



## SAFERMK PARTNERSHIP

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 1 October 2015  
in the Council Chamber, at Milton Keynes Council Civic Offices @ 2.00pm**

### **PRESENT:**

Councillor Betteley (Non-Voting Chair)

### **Representatives of SaferMK Partnership Board with Voting Rights:**

Jane Reed	Service Director (Housing & Community), Milton Keynes Council (Deputy for Carole Mills [Chief Executive – Milton Keynes Council])
Calum Bell	Service Delivery Manager (Milton Keynes), Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service
Supt. Gez Chiariello	Local Police Area Commander, Thames Valley Police
Sue Cooke	Assistant Chief Officer for National Probation Service (Oxon & Bucks LDU and Thames Valley Prisons)
Matthew Webb	NHS - Chief Officer (Acting), Milton Keynes, Clinical Commissioning Group

### **Co-opted members to SaferMK Partnership without Voting Rights:**

Parish Councillor Philip Ayles	Representative for the Rural Parish Councils
Parish Councillor David Livingstone	Representative for the Urban Parish Councils
Dr Ivo Haest	(Consultant in Public Health, Milton Keynes Council), Representing Public Health - Chief Executive, Community Action:MK
Tim Marren	(Policy Advisor [Partnerships & Commissioning]), Representative for the Police and Crime Commissioner
Dr Shona Morrison	

### **Observers:**

Councillor Brunning	Milton Keynes Council
Councillor Eastman	Milton Keynes Council

### **Officers:**

Colin Wilderspin	Head of Community Safety, SaferMK/Milton Keynes Council
Lee Westlake	Head of Service Youth Justice, SaferMK/Milton Keynes Council
Tina Milner	Committee Manager, Milton Keynes Council

### **Others Present:**

M Bracey	Corporate Director - People, Milton Keynes Council
D Sharkey	Corporate Director - Place, Milton Keynes Council
H Craddock	Business Manager, Milton Keynes Safeguarding Children Board

E Stobart	Independent Chair (Domestic Homicide Review)
<b>Apologies:</b>	
Carole Mills	Chief Executive, Milton Keynes Council
Paul Halstead	Chief Inspector (Acting), Thames Valley Police /Chair of the Business Management Group
Kelly Gardner	Partnership Performance Inspector, Thames Valley Police
Steve Conway	Senior Community Safety Research Analyst, Milton Keynes Council
Zareen Hayat	Senior Probation Officer, Thames Valley Community Rehabilitation Co Ltd
Nicki Corani-Young	Partnership Sergeant, Thames Valley Police
Anthony Stansfeld	Police & Crime Commissioner, Thames Valley
Greg Smith	Area Manager, Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service
David Walls	Senior Probation Officer (Thames Valley Community Rehabilitation Company)

**SMK15 CHAIR WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The Chair welcomed partners and representatives to the meeting.

**SMK16 MINUTES**

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the meeting of the SaferMK Partnership held on 2 July 2015 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

**SMK17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Betteley declared a personal interest at Item 8, Strengthening Families Programme, as her partner works on the Programme.

**SMK18 SAFERMK PARTNERSHIP TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Partnership considered the updated Terms of Reference from the Head of Community Safety.

The Partnership heard that following on from the Development Day held in January 2015, changes to Partnership organisations and the overarching legislation and obligations relating to Community Safety Partnerships, had been incorporated within the Terms of Reference.

The Head of Community Safety suggested that the Partnership might take into consideration additional representation from the voluntary and/or business sector within the Borough of Milton Keynes.

RESOLVED –

1. That the Terms of Reference, as set out in the Annex to these Minutes be agreed.

2. That the National Probation Service be a voting member of the Partnership in addition to the Community Rehabilitation Company.
3. That, revisions to the Terms of Reference for 2015 be highlighted within the Annex.
4. That partner organisations be requested to inform the Head of Community Safety by the end of October 2015 of potential business representatives who could be approached as co-opted members to the SaferMK Partnership.

## **SMK19**

### **BUSINESS MANAGEMENT GROUP UPDATE**

The Partnership received an update on the work of the Business Management Group from the Head of Community Safety.

The Partnership heard that the timeline for the Strategic Assessment had been agreed at the Business Management Group's meeting on 4 September 2015, and that an update on the Strategic Assessment would be presented to the next meeting of the Partnership in January 2016.

It was reported that the following activities were underway:

- Management of Prison Recalls - a Task and Finish Group was to be established;
- Community Safety and Safeguarding Officer role – a joint funded post had been agreed to join the SaferMK Support Team;
- The Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference – a revised protocol was in place, along with an agreed audit action plan with identified leads, progress of which, would be monitored by the Group;
- Gangs research in Milton Keynes - a new action plan was in the process of development as a consequence of holding a Peer Group Intelligence meeting;
- Abandoned Needles Working Group - a communications plan was being progressed by the Council's Public Health team to aid residents and users;
- Chelsea's Choice evaluation – Partnership agreement had been obtained to fund further national drama programme presentations for secondary schools in 2016;
- Domestic Abuse Champions Network – the Group had agreed to support the delivery of the Network locally for all sectors of Milton Keynes; and

- A Task and Finish Group had been set up to look at Public Space Protection Orders.

It was also reported that the joint bid with Buckinghamshire Community Safety Partnership to the Police & Crime Commissioner for Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual and Transgender Independent Domestic Violence Advocate Funding, was unsuccessful;

The Partnership also heard that although Milton Keynes had seen an increase in violent offences up to 14.4% for the year, there were positive signs that various initiatives were starting to make a difference. The initiatives included a more robust recording of crime being put in place in the Thames Valley, including the Performance Framework for Milton Keynes, and the Local Police Area's continued focus on the quality of investigations and care of victims.

The Head of Community Safety responded to the Local Police Area Commander's (Thames Valley Police) concerns about the Business Management Group, he indicated that progress had been made in the short time since the formation of the Group and reported that the Group had identified a number of gaps in data analysis, and that a further update on the areas supported by the Group would be provided to the Partnership in January 2016.

#### RESOLVED –

1. That the oral update from the Chair of the Business Management Group be noted.
2. That the need to have representation on Task and Finish Groups, as and when required from suitable representatives within organisations be supported.
3. That the continued support by the designated leads in delivering the specific Partnership priorities and statutory obligations be noted.
4. That the Partnership Board receive the following two priority action plans for discussion and scrutiny:
  - (a) Reducing the number of violent incidences; and
  - (b) Enhance community engagement to reduce fear of crime.
5. That the Partnership Board additionally receive the Reducing Re-offending action plan as part of the core statutory responsibilities of the Partnership.
6. That the Head of Community Safety be requested to circulate the Business Management Group presentation to the Partnership.

**POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER'S – COMMUNITY SAFETY FUND ALLOCATION 2015/16**

The Partnership received a report and oral update on the Police and Crime Commissioner's Community Safety Fund Allocation 2015/16.

The Partnership heard from the Head of Community Safety that the proposed funding streams for quarter 3 and quarter 4 equated to 50% of the funding allocation, and that he would provide a more detailed update to the next meeting of the Partnership in January 2016. Future reporting to the Partnership would highlight linkages to delivery outcomes and priority areas as part of the funding realignment for 2016/17.

The representative of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) provided an oral update on the PCC's commissioning of Victim's Services and changes to the grant-funding, which had transferred from the Ministry of Justice in October 2014 to the PCCs. Thames Valley had received £2m funding for Victim's Services and was also part of a regional consortium with Surrey and Sussex to commission non-specialist services. On a local commissioning level Thames Valley would provide specialist support and services in the following areas:

- Third party reporting mechanism for hate crime;
- Young victims service;
- Independent sexual violence advisory service; and
- A victim-led restorative justice service.

The Partnership heard that the PCC was committed to Community Safety Partnerships. Many of the contracts were successfully tendered by voluntary, community or social enterprise organisations. Part of the grant funding provided was for the development of a Counselling Hub, which would speed up and enable access to the appropriate counselling and trauma services across Thames Valley. The following grant based pilot services were also being put in place:

- Specialist support service for victims of domestic abuse with complex needs – was an 18 month county based pilot; and
- An independent trauma advisory service for exploitation/slavery.

The Head of Community Safety thanked the PCCs representative for the informative update, and indicated that Thames Valley had been fortunate to have a PCC who continued to support Community Safety Partnerships, and that there might be new challenges ahead, following the PCC elections in May 2016.

**RESOLVED –**

1. That the Community Safety Fund allocation for 2015/16 be noted.

2. That a 50% allocation of the Community Safety Fund for quarter 3 and quarter 4 be agreed.
3. That a presentation be brought to the Partnership meeting in January 2016 by the Head of Community Safety on the planned development and allocation of funding for 2016/17.
4. That the Business Management Group be requested to develop a mechanism to measure performance and ensure that the Community Safety Fund is delivering value to Milton Keynes.
5. That the oral update from the Police and Crime Commissioner's office on recent commissioned services for victims be noted.

## **SMK21 YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN 2015/16**

The Partnership received a report on the Youth Justice Plan 2015/16 from the Head of Service, Youth Justice.

The Partnership heard that the Youth Offending Team had received positive responses from the Youth Justice Board for its submission of its annual Youth Justice Plan. The Plan covered over and above the statutory requirements, which included the work undertaken by the various multi-agencies in respect of community safety and services provided for children and families.

The Partnership also heard that the Head of Service for Youth Justice had been invited to participate in the initial scoping of a review of the Youth Justice System, which was being led by the Secretary of State for Justice. Outcomes of the review were not anticipated until summer 2016, details of which would be shared with the Partnership.

RESOLVED –

1. That the Youth Justice Plan be noted.
2. That feedback on the Youth Justice Plan be provided on an annual basis.

## **SMK22 STRENGTHENING FAMILIES PROGRAMME**

The Partnership considered a report on Strengthening Families Programme from the Head of Service Youth Justice.

The Partnership heard that the national Programme had progressed to Phase 2, which included a number of linkages to Youth Justice. It was reported that lessons learnt from undertaking Phase 1 would assist with the progression of Phase 2, particularly around clarity of information relating to the additional benefits and transformation changes that would aid families to progress and strengthen their lives. In order to achieve this goal, support and collaborative working with numerous partner organisations would be required.

It was reported that Milton Keynes had been targeted to help 1510 families over a 5 year period, with 257 families to be supported in 2015/16. To-date, 260 families had been identified and had agreed to participate in the Programme. Individual Family Outcomes were currently being processed for the families concerned. Participation of Phase 2 also included an enhanced evaluation process that included:

- The provision of quarterly reports on families the Council had dealt with;
- The eligibility criteria being provided to each family, so the families participating in the Programme could track progress; and
- The Council providing comparative information between the costs involved if families were not helped by the Programme, and those which were.

In response to a query from the representative of the Police and Crime Commissioner, it was reported that there was a greater awareness of the need to identify potential issues and linkages with families that might be suffering from domestic abuse.

RESOLVED –

That the report and the progress made to date be noted.

**SMK23**

### **AREAS OF COMMON INTEREST – MILTON KEYNES SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD AGREEMENT**

The Partnership received a report on the Agreement with the Milton Keynes Safeguarding Children Board from the Business Manager for Milton Keynes Safeguarding Children Board and the Head of Community Safety.

The Partnership heard that in addition to the additional statutory duty to safeguard adults and children under the Care Act 2014, there needed to be a greater awareness required about the way in which Community Safety Partnerships worked in local communities. Areas of common interest between the Partnership, the Safeguarding Board and the Health and Wellbeing Board had been identified, namely:

- Modern Slavery, which includes human trafficking, domestic servitude, and employment exploitation;
- Radicalisation into extremism (Prevent);
- Female Genital Mutilation;
- Cyber crime;
- Neglect; and
- Child Sexual Exploitation.

The Partnership heard that as there was presently insufficient data available, it was important to have an appropriate mechanism in place to avoid duplication of work and to ensure information was shared appropriately within the Partnership and partner organisations. The

Head of Community Safety reassured the Partnership that a new Strategic Objective covering the various data-set collation and intelligence gathering, would be in place from January 2016.

A number of partners stressed the importance of promoting the varied and excellent work undertaken by the SaferMK/Community Safety Team in Milton Keynes. It was also recognised that it was important to receive clear and focused communication about the various Strategies, and information about how the new data analysis might be presented.

The Corporate Director - People reassured the Partnership that there were positive signs of improvement, particularly with the recent appointments of a Business Manager, Milton Keynes Safeguarding Children Board, who joined the organisation 5 months ago and the appointment of the new Independent Chair of the Safeguarding Children Board.

#### RESOLVED –

1. That the presentation on Areas of Common Interest with the Milton Keynes Safeguarding Children Board be noted.
2. That the agreement between SaferMK Partnership and Milton Keynes Safeguarding Children Board be approved.
3. That the agreement between SaferMK Partnership and Milton Keynes Safeguarding Children Board be reviewed by both Chairs.
4. That the Partnership and Head of Community Safety be requested to support the Chair in proposing a Joint Partnership protocol across all statutory partnerships outlining the relationship between the partners, and the Governance and responsibilities for delivery of Areas of Common Interest.
5. That the Chair, on behalf of the Partnership, thanked the Business Manager for Milton Keynes Safeguarding Children Board for an informative presentation.

#### **SMK24**

#### **OPEN UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY SAFETY RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP**

The Partnership considered a report on the Open University Community Safety Research Partnership.

The Partnership heard from the Head of Community Safety that a number of initiatives and schemes were discussed at a seminar held on 24 September 2015. The seminar presented an opportunity to discuss how the new collaborative approach between the SaferMK Support Team, the Business Management Group and the research department within the Open University could work effectively.

The Partnership also heard that Community Action:MK had been invited to represent the voluntary, community and social enterprise



organisations. It was hoped that this new opportunity could enhance the reputation and service provision of the Community Safety Partnership for citizens living in Milton Keynes.

RESOLVED –

1. That the concept of a relationship between the Community Safety Partnership and the Open University be explored further to identify any benefits and a report be presented to the next meeting of the Partnership.
2. That the Head of Community Safety be requested to circulate the briefing notes and minutes of the seminar held with the Open University on 24 September 2015 to the Partnership.

## **SMK25      SAFE PLACES**

The Partnership received a report and presentation on Safe Places.

The Partnership heard from Councillor Brunning, who indicated that the new scheme on Safe Places was being rolled out in Milton Keynes through the Safer Neighbourhood's Group, at a low start-up cost of £2,400 per year. A successful pilot of the scheme had been run in Woughton and Stony Stratford. Positive outcomes had also been identified from other national run schemes.

It was reported that the new scheme was part of a wider 'Respect me' campaign to help improve the experience of those living in Milton Keynes who might suffer from feeling vulnerable within the community.

RESOLVED –

That the scheme to roll-out the initiative across Milton Keynes over the next 6 months be endorsed.

## **SMK26      PARTNERSHIP UPDATES**

A brief oral update from the respective organisations was received by the Partnership, which notes that:

- (a) There would be a change to the representation at future meetings from the Thames Valley Community Rehabilitation Company;
- (b) Report templates would be looked at in order to accommodate the new working arrangements and setting up of the Business Management Group; and
- (c) The new structure for the Probation Service was underway and it was hoped that data analysis would be available for future meetings.

RESOLVED –

1. That it be noted that D Wells (Senior Probation Officer [Thames Valley Community Rehabilitation Company]) will be the representative attending future Partnership meetings.
2. That it be noted that the Head of Community Safety will review the SaferMK Partnership report templates and to incorporate 'Priorities' into the reports, as part of the preparation for the next meeting in January 2016.
3. That it be noted that the National Probation Service will be in a position to provide data analysis to future Partnership meetings, upon receipt of clear parameters from the Head of Community Safety.

**SMK27 DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Partnership was scheduled for 21 January 2016.

**SMK28 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

RESOLVED –

That the public and press representatives 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:

Domestic Homicide Reviews.

**SMK29 DOMESTIC HOMICIDE REVIEWS**

The Partnership received a report and oral update on the Domestic Homicide Reviews from the Independent Chair (Domestic Homicide Review).

The Partnership heard that a number of proposed recommendations were highlighted in the executive report (Exempt Paper) and suggested that the Partnership look at putting together an appropriate action plan.

The Chair expressed the Partnership's thanks to the Independent Chair and the Review Panel for their findings and providing the draft report.

The Head of Community Safety reported that due to the number of Domestic Homicide Reviews recently received by the Home Office, the final report would not be reviewed until October 2015. Additionally, it was reported that a Chair had been appointed to the latest Domestic Homicide Review, (Minute SMK13 – recommendation 7[a] refers), but the Review Panel would be sought at a later date, due to the complexity of the case.

The Partnership considered the principle recommendations in the report.

The Partnership noted that an action plan had been drafted to ensure local recommendations were delivered, and the Business Management Group would be responsible for ensuring the action plan arising from the review was implemented.

It was reported that due to the cross border findings of the review, there was a requirement for a presentation in the area where the perpetrator lived.

RESOLVED –

1. That the update on a current local Domestic Homicide Review be noted.
2. That the recommendations and actions be endorsed.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 3.46 PM