

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
CRIME & DISORDER COMMITTEE
Town Hall, Main Road, Romford
5 February 2014 (7.30 - 8.55 pm)**

Present:

Councillors Osman Dervish (Chairman), John Wood (Vice-Chair), Roger Evans and Georgina Galpin

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor David Durant and Councillor Linda Van den Hende

20 MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 November, 2013 were agreed as a correct and signed by the Chairman.

21 REVIEW OF YOUTH OFFENDING SERVICES

Officers advised that in the most recent Performance Report, September, 2013, the Youth Justice Board had identified Havering Youth Offending Service as 'not a priority' for requiring any extra support from their organisation. This was a positive report and showed that the Youth Justice Board had gained confidence in local systems.

This position was reinforced by the majority of the performance indicators and the fact that we now had a strong team in place to deliver the service priorities.

Performance over the twelve months from April 2012 to March 2013 indicated 121 fewer young people entering the Youth Justice System. This decrease was higher than the comparative figures for London.

Similarly data showed that in terms of rates Havering had shown a reduction in the use of custody. Compared to the same period last year the numbers had reduced from 14 to 10.

We asked that in future we be provided with data comparing our performance with that of our iQuanta boroughs, i.e. Bexley and Bromley.

The restructure of Havering YOS staff had commenced in October 2013 and was now nearly complete. There had been complications due to on-going HR issues. The restructure brought together a permanent team consisting of end to end case managers who were multi-skilled and deliver continuous

support and enforcement to young offenders. It had also delivered a management structure seen by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Probation as highly useful for supervision and 'grip' of cases.

The YOS had increased partnership working over the last year and this had been seen throughout both social care and crime/community safety.

The one problem remaining to be resolved was that of accommodation. The loss of Portman House had been both positive and negative. Positive in that it was not fit for purpose and had driven the service to work from satellites, but negative in that a base for the team to consolidate had been very difficult. Satellite premise had been and would continue to be used where possible and this had been beneficial in many cases. However, a central base for the team to work from, with bespoke health and safety plans, would benefit the service in the long term.

We were assured that the service was moving in the right direction and thanked officers for their hard work.

22 **TRANSFORMING REHABILITATION**

Lucy Satchell-Day provided an update on the current position with the changes to the probation service. All staff employed by the London Probation Trust had been assigned to either the National Probation Service (NPS) or to the local Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC). The good news for Havering was that Lucy had been appointed as the lead officer for the CRC and Carina Heckroodt as the senior officer for the local NPS team. The Senior Management Team is in post for both teams. The internal split would happen from 1 April, 2014.

Locally the CRC would serve both Havering and Barking & Dagenham. The NPS would cover Havering, Barking & Dagenham and Newham. This inconsistency arose because of the disparity of caseload being transferred.

The Government had extended the life of the Probation Trusts until 31 May, 2014, after which they will cease to exist.

The competition phase is due to conclude in September.

The key challenges facing the new organisations were:

- Staff motivation; and
- Forming new Partnerships.

So far there has been no information on who will replace the Probation Trusts, as responsible authority, on the Community Safety Partnerships.

We have **noted** the update.

23 MOPAC FUNDED PROJECTS -UPDATE

We received an update on progress with the MOPAC funded Projects.

1. Street Triage – we had received £30,000 to deliver a street triage project in Romford Town Centre. The project started on Friday, 6 December, 2013. It was staffed by 2 paid medics every night. Additional support was provided by a number of St Johns volunteers.

20 incidents had been attended with only 7 requiring support of an ambulance. Officers would continue to monitor the success of the project and work with the Street Pastors to assess how many people were helped so that they did not need to attend A&E.

2. Substance Misuse and Young People – we had received £40,000 to deliver this project. The outcomes to date were as follows:

Target	Outcomes	RAG
55% of young offenders reporting reduced substance misuse.	64% report a reduction or stopping their substance misuse	Green
70% of young offenders reporting improved physical health.	75% reporting an improvement.	Green
75% of young offenders reporting improved psychological well being.	75% reported improvement	Green
65% of young offenders reporting improved family relationships.	75% reported improvement.	Green

We were pleased with the outcomes but asked whether the improvement had been maintained and how the improvement in family relationship was assessed.

Whilst the percentages were impressive how large was the cohort? We were advised by officers that this related to a cohort of 20.

3. Domestic Abuse Providers – we had been granted £20,000 to deliver this project. 24 staff had been trained by the Domestic Violence Intervention Project. Additionally, London Probation had been commissioned to deliver a ‘training the trainer’ programme for 16 front line officers in quarter 4, to deliver the Caring Dads programme across the borough.

4. Improving Support for Domestic Abuse – we had been granted £35,000 to deliver this project.

The Independent Domestic Violence Advocate had supported 36 victims who had been referred by the MARAC. A specialist Domestic Violence Worker had been appointed to the Tier Three team in Children’s Services and was already providing support to 14 families.

52 two-hour drop-in sessions had been provided, each quarter, which had been attended by 208 victims. 3 courses, each of 10 sessions had been delivered. These had been attended by 70 women with crèche facilities provided for 32 children.

The Borough Commander advised us that the number of domestic violence victims had risen by 2% which made this project even more valuable.

5. Rent Deposit Scheme for Offenders – we were granted £32,400 to deliver this scheme. The outcomes were as follows:

Target	Outcomes	RAG
75% of cohort to sustain engagement with floating support services and criminal justice agencies after 6 weeks.	100% currently	Green
Reduction in offending after 12 weeks.	3/3 (only three have completed 12 weeks, the fourth is on target and complying).	Green
Reduction in substance misuse after 12 weeks on the IOM scheme.	1/1 (only applicable to 1 at present)	Green
Increased engagement with education, training or employment after 6 months.	7/8 in ETE, 1 starting in January, 2014	Green
75% of the cohort to be sustaining their tenancy after 6 months.	100% with 8/8 on course.	Green
75% of cohort to be successfully completing/ completed their order/ licence.	100% currently with */* on course.	Green

Officers advised that the average cost of a rent deposit in Havering was between £1,300/ £2,000. We were supporting 15 offenders and had already pretty much spent the budget.

LSD advised that MOPAC was giving priority to IOM bids and we should be pursuing this option vigorously.

It was still a major problem to find suitable accommodation for ex-offenders.

6. Drugs and Alcohol Service Provision – a grant of £56,000 had been provided to deliver this scheme. This funding was matched by funding from the Public Health budget. The outcomes were as follows:

No.	Outcome	Baseline	Target	Q1	Q2
1	Increase the number of RA referrals picked up by the drug treatment services.	93%	95%	86%	86%
2	Increase in the number of criminal justice clients entering drug treatment	59%	65%	52%	77%
3	Reduce criminal justice clients attrition from treatment	31%	26%	41%	36%
4	Reduce the number of criminal justice clients who re-present to treatment within 12 months	7%	4%	0%	7%
5	Reduce the re-conviction rate of offenders sentenced to a drug or alcohol community order	New measure	20% re-offended	33% Cohort 1	Not available

We have **noted** the report.

24 **SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARDS**

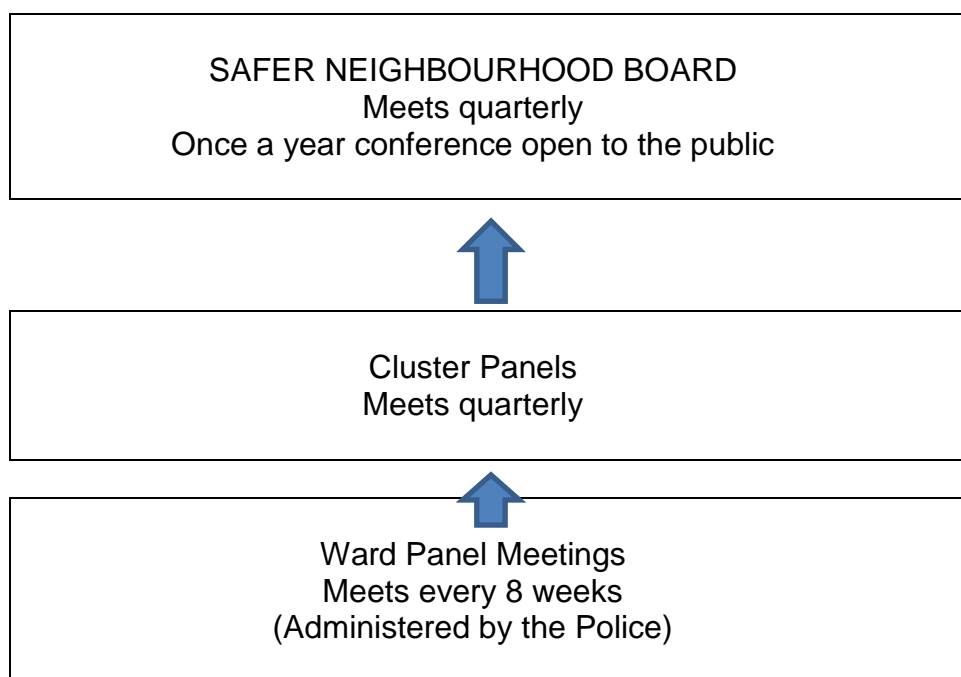
The Mayor of London, through MOPAC was looking for boroughs to introduce Safer Neighbourhood Boards across London to replace the Community Police Consultative Groups. We were pleased to note that Havering would be one of the first boroughs to have the new Board in place.

MOPAC had set the following aims for all Safer Neighbourhood Boards:

- To have a broad remit to reflect MOPAC's broader responsibilities, respecting the view that local people will know best what is needed at the local level
- To ensure communities are more closely involved in problem solving and crime prevention
- To have greater reach and ensures a more frequent refresh of ideas and views;

- To achieve greater coherence between different engagement mechanisms, e.g. Independent Advisory Groups and Stop and Search Community Monitoring Groups, so as to provide greater public accountability in policing and crime reduction
- To make more efficient use of resources to deliver value for money and target funds at tackling issues of local concern and crime prevention.

We noted the roles of the proposed Board and the suggested membership. The proposed delivery structure was as follows:



We expressed concern that the guidance from MOPAC suggested that the Board meetings be held in private. It was our view that they should be held in public and we have **asked** the Shadow Board to consider this at their first meeting.

We have asked that officers be thanked for their hard work in progressing the creation of the Safer Neighbour Board so quickly.

25 **2013/14 ANNUAL REPORT**

Officers had prepared a draft Annual Report of our activities for the year. We are satisfied that this paints a true picture and have authorised our Chairman to agree a final version which incorporates the business transacted at this meeting.

The agreed version should then be presented to full Council.

26 **STREET PASTORS**

We have asked officers to provide an update on the position with regard to the introduction of Street Pastors in to Hornchurch on Friday and Saturday nights.

27 **METROPOLITAN POLICE AWARDS.**

Councillor Roger Evans advised that the Romford Safer Neighbourhood Team had been listed as a finalist in the above awards. The Team had achieved a 31% reduction in mobile phone thefts in Romford Town Centre.

We have asked the Borough Commander to pass our congratulations on to the Team.

Chairman