



Minutes of the meeting of the SAFERMK PARTNERSHIP held on WEDNESDAY 10 MARCH 2021 at 2.00 pm

Present: Councillor Townsend (Chair)
M Bracey (Chief Executive [Milton Keynes Council]),
J Pejatta (Joint Head of Operations [Thames Valley Community Rehabilitation Company]), P Scanes (Group Commander for Fire - MK North [Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service]), M Smith (Chief Executive [MK Dons SET]), S Green (Chief Executive [YMCA MK]), Superintendent M Tarbit (Local Police Area Commander [Thames Valley Police]) *Simon Green*.

Observers: Councillors R Bradburn (representative for Thames Valley Police and Crime Panel), Ferrans and McLean (Milton Keynes Council) and J Held (Independent Safeguarding Scrutineer)

Co-opted members without Voting Rights:

Parish Councillor P Ayles (Representative for the Rural Parish Councils) and Parish Councillor M Cato (Representative for the Urban Parish Councils)

Officers: **Milton Keynes Council:** S Gonsalves (Director of Policy, Insight and Communications), M Heath (Director - Children's Services), G Sandmann (Head of Youth and Community), M Marshman (Head of Partnership and Resilience) and J Crighton (Committee Manager)

Also Present: Y Hitch

Apologies: O Mytton (Deputy Director of Public Health [Milton Keynes Council]), R Alsop (Chief Operating Officer [Milton Keynes Clinical Commissioning Group]), C Marriott (Policy Adviser [Representative for the Police and Crime Commissioner]) and D Johnson (Senior Operational Support Manager [National Probation Service (Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire LDU)])

SMK10 MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the SaferMK Partnership held on 24 September 2020 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

SMK11 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None disclosed.

SMK12

REFRESHED COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY

The Partnership considered the refreshed Community Safety Strategy.

The Partnership noted the Strategy was due for a review but, due to the continued impact of the Pandemic on crime and safety, it was agreed to refresh the current Strategy and a full review held in 2022.

The Partnership noted that a new Domestic Abuse Strategy had been published and implementation was being overseen by the Domestic Abuse Strategic Partnership Board.

Y Hitch informed the Partnership that domestic violence remained under-reported but contributed significantly to the overall volume of reported crime.

The Partnership also noted that Milton Keynes had seen an increase in the levels of reported violence involving young people. There had been community and partner engagement to help understand the development of gang activity.

RESOLVED -

That the refreshed Community Safety Strategy be approved.

SMK13

ANNUAL CRIME AND COMMUNITY SAFETY SURVEY 2020/21

The Partnership received a presentation on the annual Crime and Community Safety Survey 2020/21.

M Marshman (Head of Partnership and Resilience) informed the Partnership that the number of responses had significantly fallen when compared to the previous year as promotion of the survey had been impacted by the Pandemic.

The Partnership noted the proportion of respondents concerned about being a victim of crime had been less than in the previous year.

It was noted that fly-tipping, burglary and vehicle crime were concerns highlighted by the survey.

The Partnership specifically noted that the Council had seen an increase in the reporting of fly-tipping and actions to address the situation were being dealt with more promptly.

The Partnership expressed its concern that victims of domestic abuse might not have the opportunity or confidence to report the crime.

RESOLVED -

1. That the responses to the annual Crime and Community Safety Survey 2020/21 be noted.
2. That consideration be given to how future Crime and Community Safety Surveys capture a more representative response.
3. That the community and voluntary sectors be given the opportunity to contribute to the development of the new Community Safety Strategy for 2022 onwards.

SMK14

UPDATE ON THE KNIFE CRIME TASK AND FINISH GROUP

The Partnership received an update from the Knife Crime Task and Finish Group.

The Partnership noted that, in January 2020, the Council had committed £100,000 to the prevention of youth violence and knife crime in Milton Keynes. A Knife Crime Task and Finish Group had been established to consider how the funds should be allocated.

The Partnership noted the projects approved for funding by the Task and Finish Group were as follows:

- (a) Hazard Alley Scenario (£40,000)
- (b) Sofea Clarity (£20,700)
- (c) Beacon Angling Club (£11,835.33)
- (d) MK Gallery and Paramount Parkour (£20,000)

It was reported that a final meeting of the Task and Finish Group would be held to consider the allocation of the remaining funding, which was approximately £8,000.

The Partnership noted the importance of engaging with schools to broaden the understanding of the impact of knife crime on young people.

RESOLVED -

1. That the update be noted.
2. That the Youth Offending Team be requested to provide an update to the next meeting.

SMK15

OVERVIEW OF PARTNERSHIP ACTIVITY

The Partnership received an update on partnership activity undertaken to support the delivery of its priorities.

The Partnership noted that the Health and Wellbeing Board, at its meeting held on 13 January 2021 (Minute HWB10 refers), had approved a revised Health and Wellbeing Strategy and had agreed to retain Domestic Abuse as a priority for the forthcoming year.

It was noted that the Community Safety Partnership had received confirmation that it would be awarded £259,015 in funding from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for 2021/22.

RESOLVED -

That the projects undertaken to improve community safety be noted.

SMK16

EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED -

That the public and press be excluded from the meeting by virtue of Paragraphs 1 and 2 (Information Relating to an Individual or to Reveal the Identity of any Individual) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, in order that the Partnership may consider an oral update on Domestic Homicide Reviews.

SMK17

DOMESTIC HOMICIDE REVIEWS - UPDATE

The Partnership received an update from the Head of Partnerships and Resilience on the outstanding Domestic Homicide Reviews.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 3.25 PM