



SAFERMK PARTNERSHIP

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 5 October 2017
in Room 1:02, Civic Offices, at Milton Keynes Council @ 2.02pm**

PRESENT:

Councillor O'Neill (Non-Voting Chair)

Duncan Sharkey	Corporate Director – Place, (Deputy for Carole Mills [Chief Executive – Milton Keynes Council])
Yvette Hitch	Superintendent/LPA Commander, Thames Valley Police
Calum Bell	Service Delivery Manager North and Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service
Matthew Webb	NHS - Chief Officer (MK Clinical Commissioning Group)
Nicola Webb	Head of National Probation Service (Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Thames Valley Lead for Courts & Prisons)

Observers:

Councillor McLean	Milton Keynes Council
Councillor Eastman	Milton Keynes Council

Co-opted members to SaferMK Partnership without Voting Rights:

Parish Councillor Ansar Hussain	Representative for the Urban Parish Councils
D Pragnell	Head of Public Health, Milton Keynes Council (Deputy for Director of Public Health)
Claire Walton	Chief Operating Officer (Community Action:MK)
Gary Evans	Policy Adviser, Representative for the Police and Crime Commissioner

Officers:

Chief Inspector Neil Kentish	Partnership and Performance Inspector, Thames Valley Police
Colin Wilderspin	Head of Community Safety, SaferMK/Milton Keynes Council
Steve Conway	Senior Community Safety Analyst and Research Officer, Milton Keynes Council
Gavin Sandmann	Head of Youth and Community, SaferMK/Milton Keynes Council
Tina Milner	Committee Manager, Milton Keynes Council

Apologies:

Parish Councillor Philip Ayles	Representative for the Rural Parish Councils
Michael Kelleher	Service Director (Housing and Community)
Muriel Scott	Director of Public Health, Milton Keynes Council
David Walls	Partnership Manager (North), Thames Valley Community Rehabilitation Company (MTCnovo)

SMK01 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

That the appointment of Councillor O'Neill as Cabinet Member for Healthier and Stronger Communities and therefore, in accordance with the Partnership's Terms of Reference, as Chair of the SaferMK Partnership for 2017/18, be noted.

SMK02 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

That the Local Police Area Commander be appointed Vice-Chair of the SaferMK Partnership for the year 2017/18 as per the Terms of Reference.

SMK03 MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the SaferMK Partnership meetings held on 26 January 2017 and on 20 April 2017 be approved and signed by the Chair as correct records.

SMK04 SAFERMK PARTNERSHIP REVIEW

The Partnership considered a report in respect of SaferMK Partnership Review.

The Partnership heard from the Head of Community Safety, who provided an insight behind the changes of landscape since 1988 and the evolvement of Community Safety up to where SaferMK Partnership's position was in 2017. He reminded the Partnership that the Review had taken into consideration outcomes from Partners views and comments who attended the last meeting of the Partnership on 20 April 2017, namely to look at:

- How was SaferMK working generally in your view?
- How does SaferMK help your organisation?
- What can SaferMK do differently?

It was reported that it was important for the Partnership to look at the proposed Delivery Group method or the Task and Finish Group route, and to take into account lessons learnt from the previous Business Management Group process, which did not work out as effectively as initially hoped. Further considerations for the Partnership to look at should include the various priorities of collective groups and the areas being covered, in conjunction with working on new Strategies.

The Partnership was also reminded of its statutory duties and delivering its governance responsibilities, in addition to filling in the gaps where necessary, to the Partnership, the Council and for the residents of Milton Keynes and wider networks in order to continue to keep communities and Milton Keynes a stronger and safer place to live and work.

Various Partners commented during consideration of the item, and in particular, the possibility of holding a further meeting or Workshop to finalise the Review proposals. The Partnership recognised the following concerns and suggestions, namely that:

- Thames Valley Police recognised the importance of the safety of people in Milton Keynes, in line with managing shrinking budgets, resources whilst looking to make better use of people's time, in conjunction with ensuring that future Partnership meetings were more effective and efficient;
- safeguarding be looked at in respect of how SaferMK Partnership was represented on Safeguarding Boards and the Health and Wellbeing Board, particularly taking into account the various emerging themes and crossovers of health and wellbeing;
- the Partnership to review and look at how it could improve the various outcomes, as a number of Partners have the capacity and dynamism to take on additional work;
- it was important to have the right people on the Board and Partners who were committed, whilst having a shared vision of wanting to ensure the best model fitted operationally for the Partnership to move forwards;
- partners could provide more clarity of what was really wanted and how best to deliver in a more agile environment, and to better equip itself to react appropriately and efficiently, whilst being responsible and working together as one Partnership;
- the expectations of all Partners should be considered, whilst noting that some Partners preferred the Business Management Group process, whilst others opted for the Task and Finish Group approach, and whether the tactical approach or strategic approach was the best fit;
- partners were requested to look at the behaviours and what resources might be available to deliver the best outcomes going forwards, in addition to being more accountable to deliver on the set objectives, and more importantly being committed to provide attendance at future meetings; and
- consideration being given to see how the Partnership could improve its linkages and future workings with the Joint Agency Tasking and Coordination team, who would be taking on more responsibility for the Partnership and business side of events.

In Councillor O'Neill's summing up of the item, she commented that it was her aspiration for the future of the Partnership to become a more vibrant and effective Board.

RESOLVED -

That the Head of Community Safety be requested to organise a special meeting /Workshop for the Partnership Board to finalise the best delivery model and how best to succeed with available resources and personnel, in conjunction looking at the development of a new Strategy, with a final report being submitted at the Partnership's next meeting on 25 January 2018.

SMK05

SAFERMK PARTNERSHIP PERFORMANCE Q1

The Partnership considered a report and received a presentation in respect of SaferMK Partnership Performance 1st Quarter data.

The Partnership heard from the Senior Community Safety Analyst and Research Officer that overall crime in the first quarter for 2017/18 compared to 2016/17 had seen increases as detailed below:

- 4 categories had significantly increased;
- 2 categories had seen a reduction in crime; and
- 5 categories remained static:

	All Crime	Burglary Dwelling	Burglary Non-Dwelling	Criminal Damage	Drugs Offences	Theft or Handling	Robbery	Sexual Offence	Shop lifting	Vehicle Offences	VAP Total	Possession of Weapons Offences
Q1 2016/17	4821	106	200	672	139	2047	36	177	721	368	1168	37
Q1 2017/18	5380	262	104	679	122	2420	36	172	715	608	1274	61
Change	11.60%	147.17%	-48.00%	1.04%	-12.23%	18.22%	0.00%	-2.82%	-0.83%	65.22%	9.08%	64.86%

It was reported that Anti-Social Behaviour had a reduction of 11% in reported crime, but there had been an increase in Flytipping covering the same period compared to 2016/17:

	Total MKC ASB	Abandoned vehicles	Flytipping	Noise	Other
Q1 2016/17	2791	577	968	698	548
Q1 2017/18	2483	581	1065	613	224
Change	-11.04%	0.69%	10.02%	-12.18%	-59.12%

The LPA Commander informed the Partnership that Milton Keynes Thames Valley Police had gone through a further restructure programme, and was now better equipped and as a consequence,

the Teams were re-focussing their efforts particularly on burglary. The impact of the changes had already seen a number of improvements, but there was still more work to be done and no room for complacency, in order to look at further reducing the rise of crime within Milton Keynes.

It was reported that crime was also increasing nationally, with the big changes seen in how burglaries were being committed, mainly in the way in which cars were being broken into and then being sold abroad. Additionally, the theft and selling of gold was also on the increase and changing, with criminals targeting particularly communities.

The Partnership heard that the crime types had not changed but the varying styles of committing crimes had changed. Thames Valley Police was not disproportionate about the community of crime, and were committed to helping victims of crime. Campaign work was currently underway to provide more help, by working differently with communities and local MP's. The Partnership also heard that the Government had also changed some of the style and ways in which crime was recorded.

The Chief Officer (MK Clinical Commissioning Group) enquired if the rise in crime had any connection or evidence to the population increase of Milton Keynes. The Senior Community Safety Analyst and Research Officer indicated that the information would require more in-depth review to corroborate linkages to the continued increase of population.

Councillor McLean reported that he was in the process of organising a meeting with local MPs, Councillor O'Neill and Thames Valley Police to address a number of issues, particularly in respect of providing reassurance and information on crime prevention to particular communities within Milton Keynes.

(The Partnership received 2 questions from Councillor Morla during consideration of the Item, and received a response from the LPA Commander and Councillor McLean).

RESOLVED -

1. That the SaferMK Performance Q1 performance information be noted.
2. That an increase in burglary over the past 12 months be highlighted, together with the view that the Partnership should not be complacent around this crime type.
3. That, following agreement to develop a new Strategy, the proposed new data sets be looked at in-line with the recording of data by Thames Valley Police.
4. That the Head of Community Safety, in consultation with Councillor McLean, be requested to organise a meeting about crime prevention in the Borough between the Chair, local

MP's, Thames Valley Police, key stakeholders and Councillor Morla.

SMK06

SAFERMK STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT 2018/21

RESOLVED -

1. That the item be deferred to allow the Head of Community Safety to organise a special meeting/Workshop for the Partnership Board to consider establishing a Strategy Review Group to work on the Development of the Strategy in conjunction with the Partnership Review so that the best delivery model and how best to succeed with available resources and personnel going forward be finalised.
2. That a final report on the SaferMK Strategy Development 2018/21 be submitted to the Partnership's meeting on 25 January 2018.

SMK07

JOINT AGENCY TASKING AND COORDINATION

The Partnership considered the Joint Agency Tasking and Coordination report and received a presentation from the Head of Community Safety.

The Partnership heard that much of the Joint Agency Tasking and Coordination (JATAC) work covered a number of extremely sensitive areas. The work was being undertaken and conducted at a very high level in collaboration with Thames Valley Police and Partners. The Partnership was reassured to hear that work was also underway to look at appointing a new representative, who would be fully responsible for co-ordinating JATAC.

The priority areas identified that needed to be looked at in more detail were; Granby, Santander Bicycles, Violent Offences linked based drug network 'Operation Clean Government', CMK Train Station and Westcroft – Rough Sleeping, Bike Racks and Anti-Social Behaviour of young people aged 12-17 years.

The Partnership also heard that a number of community tensions were also being addressed, namely:

- Coffee Hall - parking concerns around Islamic Centre.
- Wolverton - based on historical issues.
- Somalian supply of drugs and violence.
- Wolverton - Hostel residents and Business exploitation concerns (intel only).

It was reported that the current issues being looked included:

- Theft of vehicles (Auto Crime)
- Robbery increased
- Victim based crime - 8% increase compared to last year

- Increase in Burglaries - proactive messaging around Diwali 18-22 October 2017

The Partnership also heard that a number of work-streams were underway to highlight preventative measures which could be put in place by residents, businesses within the Borough during October and November 2017:

- Loan Shark week - w/c 23 October
- Hate Crime - w/c 16 October
- Prevent Schools week - w/c 28 November
- Winter Burglary Campaign
- Take 5 initiative around fraud aware

It was further reported that as part of JATAC's on-going work and commitment to seeking improvements within the Borough, JATAC was also looking at Drinking Control Areas, Domestic Abuse Strategy (Reducing violence against women and girls), Cuckooing / Safeguarding awareness training and Crowded Places – Partnership move to critical.

The Head of Community Safety further reported that regular reports on the activity of work JATAC was involved with or being undertaken would be provided to the Partnership.

RESOLVED -

1. That the revised Terms of Reference for Joint Agency Tasking Coordination and its implementation and delivery be supported by the Partnership.
2. That the current work streams be noted.
3. That the Joint Agency Tasking Coordination be requested to provide regular updates to the Partnership.

SMK08

PARTNER UPDATES

The Partnership received brief updates from various Partners.

RESOLVED -

That the oral updates from Partners be noted.

SMK09

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED -

It was noted that the next meeting of the Partnership will be held on Thursday 25 January 2018.

SMK10

EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED -

That the public and press be excluded from the meeting by virtue of Paragraph 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 the Annex to Item 12 (Strategic Assessment 2017).

SMK11

STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT 2017

The Partnership considered a report in respect of the Strategic Assessment 2017.

The Partnership heard from the Senior Community Safety Analyst and Research Officer that a number of recommendations also needed to be considered as part of the Exempt Paper.

It was reported that as SaferMK Partnership looked to moving forwards, areas within the Strategic Assessment 2017 would also be covered as part of the proposed meeting/Workshop being organised as indicated earlier in Minute References SMK04 and SMK06.

(The Partnership received 2 questions from Councillor McDonald, together with a response from the Senior Community Safety Research Analyst and the Head of Community Safety.)

RESOLVED -

That the recommendations as detailed in the attached Annex be agreed.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 4.02 PM