

# 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 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2006 at 2.30pm – Rowan House, Cecil Road, Leytonstone.

#### Present:

##### Members.

Chief Superintendent Mark Benbow (Chair)	Metropolitan Police Service
Rob Pearce	LBWF, Assistant Chief Executive
Chief Inspector Ian Larnder	Metropolitan Police Service
Robin Tuddenham	LBWF, Head of Community Safety
Linda Wacey	LBWF, Head of Community Protection
Bill Bird	London Fire Brigade ( <i>alternate for Darren Dovey</i> )
Alastair Macorkindale	LBWF, Drugs and Crime Strategy Manager
Colin Moone	LBWF, Head of Housing Services
Ron Gray	EduAction

##### Lead Support Officers.

Sian Hasler	LBWF, Partnerships & Operations Manager
John Anthony	LBWF, Youth Offending Team Manager
Bruce Clarke	LBWF, Committee Manager

##### Visitors.

Alice Williams	LBWF, Youth Offending Team Information Manager
Richard Quinn	Ex-Borough Commander (Retired), London Borough of Lambeth.

#### Item

##### 1. INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

All those present introduced themselves.

Apologies for absence were received from Carol Hartley (Probation Service), Councillor Barry Smith (LBWF Cabinet Member, Portfolio Holder for Community Safety) and Darren Dovey (London Fire Brigade) (*Bill Bird to attend as alternate*).

##### 2. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2006 AND MATTERS ARISING.

###### Accuracy:

Page 1, Lead Support Officers – ‘Zini Obonyano’ should be ‘Zino Obonyano’.

###### Matters Arising:

Page 3, item 2 – report back on members’ comments to the circulated EduAction paper on Knife Protocol – Mike Jervis is still on leave, feedback details to be provided outside this meeting. Action closed.

Page 3, item 3.1 – formation of a Robbery project group within TJAG – this item to be covered within Agenda item 3 at today’s meeting.

Page 3, item 3.1 – ‘Robbery’ theme for the next Defendin’ Da Hood meeting – Mike Jervis will attend the next Project Board – mark on for outcome.

Page 3, item 3.4 – Police activities regarding Robbery – this item to be covered within Agenda item 3 at today’s meeting.

Page 4, item 5 – Agenda item for the next DAT meeting – taken forward via the

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Mike  
Jervis

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<p>DAT Executive. Page 4, item 5 – <u>data regarding the reduction of drug-related crime in the Borough</u> – monthly data monitoring continues, discussed regularly at DAT meetings. The enhancement of compliance with Required Assessment is to be monitored by the Local Criminal Justice Board. Action closed. Minutes of 8<sup>th</sup> March 2006, as amended under Accuracy above, confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings.</p>	LSP Sect.
<p><b>3. PERFORMANCE HEADLINES.</b> <b>3.1.1 <u>Youth Crime.</u></b></p>	
<p>John Anthony introduced Dave Jones, Consultancy Services Team, Youth Justice Board who gave an update on the Whole YOT Performance Improvement Programme. He noted that related work had been done in 2005 and the resultant report Sustaining the Success, with relevant actions and recommendations, had now been worked through.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. He noted the perceived priority areas for action: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthen strategic oversight by the Management Board to ensure proactive monitoring (highest area for required current action).</li> <li>• YOT re-organisation to become 'fit for purpose'.</li> <li>• Review Performance Management systems and appraisal objectives (now in place).</li> <li>• Develop focus on managing the use of custody.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Functions of the Management Board (MB) - Criteria within 'Sustaining the Success': <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• YOTs should sit between youth justice and child welfare.</li> <li>• MB should be composed of chief officers or senior reps able to commit resources.</li> <li>• MB to agree how YOT performance and resourcing is to be reported.</li> <li>• MB responsible for delivery of local youth justice plan / staff training.</li> <li>• MB to ensure staff from all statutory agencies are in YOT.</li> <li>• MB to rectify under-performance.</li> <li>• MB to ensure all young people have access to mainstream services.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	John Anthony
<p>3.1.2 Noted the following additional comments concerning where the strategic oversight of the YOT should sit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently sits with the quarterly meetings of the Delivery Group.</li> <li>• The Council needs a better understanding of its role – other agencies need to work more effectively together – what forum resolves 'bottlenecks'.</li> <li>• Need sense of strategic direction from all related agencies. Schools are a vital agent – how should it work between them and SafetyNet.</li> <li>• Need a structure where other people care besides the main individuals and a new management structure for strategy and performance. Create a managed network of all relevant involved people, not necessarily via the LSP.</li> <li>• A new model is to be reported at the next meeting as part of Melissa Lonergan's work.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Feed back today's proposals to Melissa for inclusion / coverage in her report.</p>	
<p>3.1.3 <u>Performance Summary – 2005/6.</u> Noted that the data handed out at the meeting is based on verified data for April – Dec '05 and unverified data for Jan – Mar '06. <b>ACTION:</b> This data should be updated and brought to all future meetings included in a data pack.</p>	Policy Lead

3.2.1 **British Crime Survey.**

Noted the following further comments regarding the British Crime Survey data (tabled):

- Total BCS Comparator Crime: 'amber' flag: -6.1% change against a target of -7.0%.
- Robbery and Theft (personal property): 'red' flag: -4.1% change against a target of -15%.
- Residential burglary: 'green' flag: a stunning change of -24.6% against a target of -7%: possibly due to a heavy focus by TJAG.
- Vehicle Crime (theft / taking of): 'red' flag: +5.2% against a target of -11%: becoming a major worry.
- Violent Crime (BCS wounding): 'red' flag: +21.5% against a target of -10%: possibly due to reclassifying from how the figures were defined in 2005.
- Total Notifiable (TNO): -7.8% change is good news.
- Total Notifiable (TNO SD rate): 'red' flag: +14.5% needs to be increased.
- The new graphic representation of weekly personal robbery performance, shown on a linear basis, will enable peak points during the year to be identified and anticipated in following years.

3.2.2 **Tackling Street Crime Project.**

Robin Tuddenham tabled a project initiation document and advised that a steering group has now been established. Noted that a final evaluation report will be completed by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2006.

**ACTION:** Report back on progress to the Executive Group meeting in September.

Robin  
Tuddenham

3.2.3 **Operation Strongbox.**

The Chair noted that the operation will continue in the Borough until the beginning of June 2006.

3.3 **Drug Action Team.**

Alastair Macorkindale verbally reported as follows:

- Working with young people on screening and prevention.
- Working with the known 'cohort', specifically by attempting to restrict supply.
- Year-end figures released today – Waltham Forest third in England and second in London as to performance improvement.
- Tough Choices being implemented reasonably well in the Borough.
- Still rather weak on drug rehabilitation work.
- 'Traffic Lights' data will be produced in the near future.

4. **WALTHAM FOREST RESPECT ACTION PLAN.**

Noted the circulated Report, prepared in partnership with Children's Services and previously presented to the Council's Management Board, as part of keeping the SafetyNet Executive Group 'in the loop'. The Action Plan is to be run via the Local Strategic Partnership and the Council with input from Community Safety.

Noted the following further comments:

- Some of the Waltham Forest Actions will bring added value to Community Safety (e.g. expansion of Operation Payback).
- The Respect Action Month (RAM) will now be piloted in Walthamstow Town Centre in July 2006, managed by TJAG in order to make the Town Centre look better and feel safer. A special TJAG meeting, specifically involving the Safer Neighbourhood team, takes place on 16<sup>th</sup> May to plan the RAM.
- Currently the Plan directly involves the Council, the Police and the Transport Police but it is hoped to obtain contributions from other major partner agencies.

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- A short-term resource will be made available to capture what's being done and the results of actions taken.

**5. SAFETYNET ANNUAL REVIEW.**

Noted the draft Crime, Disorder and Drugs Strategy Progress Report – Year One as circulated with the Agenda papers. The Report was presented today for further members' comments as to content, accuracy and method of presentation.

**ACTION:** Members to advise Robin Tuddenham by 15<sup>th</sup> May 2006 of any comments / suggestions to assist with production of final Report.

**All members****6. SAFETYNET PERFORMANCE HANDBOOK 2006/7.**

Noted the hard-copy Handbook distributed to all attendees for information purposes.

**7. POSITIVE NEWS FROM SAFETYNET.**

7.1 Noted that close working between the Council's Community Protection team, the Police and the Film Piracy unit had led to the closure of premises in Leyton being used for the production of huge numbers of counterfeit DVDs. The haul included finished discs, a large stock of blank discs and relevant copying equipment.

7.2 Noted that the Council's Head of Community Safety wished to express his thanks to Sergeant Harvey for considerable support and assistance during the recent Cathall Beat Sweep operation.

7.3 Noted that the Council had recently won an appeal to the House of Lords in connection with Crack House closures.

**8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

None presented.

**9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

Provisionally Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2006 – 2.30pm to 4.30pm – Large Meeting Room, Rowan House, Cecil Road, Leytonstone (reserve date Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2006).

Agreed.....Chair

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