



SAFERMK PARTNERSHIP

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 26 January 2017
in the Council Chamber, at Milton Keynes Council Civic Offices @ 2.03pm**

PRESENT:

Councillor O'Neill (Non-Voting Chair)

Duncan Sharkey

Corporate Director - Place (Deputy for Carole Mills [Chief Executive – Milton Keynes Council])

Supt. Gez Chiariello

LPA Commander, Thames Valley Police

Matthew Webb

NHS - Chief Officer, Milton Keynes, Clinical Commissioning Group

Graham Freer

Station Commander, Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service (Deputy for Service Delivery Manager North and Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service)

M Potter

National Probation Service (Deputy for Head of National Probation Service (Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Thames Valley Lead for Courts & Prisons)

David Walls

Partnership Manager (North), Thames Valley Community Rehabilitation Company (MTCnovo)

Co-opted members to SaferMK Partnership without Voting Rights:

Parish Councillor Philip Ayles

Representative for the Rural Parish Councils

Aaron Blessing

Policy Advisor (Partnerships and Commissioning), Representative for the Police and Crime Commissioner

D Pragnell

Head of Public Health, Milton Keynes Council (Deputy for Director of Public Health)

Observers:

Councillor Geaney

Milton Keynes Council

Councillor Eastman

Milton Keynes Council

Officers:

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| Nicky Rayner | Service Director (Children and Families) |
| Linda Ellen | Acting Service Director (Housing and Community), Milton Keynes Council |
| 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 |
| L Best | Milton Keynes Safeguarding Children Board Business Manager |
| CI Neil Kentish | Partnership & Performance Inspector, Thames Valley Police |
| Tina Milner | Committee Manager, Milton Keynes Council |

Apologies:

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| Parish Councillor David Livingstone | Representative for the Urban Parish Councils |
| Calum Bell | Service Delivery Manager North and Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service |
| Nicola Webb | Head of National Probation Service (Oxon & Bucks LDU & Thames Valley Prisons) |
| Muriel Scott | Director of Public Health, Milton Keynes Council |

SMK26 CHAIR WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Head of Community Safety welcomed everyone to the meeting, particularly to Chief Inspector Kentish (Thames Valley Police), who was attending his first SaferMK meeting, and a welcome return to the Partnership by D Walls (Partnership Manager [North], Thames Valley Community Rehabilitation Company).

SMK27 MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the meeting of the SaferMK Partnership held on 6 October 2016 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

SMK28 BUSINESS MANAGEMENT GROUP UPDATE

The Partnership considered an update in respect of the Business Management Group report and the annex covering the action plans and key topics during the period October to December 2016.

The Partnership heard from the Head of Community Safety, that the Senior Community Safety Analyst and Research Officer was currently working on 12 months of data, along with developing a matrix to improve future reporting on the Business Management Group (BMG), and as a consequence a number of the outstanding action plans were not fully updated.

It was reported that the appointment of a new BMG Chair and Vice-Chair had been delayed until the commencement of the new Council year for 2017/18 meetings, primarily due to the various changes being undertaken at Thames Valley Police, including Chief Inspector K Gardner moving to a new position.

The Board also received an update in respect of the following:

- The Home Office was looking to operate new 'Dovetail Areas' to replace the 'Prevent' programme, and anticipated local authorities would take on the responsibility from summer 2018.
- Due to the interest shown and success of the Schools Drama Competition held earlier in 2016 would be held as a yearly competition from 2017.

In response to concerns raised by the LPA Commander regarding the lack of BMG success, scrutiny and management reporting, the Head of Community Safety reassured the Partnership that he was fully aware of the concerns raised and agreed that the Partnership should be revisiting the aims and outcomes with the view to looking at reviewing the Strategy. He also stressed that the BMG had experienced lack of project officer support in addition to receiving poor responses from Partners.

The Corporate Director – Place expressed the importance of having the right resources in place and appropriate representation being provided to the BMG. Partners were asked to consider if collectively there was the aspiration of working with the BMG and acquiring the relevant data and circulating in an appropriate manner to the Community Safety Team.

The Partnership heard from the Service Director (Children and Families), that she welcomed the updates in respect of the BMG and indicated that she would be working closely with the Head of Youth and Community, particularly on the Youth Justice Plan and would be looking at the transition needs and support being provided to 17/18 year olds.

In summing up, the Chair expressed her concern about the lack of information and support provided and requested that Partners look at providing the relevant data in readiness for the next BMG meeting which was planned for February 2017.

RESOLVED -

1. That the report and oral update from the Head of Community Safety be noted.
2. That continued support be provided by the Partnership to ensure that there is sufficient representation on the Task and Finish Groups, as and when required with suitable representation from the various partner organisations.
3. That continued support be provided to the designated leads in delivering the specific Partnership priorities and statutory obligations.
4. That the following actions within the Business Management Group quarterly report, together with the process for the Strategic Assessment 2017 and timeline for the revised Strategy 2017/2020 be agreed:
 - (a) That the Director of Public Health in consultation with the Chief Officer (Clinical Commissioning Group) be requested to provide a progress report and presentation to a future meeting of the Partnership on the revised Drug and Alcohol Strategy.
 - (b) That a Task and Finish Group be established to oversee the drinking control zone areas replacement for the Public Spaces Protection Orders, with the Task and Finish Group being requested to engage with stakeholders in the area and consult with the public.
 - (c) That the National Probation Service and the Community Rehabilitation Company (MTC Novo) as the lead agencies, be requested to provide a report and presentation on the Reducing Reoffending to the next Partnership meeting.
 - (d) That the Head of Community Safety be requested to organise a Partnership development meeting in March 2017.

SMK29

REDUCING REOFFENDING UPDATE

The Partnership considered a report on Reducing Reoffending Update.

The Partnership heard from the Partnership Manager (North), Thames Valley Community Rehabilitation Company (TV-CRC) that (TV-CRC) was owned by MTCnovo, a USA correctional centre organisation and was a separate organisation to the National Probation Service. There was a different culture and approach and process on the inside of TV-CRC, namely in the provision and quality of social work and the process strands that were used to deal with the various elements in respect of offender rehabilitation.

The Partnership heard that the biggest shift in the new system was in fact talking to the various agencies about the individual offender and not working within in a silo environment. The TV-CRC have put into place a new approach and staffing arrangements, resulting in a 50% increase of new staff. The infrastructure in place was very similar to the National Probation Service, and amongst other responsibilities to look at reducing the likelihood of reoffending. The Partnership Manager (North) TV-CRC would provide the Partnership with the relevant data upon release by the Home Office.

It was reported that TVCRC was due to commence a new Football Association Coaching initiative that was intended to run over a 6 week period at a location near Stoke Mandeville. It was hoped that with new funding being made available and a new structure in place, that a more positive impact could be made on offender rehabilitation. Additionally, it was reported that MK Dons had also expressed an interest in getting involved and information on the programme would be provided to Partners by the Partnership Manager (North) TV-CRC.

The Corporate Director – Place suggested that TV-CRC be included as a Partner for future BMG work, particularly to aid the Partnership by gaining a broader understanding of how working more closely with TV-CRC could help make a difference in the numbers of reoffenders.

The Chair, on behalf of the Partnership thanked the Partnership Manager (North) TV-CRC for the informative update and expressed that the Partnership looked forward to receiving further information and also working together with TVCRC at future meetings.

RESOLVED -

1. That the report be noted.
2. That the oral update from the Community Rehabilitation Company (MTC Novo) be noted.
3. That the re-establishment of a Reducing Re-offending group, lead in partnership by the National Probation Service and the Community Rehabilitation Company be noted.
4. That the proposed action plan for reducing reoffending in Milton Keynes be agreed.
5. That the representative for the Thames Valley Community Rehabilitation Company be requested to provide an update to the next Partnership meeting.
6. That the Partnership Manager (North), Thames Valley Community Rehabilitation Company be requested to circulate further information on the Football Association's coaching initiative to the Partnership.

SMK30

STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT 2017 PROPOSAL

The Partnership considered a report and oral update from the Senior Community Safety Analyst and Research Officer, who indicated his concern in respect of Partners providing the relevant information and data within the required timeframe, which would help inform the Strategic Assessment and Partnership Strategy.

The Corporate Director – Place expressed his concern on the importance of validation of data received, and requested that the Senior Community Safety Analyst and Research Officer update the data required and circulate to the responsive Partners for completion.

RESOLVED -

1. That the requests for data from the SaferMK Support Team be prioritised for analysis and commentary, and to ensure that the draft data sets and analysis are completed in time to allow the document to be developed.
2. That the timelines for data sets and analysis documents be agreed.
3. That each contributing agency/service provides the Head of Community Safety a written review of their current strategic outcomes/priorities alongside the data, by 20 April 2017.

SMK31

PARTNERSHIP REVIEW

The Partnership considered a report in respect of the Partnership Review from the Head of Community Safety.

The Partnership heard that it was important to look back on the last two years and the way the Review had been undertaken along with the introduction of the new MK Together. This new way of working incorporated the Health and Wellbeing Board and Safeguarding Boards for Adults and Children, who were now part of the MK Together.

Partners were requested to become involved and provide feedback on the Review, and to also take into consideration changes of how the Partnerships were working together. It was suggested that the Corporate Director – People and the Service Director (Children & Families) discuss the issues at the Business Management Group meeting planned for March 2017 with a view to holding an extraordinary Partnership meeting.

The Head of Youth and Community requested that the Youth Offending Board would like to be more involved, particularly in to the dovetail work of youth offending in Milton Keynes.

RESOLVED -

1. That the report and presentation on a summary of the overarching review of the SaferMK Partnership and potential next stages for the Partnership be noted.
2. That the expectations of the Community Safety Partnership and how it can meet partner organisations priorities, together with the local delivery of the Strategic Assessment Proposal be noted.
3. That an extraordinary Partnership meeting to be held in March 2017.
4. That the SaferMK Partnership Review template be completed by Partners and returned to the Head of Community Safety by 3 March 2017.

SMK32

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS GROUP REVIEW

The Partnership considered a report in respect of the Safer Neighbourhoods Group Review and the Terms of Reference.

The Partnership heard from the Head of Community Safety that a Scrutiny Management meeting was held on 25 January 2017 covering the Review document, Partnership issues along with Neighbourhood Policing.

The Partnership heard that the Review would take about 6 months to complete, with some work expected to commence from March 2017. The Partnership was reminded of the importance of engaging and supporting residents, businesses and communities in respect of the processes and to look at the longer term sustainability of the Safer Neighbourhoods Group, even though changes were not expected to commence until the autumn 2017.

The Representative from Rural Parishes informed the Partnership that Neighbourhood Action Groups (NAGs) act as a glue between the different parish councils, and appealed to the LPA Commander to look at the value of NAGs and the various initiatives put forwards by parish councils. He expressed his thanks be extended to the Police Officers who provided valued support to NAGs and to the local communities within Milton Keynes.

The LPA Commander commented that the concept of NAGs had changed over the years and there was some concern of how a new process might move forwards. The Review offered the opportunity to look at putting a new local mechanism in place that would involve local communities working better together and the feasibility of a new partnership.

RESOLVED -

1. That the supporting document outlining the current opportunities available in Milton Keynes be received and the

proposals put forward be explored by the Safer Neighbourhood Group.

2. That the process for a wider coordination of activity by the Safer Neighbourhood Group be endorsed.
3. That the revised Terms of Reference for the Safer Neighbourhood Delivery Group be agreed.

SMK33

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER; COMMUNITY SAFETY FUND ALLOCATION 2017/18

The Partnership considered a report in respect of the Police and Crime Commissioner; Community Safety Fund Allocation 2017/18.

The Partnership heard from the Head of Community Safety that the form within the report had been left blank as the 2017/18 budget information from the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) had been delayed. Until formal funds notice had been received, he was unable to provide reassurance to the Partnership, but he would look at the various contracts and agreements currently in place.

The Corporate Director – Place agreed that along with current funding arrangements being looked at with funding Partners that discussions should also be held with the relevant services following the announcement from the PCC.

The Policy Advisor (Partnerships and Commissioning) reported that although funding information for 2017/18 was originally expected during the period November and December 2016, the data had unfortunately been delayed and had only become available earlier this month, which would be disseminated to Community Safety Partnerships.

The Policy Advisor (Partnerships and Commissioning) provided an update in respect of the following:

- Matthew Barber had recently been appointed as the new deputy Police and Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley.
- The Victims Support Service was undergoing change and a new service would be in operation with effect from April 2017. The Head of Community Safety will be provided with an update for distribution to Partners.
- The new PCC crime plan was due to be released.
- Any further data recording issues should be reported directly to the Policy Advisor (Partnerships and Commissioning).

RESOLVED -

1. That the update on the Community Safety Fund allocation for 2017/18 be noted.
2. That the following principle programme of funding for 2017/18 be agreed:

| Proposal 2017/18 Activity | Contribution |
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| Contribution towards Commissioned Domestic Violence service, includes £20k for IDVA as part of Home Office agreement 2015/17 | £40,000 |
| Adult Drug Commissioned services | £ |
| Joint Agency Tasking and Coordination (JATAC) - Available throughout year for crime and community safety initiatives, including PCC priorities and local priorities and other preventative activities. | £ |
| Youth Offending team (combined contribution from previous PCC and Chief Constable grant) | £ |
| Prevent Agenda | £ |
| Victim Support Services | £ |
| Community Resilience/Safer Neighbourhood Programme | £ |

SMK34

MINISTRY OF JUSTICE - YOUTH JUSTICE REVIEW

The Partnership received a report and presentation in respect of the Ministry of Justice – Youth Justice Review.

The Partnership heard from the Head of Youth and Community that the Review was published on 12 December 2016 (link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/review-of-the-youth-justice-system>).

The Head of Youth and Community reassured the Partnership that although there was room for improvement in service provision, the Youth Justice team was now under the leadership of the Service Director (Children & Families), who had previous experience working with Youth Offending teams, and would be looking to continue to progress good working practices and outcomes for young people.

It was reported that working as part of youth offending was personalised and had similarities to the work undertaken by the Community Rehabilitation Company, whose main aim was to look at reducing the reoffending rate.

The Head of Youth and Community also reassured the Representative for the Rural Parish Councils that the Strengthening Families programme was still in operation and improvements had been made in this area. An annual update would be presented to a future Partnership meeting.

The Head of Youth and Community responded to the Chair's enquiry, that findings of the report and root causes of behaviour were being looked into, along with the provision of professional

support being provided across Milton Keynes and the Borough. He also commented that the Youth and Community team was waiting to hear the outcome of the Police and Crime Commissioner's funding arrangements for 2017/18.

RESOLVED -

1. That the Youth Justice Review be noted.
2. That the presentation outlining the local context be noted.
3. That the Head of Youth and Community be requested to provide regular updates on actions at future Partnership meetings.

SMK35

DOMESTIC HOMICIDE REVIEWS

The Partnership received an oral update in respect of the Domestic Homicide Reviews from the Head of Community Safety.

The Partnership heard that there were two Domestic Homicide Reviews underway and that Dr L Westmarland and E Stobart had been appointed as Independent Chairs. The two Panel members had been contacted and information had been provided to all involved agencies. In addition, the Terms of Reference for each DHR would be provided to each Panel in due course.

It was reported that due to the review and comments received from the Home Office, and the importance of ensuring there was a clear and robust Action Plan in place prior to publication of DHR decisions, that an earlier DHR case had not been published as previously indicated (Minute Ref SMK25 refers).

It was further reported that a new section of DHR had been incorporated as part of the SaferMK Partnership website.

RESOLVED -

That oral update on Domestic Homicide Reviews be noted.

SMK36

PARTNER UPDATES

The Partnership received brief updates from various Partners.

RESOLVED -

That the oral updates from Partners be noted.

SMK37

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next scheduled meeting of the Partnership had been re-scheduled from 13 April 2017 to 20 April 2017.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 3.46 PM