

DRAFT MINUTES

Waltham Forest Working Together (The Strategic Partnership (LSP) for Waltham Forest)

SAFETYNET PARTNERSHIP BOARD, EXECUTIVE GROUP

Minutes of a meeting of the LSP SafetyNet Partnership Board, Executive Group held on Wednesday 5th October 2005 at 2.30pm in Committee Room 2 at Waltham Forest Town Hall

Present:

Members.

Chief Supt. George Clarke (Chair)	Metropolitan Police Service
Councillor Barry Smith	LBWF, Cabinet Member
Robin Tuddenham	LBWF, Unit Head, Community Safety
Linda Wacey	LBWF, Head of Community Protection
Nick Howell-Ives	London Probation Service (<i>deputising for Carol Hartley</i>)
Rob Pearce	LBWF, Assistant Chief Executive
Ron Gray	EduAction
Alison Dale	Government Office for London
Colin Moone	LBWF, Head of Housing Services
Chief Insp. Ian Larnder	Metropolitan Police Service (<i>deputising for Supt. Stewart Rivers</i>)
Sergeant Sian Hasler	Partnerships & Operations Manager (<i>deputising for Alastair Macorkindale</i>)

Lead Support Officers.

John Anthony	LBWF, Youth Offending Team Manager
Mario Demetriou	LBWF, Anti Social Behaviour Co-ordinator

Visitors.

Saima Raja	LBWF, Monitoring & Information Officer
Ben Plant	LBWF, Executive Support Officer
Bruce Clarke	LBWF, Committee Manager

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1. INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

All those present introduced themselves.

Apologies for absence were received from Carol Hartley (London Probation Service – Nick Howell-Ives to deputise), Supt. Stewart Rivers, (Metropolitan Police Service - Chief Inspector Ian Larnder to deputise), Alastair Macorkindale (LBWF, Drugs & Crime Strategy Manager – Sgt. Sian Hasler to deputise) and Jim Saddington (London Fire Brigade).

2. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7th SEPTEMBER 2005 AND MATTERS ARISING.

Accuracy:

No comments.

Matters Arising:

Page 1, item 2 – Anti-Social Behaviour database – Sgt. Hasler has a meeting with Camden Council on 5th October and will report back at the next meeting.

Page 1, item 2 – TJAG developments – Agenda item for this meeting.

Sian
Hasler

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<p>Page 2, item 2 – Children & Young People’s Plan – Jo Olsson will present an update at the Group’s next meeting on 9th November 2005.</p> <p>Page 4, item 6 – liaison re Drug Action Team targets – ongoing between Alastair Macorkindale and Supt. Stewart Rivers.</p> <p>Page 5, item 7.2 – break out of data re Road Show and Crime Prevention Week – the relevant statistics have been made available and shared accordingly.</p> <p>The Minutes of the meeting held on 7th September 2005 were confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings.</p>	LSP Sect.
<p>3. PERFORMANCE HEADLINES.</p>	
<p>3.1 Noted that the Key Outputs shown were monthly statistics, capable of being reported on a monthly basis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in alcohol related offending – figures for the baseline and subsequent target as at the end of September to be available on 10th October and will be included in next month’s report. • The Violent Crime outputs are having a somewhat torrid time at the moment. There has been an increase in gun-related crime amongst gangs in the borough – these incidents are included in the Violent Crime data and take up considerable resources away from regular policing activities. • The Amber status shown for positive detection rate in relation to domestic violence should probably be Red. • Youth offending of young offenders supervised by the Youth Offending Team – essential to stay below the 2004/5 Actual of 36%. 	Saima Raja
<p>3.2 Noted that the Government Office for London will be holding a pre-meeting on 6th October, full meeting on 10th October, to review the borough’s Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) performance. Further comments as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In certain cases, if a council’s CDRP isn’t meeting its targets, GoL may ask to work more closely with that CDRP regarding it’s recovery plan. Waltham Forest isn’t yet at that stage but it could be coming in the near future. • GoL aims to work with the Partnership as a whole, not to criticise the work or efforts of individual partners. The Home Office needs to know that actions are being taken to deal with any increase in crime incidents. • The Tactical Joint Action Group, newly formed in Waltham Forest but having had considerable success elsewhere in the country, should assist with implementing short-term changes to counter the increased crime incidents rate. • Comparing the current quarter with the same quarter for the previous year gives a somewhat blunt view of the situation; an ‘on the ground’ view will be taken more seriously at a local level. • The local press is being given full access to crime incident data – no smokescreen is in place. The gun crime figures were discussed at a recent Police & Community Consultative Group (PCCG) meeting and were probably picked up there by the local press. 	
<p>4. YOUTH CRIME – QUARTERLY REPORT.</p>	
<p>4.1 Noted the following updates and comments to the circulated report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 5% reduction in recidivism is welcomed. • Page 11, item 1.1 – ‘period’ should read January – September 2005. • The old LPSA1 target to achieve a recidivism rate of 31% would prompt some reward. There is however some doubt as to whether or not this LPSA1 target has been superseded by LPSA2. 	
<p>ACTION: Investigate whether or not the LPSA1 target has been superseded.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 11, item 1.3 – the figure mentioned of 77.8% for the July to September 2005 period has not yet been verified. 	Unit Head

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<p>ACTION: verify this figure and report back to next meeting on 9th November 2005.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new funding mechanism for Changing Gear has now been agreed; funding will follow the child as he / she moves through the system. • The Youth Justice Board's 'Whole YOT Approach' health check is due to be finished by January 2006. • Need to establish on-going dialogue regarding implementation of the Children & Young People's Plan; an Agenda item has already been agreed for the next Executive Group meeting and Robin Tuddenham is already working with Jo Olsson. A meeting with Graham Moss has been set up to discuss the 'Safer' section of the Plan. A number of other CDRPs have found similar problems regarding children being looked at as offenders as well as victims. The Prevent & Deter agenda to date has fallen totally into the YOT arena – it should be shared with the Children's Trust Board with who there needs to be increasing continuity. • There's a perceived isolation from the Every Child Matters agenda. Noted that this should be clearer after consultation on the C&YP Plan – to date this has concentrated on the content of the Plan but now needs to look at the definition of responsibilities within it. 	Unit Head
<p>ACTION: Take this away for discussion with the LBWF Chief Executive on how best to deploy the available resources most effectively.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WF is the only London borough to be evaluated on the whole Prolific & Priority Offenders agenda, including Prevent & Deter; currently this only involves the YOT and the Education Service should also be involved with the evaluation. • The prevention agenda is currently lagging behind but this is also true of most other boroughs. This should be part of the Joint Area Review / Inspection of Children & Young People's services due in 2008. • The Portfolio Holder for Community Safety to be advised of any concerns being experienced by members of the YOT. 	Rob Pearce
<p>4.2 Noted the following further comments / decisions regarding the report's three requested decisions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The content of the quarterly Youth Crime report was endorsed. 2. Assisting the YOT Manager in obtaining external support for the YOT management team to enact a managing practice action plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other YOTs in London are strengthening their capacity to make sustainable changes. • The YOT manager needs additional resources to supply increased management capacity – currently very stretched with a need to improve the existing skills base. • The impending Youth Justice Board report should describe the current problems and offer possible solutions. • Need to identify experienced practitioners to take matters further, as well as encouraging existing members of the management team to manage rather than become involved in process. <p>ACTION: Firmer proposals required at a future meeting, possibly including the re-configuration of existing resources.</p>	John Anthony
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Robin Tuddenham to attend future LSP Children & Young People Executive Group meetings on SafetyNet's behalf. 	Bruce Clarke
<p>5. TACTICAL JOINT ACTION GROUP.</p>	
<p>5.1 Noted the following further comments to the report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sergeant Sian Hasler was thanked for her assistance, particularly regarding 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> tasking activities. • Operation Pay Back a good example of a joined-up thinking process; good news should be generated via a publicity launch planned for 13th October. • The Police are looking to make a presentation to Councillors regarding the concept of Secure by Design and what's required. The issue needs to be 'pinched' from above (Councillors) and below (Architects). • Quarterly reporting back to the Executive Group is planned. • Prioritisation between Partnership Tasking Requests received from individual partners and those originated by the Police Tasking Forum hasn't been an issue – the two groups should 'dip' in and out in relation to specific targets. Not all PTRs are looking for substantial resources anyway. 	
<p>5.2 Noted the following further comments / decisions regarding the report's five requested decisions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The progress of the TJAG to date was duly NOTED. 2. Current TJAG membership: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representation from schools to be taken up with the Secondary Heads Executive Group. <p>ACTION: Take up and report back at a future meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 6th Form Colleges would be a potential fallback. • Possibility of some funding available for the improvement of public spaces. Rob Pearce recently met with Greenspace representatives; possible creation of a TJAG sub-group. <p>ACTION: Invite Greenspace representatives to the TJAG meeting after next.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. There is no available best practice model to assist with the evaluation of TJAG as it progresses. Have looked initially at Enfield and now need to go back to them for further consultation. <p>ACTION: Further consultation with Enfield.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Safer Neighbourhood Inspectors to be standing members of TJAG; this wasn't felt necessarily to be decided by the Executive Group. 5. AGREED that TJAG updates to the Executive Group should be quarterly with the next due in January 2006. 	<p>Ron Gray</p> <p>Unit Head</p>
<p>6. RESIDENTS PANEL – SURVEY RESULTS.</p> <p>The Survey results were distributed to all attendees at the meeting (further copies available from the LSP Secretariat).</p> <p>Noted the following further comments on the results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be annual monitoring of the survey's results. • A major media drive is being planned with LBWF Corporate Communications in respect of Anti-Social behaviour prevention. • Data is collected via a Council commissioned survey having a much larger programme content than just Community Safety to provide fairly representative views. The findings are generally in line with and corroborated by other, similar surveys. • Must ensure the existence of the right delivery mechanism for good / positive news items from the delivery groups to TJAG and residents. <p>ACTION: Corporate Communications to attend the next TJAG meeting.</p>	<p>Sian Hasler</p>
<p>7. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – QUARTERLY REPORT.</p>	<p>Unit Head</p>
<p>7.1 Noted the following comments on the quarterly report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Started taking action against untidy gardens, concentrating initially on cases of excessive Estate Agency boards on individual properties. • The multi-agency planning meeting on 18th October, looking at ASB issues surrounding Halloween and Fireworks, needs to identify that the Council isn't the right organisation for complaints to be addressed to. It should be 	

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<p>isn't the right organisation for complaints to be addressed to – it should be the Police.</p> <p>ACTION: Invite Steve Watson, LBWF Corporate Communications to this meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCTV protocols are being developed concerning the use of cameras for non-CDRP work such as parking, as well as who is to authorise general ASB CCTV usage. • The relevant Street Wardens for the Brookcroft Road area have been used to confirm that ASB issues exist there but there are currently no plans / exit strategies regarding possible solutions. • The ASB Policy Guidelines and Operating Protocols and the ASB Toolkit for Practitioners to be completed by December 2005. <p>ACTION: Bring back to the Group meeting on 11th January 2006 for agreement.</p>	<p>Linda Wacey</p> <p>Linda Wacey</p>
<p>7.2 Noted the following decisions regarding the report's four requested decisions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Content of the report was NOTED. 2. Concerns about youth disorder; the November meeting to ensure that the focus of the Children & Young People's Plan addresses the issue of youth provision. AGREED. 3. Completion of ASB Practice Guidelines and Practitioner Toolkit delayed to December 2005 was NOTED. 4. The focus of the planning meeting regarding Halloween and fireworks was AGREED. 	
<p>8. POSITIVE NEWS FROM SAFETYNET.</p>	
<p>8.1 Parents against Crime – good media coverage, both locally and nationally.</p>	
<p>8.2 Defendin' da Hood – nominated for a national award.</p>	
<p>8.3 Beat Sweep – the local media called the Council for details in advance of last week's Beat Sweep instead of the Council calling them as previously.</p>	
<p>8.4 Guardian newspaper – two large articles this week covering YOT activities.</p>	
<p>8.5 Radio 1 Extra – a good contact has been established with this radio station and a list of innovative Waltham Forest ideas is being prepared for issuance to them.</p>	
<p>8.6 Youth Reparation – Mike Stanbury is leading an on-going project hopefully leading to further good news.</p>	
<p>8.7 Rushcroft School / Be Safe knife project – there's a possibility of BBC coverage.</p>	
<p>9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.</p>	
<p>9.1 <u>Conflict Resolution Training.</u> Noted that there had been a strong uptake of interest, with the possibility of no further available places until the start of the 2006 programme.</p>	
<p>9.2 <u>Innovation to Consolidation.</u> The Group meeting planned for 7th December to be facilitated by Miffa Salter, Urbancanda for a review of SafetyNet achievements and progress. ACTION: Arrange the 7th December meeting accordingly.</p>	<p>Unit Head</p>
<p>10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. Wednesday 9th November 2005 – 2.30pm to 4.30pm – Committee Room 2, Waltham Forest Town Hall.</p>	

Agreed.....Chair **Contact:** Bruce Clarke, Committee Manager
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