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SAFER SEFTON TOGETHER

MEETING HELD AS A MICROSOFT TEAMS REMOTE MEETING ON 17 MARCH 2022

PRESENT: Councillor Hardy (in the Chair)

Helen Armitage, Simon Burnett, Martin Chambers, Sharron Cotterall, Tracy Forshaw, Neil Frackleton, Inspector James Gillett, Kevin Hollis, Adele Maddocks, Janette Maxwell, Tracy McKeating, Superintendent Graeme Robson, Andrea Watts, Jan Marlow, and Chief Inspector Tracy Trubshaw, Chris White and Jen Williams.

30.   APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor John Sayers, Mike Berry (MFRA), Tricia Davies (Head of Education) Sue Holden (Sefton CVS), Steve Martlew (Sefton MBC), Ben Ryder (MFRA), Kevin Sexton (Chesterfield High School) and Ros Stanley (Localities Service Manager – South).

31.   DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of any disclosable pecuniary interests or personal interests were received.

32.   MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 9 December 2021 be confirmed as a correct record.

33.   INTEGRATED OFFENDER MANAGEMENT (IOM) REFRESH STRATEGY

The Partnership received a presentation from Jen Williams and Inspector James Gillett (IOM Programme Managers – North West) giving an update on the refresh of the Neighbourhood Crime Integrated Offender Management (IOM) Strategy.

The IOM refresh strategy strongly encouraged police and probation leaders to build links with local authorities in order to ensure IOM was embedded into the local agenda, and links with relevant partners were facilitated at this level. Local governance should set the agenda for local IOM schemes – offering clear guidance on the processes and responsibilities for joint offender supervision between agencies.

The Strategy focussed on:

- Reduction of 'Neighbourhood Crime' - concentrating on persistent acquisitive offenders
- Allocated Police and Probation Offender Managers
- Managed offenders to have enhanced access to services
- Governance arrangements
- Improved Service User Engagement

The Strategy identified seven pathways to reduce reoffending:

- Accommodation;
- Attitudes, thinking and behaviour;
- Family and Significant others;
- Substance Misuse;
- Education, Training and Employment;
- Finance, Benefits and Debt; and
- Mental and Physical Health and Wellbeing.

Arising from the discussion reference was made to established lines of communication in Sefton and the possibilities for co-commissioning.

RESOLVED: that

(1) the information be noted and Jen Williams and Inspector James Gillett be thanked for their informative presentation; and

(2) a further report be submitted to the September 2022 meeting giving an update on progress in Sefton.

34.   PROVISION OF ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION SETTINGS

Further to discussions at the previous meeting held on 9 December 2021 (Minute No. 26 refers) Tracy McKeating presented a report giving details of alternative education provision for pupils within Sefton.

Sefton Council had a statutory duty to provide alternative provision where pupils had been permanently excluded, and for other pupils who because of illness or other reasons would not receive suitable education without such arrangements being made.

Alternative Provision in Sefton was delivered through:

- Complementary Education Service
- JIGSAW Primary Pupil Referral Unit
- IMPACT Secondary Pupil Referral Unit

Complementary Education Intervention involved Children unable to attend school settings due to health including mental health related needs.

There had been an increase in Children being placed in Alternative provision since September 2021 and there were currently 70 children receiving such provision.

RESOLVED: That

(1)   the report be noted; and

(2)   the Service Manager for Education Excellence to have a discussion with the Youth Justice Service around their cohorts education plans and sufficiency.

35.   LOCAL POLICING UPDATE

The Partnership received a verbal update from Superintendent Graeme Robson highlighting:

Crime and ASB

- Continued reduction in burglary 'dwelling' offences (>20% down over the past 12 months)
- General crime trends were returning to pre-2020 levels across the board as the country moved out of Covid restrictions.
- Current crime trends of note.
- Monitoring and proposals regarding the expected increase in visitor numbers to the Sefton coast during spring/summer.
- Monitoring of some reported incidents of racist graffiti in Maghull and Lydiate.

Serious and Organised Crime

The picture around SOC in Sefton remained broadly positive compared to 2-3 years ago although there had been some concerning incidents in the early part of 2022 and he reported on actions which had been taken in this respect.

The Sefton MARSOC (Multi Agency Response to Serious and Organised Crime) had been re launched as the MARTHR (Multi Agency Response to Threat, Harm and Risk) on a monthly basis. The purpose of the name change was to reflect the broader remit of the group to pick up connected issues to SOC such as exploitation and County Lines. Any local partners who could contribute to the work of this group would be welcomed.

Participatory Budgeting

Funding for a local community project had been secured and discussions were ongoing on progress. Support from other SST partners in terms of funding, engagement and participation in the project was welcomed.

RESOLVED That:

(1) the update be noted.

(2) Youth Diversion be agreed as a priority for the funding, along with geographic area delivery (South Sefton) based upon prevalence and need –- separate meeting before June with Partners needed.

36. VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS - PARTNER REPORTS

Further to Minute No. 29 of the meeting held on 9 September 2021 it had been agreed that key issues raised in the Community Safety Strategic Assessment be considered by the Board during 2021 as single agenda item meetings to allow for in depth discussion on that particular subject.

The third of these had been selected as Violence against Women and Girls and the Partnership considered the following reports detailing how individual partner organisations were dealing with this issue:

Sefton Council and Domestic Abuse Multi Agency Partnership

Report of Janette Maxwell

Sefton CCG

Report of Tracy Forshaw.

Merseyside Police

Report of Superintendent Graeme Robson

Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service

Report of Kevin Hollis

SWACA

Report of Neil Frackleton

Sefton Youth Justice Service

Report of Adele Maddocks

Sefton CVS

Report of Sue Holden

Schools Sexual Abuse Report- Chesterfield High School

Report of Kevin Sexton

Probation Service - Feedback From Merseyside Women's Team

Report of Jan Marlow

Arising from the discussion a number of issues were discussed which had arisen across a number of the reports.

Particular reference was made to comments raised by RASA in relation to input by Sefton and it was suggested that this needed to be investigated.

It was suggested that a statement on VAWG should be drawn up which members could consider and sign up to.

RESOLVED: That;

(1)   the reports be noted;

(2)   all organisations be thanked for the detailed and thorough reports provided;

(3)   Simon Burnett and Andrea Watts be requested to investigate the issues raised by RASA; and

(4)   A draft statement on VAWG be provided to the next meeting for consideration.

37.   DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was reported that Sefton Council at its meeting in January 202 had approved a programme of meetings for the Partnership for 2022/2023.

RESOLVED that:

(1)   meetings of the Partnership be held on the following dates and times:

        Thursday 9 June 2022 commencing at 10.00am;
        Thursday 8 September 2022 commencing at 10.00am;
        Thursday 8 December 2022 commencing at 10.00am; and
        Thursday 16 March 2023 commencing at 10.00am.

(2)   the next meeting to be a Community safety strategy workshop- face to face if possible with a facilitated discussion to develop a Strategy and Plan; and

(3)   a formal action tracker to be produced and included with minutes.