



Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership

Agenda

Date: 15 January 2008

MEETING: CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP

DATE: TUESDAY, 22 JANUARY 2008

TIME: 3.00 pm

VENUE: PARKLANDS, GLOUCESTER PARK

MEMBERSHIP:

Councillor Tony Ball	-	Basildon Council
Frances Barbour	-	St Georges Community Housing
Jackie Brown	-	Interlock!
Clare Burrell	-	ECC TASCC
Sue Chorley	-	Victim Support
Bridget Cooper	-	Family Mosaic Housing
Angie Coxon	-	Basildon Police
John Entwistle	-	Basildon Council
Dawn French	-	Basildon Council
Mary Gibbons	-	Swan Housing Association
Jane Gooday	-	Basildon Community Drug and Alcohol Service
David Howard	-	Basildon Police
Cliff Hughes	-	Family Mosaic Housing
Simon Hughes	-	Basildon Council
Tracey Jenkins	-	Connexions
Jerry Jones	-	GO East
Nicola MacBride	-	Swan Housing Association
Bala Mahendran	-	Basildon Council (Chair)
Paula Mason	-	Basildon Council
Simon Myles	-	Basildon and Thurrock University Hospitals
Arun Patel	-	South West Essex PCT
Lucy Payne	-	Basildon Council
Owen Richards	-	South West Essex PCT
Lesley O'Shea	-	St Georges Community Housing
County Councillor		
John Schofield	-	Essex Police Authority
Ian Smart	-	British Transport Police
Alison Spalding	-	South Essex YOT
Lynne Taylor	-	South West Essex PCT
SallyAnne Thallon	-	Essex County Council
Martin Trevillion	-	Essex Fire Service
Paul Turner	-	Swan Housing (Essex)
Aniekan Umoren	-	Basildon District Council
Ken Venables	-	Basildon District Council
Mark Wheeler	-	Basildon Police
Ray Williams	-	Basildon Police
Peter Woollard	-	Essex Probation Service

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

2. MINUTES:

To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 18 December 2007, attached at Enclosure No. 1.

3. ACTION SHEET:

To discuss any matters arising from the Action Sheet of 18 December 2007, attached at Enclosure No. 2.

4. FIRE BREAK CENTRE:

Report by Martin Trevillion.

5. DRAFT STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT:

Lucy Payne to update on the current position.

6. CCTV PERFORMANCE UPDATE:

Ken Venables to update on the current position.

7. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DELIVERY GROUP UPDATE:

Report by Frances Barbour.

8. MAKING COMMUNITIES SAFER GROUP - NEW PROCEDURES:

Report by Ray Williams.

9. THE TILLEY AWARDS 2008:

Report by Mark Wheeler.

10. PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT:

David Howard to update on the current position.

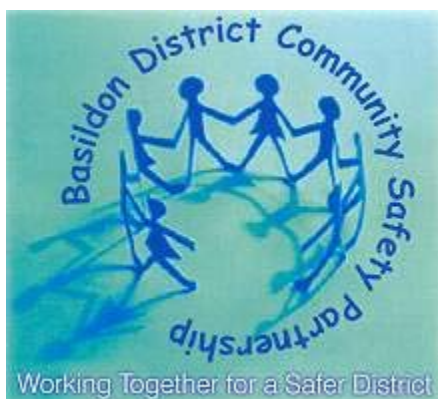
11. COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY:

Report by John Entwistle.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

13. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 19 February 2008 at 3.00pm in Parklands.



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Minutes

Notes of a meeting of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership held on Tuesday, 18 December 2007.

Present:

Bala Mahendran	-	Basildon Council (Chair)
Sheila Coates	-	SERICC
Nicola Croney	-	Swan Housing
John Entwistle	-	Basildon Council
Lisa Hamilton	-	Basildon Council
Jo Hammond	-	Connexions
David Howard	-	Essex Police
Cliff Hughes	-	Family Mosaic
Paula Mason	-	Basildon Council
Jerry Jones	-	Go-East
County Councillor John Schofield	-	Essex County Council
Alison Spalding	-	South Essex YOT
Lynne Taylor	-	South West Essex PCT
Ken Venables	-	Basildon Council
Lou Williams	-	Essex County Council
Ray Williams	-	Essex Police

In Attendance:

Steve Platt	-	Basildon Council
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1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Councillor Tony Ball	-	Basildon Council
Jackie Brown	-	Interlock!
Clare Burrell	-	Essex Youth Services
Sue Chorley	-	Victim Support
Jane Gooday	-	Basildon Community Drug and Alcohol Service
Lucy Payne	-	Basildon Council
Sally Anne Thallon	-	Essex County Council
Martin Trevillion	-	Essex Fire Service
Nikki Ward	-	Basildon Council
Mark Wheeler	-	Basildon Police
Peter Woollard	-	Essex Probation Service

2. SOUTH ESSEX RAPE AND INCEST CRISIS CENTRE:

Sheila Coates attended the meeting to outline the work of the South Essex Rape and Incest Crisis Centre. Operating in the Basildon and Thurrock areas, the service offered counselling and advocacy for women who had been the victims of sexual violence. Its helpline received around 4000 calls a year and around 1,400 face to face sessions were conducted. In the current year the youngest victim had been aged 3 and the oldest aged 84. In the Basildon district there had been 260 face to face sessions, 769 counselling calls and 152 advocacy calls, (each of which could involve up to 9 hours work). All 8 members of staff were suitably qualified and, due to the specialist nature of the work, no volunteers were used.

With the publication of Public Service Agreement 23 – Safer Communities – issues surrounding sexual violence were receiving higher prominence in the Government's agenda. SERICC was keen to work in partnership with other local agencies to achieve a higher conviction rate of offenders. A Sexual Violence Delivery Group had been established, covering Basildon, Thurrock and Brentwood, and the first meeting of the joint group would be on 20 February 2008. One of its first tasks would be to work towards establishing a Sex Assault Referral Centre for South Essex. Parts of the role of this centre would be to gather and store forensic evidence, allowing the victim time to decide if they wished to proceed with charges against the offender.

The Chair requested that proposals for the future direction of the Sexual Violence Delivery Group be reported to a future meeting of the CDRP.

3. ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL TASCC TEAMS:

Lou Williams of Essex County Council's Children's Services explained the role of Teams around Schools, Children and Communities (TASCC). TASCCs commenced in September 2007 and there were two in Basildon Town, and one each in Billericay and Wickford. These were multi-disciplinary teams of County Council staff which aimed to achieve early intervention in cases referred by Social Care. In the past, half of all cases would not be actioned as they did not meet the Social Care threshold. The introduction of TASCCs enabled these cases to be considered.

It was anticipated that TASCCs would join up with other teams, for example neighbourhood policy teams, health service teams and voluntary organisations to enable a more co-ordinated approach towards helping children and their families in need of support.

Ken Venables reported that, as part of the review of the Crime and Disorder Act, there was a need to review membership of the CDRP. It was agreed that, as part of this review, Lou Williams would attend future meetings to facilitate joined up working.

4. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting of the CDRP held on 20 November 2007 were agreed as a true record.

5. ACTION SHEET:

Prolific Priority Offender – Prevent and Deter

Alison Spalding reported that there were currently 8 offenders on the PPO list. A comprehensive update had been sent to all partners.

Performance Management

Jerry Jones confirmed that Iquanta statistics could not be released to the public.

6. HOME OFFICE 'DELIVERING SAFER COMMUNITIES' GUIDELINES – UPDATE:

Ken Venables reported that, on 22 November 2007, representatives of the Police and District Council had met with Ted Harrison who deals with the local strand of Police Strategic Assessments. Ted would assist with the CDRP Strategic Assessment and envisaged that the two assessments would be drawn together over time.

The Support Group meeting of 29 November 2007 had agreed contacts and information sources and steps had been taken to improve co-ordination and communication through the sharing of pro-forma and templates between districts and the development of an Elected Members' Forum. The Forum would next meet on 10 January 2008.

On 27 November 2007 a meeting had been held with Sheila Coates to explore the possibility of linking with SERICC and Thurrock's CDRP's Sexual Violence Delivery Group in order for all agencies to better meet their responsibilities in this area. Support Group representatives would be attending the Sexual Crime Group (Safer Thurrock Partnership) on 20 February 2008 to take matters further.

On behalf of Lucy Payne, Ken thanked all partners who had provided their data sets. These would be put into a clear format and analysed to establish key priorities and develop a draft Strategic Assessment for the next CDRP meeting on 22 January 2008.

7. PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT:

The statistics for November 2007, which showed five crime types being over target for the month, were presented to the CDRP and the actions being taken to address those areas over target were noted. Partners were pleased to note the good steady overall progress being made. The Chair said that close attention would need to be paid to performance over the next few months to ensure that the 16.7% 3 year crime reduction target was achieved by 31 March 2008.

8. COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTION ZONE UPDATE:

Ray Williams reported that the CSAZ currently in South Green was making good progress. Approval had been given by the Parish Council to fund a part-time Community Development Officer and also to fund four young people to undertake a Fire Break course.

Teachers and residents in South Green had reported that, since the CSAZ had been located there, they had detected a decrease in incidences of crime and disorder. Efforts to set up a drop-in-centre for young people at Langham Hall were continuing and applications for funding would be made in the near future.

It was pleasing to note that local residents, who at first had not welcomed the CSAZ, were now much more positive about the initiative. The Chair stressed the importance of building on this success and suggested that it would be a suitable good news story for the District Diary.

9. COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY:

John Entwistle circulated a communications programme update and asked partners to contact him if they had any events to add.

Ray Williams reported that the launch of the new Community TV films had been successful. The Police were currently considering using the system to show photographs of crime suspects.

The Chair asked that an update be given at the next meeting on the work being done to use Basildon Community TV to publicise positive messages about helping communities to feel safer.

The Chair highlighted the Fire Break scheme at Barstable School which would enable young people to earn a qualification to help gain entry into the fire service. This was a good example of the school being used as a community facility.

10. CCTV UPDATE:

Ken Venables reported that the CCTV system had been enhanced and expanded. The latest weekly CCTV report (week ending 11 December) showed that only 2 cameras were defective (3%) both due to vandalism.

The next phase of development was to improve monitoring arrangements and explore links with other CCTV systems in the District to achieve economies of scale. To this end, a Strategy Group had been set up and had met for the first time on 4 December 2007. As a result of this meeting, which had consisted of Councillors Ball and K Blake and District Council Officers, a programme of work had been agreed and would be progressed at a further meeting at the end of January 2008. Membership of the Strategy Group would then be expanded to include Senior Police Officers and persons with particular skills in this area.

A further report on the development of a multi use monitoring system would be made to a future meeting of the CDRP.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

The Chair reported on two issues on which the LSP Executive Group had made a commitment at its meeting on 3 December 2007, as follows:-

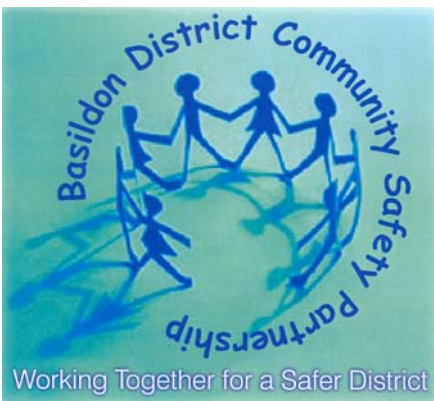
- Joined up working on Fryerns/Craylands based on the Interlock Neighbourhood Management model.

- A feasibility study and data sharing on partners property realisation. The study would explore issues such as the level of shared occupation and utilisation across the district; the potential for asset rationalisation; and the potential for freeing up resources to improve other joint facilities.

12. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, 22 January 2008 at 3.00pm in Parklands.

Action Sheet



COMMITTEE: CRIME AND DISORDER
REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP

DATE: 18 DECEMBER 2007

ITEM	ACTION	OFFICER INITIATING
TASCC	Add Lou Williams to the CDRP distribution list	Julie Batt
Community Safety Action Zone	Include a good news story on the South Green CSAZ in the District Diary	John Entwistle