



Mid Sussex Partnership Board meeting, 25th May 2017

Summary of discussions

1) Welcome and introductions

Attendees: Cllr Gary Wall – Chair; Natasha Allen - Partnerships Manager, MSDC; Rosie Ross - District Commander, Sussex Police; Phil Maynard - Station Manager, Eastern Group, WS Fire and Rescue Service; Cllr Elizabeth Bennett - WSCC elected member; Nicky Dodds - Neighbourhood Investment Officer, South & South West, Clarion Housing Group; Emily King – WSCC Community Safety & Wellbeing Team; John Willet - PCC; Rebecca Hair - Minute Taker, Commissioning and Partnerships Advisor, MSDC; Sue Edgson - Manager, Horsham and Mid Sussex Voluntary Action; Cllr Norman Webster – Member; Peter Stuart – Head of Corporate Resources, MSDC; Anne Corkery – Consultant in Public Health, WSCC.

The Board welcomed District Commander Rosie Ross, Sussex Police.

Cllr Wall requested that the Board record their thanks to Claire Clilverd for all her hard work.

Apologies received in advance of the meeting from: Matthew Parsonage - Head of Neighbourhood Investment, Clarion Housing Group; Jacqui Landriani- MSALC Chair; Paul Turner - Wellbeing Manager, MSDC.

2) Minutes of MSP Board Meeting 2nd February 2017

Minutes were discussed and agreed with the request that Contextual Safeguarding be an agenda item at the next meeting.

3) Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) update – John Willett

The Commissioner has identified the following four policing and crime objectives which are in the Police and Crime Plan 2017-2021:

- Strengthen local policing
- Work with local communities and partners to keep Sussex safe
- Protect our vulnerable and help victims cope and recover from crime and abuse
- Improve access to justice for victims and witnesses.

This Plan feeds into the West Sussex Plan where £1.65 million has been invested. The MSP receives £42,000 of this for the Early Intervention Project. Although they know we use funds wisely, there is a funding review and there is an agreement for there to be tighter quarterly reporting. Each geographical area has a different approach to spending including: commissioning; grants; support services. Once the review is undertaken, options and proposals will be given to the commissioner. In respect of the MSP receiving funds for the Early Intervention Project as part of the West Sussex Plan, *Cllr Wall mentioned that the Mid Sussex Early Intervention Officer truly reflects value for money.*

The Safer in Mid Sussex Community Fund opens on 5th June for community groups to apply up to £5,000. <https://www.sussex-pcc.gov.uk/apply-for-funding/>

Cllr Webster asked a question in relation to the Commissioners Scrutiny Committee - How does the commissioner intend to provide the sense of justice when it's not within her control? John Willet's response was: Access to justice, video enabled justice - to enable testimony given via video programme, is getting pushed forward. More detail can come from Nigel Smith. The other role around scrutiny is via 'out of court disposals' changes and reference to Baroness Newlove's report of people unable to access justice e.g. domestic abuse victims. In Manchester criminal justice is devolved to local police.

4) Update from West Sussex County Council – Emily King

Claire Clilverd has moved roles to focus on CSE but her previous role will be recruited to. They have a new role, which Mary Jane Burkett has been recruited to, whose post is funded by districts and boroughs. This role is for Syrian displacements and criminal activity for unaccompanied migrants, who are susceptible to being victimised. She will be working with four district and boroughs and will include talking to Housing: as there are links to hate crime; modern slavery; and FGM.

Safer West Sussex has undergone a review and a series of priorities is set for 2017. One priority is Prevent: including a Prevent Board and forum for local partners to engage and help with their statutory responsibilities. Serious organised crime; modern slavery and child sexual exploitation; were the four original priorities proposed. Two more were identified: domestic and sexual abuse, as this has increased; and drugs and alcohol, as alongside mental health, this leads to increased risk.

WSCC are starting to use their 'knowledge hub' intranet site to share documents and action plans, as an attempt to encourage people to self-serve information.

5) Sussex Police Target Operating Model and Crime Statistics for the District – Rosie Ross

Since the incident in Manchester on 22nd May 2017, the national threat level was raised to 'critical' however there will not be military presence in Surrey or Sussex. In light of this, there are some armed officers at railway stations and extra officers attending events over the coming weeks just to provide reassurance.

Policing Model: As the nature of crime is changing, this reinforces the fact that we need to change the way we are policing. Local policing is in three strands: prevention; investigation; and response. There is no reduction in numbers to front line response. A change to PCSOs has already occurred and the changes to schools officers and licensing officers are underway now. Sussex Police are introducing a dedicated prevention role, one that is not abstracted for operations. There will also be dedicated schools officers: three for Crawley and Mid Sussex, and an introduction of Prevention Enforcement Officers. All proposed changes are currently out for staff consultation and changes should be implemented in September.

Cllr Bennet asked for the opportunity to give thanks to neighbourhood policing teams as their local knowledge has been invaluable, and she also asked whether the changes will still result in ease of getting hold of them. Rosie Ross explained that with increased technology and mobile devices, officers can be out more and don't need to be at the station as much.

Cllr Webster asked that we pass on our thanks to Rosie Ross, for her to in turn pass it on to her staff for all doing a good job in recent times.

One minutes silence was observed.

Ann Corkery left the meeting but she will provide an update at the next MSP.

6) Mid Sussex Strategic Intelligence Assessment – Natasha Allen

MSDC has a statutory duty to undertake an annual assessment and therefore this is an ongoing annual process.

Natasha would like to note the limitations of the data, as data sets received: are from different organisations; are incomplete; or cover different time periods. The data provided is all reported data. Some data is compared to other district and boroughs; whereas some is compared per 1,000 population. Mid Sussex District was the safest per thousand of population for all but two months last year, when Horsham was safest per thousand population. Natasha read through some key findings in the SIA.

Priorities are proposed to be the same for this financial year.

Phil Maynard left the meeting.

Rosie Ross stated that “home and dwelling burglary” has changed definition to “residential and commercial burglary”. Residential burglary can now include sheds and garages whereas previously these were recorded separately. Therefore everyone will have to be careful next year, as direct comparisons will not be able to be made due to the definition change.

Cllr Webster stated that Haywards Heath Town Council have appointed a community warden and asked whether the ageing population and the increase in population are reflected in these figures? Shed burglaries will probably be seasonal and increase the domestic dwelling figures seasonally.

Cllr Wall is happy for the priorities to remain the same and would like to feed this back to the SJAG.

7) Mid Sussex Partnership Project, Funding and Budget Update including Think Family Neighbourhood Development – Natasha Allen

Confirmation of funding from PCC for the MSP has been received. The MSP includes the Think Family Neighbourhood (TFN) development. Mid Sussex TFN has received circa £122,000 from WSCC over four years however WSCC will no longer provide funds for TFN. Applications to the Mid Sussex TFN Steering Board have already been suspended for the first quarter of 2017-18 due to lack of funds. Clarion Housing Group, who had also previously contributed financially, is not currently able to disclose funding budgets for this financial year.

There is a proposal to join TFN with SJAG. SJAG delivers priorities for the MSP and therefore joining them up is a logical streamlined development. By joining the Think Family Neighbourhood Steering Board and SJAG, this means we will get police presence at the meetings. A question was raised as to whether the MSP can give SJAG funds for them to undertake either task and finish projects; or a commissioning approach.

John Willet enquired as to why ECINs is listed on the budget, when it is funded by the PCC. The reason it is listed, is to show the contribution made.

Emily King mentioned that the IPEH have some local investment funds but they will not be passported to district and boroughs to spend. She also suggested that contract value should be considered when WSCC and districts and boroughs finance the same organisations and projects.

Cllr Wall made the observation that funding streams move and shift and therefore we should look at reviewing finances each year.

Cllr Wall proposed to move the residual funds of £15,168 over to the SJAG to undertake TFN activity type projects, and for the TFN Steering Board to merge with the SJAG. The Board discussed and all agreed the proposed recommendations.

Cllr Wall stated that he believes the meeting and group name should be retained after the merger. General consensus was to retain the SJAG name and that there is no desire to change the name.

8) Emerging issues and future topics for Board discussion

Sue Edgson, Manager of HAMSVVA will provide an update at the next meeting on their recent reorganisation.

Ann Corkery, Consultant in Public Health, WSCC will provide an update on contextualised safe guarding at the next meeting.

9) Any other business and proposed dates for future meetings

The next three proposed meetings are: Thursday 14th September 2017; Thursday 23rd November 2017; Thursday 18th January 2018. It was agreed to meet on the 14th September and to cancel the November meeting, but reserve the date in case there is an emergency. The Function Suite is booked for the 14th September.

John Willet asked as to whether the board should review the attending agencies. Cllr Wall considers that the current format works well and people feel confident to raise issues, although it would be nice to have representation from the Probation Service. The Sustainability and Climate Change Group no longer attend as they have become narrow in focus and limited in membership.

Emily King suggested that the Terms of Reference are reviewed, to give clarity and a clear line of sight to other meetings.

The review of Terms of Reference and Partners will be an agenda item of next meeting.

The next meeting will be Thursday 14th September 2017 at 10am in the Function Suite at Clair Hall, Haywards Heath.