

Safer, Stronger Cheshire West and Chester Thematic Partnership,
Meeting held Friday 11th September 2009, 2pm,
At Wyvern House, Winsford

Item 1 Attendance and apologies

In attendance	Agency	Apologies	Agency
Jane Makin,	Cheshire West and Chester.	Carol Berry,	Chester Voluntary Action.
Angela Davies,	CW&C.	Penny Sharland,	Youth Offending Service.
Moira Chapman,	Cheshire Police Authority.	Trisha Stairmand,	Central and Eastern Cheshire PCT.
Damon Taylor,	Cheshire Police Authority.	Helen Bailey,	CW&C.
Robbie Taylor,	CW&C.	John Salt,	Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service.
Pat Jackson,	HM Court Service.	Cathy Boyd,	CW&C.
Paul Watts,	Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service.	Richard Nickson,	CW&C.
Elaine Dunn,	EPNAUCO	Cllr. Lynn Riley,	CW&C.
Tracey Aims,	Local Criminal Justice Board.		
John Davidson,	Cheshire Probation.		
Anne Lloyd,	Cheshire DAAT.		
Mark Mcloughlin,	Cheshire police.		
Tim Jackson (Chair),	Cheshire police.		
Sam Exton,	Cheshire police.		
Gavin Butler,	CW&C.		

Item 2	<p>Minutes of the last meeting</p> <p>Accuracy</p> <p>Page 3: MC specifically challenged how Integrated Offender Management would impact on youth first time entrants into the criminal justice system.</p> <p>Page 4: MC/DT robustly challenged the LAA delivery plans and provided AD with recommended amendments that have since been included in the plans and will be discussed as an agenda item.</p>	
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Action update			
Action No.	Action	Lead name	Update
10.	Development of a proxy measure for NI30.	Rob Woodward	RW will meet with Jeanette Bate, Regional Home Office Lead for PPO. Provisional conversations

			indicate that no reliable proxy measure can be found and the discussion will focus on speeding up reporting processes. Action remains open for update.
11.	Align the Area Based Grant process in terms of future commissioning.	Gavin Butler	GB to meet with JJ to establish potential and report back Nov 13 th . Action remains open for update.
12.	Develop Non-Statutory Offender Business case.	John Davidson	Presentation prepared agenda item number 5. Action closed.
13.	Convene a 'Stronger' sub-group.	Jane Makin	Sub group convened included: Cathy Boyd, Carol Berry, Angela Davies and Jane Makin. Stronger will be an agenda item at 3 meetings per year. Prior to the meeting nominated Officers will meet with Area Managers to discuss progress. Action closed.
14.	Amend LAA Delivery plans as discussed at July Safer, Stronger thematic Partnership.	Angela Davies.	Complete, agenda item 8. Action closed.
15.	Clarify responsibility to sign off Safer Stronger priorities.	Tim Jackson	Alison Armstrong has written a paper regarding this matter that is been discussed today. Feedback will be provided at the next meeting. Action remains open for update.

Item 2	Matters arising Anne Lloyd would like to present an Arrest Referral Business Case. RT introduced Pat Jackson, HM Court Service. Pat is attending the meeting as an observer.	
Item 3	Performance report SE produced and presented a report in the format that was agreed at the last meeting. See circulated papers for full report. NI4: Issue raised regarding significantly low numbers of people who feel they can influence decisions in Neston and Parkgate. Action: JM will include on the Rural West CS Task Group Agenda for action planning. This indicator is measured through the bi-annual Place Survey. AD reported CW&C are planning to conduct a proxy survey in December 2009. MC raised the concern that the Police Authority are conducting a survey that will ask the same question	JM

	<p>highlighting duplicity in the process stating we should work together. Action: AD will discuss the potential duplication with Laurence Ainsworth, Head of performance and report back to both MC and the Safer, Stronger Group. DT will discuss with Karen Watkins and advise to liaise with CW&C R&I department.</p> <p>TJ questioned the impact on the CW&C figures for NI4 if Neston and Parkgate were at the CW&C average. Action: GB will produce a full report for discussion November 13th.</p> <p>MM suggested that the figure may be due to a supermarket being built in the area against public opinion. NI18: Data will be made available September 09. JD has received some information that will be discussed at the Delivery Group in October. Brief analysis shows that the indicator is currently amber sitting 0.2% above target. JD sought views from the group regarding broadening the focus of reducing re-offending to also include juvenile offenders and offenders not exclusive to Probation Supervision. Statistically NI18 offenders are not as likely to offend as other cohorts. JD sought support from the group both in terms of directive and partnership support including: Accommodation; utilising community courts and other interventions. NI20: Currently the only NI that is flagged as red we are unlikely to meet the target. The indicator is largely at risk as a result of the high-time economy. During the review period there were 175 alcohol related assaults. DT suggested improving the liaison with City Centre businesses to develop a co-ordinated approach. Action: GB to convene a sub group to look specifically at NI20 and report back to the November meeting.</p> <p>The following points of action should be considered in the sub-group: CW&C review licensing; Deeper analysis of issues in Grange; Xmas as a risk factor; Seasonality profiling; Social marketing project; World cup. The group delegated Superintendent Jon Betts to lead the group. NI21: Measured by the bi-annual Place Survey. Proxy measures ASB and criminal damage are rising slightly on the same period last year. DT highlighted that BCS recording for this indicator is slightly different ending in different results from the Local Authority and Police Authority.</p> <p>NI30: The indicator is green. Awaiting feedback from Home office expected in September 2009. NI32: The indicator is 28% below target. Raised as a green tag in CAA Self Assessment. NI33: Awaiting receipt of quarter 2 reporting. NI47: Awaiting receipt of quarter 2 reporting.</p>	<p>AD</p> <p>GB</p> <p>GB</p>
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4	<p>Commissioning: GB updated on commissioning process. All posts currently commissioned by the Safer, Stronger Thematic Partnership are currently under review, letters will be sent out to all highlighting the need for the review with requests for supporting information. This will be discussed at the November meeting as a substantive agenda item.</p> <p>Safe SLA: JM circulated an expression of interest form for partners wishing to be given further information regarding delivering the current target hardening package.</p> <p>Partnership fund: GB requested partners consider contributing towards a partnership fund to provide funds for operational delivery at APB/CS Task Group level. JM recommended the following partnership contributions for the remainder of the financial year:</p> <p>Local Authority: £3000 Police: £2000 Police Authority: £2000 Fire: £2000 Probation: £2000 PCT: £2000</p> <p>The fund would be split equally between the CS Task groups. Partners will be requested to consider a similar fund 2010/2011 on a pro-rata basis.</p> <p>The group formally agreed the approach. Action: Agency representatives to contact JM to agree contributions.</p> <p>Bonfire initiative: NI 33 is currently border-line green in terms of the LAA target with their most problematic time of year in November. PW proposed a funding bid for £10,000 to operate an out of hours bonfire removal scheme in problematic areas based on a model Chester has effectively used over the past 2 years. The scheme will ensure any bonfires being put up between 8am – 10pm can be reported to the CW&C Call Centre to action speedy removal.</p> <p>JD offered the use of Community Payback to assist with the removal of Bonfires during office hours.</p> <p>The group agreed £10,000 funding.</p> <p>NI20: As a result of the indicator being the highest risk factor in CW&S Safer Stronger LAA GB proposed we allocated £30,000 to the sub group to target an initiative around Christmas. Approved.</p>	Statutory representatives
Item 5	<p>Non Statutory Offenders</p> <p>JD circulated a business case requesting £40,000 funding to operate a Non-Statutory Offender Service. The group discussed the business case and MC queried how Probation would manage offenders refusing support. JD confirmed the cohort will be tracked regardless of them refusing additional support.</p> <p>The group agreed £40,000 (£20,000 2009/10 and £20,000</p>	

	2010/11).	
Item 6	Stronger Elaine Dunn, EPNAVCO Chief Officer attended the group to discuss the Third Sector Assembly. The Assembly is a consortium of networks. The third sector should be used as a consultation tool and joint working arrangements should be considered. Anne Lancaster, CW&C is seconded to support the Assembly.	
Item 7	Non-designated indicators AD circulated a report highlighting targets for non-designated indicators. Please note amendment to NI1 target has been reduced from 85% to 80%. Action: AD will send new report to JM for circulation. GB informed the group that CW&C Chief Executive has now received the briefing from Special Branch regarding Preventing Violent Extremism. Following the briefing a 'Contest' Board will be set up with Ken Ivatt as the lead. MM asked whether he can be included on future distribution lists for 'Prevent' matters. JM will include Prevent as a substantive agenda item at the next meeting. MC requested the Police Authority name to be included within the appropriate Delivery Plans. Action: DT/MC to review plans and inform Angela of the indicators in which the Police Authority should be a lead name.	AD DT/MC
Item 8	LAA Delivery Plans AD requested the group to approve the plans to allow Tim Jackson to formally sign them off. MC had previously sent comprehensive comments regarding the plans that are not reflected in the circulated document. Action: AD will amend including comments from the Police Authority. Action: AD will inform the group on who will carry out the Equality Impact Assessment. The group formally agreed the plans, Tim Jackson will sign the plans on behalf of the Safer, Stronger Thematic Partnership with the exception of NI4 that will come to the group at a later stage. Any future amendments to the plans will need to be agreed at this meeting.	AD AD
Item 9	Alley-gating The group agreed to delegate future responsibility for agreeing Gating Order applications to the Delivery Group. Crossley Avenue: Group agreed to progress with Gating Order. Footpath 33, Pinewood Road: Group agreed to progress with Gating Order. Romiley Road: Group agreed to progress with Gating Order.	
Item 10	Any other business Horizon scanning: JM reminded the partnership of the Horizon Scanning Workshop that will take place Thursday	

	<p>15th October 2009, 9.30 – 1.30, Council Chamber, County Hall. The workshop will focus on underlying factors that may impact on crime, aiming to identify strategic priorities and plan for best case scenarios.</p> <p>Confidence weeks: A format to deliver confidence weeks has now been agreed. The weeks will operate with a 3 strand approach: Consultation; Delivery and Enforcement. GB distributed example branding for the weeks which will be titled Safer, Stronger Malpas etc.</p> <p>PCT representation: Has been limited at Safer, Stronger meetings. Action: GB to pursue with PCT lead.</p> <p>TA offered an LCJB presentation to be delivered throughout the weeks basically highlighting a journey through the criminal justice system.</p> <p>MC suggested the group should receive a 10 minute presentation from Dave Bertenshaw regarding addressing confidence. Action: DT to invite to participate in the next meeting.</p> <p>Removal of non-designated indicator: RT circulated a decision paper recommending the removal of the non-designated indicator that measures arrest referrals. AL informed the group that the paper she wishes to discuss is regarding this matter. The group noted the comment but agreed this would not impact on the removal of the indicator and agreed to remove it.</p> <p>Scrutiny Committee: A piece of legislation has been passed that requires the Local Authority to create a Scrutiny Committee to scrutinize key functions. The aim is for this committee to be scrutinised in this financial year. Thought needs to be given in terms of what could usefully be scrutinised from this partnership. Members involved will attend the Horizon Scanning workshop to develop a sense of what the partnership are aiming to achieve. DT highlighted the guidance states that the Police Authority Member should be on the Scrutiny Committee. Action: JM / DT discuss role of Police Authority on the Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p>Water paper: Fire service are currently exploring the potential of a launch way into the River Dee, currently the launch site takes approximately 45 minutes a further area has been identified in the Sealand Road basin that will reduce this to 10 minutes. The Welsh Environment agency owns the site. Item for information at this point but may require further discussion regarding maintenance costs in the future. GB highlighted that CW&C are picking up responsibility to become a navigation authority. Action: GB will forward date of next meeting to PW.</p> <p>Community Cashback: £95,000 has been allocated from the CJS from proceeds of crime money to be spent in the community. Decisions have now been made and the</p>	<p>GB</p> <p>DT</p> <p>JM/DT</p> <p>GB</p>
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	<p>projects in CW&C to receive funds are as follows: Street Pastors; Chilaxing Juniors and Greenfields estate Winsford.</p> <p>Alcohol Arrest Referral Paper: AL briefly discussed the paper. The group agreed they could not commit a decision at such short notice and would defer decision to the NI20 sub-group.</p>	
<p>Item 11</p>	<p>Date and time of next meeting Friday 13th November 2009, 2pm at Barbour Institute Tattenhall.</p>	