

**Safer York /DAAT Partnership Board**  
**Minutes of the Meeting held at 9.30am on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2013**  
**The Severus Room, West Offices**

**Present:** Steve Waddington, Housing and Community Safety, CYC  
(Chair)  
Supt Phil Cain, NYP (Vice Chair)  
Cllr Linsey Cunningham-Cross, CYC  
Dave Dryburgh, Group Manager, NYFRS  
Mike Ryan, Probation

**In attendance:** Martin Hawkings, Public Health, CYC  
Liz Butcher, Public Health England  
Pat Armstrong, DWP  
Simon Page, Youth Services Manager, CYC  
Ian Cunningham, Safer York Partnership  
Leigh Bell, DAAT  
Jo Beilby, DV Coordinator, SYP (items 1 – 8 only)  
Pam Tinker, Safer York Partnership  
Cllr Ian Gillies, CYC (late attendee)

**1. Apologies**

1.1 Apologies were received from Catherine Surtees, Paul Edmondson-Jones and Jane Mowat.

**2. Minutes of the Last Meeting**

2.1 The minutes of the last meeting, 7<sup>th</sup> October 2013, were accepted as a true and accurate record.

**3. Matters Arising**

3.1 Steve Waddington said that reported crime for Domestic Violence is to be built into the Domestic Violence Strategy.

3.2 Steve said that the re-structure is to be discussed under Item 6.

3.3 Liz Butcher said that she had referred the matter of future funding for the provision of treatment services at Askham Grange to a colleague in Health and Justice, who are taking this forward. Leigh Bell advised that there is no need for further discussion as Askham Grange is to close.

3.4 Pam Tinker and Leigh Bell confirmed that Board meeting dates for 2014 have been agreed which will allow DAAT quarterly reports to be incorporated.

#### 4. **SYP Performance Report**

4.1 Ian Cunningham reported that overall levels of crime continues to show signs of reduction and is predicted to fall by just under 5%. Phil Cain requested caution around the crime figures, as a dip in performance over recent months would provide challenges to be able to maintain this reduction.

4.2 Ian said that York has a low level of violent crime compared to other similar night time economy cities. Information also suggests that admissions at A & E for victims of violent assault have fallen by some 30%.

4.3 The expansion of the CIZ was heard at the Licensing Committee and has now gone out to a three month consultation process. Ian is to provide feedback however so far no negative responses have been received. Steve Waddington advised that it is intended to have a comprehensive picture around the night time economy to also include the ARZ and night time levy. Phil Cain requested in future that the Board should be focussed around the effects on health.

4.4 Ian advised that the Alcohol Referral Scheme, is to be run in partnership with SYP, NYP and Public Health for a pilot period of 12-18 months. Funding has been received from the North Yorkshire Substance Misuse Partnership and it is hoped that the scheme will commence next month. Steve requested whether arrangements have been made for an interim report. Ian advised that arrangements have already been made with the University of York to provide analysis at the end of the pilot and saw no reason why they could not provide an interim report.

4.5 Ian reported that the “domestic” figures have been re-configured and shows that 2% of incidents where the victim is under the age of 18. The quality of domestic incidents information is improving.

4.6 Ian said that various marketing bus campaigns are planned. These include a domestic violence campaign over Christmas, an acquisitive crime campaign during spring and one around cycle theft through the run up to the Tour de France. Phil requested that consideration also be given to the World Cup.

- 4.7 Ian reported that they are continuing to move forward with the ASB Hub and are currently looking at the dynamics behind this. The Community Environmental Officers have recently been successfully involved in some high profile fly-tipping cases.
- 4.8 The results of the York Big Survey have been released and show, as a top level indicator, that residents feel that York is a safe place to live.
- 4.9 An alley gating programme has been agreed for the next three years and a matrix has been created based on reported crime and anti-social behaviour to determine priority order.
- 4.10 Phil Cain advised that due to a spike in domestic burglaries last year, additional police resources are to be deployed this December to combat this. He said that the SYP multi-agency task groups have carried out much work, engaging with the universities to work with students to provide crime prevention advice to students around properties being left vacant.
- 4.11 Following a five year decline, Ian predicted a large increase in cycle theft. Currently the Cycle Theft task group are experiencing increases in the targeting of high value road bikes. NYP and SYP have joint funded a number of Hermes and Apollo devices. The SNAs are to deploy the Hermes devices to register cycles onto Immobilise. In addition with the run up to the Tour de France, SYP are working with Visit York and iTravel to promote secure cycle parking facilities at hotels and B&Bs.
- 4.12 Ian reported a slight drop in levels of hate crime. It is predicted that there will be 250 less arrests for shoplifting in York this year compared to last year. Finally a slight reduction has been seen in road traffic collisions.

## 5. **SYP Finance Report**

- 5.1 The Financial Statement for up to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2013 was noted.

## 6. **Community Safety Re-structure**

- 6.1 Steve Waddington reported the shortfall in Safer York Partnership's income of £71k being partly due to changes in funding from the Home Office to the PCC. The revised structure, within the anticipated reduction in income, will need to re-focus on the suggested priorities determined from the Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment, which is to be finalised in mid December.

- 6.2 Steve reported that he had attended a multi-agency panel meeting in October with the PCC which included representatives from CSPs. He summarised that it is the intention that the district based CSPs merge into a single CSP for North Yorkshire and, given the unitary boundaries, York will be retained as a single CSP. To date, York is significantly providing more funding to the CSP than those in North Yorkshire. Districts will have to take ownership and will need to re-focus its priorities based on the JSIA, Police and Crime Plan and link in with other strategies and plans for the City.
- 6.3 Steve explained that funding will be directed through the PCC and commissioning will have to go through a bidding process which will be project led rather than admin led. The PCC have recommended three stands of commissioning not all of which may be practical. York has responded and suggested that task groups continue to be funded in the current manner in order to deliver interventions quickly.
- 6.4 Steve advised that the York and North Yorkshire Community Safety Board are to replace the Forum and said that he held the terms of reference. Julia Mulligan has requested comments by 31<sup>st</sup> December. Phil Cain said he had a number of concerns with regards to membership, voting rights, the bidding process and where do NYP Commanders sit in regards to discussing local delivery of the CSP element.

***Action: Steve Waddington is to circulate the Terms of Reference and requested comments to him so that the Partnership Board can send a collective response by 31<sup>st</sup> December.***

- 6.5 Steve said that both he and Jane will be working through the re-structure, to include how interventions, determined by the JSIA, are to be prioritised with the reduction in resources.
- 6.6 Steve advised that the Safer York Partnership shortfall may potentially increase to £84k in order to meet the costs of the RACY Co-ordinator. He reminded members that at the August meeting the decision had been taken that services and support to the retail community would be provided through the mainstreamed capacity within SNTs and SYP. This decision was based on the decline in membership fees which could no longer support the salary costs of the co-ordinator. Steve reported that since the decision was made the appeal, through the redundancy consultation process, was upheld by the Council, with the decision to uphold the role of the Co-ordinator. In order to deal with the Council implications the post is now having to be mainstreamed under

the Partnership. Steve requested, from an HR perspective, whether this Board still wished to uphold the original decision.

***Agreed: that the Board are to uphold their decision made in August to mainstream the service through the police safer neighbourhood terms and be supported by the SYP Business Crime Task and that the post of the RACY Co-ordinator is to cease.***

## **7 Domestic Violence Strategy Group Update**

- 7.1 Jo Beilby advised that in the light of no consistent funding being available from next year and with no strategic lead in York she had met with Tracy Simpson Laing and Paul Edmondson Jones. This resulted in a Domestic Violence Strategy Group being set up, with a view to discuss objectives, set up a strategy and commissioning process. This group would report and feed into appropriate Boards.
- 7.2 Phil Cain said that at a recent Regional Troubled Families meeting that he had attended, it is highly unlikely that their agenda is to include Domestic Violence and suggested that this needs to be borne in mind when planning the DV Strategy. He also requested that a representative from NYP, at Chief Inspector level, should be invited to attend future meetings.

## **8. White Ribbon Programme**

- 8.1 Jo Beilby reported that the White Ribbon campaign status is on target. Reclaim the Night March went ahead in 23<sup>rd</sup> November with around 150 people taking part. The questionnaire refers to the authority having a Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Strategy and to date York does not have a stand alone strategy, however individual work is going on and is highlighted in the Coalition VAWG Strategy. Jo advised that Nicola Squires is going to confirm with Chris Dean at White Ribbon that this will not be a problem.

## **9. JSNA Support Packs**

- 9.1 Martin Hawkings provided an overview of the JSNA packs for alcohol and drugs. He agreed to circulate the full notes of the presentation as the meeting room did not provide the facilities for a Powerpoint presentation.

- 9.2 Leigh Bell said that the previous culture needs to change in that once clients are in treatment they need to move on and be encouraged to come off medication rather than remain in treatment. Liz Butcher reported that since the new system has been commissioned for rehabilitation and recovery then the trends are showing an increase in successful completions. There is a time lag in this showing in the data.
- 9.3 There is a need to interrogate other datasets eg re-offending data and therefore this crossover can assist with determining priorities. Leigh Bell advised that they have recently appointed someone to interrogate their data in terms of the City and what it means.

**Action: Jane Mowat to explore further with Leigh Bell how these datasets can assist in determining priorities.**

10. **Alcohol Stock Take**

- 10.1 This item was deferred.

11. **Dates of Next Meeting for 2014:**

**3<sup>rd</sup> February**  
**7<sup>th</sup> April**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> June**  
**4<sup>th</sup> August**  
**6<sup>th</sup> October**  
**8<sup>th</sup> December**

**Meetings to be held from 9.30am to 12 noon in the Green Room, Level 1 at West Offices.**