

**AGENDA**

**Sefton Safer Communities Partnership**

**Thursday 13th December, 2018**

**11.00 am, Committee Room - Bootle Town Hall, Trinity Road, Bootle,  
L20 7AE**

**(PLEASE NOTE: THIS MEETING IS NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)**

---

**MEMBERSHIP:**

Councillors Hardy, Shaw, Thomas, Superintendent Matt Boyle, Jenny Currie, Neil Frackleton, Rosie Goodwin, Tony Harland, Sue Holden, Janet Marlow, Brendan Prescott, Linda Turner, Andrea Watts and Ian Willman

- 1. Apologies for Absence**
- 2. Declarations of Interest**

Members are requested at a meeting where a disclosable pecuniary interest or personal interest arises, which is not already included in their Register of Members' Interests, to declare any interests that relate to an item on the agenda.

Where a Member discloses a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, he/she must withdraw from the meeting room, including from the public gallery, during the whole consideration of any item of business in which he/she has an interest, except where he/she is permitted to remain as a result of a grant of a dispensation.

Where a Member discloses a personal interest he/she must seek advice from the Monitoring Officer or staff member representing the Monitoring Officer to determine whether the Member should withdraw from the meeting room, including from the public gallery, during the whole consideration of any item of business in which he/she has an interest or whether the Member can remain in the meeting or remain in the meeting and vote on the relevant decision.

- 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2019

**4. Merseyside Offender Mentoring Project**

To receive a presentation from Sue Holden, Sefton CVS

**5. Red Umbrella Project**

To receive a presentation from Michelle Stoops, Service Manager, Changing Lives

**6. Knife Crime - Liverpool City Region Approach**

To receive a presentation from Chris White, Localities Team Manager - South

**7. Integrated Youth Service**

Report of the Localities Service Manager - Central

**8. Enquiry Desk Update - Merseyside Police**

To receive a verbal update from a representative of Merseyside Police

**9. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 14 March 2019, at Town Hall, Bootle, commencing at 10:00 am.

COMMITTEE OFFICER:	Caitlin Manion
Telephone:	0151 934 2070
Fax:	0151 934 2032
E-mail:	caitlin.manion@sefton.gov.uk

## **SEFTON SAFER COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP**

**MEETING HELD AT THE COMMITTEE ROOM - BOOTLE TOWN HALL,  
TRINITY ROAD, BOOTLE, L20 7AE  
ON THURSDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER, 2018**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Hardy (in the Chair)  
Councillors Thomas, Neil Frackleton, Martin Gay and  
Ian Willman

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor John Kelly, Superintendent Graham  
Fisher, Gemma Monaghan Murrow, Rodger  
Robinson, Ben Ryder, Ros Stanley, Kath Woods,  
Kate Young

### **13. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillor Simon Shaw, Superintendent Matt Boyle, Jennifer Currie, Rosie Goodwin, Tony Harland, Sue Holden, Brendan Prescott, Linda Turner, and Andrea Watts.

### **14. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

### **15. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 14 June 2018 be confirmed as a correct record.

### **16. OPERATION PELICAN**

The Partnership received a presentation by Sergeant Kate Young, Merseyside Police, giving an update on Operation Pelican.

**RESOLVED:**

That Sergeant Young be thanked for her informative update.

# Agenda Item 3

SEFTON SAFER COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP- THURSDAY 13TH  
SEPTEMBER, 2018

## 17. UPDATE ON SERIOUS AND ORGANISED CRIME

The Partnership received a verbal update from Inspector Graham Fisher, Merseyside Police, on Serious and Organised Crime in Sefton.

RESOLVED:

That Inspector Fisher be thanked for his informative update.

## 18. SEFTON STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT 2018/19

The Partnership received a presentation by Gemma Monaghan-Murrow, Business Intelligence Officer - Commissioning Support & Business Intelligence, giving details of the Sefton Strategic Needs Assessment 2018/19.

Ms. Monaghan-Murrow provided information on the following:-

- Crime statistics across the borough and in comparison, to other local authorities in the Liverpool City Region and nationally
- Domestic abuse
- Anti-social behaviour
- Violent offences
- Night-time economy crime distribution
- Sexual offences
- Hate crime

A copy of the Sefton Strategic Needs Assessment 2018/19 was also attached to the agenda.

RESOLVED: That:

(1) the contents of the presentation be noted;

(2) the content of the SSNA be agreed;

(3) those involved be thanked for the comprehensive document outlining the issues facing Sefton; and

(4) Roger Robinson and Gemma Monaghan be thanked for their succinct and informative presentation.

## **19. INTEGRATED YOUTH SERVICE**

The Partnership considered the report of the Service Manager, Neighbourhoods and Partnerships, that updated on the key headlines and achievements of the Integrated Youth Service since June 2018 relating to:-

- Sefton's Youth Offending Team Performance and Key National Performance Indicators, headlines (August 2018) relating to re-offending, re-offending frequency, re-offences per offender, first-time entrants, and custody rates
- Targeted Youth Prevention in connection with the Adverse Childhood Experience (ACES) Pilot Programme and the Targeted Youth Prevention – Youth Work and Outreach which included; the Lost Castles Project in North Park, the Sefton Rocks Project and The Youth Bus.

RESOLVED:

That the report on the key headlines and achievements of the Integrated Youth Service since June 2018 be noted.

## **20. DOMESTIC ABUSE STRATEGY REFRESH**

Further to Minute No. 29 of the meeting held on 11 December 2017, the Partnership considered the report of the Service Manager, Localities, giving an update on Sefton's Domestic and Sexual Abuse Strategy (2015-18) which had been approved by the SSCP on 25 June 2015. The Domestic Abuse Executive Group was responsible for taking forward the strategy action plan.

Sefton's current strategy was due this year. It was proposed that a refreshed version was prepared by the Domestic Abuse Executive Group for agreement and sign off by the SSCP. This would be timely as the Merseyside Strategic Domestic Violence and Abuse Group was developing a domestic abuse action plan to ensure joint learning could be shared and joint priorities were developed in a coherent way across the different areas.

RESOLVED: That;

- (1) the report updating on Sefton's Domestic and Sexual Abuse Strategy be noted; and
- (2) a refresh of Sefton's Domestic and Sexual Abuse Strategy be agreed for the next three years and it be acknowledged that this would be produced to reflect local activity and the Merseyside priorities being developed by the Strategic Domestic Violence and Abuse Group.

# Agenda Item 3

SEFTON SAFER COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP- THURSDAY 13TH  
SEPTEMBER, 2018

## **21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED:

That the next meeting be held on Thursday, 13 December 2018 at the  
Town Hall, Bootle, commencing at 11.00 a.m.

---

**Report to:** Sefton Safer Communities Partnership

**Date of Meeting:** 13 December 2018

**Subject:** Merseyside Offender Mentoring Project

---

## 1. **Background**

1.1.1 The purpose of this background report is to showcase the success of Merseyside Offender Mentoring Project and to launch its recently developed video.

1.1.2 The Merseyside Offender Mentoring Project was originally launched as Sefton Council for Voluntary Service (Sefton CVS) Informal Mentoring Project in May 2011, as one of two pilots<sup>2</sup> awarded by the National Offender Management Service (NOMS) in England, Merseyside. The project has since that time gone from strength to strength and is currently funded by a range of agencies and charitable sources including the Big Lottery Fund, the Steve Morgan Foundation and the John Armitage Charitable Trust. With a base within HMP Liverpool, the project works closely with Merseyside Police and Merseyside Probation Service and has recently extended its services into HMP Risley. The current Lottery Funding will cease at the end of June 2019.

1.1.3 Merseyside Offender Mentoring project operates in the local authority areas of Liverpool, Sefton, Wirral and St Helens, the principal aim being to engage with offenders and ex-offenders to prevent re-offending by:

- providing them with volunteer mentoring support to help them successfully resettle in the community;
- diverting them away from crime and pursue new futures by developing positive relationships and by assisting them to identify and achieve individual goals and targets;
- assisting them with finding stable accommodation, accessing training, employment, substance and mental health services and improving family and personal relationships

1.1.4 Sefton CVS received the Queens Award for Voluntary Service in 2015 for the Offender Mentoring Project and the current Co-ordinator has been personally shortlisted for the prestigious 'Butler Trust Award' for his work on reducing re-offending in the last 8 years.

## 2. **How we Deliver the Service**

2.2.1 A Merseyside Offender Mentoring Prison Peer Mentor, (this being a serving prisoner within the prison), meets with the men on induction to the prison to advise

# Agenda Item 4

them of the service and the personal support that the project can offer them when they are released back into the community. The project worker interviews them whilst in custody to identify areas in which they need support. They will then be visited and mentored by the project worker whilst still in custody. It is during these sessions that a positive relationship is formed prior to release and enables the project worker to liaise with probation and other services in the prison such as housing, training and drug and alcohol services to avoid any duplication within the prison setting. This early work whilst in custody is crucial in ensuring the right kind of services are made available to the young person at the earliest opportunity on release to achieve positive reintegration into the community, continuity and ultimately a reduction in re-offending.

2.2.2 On the day they are released from custody the project worker meets the mentee at the prison with the assigned volunteer mentor. Where this is not possible a meeting is arranged to take place within three working days. Some people on release can find themselves homeless or information about them is not adequately recorded. The project workers overcome these early problems by contacting probation officers, holding three way meetings at the earliest opportunity to agree a holistic package of support, ensuring all relevant agencies are made aware of our involvement with the mentee and their support needs to minimise duplication. After release the volunteer mentor meets on a regular basis with the mentee and work commences on supporting them to overcome any barriers they are facing, work on achieving their goals and successfully reintegrate back into the community and change their offending behaviour.

## 3. **Outcomes**

3.3.1 In terms of success the project has demonstrated consistent success in reducing re-offending. In 2014/15 only 17.9% of offenders who engaged with the project re-offended compared to the national average of 60%, in 2015/16 only 10% of offenders supported re-offended compared to the national average of 44%, in 2016/17 only 15% have re-offended and in the last year only 18% re-offended compared to a 44% national average as reported by the MoJ in April 2017.

3.3.2 In the last twelve months the project engaged with 593 offenders in custody and on release 213 of which received support from a volunteer mentor. 141 offenders out of 228 have reported improved health and wellbeing, (62%), 114 have accessed substance misuse services, (54%), 126 accessed health and wellbeing services, (59%), 146 accessed education, training employment or volunteer placements, (69%) and 152 reported improved life skills and an increase in their confidence, (71%).

## 4. **Social Value and Investment**

4.4.1 We have recruited and trained 260 volunteer community mentors in the last four years who give freely of their time to support ex-offenders to successfully resettle back into the community and reduce their offending behaviour. In terms of value for money our volunteer mentors have in the last four years freely given at total number of 27,782 hours in supporting their mentee's to turn away from crime, which using the Sefton average earnings over the same period has a social value investment of £364,617\*. (\*Based on Sefton Council Economic Performance Report, 2017).

4.4.2 Based on the methodology used in Home Office Research Study 217 “The Economic and Social Costs of Crime” and using the revised estimates of cost published earlier this year, we estimate that the cost per crime committed by offenders for whom we provide a mentoring service is £3,097 (based on the profile of previous offences committed). This figure can then be used as a measure of the relative financial benefit of our project in preventing further offending compared to the standard approach. During the reporting period July 2016 to June 2017 228 offenders engaged with the project; that is they were matched with a volunteer mentor who worked with them to address issues and needs. Of that 228 only 34 (15%) re-offended. Based on national averages for reoffending for that period it may have been expected that 137 (60%) would have committed a further offence. Based on those figures the MOMS Project prevented the commission of at least 103 crimes, assuming each re-offender committed just 1 further crime, at a saving of just less than £320,000 in one 12 month period.

## 5. **Recommendations**

5.1.1 Members of the Community Safety Partnership are recommended to :

- Note the background report, the success of the project and the content of the video
- Promote the video through their established communications teams and social media
- Support Sefton CVS in seeking to secure additional funding beyond June 2019.

This page is intentionally left blank

## Sefton Safer Communities Partnership

### 1 Introduction

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update SSCP regarding key headlines and achievements of the Integrated Youth Service since June 2018.

2 **Recommendation(s) That:** The SSCP notes the report

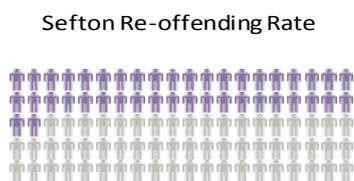
### 3. Youth offending Team (YOT)

#### 3.1 YOT - Performance

#### 3.1 Sefton's Key National Performance Indicators—headlines (December 2018)

3.2 This report focuses upon Sefton's performance by benchmarking against the 'new' YOT families that groups YOTs that appear similar in terms of the socio-demographic characteristics of their area.

3.3 **Re-offending-** this is defined as the percentage of those young people who have re-offended from an identified cohort of first offenders. Given the small numbers within a three-month cohort, aggregated data is used, taking an average across the four quarters. This shows a Sefton rate of 41.5%; which



roughly translates to 4 in 10 young people re-offend. The rate is currently lower than our comparison YOT 'family' average 42.4%, England 41.6% and Merseyside 47.8%. Sefton's Performance has shown a slight decrease in this last quarter to previous (-3.2%) comparing

October 15 to September 16 with October 14 to September 15. Performance is good taking account of the longer-term trends.

3.4 **First Time Entrants** – this relates to those young people who receive a criminal record for the first time. Figures show a 29.3% increase comparing April 17 to March 18 with April 16 to March 17, the rate increase is from 215 to 278 per 100,000. This increase for Sefton is unusual given past trends, the last two quarter shows an increase. In terms of numbers, this is an increase of 15 young people for the last quarter. However, the period we are comparing with is one of the lowest numbers of first time entrants in the last five years.

3.5 Sefton's Performance continues to be comparable to Merseyside with a rate of 281 and England 276. Performance is not as good when compared to the overall rate of the YOT 'family'. Sefton is approximately average, listed fourth as having the highest rate of first time entrants out of 10 similar YOTs. Sefton and two other YOTs have an increased rate for 2018/17 compared with 2016/17.

# Agenda Item 7

Dec 18

- 3.6 Sefton's continues to be proactive through prevention strategies, particularly with out of court disposals and the use of Community Resolutions. First time entrants are locally tracked at the end of each quarter and while these figures are not always comparable, numbers did increase for the quarter October to December 2017.
- 3.7 **Custody Rate** – the number of young people receiving a custodial sentence expressed as a rate per 1,000 of 10-17 population-data shows a significant reduction of 30%. Sefton's reduced rate translates in actual numbers of 1 young people being sentenced to custody within July 17 to June 18 compared to 8 within July 16 to June 17.
- 3.8 Sefton's custody rate is 0.04, the lowest rate over the last five years. Performance compares extremely well when compared to the North West 0.37, Merseyside 0.35 and the YOT family average 0.22. Sefton the lowest rate of custody amongst the Merseyside YOTs and performance is extremely good within the ranking of the YOT family as shown in chart 3.

## 4 Youth Justice Board Consultation

- 4.1 The Youth Justice Board has recently consulted with Youth Justice Services regarding proposed changes to the National Standards for Children in the Youth Justice System.
- 4.2 The streamlined standards focus on five key themes and provide flexibility in how local authorities deliver youth justice services. The Cabinet Member for Communities and Housing has been consulted regarding the changes and has agreed Sefton's response.

## 5 Targeted Youth Prevention

### 5.1 Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Pilot

- 5.2 Since June 2018, a second programme as part of the ACEs pilot has been delivered with significant success. The feedback from participants in both groups was extremely positive and retention of group numbers was greater for the second group. As already reported to SSCP, John Moores University will deliver a full evaluation report which is expected in January.

- 5.3 Sefton has accessed funding to train a further 12 members of staff in January 2019 who will deliver six programmes across localities throughout 2019, two in each locality. The training delivered by Rockpool has developed and now supports staff to deliver programmes with young people who have had adverse childhood experiences as well as parents.

### 5.4 Youth Service

- 5.5 There has been extensive activities delivered by the Post 5pm teams, working with young people at youth centres across the borough. The Youth Bus has engaged with our communities, tackling anti-social behaviour and delivering

Dec 18

activities with young people and families such as cooking groups within the summer holidays when children cannot access free school meals. The youth bus also worked alongside partners such as Merseyside Police and Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service across the mischief and bonfire period, supporting our communities to stay safe.

- 5.6 During the summer, young people engaged in the Sefton Rocks project, where youth groups across Sefton decorated dozens of rocks with colourful designs and hid them in parks and green spaces across borough. The aim of the project was to encourage young people and families to search for the rocks and post pictures of their finds on Twitter and Instagram.
- 5.7 Young people from Sefton Youth Voice took part in a series of workshops to create parts ready for the Lost Castles event which took place in North Park during August. The young people participated in creating and building a castle using only cardboard boxes.
- 5.8 This year's Make Your Mark has seen a record-breaking number of votes at 18,004 which equates to 64% of the 11 – 18 youth population in Sefton. This was the highest percentage in Liverpool City Region 2nd highest percentage in North West Region and 9th highest number of votes nationally.
- 5.9 The top 4 issues that all received over 2000 votes each were - End Knife Crime (2,653), Mental Health (2,466), End Homelessness (2,464) and Support Youth Services (2,061). These issues will be debated at the next SYMBOL meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> November, where area will be nominated as the new campaign for youth cabinet moving forward.
- 5.10 Throughout October and November, detached youth workers have covered the town centre and the area around East Bank street. Workers have engaged with shop keepers and fast food outlets to deliver the Barnardo's 'Be Aware' child exploitation awareness leaflet. The leaflets contain information for businesses and members of the community on how to report any concerns they have regarding child exploitation.

This page is intentionally left blank