

SEFTON SAFER COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP

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

PRESENT: Councillor Andrea Watts (in the Chair)
Councillor Thomas, Superintendent Matt Boyle,
Jenny Currie, Neil Frackleton, Martin Gay,
Tony Harland and Ian Willman

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor John Kelly, Martin Chambers, Chief
Inspector Steve Rice

22. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Hardy and Shaw, Rosie Goodwin, Sue Holden, and Brendan Prescott.

23. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

24. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 19 September 2018 be confirmed as a correct record.

25. MERSEYSIDE OFFENDER MENTORING PROJECT

RESOLVED:

That the consideration of this item be deferred to the next meeting of the Sefton Safer Communities Partnership on 14 March 2019.

26. RED UMBRELLA PROJECT

RESOLVED:

That the consideration of this item be deferred to the next meeting of the Sefton Safer Communities Partnership on 14 March 2019.

27. KNIFE CRIME - LIVERPOOL CITY REGION APPROACH

Chris White, Localities Team Manager – South, updated on Merseyside Police’s continuing fight against knife crime that had been given a boost thanks to a new partnership set up with the region’s five local authorities.

Colleagues from Liverpool, Sefton, Wirral, Knowsley and St Helens, had pledged their time, expertise and influence to help Merseyside Police capture and develop important information about the causes, impact, cost and solutions to the problem of knife crime throughout the whole of Merseyside; representatives from each geographical area had been tasked with a different focus ranging from information gathering and improving community confidence to exploring how to reduce knife related injuries and the number of people found in possession of knives; and that it was hoped that through the sharing of vital information, raising awareness, improving communication and targeted messaging together with community focused interventions such as ‘designing out crime’ in key areas, stop-searches and the development of suitable programmes and education-based initiatives, the issue could be tackled more effectively.

Sefton Council was keen to be able to support the development of the pan-Merseyside Knife Crime Strategy; and was responsible for pursuing the element of the plan regarding the reduction in knife related injuries and offences as well as looking forward to working with colleagues to develop the proactive use of powers and legislation and to run collaborative operations across the city region.

Mr. White also referred to the investment Sefton had made in equipment to support our vibrant night time economy across the borough which had included the provision to businesses of knife wands that would ensure visitors to our busy town centres would feel safe and secure.

Andrea Watts, Executive Director, referred to the “Make Your Mark” survey undertaken by Sefton Youth Voice that sought the views of young people across the borough on issues affecting them and which they would like to be addressed; that 18,004 votes were cast and “End Knife Crime” received the highest number of votes; and that at a recent SYMBOL meeting (Sefton Youth Making Better Opportunities with Leaders) the “End Knife Crime” topic was endorsed as Sefton Youth Cabinet’s campaign for the forthcoming year.

RESOLVED: That:

- (1) Chris White be thanked for his informative presentation;
- (2) the Head of Communities be requested to submit a further update to the next meeting of the Partnership on the actions being taken in Sefton and across the Liverpool City Region to combat knife crime;
- (3) the Head of Communities be requested to engage with the Sefton Youth Cabinet on their campaign for the forthcoming year to end knife crime; and
- (4) the Head of Communities be requested to liaise with the Chief Legal and Democratic Officer on the feasibility of imposing a condition on the granting of licensing applications requiring the provision of knife wands for use by SIA security staff.

28. 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 (December 2018) relating to re-offending, first-time entrants, and custody rates
- Youth Justice Board Consultation
- Targeted Youth Prevention in connection with the Adverse Childhood Experience (ACES) Pilot Programme and the Targeted Youth Prevention – Youth Service which included; the Lost Castles Project in North Park, the Sefton Rocks Project, the Youth Bus, Make Your Mark and Barnardo's 'Be Aware' child exploitation awareness leaflets.

The Partnership also received a video presentation which had been produced to further explain the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) programme and the intervention offered by Sefton to support parents who have had ACE's and how this impacts on their children.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the report on the key headlines and achievements of the Integrated Youth Service since June 2018 be noted; and
- (2) Liverpool John Moores University's Formal Evaluation of the ACE's programme be presented at the next meeting of the Partnership on 14 March 2019.

29. ENQUIRY DESK UPDATE - MERSEYSIDE POLICE

The Partnership received a verbal update from Superintendent Matt Boyle, Merseyside Police, on the current position regarding the Enquiry Desk review.

Superintendent Boyle indicated that a review was currently being undertaken regarding the Force's general Enquiry offices; that Sefton had two offices at Marsh Lane, Bootle and Southport; that the review would be undertaken in conjunction with the Police and Crime commissioner's Estates Strategy; that the use of new technology would be investigated to provide enhanced information and alternate methods of enquiry; and that account would be taken to ensure that digital exclusion issues did not arise as a result of this exercise.

RESOLVED:

That Superintendent Boyle be thanked for his informative update.

30. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Community Safety Partnership Funding

Ian Willman, Localities Service Manager – South updated on the recent report considered by the Merseyside Police and Crime Panel in respect of Community Safety Partnership funding.

Mr. Willman indicated that Councillor Hardy had made representations to the Chair of the Merseyside Police and Crime Panel on the negative impacts of any potential reductions in Community Safety Partnership funding; particularly bearing in mind the cumulative impact this would have following reductions in funding during the previous two years.

Jenny Currie, Merseyside and Police Crime Commissioner's office, indicated that a government announcement regarding Police funding was expected later that day and this would have a bearing on the level of resources that could be allocated to Community Safety Partnerships across Merseyside.

Early Intervention Youth Fund

Ian Willman, Localities Service Manager - South updated on a project to prevent serious violence, tackle gang culture and protect young people from exploitation.

Mr. Willman advised that Everton in the Community, Liverpool Football Club's LFC Foundation, the Princes Trust and the Shrewsbury House

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Youth Club would work in partnership on the project after receiving funding of £674k from the Home Office's Early Intervention Youth Fund following a bid put forward and endorsed by the region's Police and Crime Commissioner, Jane Kennedy.

Mr. Willman concluded that the project aimed to identify and gain the trust of young people and engage them in voluntary activities at schools, youth clubs and centres and through outreach work which would help them to understand and move away from potentially dangerous and criminal situations; and that it would also focus on supporting the young people to identify their own strengths and develop their skills, helping them to build a more positive future.

RESOLVED:

That the successful bid to the Home Office's Early Intervention Youth Fund be welcomed.

31. MRS LYN SHAW

Councillor Thomas reported with sadness and regret on the recent death of Mrs Lyn Shaw, the wife of Councillor Simon Shaw and extended the thoughts and sincere condolences of the Partnership Members to Councillor Shaw, his family and friends on their very sad loss.

RESOLVED:

That a letter of condolence be sent to Councillor Shaw on behalf of the Safer Community Partnership expressing sympathy to him and his family on the very sad loss of his wife and their mother.

32. CHIEF INSPECTOR JERRY HARRIS

The Chair paid tribute to Chief Inspector Jerry Harris who would be shortly retiring from Merseyside Police. Jerry joined Merseyside Police in 1980 and had been a Chief Inspector in Sefton since 2013 and a long-standing contributor to the workings of the Partnership.

RESOLVED:

That the best thanks of the Partnership be extended to Chief Inspector Jerry Harris for his contribution to policing in Merseyside and Sefton in particular; and that he be wished a long, healthy and happy retirement.

33. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED:

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