

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 10th January 2007 at 2.30pm – Rowan House, Cecil Road, Leytonstone.

Present:

Members.

Chief Superintendent Mark Benbow (Chair)	Metropolitan Police Service
Jacque Dean	LBWF, Chief Executive
Robin Tuddenham	LBWF, Assistant Chief Executive
Linda Wacey	LBWF, Head of Community Protection
Cllr Afzal Akram	LBWF, Portfolio Lead for Community Safety
Darren Dovey	London Fire Brigade
Alastair Macorkindale	LBWF, Drugs and Crime Strategy Manager
Colin Moone	LBWF, Head of Housing Services
Carol Hartley	London Probation
Chris Kiernan	LBWF (Executive Director, Lifelong Learning)
Steve Williams	Chair, Police & Community Consultative Group
Chief Inspector Ian Larnder	Metropolitan Police Service

Lead Support Officers.

Sian Hasler	LBWF, Partnerships & Operations Manager
John Anthony	LBWF, Youth Offending Team Manager
Mario Demetriou	LBWF, Anti Social Behaviour Co-ordinator
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 Rob Pearce (LBWF, Head of Sustainable Communities), Jim Waddington (EduAction), Margaret Barker (Government Office for London) and Harry Clibbens (WF Primary Care Trust).

2. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 1st NOVEMBER 2006 AND MATTERS ARISING.

Accuracy:

Nothing raised.

Matters Arising:

Page 3, item 3.2 – Police strategy regarding Enviro-Crime – RT has not yet been able to discuss the strategy with Martin Esom of Environmental Services – leave item as outstanding.

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Page 3, item 3.3 – Youth Crime report – on today's Agenda.

Page 3, item 4 – SafetyNet Handbook to be reviewed – to be driven by Melissa Lonergan. Action Plans for year 3, linked to Policing Plan and new LAA indicators, to be presented to the Group's next meeting with strong input from Leads / Chairs of all Delivery Groups. Thereafter Handbook will be reviewed.

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Page 4, item 9.1 – Instances of Arson attacks in the south of the Borough – the Fire Investigation unit are looking at relevant statistics since October 2006 together with qualitative input. Their report will be passed on to the relevant MPS

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contact. Also to be linked to both the ASB and Youth Crime Action Plans for 2007/08 (reference to Junior Fire Setters scheme via the YOT).

Page 4, item 9.2 – local Criminal Justice Board draft Action Plan – this has now been agreed, signed off and duly submitted.

Page 4, item 9.3 – Probation Service exception report – CH advised she was going to circulate the London Criminal Justice Group performance figures but now realises these are dealt with by the local Criminal Justice Board.

Minutes of 1st November 2006 confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings.

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Mark Benbow reported as follows:

- Total BCS Comparator Crime – minus 5.9% - slipped back since a month ago, December a difficult month.
- Personal Property – minus 19.4% - concerned with the December figure but improving in January. No TSG support – gone to other Boroughs – currently setting up an interim team. Improved intelligence sharing; the 2nd seconded Police Officer now in post has been really productive.
- Residential Burglary – minus 12.1% - the residential SD rate of 10.2% is the first time ever the Borough has achieved double figures in this category.
- Vehicle Crime, Theft from – plus 20.7% - shot 'through the roof' in early December with high number of stolen disabled badges. Regular pre-Christmas trend? - hard to compare as in 2005 there was TSG support.
- Robbery & Theft, Cycles – plus 21.4% - substantial adverse movement in the change rate but actual numbers are still quite low.
- Gun Enabled Crime – minus 32% - good result, very pleasing. CK noted a related conference in Newham on 1st February - he's sending a representative, MB to check on Borough Police representation.
- Wounding – minus 1.9% - first time reduction.
- Domestic Violence SD Rate – plus 31.7% - good but still work to do.
- Racist SD Rate – plus 21.8% - putting new processes in place to seek improvement (target 25%).
- TNO SD Rate – plus 19.1% - now very close to achieving the 20% target.

3.2 Drug Action Team Performance.

Alastair Macorkindale reported as follows:

- Indicator 1 – 15% increase 06/07 compared to 05/06 but still flagged red – trying to ensure that all who should be are actually registered on the database. Won't reach the 06/07 target of 1,198 – lack of accommodation similar to 722 is a major reason. Want to locate a service in the North of the Borough (N of the A406) as users currently have to go to Leytonstone. The issue is not one of available funding, its not being able to identify suitable premises – LBWF Portfolio Management offered to help but so far with no result (raised again recently by JD). The search needs to be prioritised (Valley Ward is the right area) with a deadline in place – need space for 6/8 staff with seven days a week access for service users. CM noted he might have a solution in Higham Hill.

ACTION: all partners to think hard regarding possible assistance – comments to AM as soon as possible.

All members

- Indicator 3 – good progress.
- Indicators 4 and 5 – WF PCT are investigating why these are flagged red – believed to be a data quality issue (the Community Safety Data Manager has recently liaised with the PCT team to improve data quality).
- Indicator 6 – again the red flag caused by data quality issues – expected to

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	<p>be resolved by quarter 4 '06/07 and to be flagged green.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indicator 7 – quarter 3 will show a significantly improved result. Indicator 8 – the number of young drug users entering drug treatment programmes is expected to increase now there is a branded service. Meeting with Jo Olsson planned for 12th January to discuss developments. 	
4&6	YOUTH CRIME – EXCEPTION REPORT / ACTION PLAN UPDATE 2006/7.	
4.1	<p><u>Exception Report.</u></p> <p>John Anthony noted the following additional comments regarding the circulated Summary of Progress:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very positive development of an NVQ Level One Fitness Programme in partnership with the Metropolitan Police and GLL. Level Two starts in February together with the next group of Level One entrants. Funded by GLL and, if successful, they might want to expand the programme. <p>ACTION: circulate Level Two details to Tracey Thompson so they might be distributed within the Super Output Areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Researching the Gang Issue in Waltham Forest – there'll be a half-day event in April to launch Prof. Pitts' report; should have national exposure and needs to be promoted. YOT financial position – a growth bid has been submitted with decision due on 6th February. As part of the YOT inspection cycle we should be inspected during 2008. 	JA
4.2	<p><u>YJB WF Performance Summary Apr-Sep 2006.</u></p> <p>John Anthony noted that the KPI Performance of 89.5%, against a National figure of 83.4%, was very strong. The WF 'Achilles heel' was N. Standards Compliance, 47.6% against 70.5% nationally.</p> <p>ACTION: identify those authorities contained in the 'Family' heading within the Summary and circulate details to all members.</p>	JA
6.	<p><u>Action Plan Update.</u></p> <p>John Anthony noted the following additional comments regarding the circulated paper:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invest in preventative programmes – YJB have confirmed funding for 07/08. Cross borough intervention project – currently establishing internally, will then be spread out within the Borough. Tailored intervention for Looked After Children – will try again in the near future to recruit to the substantive post. 	
5.	ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – EXCEPTION REPORT.	
	<p>Noted the following additional comments regarding the circulated Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dispersal Orders – concerns over Court / CPS involvement (recently the Court gave absolute discharges to offenders – not the message we need to be sending out). Currently upgrading both Police and YOT related internal processes so that CPS acts more favourably in pursuing offenders. Beat Sweeps continuation – to be reviewed in March / April 2007. Robust database to manage ASB casework – will look again at utilising the Flare system currently in use with Consumer Protection. ASBOs and Looked After Children – to liaise with Jo Olsson for individual case decisions. <p>ACTION: Raise with Jo Olsson and advise next meeting of Children's Services position.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lighting and CCTV provision in Folly Lane – CCTV not the most effective value-for-money tactic, looking to reinforce resources 'on the ground'. The planned lighting improvements will proceed. There'll probably be a short- 	CK

term extension, to March 2008, to the existing CCTV monitoring contract with LB Enfield after which we're considering running our own operation out of Juniper House.

- TravelSafe Project – agreed today that a further 18 PSOs are to be made available regarding travel in the Borough, mainly on the buses – funded for two years.
- CCTV Community Safety vehicle – noted that we're not using the vehicle enough (PSO volunteers have concerns regarding personal car insurance issues). This concern to be passed to the Police Task Force to facilitate increased usage.

7. COUNTER TERRORISM / OPERATION OVERT - UPDATE.

IL noted little to report, with judicial process continuing. Locally, a seven-point plan regarding the delivery of Counter Terrorism (CT) activities is being developed and a CT focus desk is in course of being established.

Noted that CT Central Command are starting to listen to local input / Borough concerns.

Reminded that there are still major CT concerns within Waltham Forest.

8. POSITIVE NEWS FROM SAFETYNET.

8.1 Crime Prevention Week results were seen as being very good, particularly in Selborne Walk.

8.2 A big launch of 'Nothing Fake about Prison' received good local coverage.

8.3 Based on attending our own Beat Sweeps both Hillingdon Borough (Feb / March) and Burton-on-Trent (later in 2007) are starting theirs.

8.4 Noted a Central Government grant for the 'No Smoking in Pubs' programme – some funding for 2006/07, £100k in 2007/08, strictly ring fenced. Hopefully £50k in 2008/09.

8.5 LW advised that there may be Government money, possibly a total of £5mn, in respect of Anti Piracy operations; no current idea of any possible effect for Waltham Forest.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

9.1 MB noted that the Police Planning process regarding future targets is underway – RT and AA have already been invited to attend a related, upcoming meeting. All members are invited to pass on to MB any related thoughts / comments.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

Wednesday 7th March 2007 – 2.30pm to 4.30pm – Large Meeting Room, Rowan House, Cecil Road, Leytonstone.

Agreed.....Chair

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