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SAFERMK PARTNERSHIP

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Wednesday 30 June 2021

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Michael Bracey	Chief Executive (Milton Keynes Council)
Richard Alsop	Chief Operating Officer (Milton Keynes Clinical Commissioning Group)
Marc Tarbit	Superintendent/Local Police Area Commander (Thames Valley Police)
Paul Scanes	Group Commander (Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service)
Debbie Johnson	Senior Operational Support Manager (National Probation Service (Oxon and Bucks LDU and Thames Valley Prisons))
Jas Pejatta	Joint Head of Operations (Thames Valley Community Rehabilitation Company)

2. Non-Voting Chair:

Councillor Lauren Townsend	Responsible Cabinet Member (Milton Keynes Council)
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3. Non-Voting Advisors to the Group:

Parish Councillor Philip Ayles	Representative of Rural Parish Councils
Parish Councillor Michael Cato	Representative of Urban Parish Councils
Oliver Mytton	Deputy Director of Public Health (Milton Keynes Council)
Cath Marriott	Policy Adviser (representative for the Police and Crime Commissioner)
Maralyn Smith	Chief Executive (MK Dons Sports and Education Trust) (representative of Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Sector)

4. Observers:

Councillor Ferrans	Milton Keynes Council
Councillor McLean	Milton Keynes Council
Councillor R Bradburn	Milton Keynes Council (representative for Thames Valley Police and Crime Panel)
Jane Held	Independent Safeguarding Scrutineer

5. Officers:

Sarah Gonsalves	Director - Policy, Insight and Communications (Milton Keynes Council)
Mac Heath	Director - Children's Services (Milton Keynes Council)
Melanie Marshman	Head of Partnerships and Resilience (Milton Keynes Council)
Gavin Sandmann	Head of Youth and Community (Milton Keynes Council)
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AGENDA

1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

2. Minutes

To approve, and the Chair to sign as a correct record, the Minutes of the SaferMK Partnership held on 10 March 2021 (Item 2) (**Pages 6 to 9**).

3. Disclosure of Interests

Councillors to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests, or personal interests (including other pecuniary interests), they may have in the business to be transacted, and officers to disclose any interests they may have in any contract to be considered.

4. Thames Valley Police and Criminal Justice Plan

To receive an update from the new Police and Crime Commissioner.

5. Early Intervention and Prevention Work

To receive a presentation (**to follow**)

6. Development of a Community Safety Strategy for 2022

To consider Item 6 (**Pages 10 to 11**)

7. Overview of Partnership Activity

To consider Item 7 (**Pages 12 to 14**)

8. Date of Next Meeting

To note the next scheduled meeting of the Partnership will be held on Wednesday 13 October 2021 at 2.00 pm.

Notice of Intention to Hold the Meeting in Private

The public and press may be excluded from the remainder of the meeting by virtue of Paragraph 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 following verbal update on Domestic Homicide Reviews (Item 10).

The Proper Officer of the Council has determined that the item should be considered in the absence of the public and press.

No representations have been received about why those matters referred to above should be considered with the public and press present.

9. Exclusion of Public and Press

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10. Domestic Homicide Reviews

To receive a verbal update.



Minutes of the meeting of the SAFERMK PARTNERSHIP held on WEDNESDAY
10 MARCH 2021 at 2.00 pm

Present: Councillor Townsend (Chair)
M Bracey (Chief Executive [Milton Keynes Council]),
J Pejatta (Joint Head of Operations [Thames Valley Community
Rehabilitation Company]), P Scanes (Group Commander for Fire
- MK North [Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service]), M Smith
(Chief Executive [MK Dons SET]), S Green (Chief Executive [YMCA
MK]), Superintendent M Tarbit (Local Police Area Commander
[Thames Valley Police])

Observers: Councillors R Bradburn (representative for Thames Valley Police
and Crime Panel), Ferrans and McLean (Milton Keynes Council)
and J Held (Independent Safeguarding Scrutineer)

Co-opted members without Voting Rights:

Parish Councillor P Ayles (Representative for the Rural Parish
Councils) and Parish Councillor M Cato (Representative for the
Urban Parish Councils)

Officers: **Milton Keynes Council:** S Gonsalves (Director of Policy, Insight
and Communications), M Heath (Director - Children's Services),
G Sandmann (Head of Youth and Community), M Marshman
(Head of Partnership and Resilience) and J Crighton (Committee
Manager)

Also Present: Y Hitch

Apologies: O Mytton (Deputy Director of Public Health [Milton Keynes
Council]), R Alsop (Chief Operating Officer [Milton Keynes
Clinical Commissioning Group]), C Marriott (Policy Adviser
[Representative for the Police and Crime Commissioner]) and
D Johnson (Senior Operational Support Manager [National
Probation Service (Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire LDU)])

SMK10 MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the SaferMK Partnership held on 24 September
2020 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

SMK11 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None disclosed.

10 March 2021

SMK12

REFRESHED COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY

The Partnership considered the refreshed Community Safety Strategy.

The Partnership noted the Strategy was due for a review but, due to the continued impact of the Pandemic on crime and safety, it was agreed to refresh the current Strategy and a full review held in 2022.

The Partnership noted that a new Domestic Abuse Strategy had been published and implementation was being overseen by the Domestic Abuse Strategic Partnership Board.

Y Hitch informed the Partnership that domestic violence remained under-reported but contributed significantly to the overall volume of reported crime.

The Partnership also noted that Milton Keynes had seen an increase in the levels of reported violence involving young people. There had been community and partner engagement to help understand the development of gang activity.

RESOLVED -

That the refreshed Community Safety Strategy be approved.

SMK13

ANNUAL CRIME AND COMMUNITY SAFETY SURVEY 2020/21

The Partnership received a presentation on the annual Crime and Community Safety Survey 2020/21.

M Marshman (Head of Partnership and Resilience) informed the Partnership that the number of responses had significantly fallen when compared to the previous year as promotion of the survey had been impacted by the Pandemic.

The Partnership noted the proportion of respondents concerned about being a victim of crime had been less than in the previous year.

It was noted that fly-tipping, burglary and vehicle crime were concerns highlighted by the survey.

The Partnership specifically noted that the Council had seen an increase in the reporting of fly-tipping and actions to address the situation were being dealt with more promptly.

The Partnership expressed its concern that victims of domestic abuse might not have the opportunity or confidence to report the crime.

RESOLVED -

1. That the responses to the annual Crime and Community Safety Survey 2020/21 be noted.
2. That consideration be given to how future Crime and Community Safety Surveys capture a more representative response.
3. That the community and voluntary sectors be given the opportunity to contribute to the development of the new Community Safety Strategy for 2022 onwards.

SMK14

UPDATE ON THE KNIFE CRIME TASK AND FINISH GROUP

The Partnership received an update from the Knife Crime Task and Finish Group.

The Partnership noted that, in January 2020, the Council had committed £100,000 to the prevention of youth violence and knife crime in Milton Keynes. A Knife Crime Task and Finish Group had been established to consider how the funds should be allocated.

The Partnership noted the projects approved for funding by the Task and Finish Group were as follows:

- (a) Hazard Alley Scenario (£40,000)
- (b) Sofea Clarity (£20,700)
- (c) Beacon Angling Club (£11,835.33)
- (d) MK Gallery and Paramount Parkour (£20,000)

It was reported that a final meeting of the Task and Finish Group would be held to consider the allocation of the remaining funding, which was approximately £8,000.

The Partnership noted the importance of engaging with schools to broaden the understanding of the impact of knife crime on young people.

RESOLVED -

1. That the update be noted.
2. That the Youth Offending Team be requested to provide an update to the next meeting.

SMK15

OVERVIEW OF PARTNERSHIP ACTIVITY

The Partnership received an update on partnership activity undertaken to support the delivery of its priorities.

The Partnership noted that the Health and Wellbeing Board, at its meeting held on 13 January 2021 (Minute HWB10 refers), had approved a revised Health and Wellbeing Strategy and had agreed to retain Domestic Abuse as a priority for the forthcoming year.

It was noted that the Community Safety Partnership had received confirmation that it would be awarded £259,015 in funding from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for 2021/22.

RESOLVED -

That the projects undertaken to improve community safety be noted.

SMK16

EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED -

That the public and press be excluded from the meeting by virtue of Paragraphs 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 an oral update on Domestic Homicide Reviews.

SMK17

DOMESTIC HOMICIDE REVIEWS - UPDATE

The Partnership received an update from the Head of Partnerships and Resilience on the outstanding Domestic Homicide Reviews.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 3.25 PM

30 June 2021

DEVELOPMENT OF A COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY FOR 2022

Report Author:

Mel Marshman (Head of Partnerships and Resilience)

Purpose of Report

The Partnership is asked to note the process for producing a new Community Safety Strategy for 2022 and beyond.

FOR INFORMATION

1. Background

- 1.1 It is a statutory requirement for Community Safety Partnerships to agree and publish a strategy for reducing crime and disorder. After refreshing our existing strategy for 2021/22, a full review of the Strategy is now due. A process for developing a new Strategy has been agreed by the MK Together Management Board and will be overseen by Risk Board on behalf of the Partnership.
- 1.2 Development of the new strategy will be informed by the annual strategic assessment, which is also a statutory requirement. The strategic assessment is now underway; it will focus on:
 - existing priority areas identified in the current strategy;
 - identification and analysis of any emerging priorities; and
 - key lines of enquiry to include violence against women, modern day slavery and the impact of the pandemic on crime and disorder.
- 1.3 Stakeholder engagement will be planned and overseen by Risk Board. Existing networks will be used to facilitate input into the development of the strategy. Consultation on the Strategy will act as the Partnership's annual engagement on crime and community safety issues. Survey findings from the most recent survey will be reflected in the strategic assessment. A specific piece of work will be done to engage with under 16s through schools.

2. Key Milestones

July	MK Together Management Board discussion of early findings of strategic assessment
August	Risk Board sign off strategic assessment
September	Strategic assessment presented to Safer MK
September	Risk Board agree priorities informed by strategic assessment
October - January	Consult key stakeholders on draft strategy
February	Final draft signed off by Risk Board
February	Final draft agreed by MK Together Management Board
March	Strategy adopted by Safer MK

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Partnership note the process for the production and adoption of a new Community Safety Strategy.



30 June 2021

OVERVIEW OF PARTNERSHIP ACTIVITY

Report Author:

Mel Marshman (Head of Partnerships and Resilience)

Purpose of Report

To provide an update on partnership activity undertaken to support the delivery of the priorities of the Community Safety Partnership since the previous meeting.

FOR INFORMATION

1. Recommendations

- 1.1 The Community Safety Partnership is asked to note the following highlights of activity undertaken to improve community safety. This update covers the period since the last meeting in March.

2. Partnership Activity to Note

2.1 Vulnerable Communities and Individuals

(a) **Modern Day Slavery**

Tasking Board is overseeing work to improve multi-agency pathways for people who have been victims of modern-day slavery. A small working group is updating our National Referral Mechanism process. A local communications plan will focus on raising awareness of appropriate referral processes amongst front line staff.

(b) **Domestic Violence and Abuse**

The Domestic Abuse Bill received Royal Assent on April 2021. The measures contained in the new Act include new protection and support for victims ensuring that abusers will no longer be allowed to directly cross-examine their victims in the family and civil courts, and giving victims better access to special measures in the courtroom to help prevent intimidation, such as protective screens and giving evidence via video link.

Police will also be given new powers including Domestic Abuse Protection Notices providing victims with immediate protection from abusers, while courts will be able to hand out new Domestic Abuse Protection Orders to help prevent offending by forcing perpetrators to take steps to change their behaviour, including seeking mental health support or drug and alcohol rehabilitation.

Funding received in relation to the delivery of the new Act has been allocated by the Domestic Abuse Strategic Partnership to support the delivery of the Domestic Abuse Strategy. The funding will support a number of initiatives including an extension to the pilot dispersed housing programme which provides support to victims of domestic abuse in self-contained accommodation, a sanctuary scheme that provides additional security that can enable victims to safely stay in their homes and a healthy relationships programme .

(c) Prevention and Reduction of Serious Violence

A draft violence reduction strategy is being finalised by Tasking Board for consideration by the MK Together Management Board at its next meeting in July. Funding has been secured via the Thames Valley Violence Reduction Unit to appoint a Violence Reduction Co-ordinator for one year. The postholder will support the delivery of the strategy.

In addition to the projects funded by last year's knife crime Task and Finish Group which are at various stages of implementation, Tasking Board has funded MK Dons Sports and Education Trust to deliver accredited youth work training to people working with young people in the community. The aim is to ensure volunteers have the skills they need to competently and safely work with children who are at risk of engaging in youth violence.

Tasking Board is overseeing the allocation of further knife crime and violence prevention funds allocated by Milton Keynes Council, led by the Director of Children's Services. Voluntary organisations working with Redeeming our Communities have been engaged to best understand where investment will have the most impact.

(d) Rough Sleepers

Risk Board is monitoring the implementation of a specialist drug and alcohol service for people who are rough sleeping. The service is run by CNWL.

(e) **Prevent**

The annual Channel Duty Assurance Statement was submitted in April. A new business assurance process is being rolled out nationally and a regional review will take place in June. Work continues on the development of a new Prevent training package for Council staff and it is expected that a train the trainer model will launch in the Autumn.

2.2 Neighbourhoods

(a) **Anti-social Behaviour**

A public consultation on the extension and variation of the Alcohol PSPO for a further three years will launch in June. The option to vary the order to cover the whole of Bletchley, and potentially the whole of the Stantonbury Parish is being considered. To comply with the legislation, evidence of alcohol related anti-social behaviour must be obtained. Due to the impact of the Covid-19 lockdown, data from the last year may not give a true reflection of alcohol related ASB in Milton Keynes.

Improvements have been made to the process for requesting and assessing the need for a community trigger. A Community Trigger gives victims of ASB the ability to request a review of their case where a locally defined threshold is met. Requests are now assessed against the criteria by a new multi-agency triage meeting which ensures that all options for resolving the issue have been exhausted prior to escalating to a statutory community trigger

(b) **SafeHub**

Tasking Board funded the SafeHub initiative that was jointly run by TVP and St Johns Ambulance. The SafeHub provides support to people who are vulnerable during a night out due to alcohol consumption, giving them somewhere safe to sober up and so they can get home safely. The SafeHub has been launched to coincide with the reopening of hospitality venues.

(c) **Serpentine Court Improvements**

A schedule of works agreed to improve safety for residents of Serpentine Court. This work will continue to be progressed, and on-site work should start soon.