Project, Victim Support and Norfolk Family Focus. The Chair stated that when he had previously sat on this meeting he had looked at crime hotspots and what action could be taken to reduce these crimes. A member of the Committee pointed out they felt the Committee should be looking at community safety and crime reduction. Inspector Nick Cheshire stated he felt the group should have a problem solving approach. Councillor Lee Sutton suggested a small task and finish group should be created to decide what the group's terms of reference should be before they decide what they want to achieve. Hugh Sturzaker suggested the group looking at the underlying issues and causes of crime.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Director of Community Housing and Neighbourhoods would liaise with Nick Cheshire, Helen Taylor, Tracey Jones and Sharon Brooks to formulate a draft new terms of reference for the partnership.

## **7. WORKING GROUP UPDATES**

- **Community Alcohol Partnership**

It was reported that CAP continues to work in partnership, including providing a multi agency stand at the Great Yarmouth College event regarding alcohol and associated issues which attracted interest from students and teachers. Information received on the day resulted in Trading Standards seizing a large quantity of illegal tobacco. Through CAP Sainsbury's have short-listed Herbie's to be their charity for the year which if successful will give real sustainability to the project. The first Crimestoppers Fearless Training Event to staff will be held at Horatio House in September to help promote the reporting of crime and anti social behaviour. This event has been opened up to partners to also provide an engagement opportunity for front line workers who engage with young people and alcohol.

- **Night-time Economy**

The Group formerly known as the Purple Flag Group is successfully transforming into a group which looks at the wider night-time economy in Yarmouth and how it can be improved and promoted. A revised aims, objectives and measures document has been created to shape and steer the group and an environmental visual audit from the train station to the seafront took place on a Friday evening to see what the Yarmouth package would be for a visitor to the town. The Night-Safe Group has also decided on their aims, objectives and measures and are currently working on a contract between all partners. The drive is to move this group from a discussion forum to a group that promotes good practice within the pubs and clubs in the Borough and membership that means something. The contract will involve each venue signing up to a set of standards which will hopefully raise the standard of the venues within the Borough.

- **Great Yarmouth Hate Crime Forum and MAP County Hate Crime**

Tracey Jones reported that Great Yarmouth Hate Crime Forum had recently agreed a new style action plan which captures each individual organisation's current and planned activities around both hate and cohesion issues. Members forward updates to PCSO Hayley Law who provides an admin support to the group within the local OPT. It is hoped that the forum will also start to take part in local community events or conferences. DIAL and Stonham are being approached to ask for a stand at their full day Diversity event in October for a joint hate free Norfolk/Great Yarmouth Hate Crime Forum stand. The Norfolk MAP Hate Crime Group is revisiting its action plan and was to report to the County Community Safety Partnership (CCSP) but this had recently changed to reporting to the Norfolk Community Relations and Equalities Board (CREB). The group are a multi agency partnership of agencies who agree to take reports of hate incidents, promote the reporting of hate, and who comply with the standards required under the MAP criteria.

- **Generate 7 Project**

Holly had been unable to provide an update before the meeting, however Tracey Jones reported that. Young people are still meeting and were progressing as mentors to other young people.

- **Restorative Approaches/Mediation**

It was reported that PCSO Gemma George continues to work with two volunteers to run restorative conferences and circles to deal with both criminal and non-criminal restorative work including neighbourhood disputes on behalf of GYBC Housing and Environmental Health. Three GYBC Environmental Health Officers had attended one of the three days of Norfolk County Council's Restorative Approaches training. PCSO George has offered to mentor and support the officers when they start to run conferences and circles. The Norfolk Restorative Approaches Strategic Board has undertaken a review of work being undertaken towards making Norfolk a restorative county by 2015. The NCC RA Coordinator, David Ansell, has asked each agency to complete a template detailing their RA objectives, aims for the year and how they wish to achieve these aims. It is hoped that an online Introduction to Restorative Approaches course will be available for partners to access within the next few months and that the process to recruit and support volunteers will be clarified as currently the Police host and train volunteers and it has to be decided whether this is viable in the long term.

## **8. PARTNER UPDATES**

### **(a) Police (Superintendent Roger Wiltshire)**

Superintendent Wiltshire reported there was a big reduction in crime last year across the country and this was due to the poor weather. However, over the weekend due to the nice weather there had now been an increase in the number of assaults across the Borough and the Police had been using Section 27 Orders and increased public order patrols on Saturday nights to try and reduce these.

### **(b) Norfolk Future Sport (Michelle Gibson)**

It was reported that Positive Futures funding had ended in March 2013 and Norfolk Future Sport was now funded by the Police and Crime Commissioner. Michelle reported that she held five to six nights a week of sessions at the Marina Centre from 5.30 to 7.30 pm and the

youth café being carried out on Friday nights was going well and would be starting again in September.

**(c) Youth Offending Team**

It was reported that the Youth Offending Team were represented at the Norfolk Show offering drugs advice. It was reported that the YISP age had now been lowered. The 2012/13 YISP report had now been written and this would be presented to a future meeting. It was reported that YOT had met with Norfolk Family Focus and were working together.

**(d) Probation Service**

Norfolk and Suffolk Probation Service continue to deliver effective front line services. With regard to the wider transforming rehabilitation agenda there had been confirmation that there would be one public sector national probation service dealing with high risk and risk assessment of offenders. There would be 21 contract package areas. These contract package areas would become holding companies known as CRCs or Community Rehabilitation Companies which would run the competed services from April 2014 to Autumn 2014 when the new owners would be selected as a result of the open market competition. Norfolk and Suffolk is a contract package area in its own right.

**(e) Environmental Health (Glenn Buck)**

Glenn Buck reported that the nice weather had increased the number of noise complaints and an increase in fly-tipping complaints.

**(f) Partnerships Officer (Tracey Jones)**

Tracey Jones reported that the Matthew Project have a voice-box vehicle which gives drug and alcohol services for young people and asked where partners would like this to be parked in the Borough. She then reported about a Roma family project which would be holding support meetings from 6 August at Great Yarmouth Library.

**(g) Leeway**

Leeway successfully recruited the black and minority ethnic (BAME) outreach worker for Great Yarmouth last week and were waiting confirmation of a start date. They had also employed Fiona Costello from Gyros to work with them one day a week. They are aiming to have a service up and running in August and would keep the partnership updated on their progress.

**9. REVIEW AGREED ACTIONS**

**Action - That Robert Read would liaise with Nick Cheshire, Helen Taylor, Tracey Jones and Sharon Brooks about creating a Sub-Committee to formulate a new draft terms of reference for the partnership ready for the next Safer Communities Delivery Partnership meeting.**

**10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting would be held on 16 October 2013 at 2.00 pm.

**11. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

The meeting ended at 4.15pm.

Subject: The Future of the Safer Communities Partnership

Report to: Safer Communities Partnership

Report by: SCP Sub-Group:  
Sharon Brooks (Probation)  
Tracey Jones (GYBC)  
Robert Read (GYBC)  
Helen Taylor (YOT)  
Supt Roger Wiltshire (Police)

Date: 27 November 2013

### **SUBJECT MATTER**

The purpose of this report is to consider recommendations for the future of the Safer Communities Partnership (SCP) in Great Yarmouth.

1.1 At the SCP meeting on 15 July 2013, it was agreed that a sub-group would meet to come up with recommendations over the future of the SCP. This decision was taken because of concerns raised at the meeting around:

- Does the partnership duplicate work and discussions being held elsewhere?
- Are there benefits in coming together as a partnership?
- Are the right organisations represented at the right level?

1.2 The sub-group, made up of the Police, Probation, GYBC and YOT have met on three occasions since July. The sub-group considered three questions:

- Is there a need for organisations with a responsibility for community safety to come together to discuss how to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour
- If yes, what should it do? And
- Who do we need to be part of the group?

1.3 The sub-group answered yes – we do need a core group of agencies to meet separately to other meetings to discuss crime reduction and ASB in Great Yarmouth.



They felt the new group should:

- focus on using available knowledge, intelligence and data and the experiences of members of the community
- evaluate the effectiveness of current approaches
- plan for the future towards shared outcomes

Membership should be a core, focused group of key agencies with responsibility for reducing crime and ASB – namely the Police, GYBC, YOT and Probation. It would work to recognise what it could influence on its own and what it would refer to other existing partnerships. It was also felt that these agencies were already linked into key crime and community safety projects at district, sub-regional and county level.

The core group would invite other agencies and organisations to attend for specific meetings or to take part in projects when appropriate.

Partners and agencies would also be invited to feed in issues and ideas to the new core group via the Police Supt's Personal Assistant.

1.4 It was felt that this approach fitted in with discussions happening at the County Community Safety Partnership which was also reshaping its priorities around:

- Strengthening communities
- Integration and collaboration
- Protection of vulnerable people

The new group would also link into the new Nelson Integrated Care System project. The project, led by senior representatives from health, social care and district and county councils were coming together to map the Nelson area of Great Yarmouth and work together to integrate services for the benefit of all of our residents and customers. Meetings would also be an opportunity to discuss broader strategic issues and opportunities for Great Yarmouth and to look at how services need to change in order to meet the needs of residents and the community.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Safer Communities Partnership be dissolved.

That a new core group, made up of the Police, Probation, YOT and GYBC form a new Great Yarmouth Safer Communities Partnership.