



RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES GROUP (RAG)

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 20 December 2012
in Room 4, at Milton Keynes Council Civic Offices @ 2.00pm**

PRESENT:

Councillor Peter Geary (Chair)

Representatives of Responsible Authorities with Voting Rights:

Lynda Bull (on behalf of David Hill)	Milton Keynes Council
Chief Inspector Ed McLean (on behalf of Supt. Barry Halliday)	Thames Valley Police
Mick Osborne	Bucks Fire and Rescue Service
Denise Butt (on behalf of Kilvinder Vigurs)	Thames Valley Probation

Co-opted members to the Responsible Authorities Group without Voting Rights:

Councillor D Eastman	Safety Crime & Policy Select Committee
Parish Councillor David Livingstone	Representing Urban Parish Councils
Parish Councillor Philip Ayles	Representing Rural Parish Councils
Dr Ruth Stone	Voluntary Sector – Community Action MK

Officers:

Lee Westlake	Safer MK/ Head of Service Youth Justice, Milton Keynes Council
Colin Wilderspin	SaferMK, Milton Keynes Council
Will Spurgeon	Assistant Director Targeted Services, Milton Keynes Council
Neil Coolman	Thames Valley Police
Linda Pickering	Thames Valley Probation
Linda Bartlett	Improvement Partners EEP, Milton Keynes Council
Irem Syed	EMASS, Milton Keynes Council
Tina Milner (Committee Manager)	Milton Keynes Council

APOLOGIES:

David Hill	Milton Keynes Council
Councillor O'Neill	Safety Crime and Policy Select Committee
Supt. Barry Halliday	Thames Valley Police
Greg Smith	Bucks Fire and Rescue Service
Kelly Allen	SaferMK
Kilvinder Vigurs	Thames Valley Probation

RAG32 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

That the Chair and Group welcomed new members.

RAG33 MINUTES

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Group held on 20 September 2012, be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

RAG34 PERFORMANCE GROUP REPORT

The Group heard from the Head of Service Youth Justice, that there had been delays in collating data and that the current report was deficient. A full report was to be circulated to the Group during January 2013.

RESOLVED –

That the Performance Group Report be withdrawn and an updated report be circulated to the membership in January 2013.

RAG35 RAG TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Group considered a report in respect of the revised Terms of Reference, for the Responsible Authorities Group.

RESOLVED –

1. That the proposed amendments to the Terms of Reference be agreed.
2. That the Chair and Vice-Chair continue in office until 31 July 2013, and that after July 2013, the Vice-Chair to be appointed on an annual basis from the RAG membership.
3. That the Parish representatives continue to be appointed by the Milton Keynes Association of Local Councils (MKALC).

4. That the Police and Crime Commissioner, or his/her representative be invited to attend RAG meetings as a voting Member of the partnership.

RAG36 SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR STRATEGY GROUP TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Group considered a report on the Social Behaviour Strategy Group Terms of Reference and an Internal Audit report in respect of Social Behaviour.

RESOLVED –

1. That the Terms of Reference for the Strategic Group be agreed.
2. That the Audit Report be noted.

RAG37 SHAPING THE FUTURE OF SAFERMK

The Group considered a report that highlighted the arrangements for the interim support in respect of Shaping the Future of SaferMK, whilst new management arrangements were finalised.

The Group heard that there were a number of challenges to be faced following recent staff changes and the re-shaping of SaferMK. The Head of Service Youth Justice requested that delivery groups engage and collaborate with one another in the forthcoming discussions and that they seek to involve the new Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC).

The Group noted that a meeting was scheduled with the Deputy PCC, Mr D Carroll, the Head of Service Youth Justice and Deputy Head of Community Safety in January 2013.

RESOLVED –

1. That the arrangements made by the Council for the interim support to SaferMK be noted.
2. That the arrangements as set out in the report for shaping the future of SaferMK be approved.

RAG38 POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONERS (PCC) UPDATE

The Group received an update and presentation in respect of the Police and Crime Commissions (PCC) from the Deputy Head of Community Safety. The Group was informed that Mr A Stansfeld had been elected the new PCC for Thames Valley and that Mr D Carroll was appointed as his deputy.

The Group heard from the Deputy Head of Community Safety that a briefing paper had been prepared by SaferMK that supplemented the Strategic Plans, and was designed to aid dialogue and engagement with the new PCC about the Milton Keynes community.

RESOLVED –

1. That a statement on the work of SaferMK be prepared for the Police and Crime Commissioner.
2. That the updates in the report and briefing paper be noted.
3. That a meeting planned in January 2013 with the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) be used to view how the partnership can engage with the PCC.

RAG39 COMMUNITY SAFETY PARISH FUND

The Group received a report and presentation in respect of the Community Safety Parish Fund from the Deputy Head of Community Safety.

The Group heard that criteria for funding applications would be clear and that applications to the fund would be invited from town and parish councils.

RESOLVED –

That the proposed arrangements as set out in the report be noted.

RAG40 STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT & SAFERMK SURVEY

The Group considered a report and presentation in respect of the Strategic Assessment and the Community Safety Survey.

The Group heard from the deputy Head of Community Safety that SaferMK had received over 1200 responses in the recent Community Safety Survey, compared to having received just over 600 during the survey that took place in 2009. He informed the Group, that data analysis would be shared as soon as the information had been reformatted.

The Deputy Head of Community Safety gave the Group a summary of the emerging themes and these suggested that the Group would benefit from the feedback.

RESOLVED –

1. That the emerging themes be noted.
2. That the timeline and sign off of the Strategic Assessment be agreed.

RAG41 COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM FEEDBACK

The Group received an update and presentation on the outcome of the Community Safety Forum event that was held on 5 October 2012.

The Group heard from the Deputy Head of Community Safety that the team was still working on the data and feedback collected from the event, and that an enhanced document and presentation would be provided to the Group in January 2013.

RESOLVED –

That the presentation be noted.

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SUPPLEMENTARY SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

The Group received a presentation from L Bartlett (Improvement Partners EEP) in respect of how the Supplementary Schools Programme was delivered through Ethnic Minority Achievement and the Support Service.

RESOLVED –

1. That the development of the Supplementary Schools Programme be noted.
2. That the partnership organisations be requested to consider how they could support the Programme.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting of the Responsible Authorities Group would be held on Thursday 21 March 2013 at 2.00pm.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 3.50 PM