



**SAFERMK PARTNERSHIP**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 6 October 2016  
in the Council Chamber, at Milton Keynes Council Civic Offices @ 2.00pm**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor O'Neill (Non-Voting Chair) (In the Chair for Items 1-10)

Supt. Gez Chiariello (LPA Commander, Thames Valley Police)  
(In the Chair for Items 11-14)

Duncan Sharkey

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

Calum Bell

Service Delivery Manager North and Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service

David Pennington

Milton Keynes Clinical Commissioning Group (Deputy for the Chief Officer NHS Milton Keynes Clinical Commissioning Group)

M Potter

National Probation Service (Deputy for Assistant Chief Officer for National Probation Service [Oxon and Bucks LDU and Thames Valley Prisons])

**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

Aaron Blessing

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

**Observers:**

Councillor Geaney

Milton Keynes Council

Councillor Eastman

Milton Keynes Council

**Officers:**

Linda Ellen

Acting Service Director (Housing and Community), Milton Keynes Council

Colin Wilderspin	Head of Community Safety, SaferMK/Milton Keynes Council
Lee Westlake	Youth Offending Team Manager, SaferMK/Milton Keynes Council
Steve Conway	Senior Community Safety Analyst and Research Officer, Milton Keynes Council
D Pragnell	Head of Public Health, Milton Keynes Council
L Best	Milton Keynes Safeguarding Children Board Business Manager
Tina Milner	Committee Manager, Milton Keynes Council
<b>Others Present:</b>	
Councillor McLean	Milton Keynes Council
R Solly	Community and Diversity Officer, Thames Valley Police
1 Member of public	Representative from Service Six (Charity)
<b>Apologies:</b>	
Matthew Webb	NHS - Chief Officer, Milton Keynes, Clinical Commissioning Group
K Gardner	Acting Chief Inspector, Thames Valley Police
Gavin Sandmann	Head of Youth and Community, SaferMK/Milton Keynes Council
Sue Cooke	Assistant Chief Officer for National Probation Service (Oxon and Bucks LDU and Thames Valley Prisons)
S Czajewski	Head of Operations (North), Thames Valley Community Rehabilitation Company
Tim Marren	Chief Executive, Community Action:MK
Muriel Scott	Director of Public Health, Milton Keynes Council

**SMK13 CHAIR WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**RESOLVED -**

That the Head of Community Safety was requested to send a letter on behalf of the Partnership, signed by the Chair, offering the Partnership's condolences to the LPA Commander and Thames Valley Police staff in respect of the recent bereavement of a Police Officer based at Milton Keynes.

**SMK14**

**MINUTES**

**RESOLVED -**

That the Minutes of the meetings of the SaferMK Partnership held on 14 April 2016 and the meeting held on 7 July 2016 be approved and signed by the Chair as correct records, subject to:

Minute SMK49 'Partner Updates' of the meeting held on 14 April 2016 being amended to include the comments of the LPA Commander; and with regard to the Minutes of 7 July 2016:

- (i) Councillor M Burke being included under the 'Others Present' heading as the Representative of the Police and Crime Panel;
- (ii) clarification as to whether all organisations represented on the Partnership were to appoint Domestic Abuse Champions (Minute SMK03);
- (iii) the correction of the typing error in the first paragraph of Minute SMK07; and
- (iv) the second paragraph of Minute SMK08 being amended to read '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 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.'

**SMK15**

**BUSINESS MANAGEMENT GROUP UPDATE**

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, who indicated that consideration would be given to the position of appointing a new Chair for the Business Management Group, due to the previous Chair, Chief Inspector J O'Ryan being seconded to the Metropolitan Police on a two year placement.

The Partnership was reminded of the value and importance of providing officer support to the designated leads within the Business Management Group, along with the continued provision of support and resources, as and when required to the various Task and Finish Groups.

The Partnership heard from the Corporate Director Place, who commented on the non-attendance at meetings of the Community Rehabilitation Company, and insufficient information regarding the issues in respect of 'Reducing Re-offending'.

**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 from suitable roles within 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 an updated report on 'Reducing Re-offending' to include performance and local delivery, be provided to the next Partnership meeting.
5. That the Head of Community Safety be requested to arrange a new Chair for the Business Management Group.
6. That the Business Management Group be requested to develop a new performance reporting framework in readiness for the next Partnership meeting.
7. That, in collaboration with the Chair, the Corporate Director - Place and the LPA Commander be requested to arrange a visit to the Thames Valley Community Rehabilitation Company with a view to the Partnership re-engaging with the company, particularly on the priority aspect of 'Reducing Re-offending'.

## **SMK16**

### **SAFERMK SURVEY**

The Partnership considered a report and received a presentation in respect of the SaferMK Survey from the Senior Community Safety Analyst and Research Officer.

The Partnership heard that many of the groups, organisations and representatives within the Partnership had been involved in the various aspects of the Survey, and requested that the Partnership and representatives could assist further by providing information on the demographics of Milton Keynes, to the Senior Community Safety Analyst and Research Officer by the end of October 2016.

The Head of Community Safety reported that feedback from residents and businesses within the Milton Keynes area had been taken into consideration, and data provided would benefit the Survey's outcomes and also aid/inform future action plans. The Community Safety team would also ensure that relevant feedback on the issue of Reducing the Fear of Crime was communicated effectively within the local communities.

The Partnership also heard that work was currently underway in respect of the Alcohol and Substance Misuse Reviews.

The Chair, on behalf of the Partnership thanked the Senior Community Safety Analyst and Research Officer for all the thorough, hard work and very impressive presentation.

RESOLVED -

1. That the key findings be agreed.
2. That the actions arising from the findings and oversight from the Business Management Group to deliver the recommendations set by the Partnership be agreed.
3. That an updated report in respect of the Alcohol and Substance Misuse reviews, and the findings from looking at how data for future surveys was used, be provided to a future Partnership meeting.

**SMK17**

**MILTON KEYNES YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN 2016/17**

The Partnership considered a report and presentation in respect of Milton Keynes Youth Justice Plan 2016/17 from the Youth Offending Team Manager.

The Partnership heard that today's meeting of SaferMK Partnership would be the last meeting the Youth Offending Team Manager would be attending. The Chair thanked the Head of Youth Offending Team Manager for all his support over the years to Youth Justice in Milton Keynes and to the SaferMK Partnership.

RESOLVED -

1. That the content of the Youth Justice Plan 2016/17 be noted
2. That the Chair, on behalf of the Partnership, thanked the Youth Offending Team Manager for his dedication and hard work over the years to Youth Justice and to the SaferMK Partnership, and wished him well in his future career.

**SMK18**

**HATE CRIME IN MILTON KEYNES**

The Partnership considered a report in respect of Hate Crime in Milton Keynes from the Head of Community Safety.

The Partnership heard that the Business Management Group would take into consideration the Government's recently published Hate Crime Action Plan, as part of its ongoing work and investigations into Hate Crime in Milton Keynes.

The Partnership also received a presentation from the Quality Diversity Officer, which focused particularly on Hate Crime in Milton Keynes post the EU Referendum.

RESOLVED -

1. That the report and presentation be noted.
2. That the Partnership endorsed the approach to preventing and reducing Hate Crime in Milton Keynes.
3. That the Business Management Group be requested to look at the overall approach in the National Action Plan to see if a

multi-agency approach was required by the Partnership, and to provide an update to the next Partnership meeting.

4. That the Chair, on behalf of the Partnership thanked the Quality and Diversity Officer (Thames Valley Police) for the presentation.

(The Chair declared a Personal Interest in Item 7 on Hate Crime in Milton Keynes.)

**SMK19**

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING**

The Partnership considered a report and received a presentation on Neighbourhood Policing.

The Partnership heard from the LPA Commander, that a new Neighbourhood Policing Plan and operating model was currently being implemented across Thames Valley Police through to April 2017. Optimum police staffing requirements had also been looked at to ensure that sufficient policing would be provided to serve the public and communities within Thames Valley, taking into consideration the vulnerability of the more problematic estates and geographical demands placed upon Thames Valley Police force.

The LPA Commander responded to a query from the Representative for the Rural Parish Councils that work was underway in providing continued neighbourhood officer visibility. It was reported that there was a difference between perception and reality surrounding the diminishment of police numbers in the rural and parish areas of Milton Keynes, and the levels of crime being reported.

The LPA Commander also commented that an opportunity existed for partnerships to look at how improvements could be made by working together in a more collaborative approach.

It was reported that Thames Valley Police continued to be committed in providing a quality service, and as a result of the implementations,

Thames Valley Police would become a much more effective police force and be in a much stronger position by April 2017, by managing the demands, and to further enhance community engagement within Central Milton Keynes and the rural areas.

**RESOLVED -**

1. That the presentation and feedback provided by Partners be noted.
2. That the LPA Commander and Acting Chief Inspector (Thames Valley Police) be requested to provide a further update to the Partnership in April 2017.
3. That the Chair, on behalf of the Partnership thanked the LPA Commander (Thames Valley Police) for the informative presentation.

**SMK20**

## **MODERN CRIME PREVENTION STRATEGY**

The Partnership considered a report in respect of Modern Crime Prevention Strategy.

The Partnership heard from the Head of Community Safety, who commented on the importance of setting up a Task and Finish Group, and use the Government's Modern Crime Prevention Strategy as a guide to aid a Modern Crime Prevention Strategy for Milton Keynes.

The LPA Commander informed the Partnership that reports of Cyber Crime were reported through the National Fraud and Cyber Crime Agency, and are not recorded at a local level. He reassured the Partnership that Thames Valley Police had not being complacent and Cyber Crime was an area they were focusing on. However, it was an area of crime that would be given more scrutiny, particularly due to Cyber Crime being very complex and the threat seen as significant.

As part of the ongoing work on Cyber Crime, an update would be provided to the Partnership prior to the next Board meeting and both the Adult and Children's Safeguarding Boards would be provided with information in respect of Cyber Crime issues in Milton Keynes.

### **RESOLVED -**

1. That the report and presentation be noted.
2. That SaferMK support the appointment of a Task and Finish Group to conduct an audit and produce relevant actions to deliver a local Strategy.
3. That an updated report on Modern Crime Prevention Strategy be provided to a future meeting of the Partnership.
4. That the Chair and the Head of Community Safety be requested to send a letter to both the Adult and Children Safeguarding Boards in respect of Cyber Crime reported in Milton Keynes.
5. That the Head of Community Safety be requested to supply Partners with further information in respect of Cyber Crime, prior to the next meeting of the Partnership in January 2017.

**SMK21**

## **PURPLE FLAG SCHEME**

The Partnership received a report in respect of the Purple Flag Scheme from the Head of Community Safety.

It was reported that the Partnership was in the final stages of its application submission for the Purple Flag Scheme, and the notification date for successful applicants was February 2017.

**RESOLVED -**

1. That, senior officers continue to be supported in order to commit the time and resources of the entry for the Purple Flag Scheme.
2. That the final bid and officer support for the Purple Flag Scheme for the application to meet the 14 October 2016 deadline, be endorsed.

The LPA Commander, Thames Valley Police took the Chair for Items 11-14.

**SMK22**

**PARTNER UPDATES**

**RESOLVED -**

1. That the oral updates from Partners be noted.
2. That the following Future Partnership Working Proposals be endorsed in principal, subject to further clarification being provided in respect of points (i) about resourcing and what is in scope, staffing, roles and resources, and point (ii) as to whether the recommended membership of the Group was suitable:
  - (i) a single secretariat being set-up to manage the business of all four Partnerships - Community Safety/SaferMK, Health and Wellbeing Board, Safeguarding Adults Board and the Local Safeguarding Children's Board, bringing together existing resources;
  - (ii) the Chairs' Group (Health and Wellbeing Board, Safer MK and Safeguarding) being requested to support effective cross Partnership working and communications, and to look at how best to shape forward planning;
  - (iii) a single Health and Wellbeing Board Strategy Delivery Group to deliver the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy;
  - (iv) a new Stakeholder Forum to enable Partners not on the Health and Wellbeing Board to engage in Partnership workings;
  - (v) a new Integration and Commissioning Group being set up, which would be accountable to the Health and Wellbeing Board, with the primary focus of looking at integration and commissioning; and
  - (vi) a new Safeguarding Executive Board being set-up along with separate adults and children's sub-groups.



**SMK23**

**FORWARD PLAN**

The Head of Community Safety provided a brief update to the Partnership in respect of the Forward Plan 2016/17.

RESOLVED -

That the Forward Plan be noted and updated accordingly by the Head of Community Safety.

**SMK24**

**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

**SMK25**

**DOMESTIC HOMICIDE REVIEWS**

The Head of Community Safety provided a brief update in respect of a Domestic Homicide Reviews and feedback received from the Home Office.

The Partnership heard from the Head of Community Safety that the victim's family would be informed of the final Domestic Homicide Review prior to the Review being published.

The Partnership heard that the local recommendations, as part of the Review, would be incorporated as part of a draft action plan.

It was reported that the Home Office had been informed of a further Domestic Homicide Review.

RESOLVED -

1. That the recommendations in the final Domestic Homicide Review report be noted.
2. That, the Business Management Group be requested to put together a draft action plan to ensure that local recommendations are delivered.
3. That, following contact with the victim's family, the final Domestic Homicide Review report be published.
4. That the update on the current local Domestic Homicide Reviews be noted.
5. That, in consultation with the Home Office, Eleanor Stobart be appointed as the Independent Chair, Domestic Homicide Review, in respect of a new Domestic Homicide Review being undertaken.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 3.50 PM