



SAFERMK PARTNERSHIP

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 7 July 2016
in the Council Chamber, at Milton Keynes Council Civic Offices @ 2.08pm**

PRESENT:

Supt. Gez Chiariello (Non-Voting Chair), LPA Commander, Thames Valley Police

Representatives of SaferMK Partnership Board with Voting Rights:

Duncan Sharkey	Corporate Director – Place (Deputising for the Chief Executive, Milton Keynes Council)
David Pennington	Milton Keynes Clinical Commissioning Group (Deputy for the Chief Officer NHS Milton Keynes Clinical Commissioning Group)
Calum Bell	Service Delivery Manager (North & Milton Keynes), Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service
Felicity Sparshott	National Probation Service (Deputising for the Assistant Chief Officer for National Probation Service [Oxon & Bucks LDU and Thames Valley Prisons])

Co-opted members to SaferMK Partnership without Voting Rights:

Parish Councillor David Livingstone	Representative for the Urban Parish Councils
Muriel Scott	Director of Public Health, Milton Keynes Council
Aaron Blessing	(Policy Advisor [Partnerships & Commissioning]), Representative for the Police and Crime Commissioner
Tim Marren	Chief Executive, Community Action:MK

Observer:

Councillor Geaney	Milton Keynes Council
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Officers:

Colin Wilderspin	Head of Community Safety, SaferMK/Milton Keynes Council
Lee Westlake	Head of Service Youth Justice, SaferMK/Milton Keynes Council
Steve Conway	Senior Community Safety Research Analyst, Milton Keynes Council
Helen Craddock	Business Manager, Milton Keynes Safeguarding Children Board, Milton Keynes Council
Tina Milner	Committee Manager, Milton Keynes Council

Others Present:

Councillor M Burke
Paul Cullen

Police & Crime Panel
Institute of Community Safety Consultant

Apologies:

Carole Mills
Councillor O'Neill (Non-Voting Chair)
Councillor Eastman
Parish Councillor Philip Ayles
Neil Boustred

Chief Executive, Milton Keynes Council
Milton Keynes Council
Milton Keynes Council
Representative for the Rural Parish Councils
Area Manager, Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service
Head of Operations (North), Thames Valley Community Rehabilitation Company
Head of Youth and Community
Business Manager, Milton Keynes Safeguarding Children Board
Assistant Chief Officer for National Probation Service (Oxon & Bucks LDU and Thames Valley Prisons)
Chief Inspector, Thames Valley Police /Chair of the Business Management Group

Stephen Czajewski

Gavin Sandmann
Helen Craddock

Sue Cooke

Jim O'Ryan

SMK01 CHAIR WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed partners, representatives to the meeting and Mr Cullen (Institute of Community Safety Consultant), who was attending the meeting in respect of item 7 (Local Area Profile Review) (Minute ref SMK06).

SMK02 SAFERMK TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Partnership considered a report in respect of the annual review of SaferMK Terms of Reference.

The Partnership heard from the Head of Community Safety, who indicated that any amendments would be updated accordingly.

RESOLVED –

That, subject to minor amendments in relation to Non-Voting membership by the Head of Community Safety, the Terms of Reference be agreed.

SMK03 BUSINESS MANAGEMENT GROUP

The Partnership considered an update in respect of the Business Management Group report, action plans and key topics.

The Partnership heard from the Head of Community Safety, that the Business Management Group was hosting an Awareness training day on 18 July 2016 on Domestic Abuse for Professionals, which was being held at the Windmill Hill Golf Centre in Milton Keynes. As an outcome of work undertaken in respect of Domestic Abuse, the

Community Safety team was looking to have a Champion for Domestic Abuse placed within each area of the organisation/partner organisations.

The Partnership was reminded of the commitment made by partners and partner organisations to provide support to the designated Leads and to make available appropriate representation at Task and Finish Groups as and when required.

The Partnership expressed concern about the lack of attendance at SaferMK meetings and the data provision on re-offenders from the Community Rehabilitation Company.

The Head of Community Safety suggested that partners and partner organisations be encouraged to visit and feedback on the revised SaferMK/Community Safety website <http://www.safermk.com/>.

RESOLVED –

1. That the report and oral update from the Head of Community Safety, be noted.
2. That the need to have representation on Task and Finish Groups when required, from suitable roles within organisations be agreed.
3. That the continuation of designated leads for delivering the specific Partnership priorities and statutory obligations be agreed.
4. That, the Local Police Area Commander and Vice-Chair of the Business Management Group be requested to liaise with the Community Rehabilitation Company regarding the timely provision of re-offending information and future representation/attendance at Partnership meetings.
5. That the Partnership members and representative organisations be requested to provide feedback on the revised SaferMK Partnership website to the Head of Community Safety by the end of July 2016.

SMK04

SAFERMK STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT - 2016

The Partnership received a report and presentation on SaferMK Strategic Assessment from the Senior Community Safety Data & Research Analyst.

The Partnership was reminded of the various changes over the past year in respect of reporting systems from a number of partners and the re-organisation and changes of the Probation Service and the creation of the National Probation Service and the Community Rehabilitation Companies. Additionally, the Partnership had also seen a change of priority and statutory areas covered by partners and partner organisations that included:

- Demographics;
- Crime – the National and Local picture;
- Top 25 Estates per 1,000 population;
- Domestic Abuse – the National and Local picture;
- Anti-Social-Behaviour – the National and local picture;
- Substance Misuse – the National and Local picture; and
- Road Safety – the National and Local picture.

The Partnership also heard that as part of the ongoing work of the Strategic Assessment, the Community Safety team would be looking into, and reporting on Re-offending and Perceptions of Crime during 2016/17.

The Head of Community Safety reassured the Partnership that the qualitative data received was from a variety of sources including partners, partner organisations and the wider community within the Borough of Milton Keynes. The 2016 Strategic Assessment was also widely linked to the Local Area Profile Review/Peer Group Intelligence Meeting (Minute Ref SMK06).

RESOLVED –

That the Strategic Assessment report be noted.

SMK05

SAFERMK SURVEY – INTERIM REPORT

The Partnership considered SaferMK's Survey Interim report from the Senior Community Safety Data & Research Analyst.

The Partnership heard from the Head of Community Safety, that he and the Community Safety team were aware of the importance of data information, which would mainly be collated from a variety of online options, as a consequence of resource capacity within the Community Safety team. Partners were requested to help advertise and circulate the Survey to a wider demographic area of Milton Keynes, so to ensure that all groups within the local communities were represented. Some of the suggested websites to look at, and groups to liaise with were namely:

- The Council and SaferMK websites;
- The Council's Communications Team;
- Community ActionMK;
- Thames Valley Police;
- OneMK and the Citizen;
- Facebook and other on-line routes;
- Housing Associations, AgeUK, MK College and various schools
- Lesbian, Bi-Sexual, Gay and Transgender community;
- Young parents under the age of 40; and to
- Work more closely with Town and Parish Councillors and other work streams.

The Senior Community Safety Data & Research Analyst would be responsible for liaising with partners, collation of data and feedback, to aid the submission of a final report.

RESOLVED –

1. That the interim report be noted.
2. That, Partners and representative organisations be requested to publicise and circulate the SaferMK Survey.
3. That the Senior Community Safety Data & Research Analyst be requested to submit a final report to the Partnership in October 2016.

SMK06

LOCAL AREA PROFILE REVIEW / PEER GROUP INTELLIGENCE MEETING

The Partnership considered a report and received a presentation on the Local Area Profile Review from the Institute of Community Safety Consultant, and a report on the Peer Group Intelligence meeting from the Head of Community Safety.

The Partnership heard from the Institute of Community Safety Consultant, that as indicated in the report, the interview team had spoken with more than 70 practitioners from a wide spectre of organisations, in and around Milton Keynes. As an outcome of the Review and various interviews, there were a number of recommendations to be considered by the Partnership.

The Head of Community Safety reminded the Partnership of not falling into the trap of complacency, and to be mindful of focusing the appropriate resources as and when required, and to raise awareness when a change of circumstances occurred in respect of Community Safety. Although the Partnership was starting to receive improved data and analysis/information on cyber-crime, loan sharks and social media linkages, there were areas where improved data provision could be of further assistance.

The Partnership also heard that data collated from partners and partner organisations had been extremely valuable and aided the change of priorities within the SaferMK Strategy Revision, and utilised in collaboration of the Local Area Profile Review.

The Director of Public Health indicated that the provision of additional information from the NHS in respect of pregnant women, who suffered from violence would be an advantage, whilst also providing the opportunity of looking at common threads across all partnerships, particularly in respect of Strengthening Families and Domestic Violence.

RESOLVED –

1. That the presentation on the summary of the Local Area Profile report and its findings be noted.
2. That, the following recommendations for the Local Area Profile be agreed:
 - (a) That the Partnership outlines a Milton Keynes definition for group offending that is understood and agreed across the partnership by statutory, voluntary and community groups.
 - (b) That a detailed problem profile should be prepared, drawing upon intelligence from all relevant agencies and communities, and the processes around intelligence gathering and the inputting of intelligence submissions should be reviewed and streamlined.
3. That, the following recommendations for the Local Area Profile be noted:
 - (a) The local and external illegal drug markets need to be better understood, and especially the role that young children and vulnerable adults play within it.
 - (b) The need to commission gang awareness training, to include training around local use of social media that links in with a network event that supports the development of a problem profile around group offending.
 - (c) The multi-agency risk meeting (MARMM) was an effective process for child sexual exploitation (CSE) but missed the opportunity to discuss violent and vulnerable people outside of CSE who may be at risk of exploitation. Consideration should be given to including those involved in, or subject to serious group offending.
 - (d) To adopt a police national computer (PNC) marker for identified violent offenders and vulnerable/exploited people. There is no PNC marker in place to recognise gang associated and vulnerable people, that would help build a clearer intelligence picture of an individual's movements and help targeted enforcement or preventative resources in the Thames Valley and other force areas.
 - (e) Consideration should be given to establishing a teacher forum with appropriate representation to help identify and support individuals linked with vulnerability and violence issues.
 - (f) The current MISPER debrief process by Police Officers does not presently appear to inform the intelligence

picture and may benefit from an independent review process, that should incorporate the voluntary sector.

- (g) Some work was required in respect of information sharing and to ensure that a feedback loop around this process was established, so that agencies sharing information with the Police (and vice-versa) obtain regular feedback. This should also be the case where agencies make a safeguarding referral, where as a matter they should be told what is happening to their referral.
 - (h) Consideration should be given to crafting messages to convince young people that involvement in the illegal drugs trade is not a route to wealth for the vast majority of those involved. Rather, it carries the constant risk of arrest, imprisonment, violence from other dealers and all for financial returns that often do not reflect the minimum wage.
 - (i) A compendium of services available within the area to support the vulnerable, provide pathways out of offending behaviour and to engage/divert 'at risk' young people should be compiled so that all agencies are aware of what is available, even in austere times.
 - (j) The proposed merging of the current Personal Education Centres should be re-considered.
4. That the Chair, on behalf of the SaferMK Partnership expressed his thanks to the Institute of Community Safety Consultant for the valued work and input on the report.

SMK07

SAFERMK STRATEGY 2015/17 REVISION

The Partnership considered the SaferMK Strategy 2015/17 Revision.

The Partnership heard from the Head of Community Safety that a number of the priorities within the Strategy had been revised, following data collation as part of the Strategic Assessment 2014 and the workshop held in February 2015 with Authority Leads.

The Chair commented that in conjunction with the Partnership looking to amend the main objectives and priorities, that any changes be reflected within the work streams, and to also take the opportunity of looking at Domestic Violence, that warranted further scrutiny as a key priority. The proposed 5 main objectives for 2015/17 were:

- Improving road safety by reducing the number of accidents and the severity of the collisions to individuals;
- Reducing the number of violent incidences;
- Tackling and enforcing substance misuse;
- Enhance community engagement to reduce fear of crime; and
- Reduction in Domestic and Sexual Abuse.

RESOLVED –

1. That the objectives and supporting mechanisms within the Strategy be agreed.
2. That the Head of Community Safety be requested to include the Prevention of Organised Crime to the Plan and remove the following 2 Strategic Priorities for the Work Stream delivery for 2016/17:
 - (a) Improving road safety by reducing the number of accidents and the severity of the collisions to individuals; and
 - (b) Reduction in Domestic and Sexual Abuse.
3. That the Head of Community Safety be requested to ensure that all action plans be updated and submitted to the October 2016 meeting of the Partnership.

SMK08

PURPLE FLAG SCHEME

The Partnership considered a report on the Purple Flag Scheme from the Head of Community Safety.

The Partnership heard that whilst the Performance criteria had successfully been met, further work and support was required from partners in respect of meeting the application deadline of 14 October 2016. Additionally, helping the Partnership to potentially achieve Purple Flag Scheme status would be timely during the year Milton Keynes was in celebrating its 50th anniversary.

RESOLVED –

1. That the report be noted.
2. That consideration be given to providing senior support in order to commit the time and resources to participate in the Purple Flag Scheme.
3. That Partnership support to the development of the action plan be agreed.

SMK09

PARTNER UPDATES

The Partnership received brief oral updates from various partners.

The Partnership heard from the Service Delivery Manager (North & Milton Keynes), Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service that due to a further re-organisation, he would be taking over as the formal representative from Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service, along with his newly appointed deputy to attend future Partnership meetings.

RESOLVED –

That the oral updates from partners be noted.

SMK10 SAFERMK DEFINITION OF 'VULNERABLE'

The Partnership received an oral update in respect of SaferMK's definition of 'Vulnerable' from the Head of Community Safety.

RESOLVED –

That the Head of Community Safety be requested to circulate the 'Vulnerable' information by email to the Partnership and for feedback to be provided to the Head of Community Safety by 16 July 2016.

SMK11 MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL AUDIT SUMMARY

The Partnership received a report and oral update in respect of Milton Keynes Council Audit Summary.

The Partnership heard from the Head of Community Safety that the overall opinion of Audit's findings of the work carried out by SaferMK Partnership was good, and that progress had been made in all of the various work streams, except for 'scope the changing demography of Milton Keynes and potential affects to crime and community safety issues', which would be looked by the Partnership in more detail during the summer and autumn 2016.

The Head of Community Safety reported meeting briefly with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Scrutiny Management Committee in respect of the findings in the report, which would be submitted to a future meeting of the Scrutiny Management Committee.

RESOLVED –

That the Audit Summary be noted.

SMK12 DOMESTIC HOMICIDE REVIEW

RESOLVED –

That the oral update and report be provided to the next meeting of the Partnership in October 2016.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 3.51 PM