

Safer Arun Partnership (SAP)2nd March at 3:00pm

Present: *Arun District Council*
 Councillor Paul Wotherspoon, Cabinet Member – Community Services
 Councillor Len Brown, Deputy Cabinet Member – Community Services
 Roger Wood, Head of Neighbourhoods
 Georgina Bouette, Community Safety Manager
 Richard Bartram, Community Safety Officer
 Karen Harmer, Problem Solving and Evaluation Analyst

Sussex Police, District Commander for Chichester and Arun
 Chief Inspector Justin Burtenshaw

West Sussex Fire & Rescue Services
 Mark Swanton

454. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from: Nigel Croad, (Resources Director and Deputy Chief Executive), Emily King, (WSCC Better Communities Team Manager), Mervyn Dadd, (Office of Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner), Councillor Nigel Peters (WSCC), Inspector Marc Clothier (Sussex Police), Councillor Peter Evans (WSCC), Rob Mapley (West Sussex Fire & Rescue Services District Commander), Esther Dainton, (HMPS)

455. Minutes and actions arising of previous meeting on 1st December 2014

The minutes of the meeting held on the 1st December 2014 were approved by the Partnership as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Partners are requested to feedback on the progress of their actions prior to SAP meetings.

Minute 430 – Work is still ongoing with WSCC and Sussex Police to produce a delivery plan for Street Communities that reflects the local need and the strategic approach across West Sussex. Partners agreed to receive a copy of the proposed action plan at their next meeting on the 1st December 2014. Carried forward to the next meeting on 1st June 2015.

Minute 440 - Action: Pip Taylor to contact Denise Vine and explore opportunities for partnership working in developing and implementing a Business Crime Reduction Partnership in Arun. Update pending.

Minute 450 - Action: Community Safety Team to undertake a review with partners to ascertain what communications activity they are delivering and the resources they have available to be incorporated within the next SAP Strategic Intelligence Assessment in March 2015.

Minute 451, Point 2 – Action: West Sussex Fire & Rescue to update Roger Wood as to who will be taking over the Pevensey and Orchard TF Neighbourhoods group when Dave Benham retires. Mark Swanton to liaise with Rob Mapley and confirm the post start date of Stuart Beddows.

Minute 453 - Action: Community Safety to add the relevant contact details for the appointed CCG representative to the SAP distribution for future meetings.

Minute 457 - Action: Justin Burtenshaw to speak and increase the pressure with Ian Berryman on collating the required data information. Karen Harmer to email Justin Burtenshaw, advise him of what data she requires for reporting purpose. Roger Wood and Georgina Bouette, to add more information within SIA report, to include CCG.

Minute 459 - Action: Richard Bartram to feedback ASB Tools and Powers outcomes from the cabinet papers to SAP at the next meeting

456. Declaration of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

457. Annual Strategic Intelligence Assessment

Georgina Bouette explained the SIA and the purpose of the approach to the report in addressing underlying factors, at the same time highlighting the potential contribution of partner agencies, referring back and looking at what SAP has delivered against the Partnership Plan; accessing existing data and information sets and highlighting any significant updates from priorities set over the last year. The SIA will also identify new emerging problems, propose a way forward for future action aiming at reducing the risk of harm inflicted by crime and anti-social behaviour, therefore improving public confidence and aiming to solve persistent crime in a holistic partnership working approach.

1. Arun Think Family Keyworkers

Looking back on Partnership success the Think Family Keyworkers achieved some excellent success with targets met on 275 families being turned around in Arun, a reduction in ASB/youth crime and 85%+ attendance at school over three consecutive school terms.

2. Arun Think Family Neighbourhoods (TFN)

TFN's are still proving somewhat harder to deliver and has been the subject of various discussions with partners agreeing that a dedicated role be created to help support the project and achieve the required targets. Richard Bartram confirmed interviews were due to take place to appoint a Neighbourhood Development Worker in the coming week.

3. Street Communities

Street Communities still remain an ongoing issue in Bognor and Littlehampton with mixed success in both areas. Positive discussions are taking place, with partners, but still proves somewhat difficult and complex in achieving successes as the problem has been aggravated due to the unrealistic expectations and reluctance from some retailers to engage into positive solutions being made.

4. Alcohol Diversion Scheme

Georgina Bouette reported the scheme had not progressed forward as was expected, even with the necessity of the scheme still being very much needed. Insp Justin Burtenshaw reported some incidents around alcohol had occurred and the data was now being captured and recorded more efficiently within the alcohol misuse data.

5. Anti-social Behaviour Team

The ASB team are doing well and continuing to strive forward in recognition of joint working with the Neighbourhood Policing Team and Registered Social Landlord's hence an increase in enforcement has been seen and recorded. In April 2015 a new ASB structure will be put in place consisting of a Senior Caseworker and an additional full-time Caseworker which will enable the team to deliver and respond to the ever increasing demand and stop problematic behaviour. Therefore with new legislation and powers coming into effect it is vital ASB is maintained as a priority. Georgina Bouette went on to explain that due to changes happening within Probation Services it may be problematic in gaining data for reducing re-

offending, Insp Justin Burtenshaw reported that the Police also were having issues in obtaining data.

Overall public confidence has not improved or progressed during 2014/15, Roger Wood asked the partners where the responsibility lies, with CCG or Partnership and should CCG have an active role in Street Communities? Insp Justin Burtenshaw felt CCG should have a role within Street Communities as there is a dual diagnosis.

6. New Legislation

Partners identified ASB, Modern Slavery, Counter-Terrorism and Serious Organised Crime could potentially create problems within the Arun area and recommended further discussions take place, and report back to SAP to present its proposals at the next meeting.

7. Threats for the partnership

All partners need to be mindful of the forth-coming general elections in May as well as being more targeted to delivering in the future.

All partners agreed to all recommendations and proposed actions.

1. Endorse the proposed partnership vision:

“To work in partnership to proactively and reactively reduce the risk of harm and vulnerability associated with crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour for identified individuals, communities and neighbourhoods”

2. Agree the following strategic priorities:

- Tackle and reduce anti-social behaviour
- Think Family Programme: Keyworker service, Neighbourhoods and Family Support Networks
- Street Community

3. Agree and commit to partners holding a separate discussion to debate and agree whether the following areas should be included as a strategic priority for SAP for 2015/16:

- *Sexual offences including Child Sexual Exploitation*
- *Serious and Organised Crime*
- *Counter Terrorism*
- *Reducing Re-offending*
- *Violent Crime*
- *Improving Public Confidence*

And that the following activity be included within this approach, at a minimum:

Scoping and assessing, in partnership, the potential impact of the above thematic areas in Arun and to agree what partnership action should be taken to mitigate against identified risk and harm (individuals communities and neighbourhood).

- *What is the potential need in Arun i.e. what communities are affected? What scale of response is required locally? What data is available to assess this?*

- *What do partners need to do to effectively respond and / or implement statutory requirements? Does this require different responses? What does this mean for partnership working? Do we need to change and / or adapt what we currently do to meet the required provisions or new ways of working needed?*
- *What is the capacity of partners to work together to achieve desired outcomes? What can agencies realistically commit to? Where are the gaps?*

4. Commit to producing an agreed partnership outcome framework for the delivery and performance monitoring of action to deliver strategic priorities.

458. Joint Action Group Update

Richard Bartram reported JAG had recently undertaken a review of its purpose, aims and achievements. It will be refocusing its activity during 2015/16 on delivering a more targeted partnership action for identified problems. The group will play a key role in overseeing and delivering the required partnership action to achieving the anticipated strategic outcomes.

Richard Bartram explained, following a recommendation from SAP during the last meeting, how to report back on updates and referred to the JAG Feedback/Update document which was circulated around to partners. The only item to come out of it was the Multi-cultural event which proved to be a success.

Moving forward JAG is now reporting on issues/concerns and future planned actions. A task and finish group is continuing consultations relating to the parking issues in Bilsham Road and a particular property. Georgina Bouette is leading on the new Street Community and Bognor Regis task and finish group and JAG is now starting to get more actions being reported.

Richard Bartram confirmed he would be requesting a recommendation from Insp Marc Clothier to remove the Neighbourhood Management Forum (NMF). Due to the diminishing Police resources they now do not have the capacity to service all neighbourhood meetings.

With a new JAG Chair Person in place, Mark Swanton, the group will continue to strive forward. Meetings will now take place every 6 weeks, there will now be two JAG meetings between each SAP meeting.

459. ASB Tools and Powers

Richard Bartram explained that with the Safer Arun Partnership protocol currently in place and the new act coming into effect last year, it presented an opportunity to re-write and simplify the document. The papers have been submitted

to partners and feedback is expected by March 16th 2015 were by any comments or suggestions would be welcomed and the report then presented to cabinet.

All partners agreed to all recommendations and proposed actions.

1. SAP note and review the contents of the amended Anti-Social Behaviour Protocol
2. Feedback any suggestions and comments for potential inclusion

460. Funding Update

SAP Funding Update

PCC confirmed it would be sending letters out to all Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) to confirm that funding will be maintained at the same level as 2012/13 (for the third year running). The PCC's letter will also acknowledge the dedication and excellent work of CSPs and calling for us all to work even closer in partnership in the future.

461. AOB

Councillor Paul Wotherspoon thanked all SAP members for their continued support and great work throughout the last 4 years and long may it continue in the future.

(The meeting concluded at 4.40pm)

**Next meeting takes place on Monday 1st June 2015
Committee Room 2, Arun Civic Centre, Littlehampton 3pm – 5pm.**

FUTURE MEETINGS

Monday 7th September 2015, 3 - 5pm, Committee Room 2, Arun Civic Centre.

Monday 14th December 2015, 3 - 5pm, Committee Room 2, Arun Civic Centre.

Monday 7th March 2016, 3 - 5pm, Committee Room 2, Arun Civic Centre.