

SEFTON SAFER COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP

REMOTE MEETING ON THURSDAY 18TH JUNE, 2020

PRESENT: Councillor Hardy (in the Chair)
Councillors John Sayers and Shaw
Helen Armitage, Jenny Currie, Tracey Forshaw,
Neil Frackelton, Martin Gay, Tony Harland,
Sue Holden, Nicola Horn, Steven Martlew,
Superintendent Graeme Robson, Kevin Sexton,
Nikki Sofia, Rosanna Stanley, Chris White and
Tanya Willcock

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was submitted from Karen Rooney, Merseyside Community Rehabilitation Company.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Chair reported that the Minute book would be signed at a future meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 March 2020 be confirmed as a correct record.

4. DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL ABUSE

Steven Martlew, Localities Service Manager – North, gave a verbal update on domestic and sexual abuse, providing an overview of incidents and activity undertaken to combat issues since March 2020, and highlighted the following:

- The huge amount of publicity given to the potential for domestic and sexual abuse during the lockdown period;
- The slightly increased number of cases reported to Merseyside Police;
- The increasing number and complexity of cases referred to the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC);
- The increasing number of cases of abuse by adolescents against parents during the lockdown period;

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- The outcome of the bid for funding of £38,500 to the Ministry of Justice would be known the following day and a bespoke child-on-parent scheme was being sought; and
- The steering group to consider issues had last met on 4 June 2020 and would meet every two months.

Neil Frackelton, Sefton Women's and Children's Aid (SWACA), reported on recent activity and funding for the organisation.

Tanya Wilcock, Head of Communities, reported on activity undertaken by the Council's community response cell meetings that took place weekly.

Kevin Sexton, Schools Representative, raised concerns regarding vulnerable children during the forthcoming school summer holidays and Tanya Wilcock agreed to liaise with schools regarding vulnerable children.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the update on domestic and sexual abuse be noted; and
- (2) Tanya Wilcock be requested to ensure liaison with schools is carried out, in order to identify vulnerable children prior to the forthcoming school summer holidays.

5. REFUGEE AND ASYLUM SEEKERS

Steven Martlew, Localities Service Manager – North, gave a verbal update on refugee and asylum seekers and highlighted the following:

- Numbers of refugees and asylum seekers in Sefton;
- Support offered;
- The use of the Scarisbrick Hotel, Southport, for asylum seekers;
- Issues with racism; and
- Issues with Serco.

The housing of asylum seekers nationally was organised by the Home Office through its contractors. Serco was the Home Office contractor for the North West of England.

Tracey Forshaw, NHS South Sefton Clinical Commissioning Group and NHS Southport and Formby Clinical Commissioning Group (CCGs), indicated that the CCGs had been working in partnership regarding the cohort at the Scarisbrick Hotel. Following issues with seeking medical input, the cohort was now registered with a GP. There were a small number of children at the Hotel and in response to a query raised by Tracey Forshaw, Steven Martlew indicated that School Regulatory Services were in regular contact with families there. Tanya Wilcock, Head of Communities, indicated that the Family Wellbeing Centre had been requested to make contact and offer support to these families.

RESOLVED:

That the update on refugees and asylum seekers be noted.

6. LOCAL POLICING UPDATE

Superintendent Graeme Robson, Merseyside Police, gave a verbal update and highlighted issues during lockdown and trends as lockdown eases, including the following:

- Serious organised crime;
- Burglaries;
- Anti-social behaviour;
- Traffic management and parking issues, particularly on the Sefton coast;
- The potential for illegal rave parties and associated issues; and
- Vulnerable children and young people and associated risks.

Discussion took place on raising awareness of hate crime.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the update be noted; and
- (2) Merseyside Police and the Merseyside Police and Crime Commissioner's Office be requested to consider issuing a joint communication to raise awareness of hate crime and provide feedback to the Partnership in due course.

7. INTEGRATED YOUTH SERVICES

Tanya Wilcock, Head of Communities, presented the report of the Service Manager Localities – South, that provided an update on the progress and achievements of the Integrated Youth Service and highlighted the following:

- Youth Offending Team (YOT) and YOT Performance;
- Impact of Covid-19 for the YOT;
- Youth Service; and
- Trauma Informed Practice.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

8. PREVENT

Chris White, Localities Team Manager – South, gave a verbal update on the Sefton PREVENT Strategy, that had now been approved. The Strategy

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aimed to stop people becoming, or supporting, terrorists and violent extremists. The update highlighted the following:

- Monthly meetings were in progress;
- The Chair of the Channel Panel, that was fundamental to the process, reviewed live cases;
- There had been a big reduction in reporting across the North West; and
- British Transport Police were considering the new referral process.

The new national referral form passed cases to the Police and did not allow the Local Authority to check for any safeguarding issues. The Sefton process for referral had only just been published, as part of the Strategy.

In response to a query raised by Tracey Forshaw, Chris White undertook to share the approved Sefton PREVENT Strategy with the Sefton Clinical Commissioning Groups, for circulation with the Minutes of the meeting.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the update on the Sefton PREVENT Strategy be noted;
- (2) the recently published Sefton process for referral be retained; and
- (3) Chris White be requested to share the approved Sefton PREVENT Strategy, for circulation with the Minutes of this meeting.



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9. COMMUNITY SAFETY WEEKLY TRACKER

Chris White, Localities Team Manager – South, gave a verbal update on the Community Safety Weekly Tracker that had now moved to a monthly report as it was difficult for the Localities Team to produce the report on a weekly basis. Chris White shared the report on-screen and highlighted the following:

- Anti-social behaviour had increased during lock-down and was often lock-down related;
- Reports of hate crime had decreased;
- Domestic abuse; and
- The work of the Sefton Youth Offending Team.

Discussion took place on the possibility of submitting the Tracker to the next meeting of the Partnership, although it was possible that the information contained was restricted. Enquiries would be made with the Business Intelligence Team.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the update on the Community Safety Tracker be noted; and
- (2) consideration be given to how best to share the Tracker with the Partnership.

**10. 2020-2021 SEFTON SAFER COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP
PLAN (POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER - VIOLENCE
REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP FUNDING)**

The Partnership considered the report of Chris White, Localities Team Manager – South, on the draft Sefton Safer Communities Partnership Plan 2020/2021, that highlighted the following:

- Vision;
- What we know;
- Merseyside Violence Reduction Partnership (VRP);
- Priorities and actions for Crime Reduction Grant 2020/2021; and
- Priorities and actions for Violence Reduction Partnership Grant 2020/2021.

Chris White reported that the Budget Sub Group had last met on 2 June 2020 and had been well attended. Two amendments were required to be made to the Sefton Safer Communities Partnership Plan 2020/2021, in that an allocation of funding had been granted to Beach Safe, and the £6,000 would be allocated to 10 Commissioned Youth Provision organisations and the document would be updated.

RESOLVED:

That, subject to the amendments to be made, the Sefton Safer Communities Partnership Plan 2020/2021 be approved.



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11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

During the meeting, there were no items of any other business raised.

Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service

Subsequent to the meeting, Tony Harland, Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service (MFRS), reported that he had experienced technical difficulties during the meeting and that he wished to provide an update of MFRS performance in Sefton for 2019/20, as follows:

Total fires attended – 704, a 23% reduction on previous year. The breakdown was as follows:

- Deliberate vehicle fires attended – 46, a 9% reduction on previous year;
- Deliberate secondary (ASB) fires attended – 290, a 38% reduction on previous year;
- Deliberate occupied dwelling fires attended – 14, a 17% reduction on previous year;
- Deliberate non-domestic fires attended – 37, a 17% increase on previous year;
- Accidental dwelling fires attended – 130, an 8% reduction on previous year.

There had been 3 accidental dwelling fire fatalities during the period and a further 3 so far this year. However, no particular trends had been identified with the incidents and nothing could be attributed that related to the current Covid-19 situation.

Information would also be provided on beacon courses in due course.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Chair reported that the venue for the next meeting could be reviewed nearer the time, as to whether the meeting would be held remotely, or physically with social distancing measures in place.

RESOLVED:

That the next meeting be held on Thursday, 10 September 2020, commencing at 10.00 a.m.