



RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES GROUP (RAG)

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 21 March 2013
in Room 2, at Milton Keynes Council Civic Offices @ 2.00pm**

PRESENT:

Councillor Peter Geary (Chair)

Representatives of Responsible Authorities with Voting Rights:

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| David Hill | Chief Executive, Milton Keynes Council |
| Supt. Barry Halliday | LPA Commander, Thames Valley Police |
| Richard Priest (on behalf of Mick Osborne and Greg Smith) | Prevention & Protection Policy Officer, Bucks Fire and Rescue Service |
| Kilvinder Vigurs | Thames Valley Probation Director |

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

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| Councillor O'Neill | Community Safety, Crime and Policing Select Committee (Chair) |
| Councillor Eastman | Community Safety, Crime and Policing Select Committee |
| Parish Councillor David Livingstone | Representing Urban Parish Councils |
| Parish Councillor Philip Ayles | Representing Rural Parish Councils |
| Ruth Stone | Chief Executive, Community Action MK - Representing the Voluntary Sector |

OFFICERS:

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| Lee Westlake | Head of Service Youth Justice, SaferMK/Milton Keynes Council |
| Colin Wilderspin | Deputy Head Community Safety, SaferMK/Milton Keynes Council |
| Will Spurgeon | Assistant Director Targeted Services, Milton Keynes Council |
| Insp. Neil Coolman | Partnership Inspector, Thames Valley Police |
| Denise Butt | Drug Service Development Manager, Thames Valley Probation |
| Tina Milner (Committee Manager) | Milton Keynes Council |

OTHERS PRESENT:

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| Councillor D Brunning | Milton Keynes Council |
| Zhara Dhamani | Overview & Scrutiny Officer, Milton Keynes Council |
| James Sloan | Licensing Officer, Milton Keynes Council |
| Mick Hancock | Assistant Director Joint Commissioning, Milton Keynes Council |
| Dr Ivo Haest (on behalf of Sue Frossell) | Representing Public Health - Consultant in Public Health, Milton Keynes Council |
| Steve Conway | Partnership Qualitative Researcher, SaferMK, Milton Keynes Council |

APOLOGIES:

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| Jane Reed | Assistant Director Housing, Milton Keynes Council |
| Mick Osborne | Head of Service Delivery – Milton Keynes, Bucks Fire and Rescue Service |
| Greg Smith | Service Delivery Manager Bucks Fire and Rescue Service |
| Jeannie Ablett | Representing NHS - Chief Officer, Milton Keynes, Clinical Commissioning Group |
| Sue Frossell | Representing Public Health – Consultant in Public Health, Milton Keynes Council |
| Ch Insp Ed McLean | Thames Valley Police |

RAG44 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair, on behalf of the Group, thanked Mr Spurgeon, who is due to retire from the Council, for his dedication, hard work and contribution to the RAG.

RAG45 MINUTES

RESOLVED -

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

RAG46 PERFORMANCE GROUP REPORT

The Group considered a report in respect of the Performance Group from the Deputy Head of Community Safety, and heard that discussion was ongoing with Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service, who were looking to provide a more consistent reporting mechanism for their fire data.

The Group heard from the Deputy Head of Community Safety that January 2013 saw the lowest level of 'All Crime' in the three year reporting period. Overall, all crime continued to remain low and Serious Acquisitive Crime was also steadily decreasing.

The Group heard from Supt Halliday that Milton Keynes had seen a 13.9% reduction in violence, and he was encouraged by the good and positive work of Thames Valley Police (TVP) and partner organisations. There was also a reduction in burglaries, the detection rate was now at 16% in Milton Keynes compared to 17% national detection rate.

The Group also heard that TVP was aware of the challenging times ahead during 2013/14, and that particular focus would be aimed at domestic violence and repeat re-offenders (see Minute RAG53).

RESOLVED -

That the Performance Group Report be noted.

**RAG47 SAFERMK PARTNERSHIP INFORMATION SHARING
AGREEMENT**

The Group considered a report in respect of SaferMK Partnership Information Sharing Agreement that had been updated to reflect changes in legislation and guidance around information sharing at partnership meetings.

The Group agreed in principle with the revised Protocol that incorporated the 'Troubled Families Initiative 2012-15' and co-operation of the new Police and Crime Commissioners. The Group identified a few amendments and requested that changes be made.

RESOLVED -

That the revised Information Sharing Protocol be agreed and signed by partners on behalf of their organisation.

**RAG48 SHAPING THE FUTURE OF THE MILTON KEYNES COMMUNITY
SAFETY PARTNERSHIP**

The Group considered a further report on the review of the Milton Keynes Community Safety Partnership, in response to comments at RAG meeting held on 20 December 2012, as part of the next phase of the review.

The Group heard from the Head of Service Youth Justice that there were three main areas of consideration in the review:

1. to look at how SaferMK had moved forwards for the partnership and to assess future requirements;
2. to consider how Members of RAG progress the work required and the recommendation for a Development Day; and
3. to look at the Proposal of how the partnership should be supported in the future.

The Group sought to align the strategy with the aspirations of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC). The Head of Youth Service Justice reassured the Group that both organisations would be involved in discussion and consultation, and that sharing the Community Safety Partnership's vision with the PCC would avoid unnecessary duplication in the timeframe available.

The four representatives of the RAG together with Parish Councillor P Ayles be requested to contribute to a Working Group and draft a strategic document in preparation of a RAG Development day. The Group also recommended that an invitation be extended to the PCC and hoped that he would, in future, be represented at the RAG meetings.

The Group understood that many challenges lay ahead and that the future landscape for requirements of the RAG had changed.

RESOLVED -

1. That the organisation of a RAG Development day be agreed and progressed.
2. That officers be requested to bring a paper setting out the options for the future support to the Community Safety Partnership.

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HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

The Group considered a report in respect of the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) from the Assistant Director Joint Commissioning.

The Group heard that the new statutory HWB was due to hold its first meeting on 25 April 2013, and that the Shadow Board had met previously on several occasions, and had discussed the integration of commissioning for Milton Keynes.

The Group noted that the HWB was looking to develop partnerships with Milton Keynes Council services. The Chief Executive, Milton Keynes Council expressed the importance of Community Safety to the Group and that the opportunity presented itself to open up future dialogue with the HWB.

The Chief Executive recommended that a representative from the Health and Wellbeing Board be invited to attend the RAG Development Day.

RESOLVED -

1. That the establishment of the Health and Wellbeing Board be noted.
2. That the inter-relationships with partner and stakeholder organisations be recognised.

RAG50 STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT 2012

The Group considered a report in respect of the Strategic Assessment 2012 that incorporated emphasis on the planning for 2013 and the challenges and opportunities that SaferMK partnership faced.

The Deputy Head of Community Safety recommended that the report be circulated electronically to the Group to ensure that views and contributions are captured in the final report.

RESOLVED -

1. That the Strategic Assessment be noted.
2. That the Strategic Assessment be produced as a public document by end of April 2013.

RAG51 LATE NIGHT LEVY

The Group received a report in respect of the Late Night Levy from the Council Licensing Officer that included the current status of negotiation to introduce a Proposed Levy by the Licensing Committee and Milton Keynes Council.

The Group heard that Thames Valley Police had requested that Milton Keynes Council consider the introduction of a Late Night Levy between the hours of 1am to 6am, in respect of the supply of alcohol, to help offset the cost of policing the night-time economy in Milton Keynes.

The Group expressed concern that the report had not made reference to the incidents reported by the Accident and Emergency at Milton Keynes Hospital. The Licensing Officer recognised that the RAG views and contributions would be included as part of the consultation.

RESOLVED -

That partner organisations, be invited to discuss the potential Late Night Levy and contributed to the consultation.

RAG52 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUPS, REVIEW GROUP

The Group considered a draft report in respect of the Overview and Scrutiny Neighbourhood Action Groups (NAG), Review Group and heard that the report was to be presented to Milton Keynes Council Cabinet in April 2013.

The Group heard from Councillor Brunning that future support was requested from the RAG, preferably from SaferMK, in order to assist NAGs to continue their valued presence and to progress the structure of NAGs in Milton Keynes. As part of the review, visits were being arranged to all NAGs and feedback would be provided to the Council. This would then be a two way process.

RESOLVED -

1. That the recommendations in the Review Group Report be noted.
2. That representation from the Overview and Scrutiny Neighbourhood Action Review Group be invited to the RAG Development Day.

RAG53

EVALUATION OF REPEAT INCIDENTS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE IN BEANHILL AND NETHERFIELD

The Group considered a report in respect of following the Evaluation of Repeat Incidents of Domestic Abuse in Beanhill and Netherfield. An independent gap analysis review took place during 2012 through the Domestic Violence Delivery Group, supported by SaferMK.

Milton Keynes has a repeat rate of domestic violence incidents of 45% that was consistently the highest across Thames Valley. The Safer MK delivery group responsible for domestic abuse commissioned an independent consultant to evaluate repeat victimisation on the estates of Beanhill and Netherfield.

Repeat victimisations are defined as cases, where the police are repeatedly called to a household because of domestic abuse. The evaluation was concluded in January 2013 and revealed that although high risk victims were reviewed at the Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) and received a good level of support, those assessed as standard and medium risk were not reviewed in a multi- agency setting.

Many of the victims, perpetrators and children living in households where repeat victimisation had taken place, fail to reach the threshold criteria for intervention by services.

RESOLVED -

1. That the recommendations in the evaluation report be noted.
2. That the individual organisations be requested to seek to implement the recommendations.

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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 20 June 2013 at 2.00pm.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 3.50 PM