

Minutes- Safer Neighbourhood Panel (11/9/16)

Attendees- Gerry Peck (GP), John McKiernan (JMcK), Sarah Lindsey-Smith (SLS), Tom Ollernshaw (TO), Chief Insp Steve Maskrey (SM), Insp Bob Champeau (BC), Junaid Gharda (JG), Claire Bell (CB), Mike Hovers (MH), Cllr Bernard Peters (BP) Cllr Ron Clarke (RC), David Leech (DL) and Bob Rankin (BR).

No apologies received

Review of last meeting

The Chair asked for all members' phone numbers and e-mail addresses to be circulated across the group.

Nomination of Vice Chair

Bernard Peters and Gerry Peck both put their name forward as Vice Chairs. SLS suggested that two Vice Chairs be appointed. Members voted in favour of this recommendation and appointed both as Vice chair.

Overview of Policing

SM gave an overview of Policing. SM last meeting retires 23/12/16 and is to be replaced by Sarah Wainwright. HMIC visit in September. SM part of focus group talking about managing organised crime groups' information from this is to published early 2017. The Police are employing more mobile data which is putting more officers out on street using new technology. Demand remains high from all types of crime.

Violence increased 23% over in past 2 years. Operation Engage response to drug dealing into East Staffordshire. Success in tracking and bringing into custody. Violence amongst cohort involved in drugs market and occasionally late night violence. SLS- Identified that the crime rate has increased, but no outcome rate increase which is declining. SM- explained there can be a time delay in data of crime compared to outcome.

GP- Raised a concern over possible delays on operations due to time taken at labs due to insufficient personnel at lab. The group felt this concern should be referred to the Ethics and Transparency Committee.

SM highlighted some changes in crime patterns- Malicious communications has increased 13% increase. This now includes harassment /stalking and sending of indecent images. BC- commented that East Staffs is no more violent than 12 months ago.

TO- Is there an alcohol link to most serious violent crime and Domestic Abuse?

SM- Partly, Night economy accounts for some, and there is an ongoing

problem with pre-loading is problem. Most Serious violence is linked to drug debts.

TO- Are drugs and gangs from outside East Staffs coming into the Area

SM- Yes coming from across West Midlands and further afield. BC- Police has instituted Criminal Behaviour Orders (CBO) to control movements of high risk individuals.

TO- If an offender offends whilst on bail is that then an addition to the sentence. BC- Offender would be recalled to prison.

BP- Questioned the impact of immigration on crime and the policing of it. BC- No real impact but certain type of drinking culture has led to early hours of the morning for drink related offences.

A group discussion then followed around the 101 telephone service. JG to arrange for Head of Contact Services to attend the next meeting

Stop and Search

JMcK- Asked if the group wish to look at stop and search in East Staffordshire. SLS- questioned if this should be a priority for the group. JMcK- felt that this would be a useful starting point to begin view. JG- Encouraged the group to look at stop and search and offered to share reports from other panels as well as list of stop and search in East Staffs.

SM- Informed the group that 352 stop and searches had taken place since start of April 2016.

Performance dashboard

SLS- Gave an overview of the Performance dashboard (Pd)and provided the following feedback

One year of data does not give context and isolated view means nothing. No ability to compare East Staffs with other places in the UK or to drill down into Urban v Rural crime.

Overall conclusion is that the Pd provides a meaningless snapshot just a graph or line and does not allow for performance interpretation. Additionally, the data could be presented differently.

JG responded. Should be at least two years data. Pd is designed to go no deeper than East Staffs. Street level crime is available on Police.co.uk. Pd is more about giving panels the opportunity to compare countywide.

BR volunteered to work with SLS on the Pd. BR and GP to attend session on

1st Dec.

Items for future meetings:

101 customer centre (to be invited to next meeting)

Stop and Search (JMcK, RC, DL, GP)

A general discussion followed on future topics aside from those above that had been agreed earlier in the meeting. The following topics were agreed:

Three subjects

- Tasers- (GP, DL & TO) SM suggested looking at the use of force including handcuffing.
- Hate Crime (GP, JMcK, DL start with BC/Hate crime)
- Cyber Crime (SLS) JG- conference coming up and SLS invited to attend

Date of next meeting: Wednesday, February 1st 6:30pm. Burton Fire Station

JMcK wished to put on record his and the groups thanks to SM. The group wished Steve a happy and relaxing retirement and wished him all the best for the future.