

SEFTON SAFER COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP

**MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, BOOTLE
ON 12 MARCH 2020**

PRESENT: Councillor Hardy (in the Chair)
Councillors John Sayers and Shaw,
Jenny Currie, Neil Frackleton, Martin Gay,
Sue Holden, Mike O'Malley, Karen Rooney,
Helen Armitage, Tanya Wilcock, Christopher
Millward, Chris White, Rosanna Stanley,
Sue Simmons and David Hunter.

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Maher

40. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted from, Tony Harland, Superintendent Graham Robson, Stephen Martlew and Nicky Horn.

41. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

42. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 5 December 2019 be confirmed as a correct record.

43. FEMALE OUT OF COURT DISPOSAL PROJECT

Chris Millward gave a presentation on the Female out of Court Disposal Project which was intended to reduce re-offending.

The presentation gave details of:

The eligibility criteria;
Areas of Need;
The issuing process;
Achievements to date; and
Next steps

Particular reference was made to future funding and any contributions which the Strategic Partnership could make.

Reference was made to the proven successes set out in the presentation and, bearing this in mind whether national funding for the scheme would be more appropriate.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That future funding for this scheme be considered once the funding for the Sefton Safer Communities Partnership funding for 2020-2021 is agreed;
- (2) That it be placed on record and reported back to Merseyside Police that the Partnership would suggest that funding for this project should be considered nationally; and
- (3) A letter of support for such funding be sent on behalf of the Partnership.

44. MERSEYSIDE COMMUNITY REHABILITATION COMPANY STRATEGIC NEEDS ANALYSIS

Karen Rooney gave a presentation on the Merseyside Strategic Needs Assessment giving updated data as at 9 January 2020.

RESOLVED:

That the presentation be noted.

45. CONFERENCE REPORT

Chris White presented a report on the Tackling Serious Organised Crime Partnership Conference which had taken place on 4 December 2019 and had brought together over 60 representatives from a range of partner agencies. The aim of the conference was to understand and develop a response to Serious and Organised Crime (SOC) in south Sefton.

Resolved;

That the report be noted and priorities fed into next year's SSCP Action Plan

46. DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL ABUSE

The Partnership considered the report of the Localities Service Manager giving an update on the undermentioned topics with regards to Domestic Abuse:

Governance Review:

A brief governance review had been completed following which it was proposed to merge the operational group and the executive group into a single Domestic Abuse Steering Group.

LCR Dispersed Accommodation Project 2020/21:

The report gave an update of funding for the project which helped support Domestic Abuse victims in a managed move that would provide stability and sustainability for the future.

Target Hardening:

Funding for this project would no longer be available from April 2020 and it was suggested that an underspend in the Sefton Safer Communities Partnership budget be used in order to ensure there was no break in this valuable service.

Domestic Abuse Conference:

The annual Sefton Domestic Abuse Conference would take place on 26 March 2020 at Linacre Methodist Mission, Litherland.

RESOLVED:

- (1) the change in governance structure be approved;
- (2) the use of Sefton Safer Communities Partnership underspend in 2019/20 to fund a 3-year target hardening contract be approved; and
- (3) members be encouraged to book onto the Sefton Annual Domestic Abuse Conference and circulate amongst relevant staff in their organisations.

47. REFUGEE AND ASYLUM SEEKERS

Steven Martlew submitted a report giving an update on Asylum and Refugee issues within Sefton. The report made specific reference to Refugee Resettlement, Asylum Seekers and gave an update on a recent meeting of the Sefton Asylum, Refugee and Migration Forum.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

48. LOCAL POLICING UPDATE

The Partnership received a verbal update from Superintendent Mike O'Malley. During his presentation, Superintendent O'Malley highlighted issues regarding:

- Investigations following a recent damage only firearms discharge
- Operation Uplift
- Organised Crime
- Burglaries
- Plain clothes operations
- Knife crime
- Operation Target

RESOLVED:

That the update be noted.

49. PREVENT ACTION PLAN

Further to Minute No. 32 of the meeting held on 5 December 2019 Chris White updated the Partnership on work which had been ongoing to progress an Action Plan following approval of the revised Sefton PREVENT Strategy 2020-21. It was anticipated that this would be completed for the next meeting of the Partnership

RESOLVED:

That:

- (1) The update be noted; and
- (2) The action plan be considered at the next meeting.

50. HOMELESS DEATH REVIEW FINAL REPORT

Further to Minute No. 43 of the meeting held on 14 March 2019 David Hunter submitted a report detailing a review of a death of a man with a street based lifestyle which had been commissioned by the Partnership. The report detailed the particular circumstances of the case and investigated any actions which could be put in place in an effort to reduce the possibility of any similar occurrence in the future.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) The report be noted;
- (2) The recommendations set out in the report be supported;
- (3) The situation be monitored and future reports brought to the Partnership as appropriate;
- (4) A presentation on drug/alcohol services be given to a future meeting of the Partnership; and
- (5) A presentation on homeless services be given to a future meeting of the Partnership.

51. INTEGRATED YOUTH SERVICES

Ros Stanley gave a report updating the Partnership on the Integrated Youth Services and highlighting the following:

Re-offending rates;
Victim work;
Trauma Informed Practice;
Youth Work; and
Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

52. PARTNERSHIP MEMBERSHIP REVIEW

Further to Minute No. 38 of the meeting held on 5 December 2019 Chris White gave an update on the review and refresh of the Membership of the Partnership. In the main the present Membership was considered to be appropriate but it was felt that the addition of representatives from Education and Children's Social Care would be useful.

RESOLVED:

That the update be noted and the proposal to add representatives from Education and Children's Social Care be approved.

53. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Violence Reduction Partnership – it was reported that additional funding had been agreed for a further 12 months and Sue Holden would be the link.

A Task and Finish Group had been set up to allocate funding from VRP proposals which would be approved in consultation with the Chair of the Partnership.

54. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the next meeting be held on Thursday, 11 June, 2020 at Bootle Town Hall, commencing at 10:00 am.