

**Brentwood Community Safety Partnership**  
**Strategy Group Meeting**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> June 2011**

**Present:**

Yvette Wetton (Chair)	Essex County Council
John Burgess	Essex Police
Tony Howard	Essex Fire & Rescue
Tracey Lilley (for John Whelpdale)	CSP ASB Co-ordinator/BBC
Megan Mitchell	SWE PCT
Alan Ray (for Adrian Coombs)	Essex Police

**In Attendance:**

Scott Prestedge	Brentwood Borough Council
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**Apologies:**

Matt Bracken	CSP Analyst
Adrian Coombs	Essex Police
Charles Obukofe	Police Authority
Simon Werrett	Essex Police
John Whelpdale	Brentwood Borough Council

**1. NOTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS – 21.04.11**

The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record.

**Matters Arising**

**ACTIONS TO BE CARRIED OVER:**

- 24.02.11/02 YW to set meeting for AC, TL and YW to discuss Strategic NTE Group.
- 24.02.11/03 JR to send TL details regarding linking Community Payback with the Community Audit Teams.  
*- TL will need to contact the new Probation representative Katie Castle for the relevant information.*
- 21.04.11/01 MB to provide further information to YW for her to use when she contacts Essex Trading Standards to find out what work could be done on an Essex wide basis to further enforce the licensing of scrap yards.  
*- YW has contacted Essex Trading Standards but it still awaiting information from MB.*

MM updated group regarding the action to raise the issue of linking the Cardiff Model with the Police data system. The Cardiff Model involves hospital recording any alcohol related admissions in A&E; this data is then shared with the police. When this scheme was piloted in Cardiff, admissions were reduced by between 20%-25% after the first year. MM has begun working with Basildon Hospital; however there has been no response from Queens. Queens handle the majority of Brentwood admissions and is not commissioned by the PCT, making it difficult for MM to make any progress..

All other actions from the April meeting have been closed.

## **2 CROSS BORDER MAPPING – DAVID EYLES FINAL REPORT**

Following on from the presentation given to the group by David Eyles at the previous meeting, group members were provided with the 'Cross Border Officer Final Report' prior to this meeting. Within the report a number of recommendations are made in relation to key findings and identified gaps. YW recommended that TL works with officers from Epping and Harlow, to look in depth at the report and to work in partnership to act upon its various recommendations. The group agreed with YW's recommendation.

### **ACTION:**

23.06.11/01 TL to contact appropriate officers from Epping and Harlow regarding report recommendations.

## **3. DISTRICT CRIME PRESENTATION**

MB was not present to give the District Presentation for June. However the group were made aware of the following figures:

### **All Crime:**

9.94% down on same period the previous year, 7.18% down on previous month.

### **Assault (less serious injury):**

2.04% down on same period the previous year, 40% up on previous month.

### **Assault Without Injury:**

40% down on same period the previous year, 5.88% down on previous month.

### **Criminal Damage:**

28.57% up on same period the previous year, 52.05% down on previous month.

### **Domestic Abuse:**

0% change on same period last year, 20% up on previous month.

### **Domestic Burglary:**

1.89% down on same period last year, 7.41% down on previous month. The district is bottom of the most similar group comparison.

### **Other Burglary:**

23.75% down on same period the previous year, 3.23% down on previous month.

### **Vehicle Crime:**

0.99% up on same period the previous year, 26.67% up on previous month. The district is bottom of the most similar group comparison.

**Anti-Social Behaviour:**

6.29% down on same period the previous year, 8.57% down on previous month.

**Hate Crime:**

14.29% down on same period the previous year, 100% up on previous month. The 100% figure represents a rise from 2 offences in April to 4 in May.

**ACTION:**

23.06.11/01 SP to obtain District Presentation from MB and circulate with minutes.

**4. PROJECT UPDATES**

(a) Night Time Economy

In AC's absence, AL was able to give a brief update to the group. The NTE project across Brentwood, Harlow and Epping has yet to be fully implemented. The Street Pastors initiative is due to be launched in Brentwood later this year.

(b) Community Action Teams

TL informed the group that the launch event for the Community Action Teams would be taking place on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2011. There is intended to be 8 action teams working across the borough in the first year of the project.

**5. BUDGET UPDATE**

TL informed those present that the CSP remained in a good position considering recent funding cuts; with major projects and posts already forward funded the CSP has a budget of £49,000 remaining for 2011/12. TL highlighted one potential project for the partnership to consider in the future. HENS Theatre Company deliver a play called 'Hitting Home'; the play raises awareness around ASB and domestic abuse. The play also incorporates a support package and could be rolled out locally to schools.

**6. REPORT FROM THE CSP STEERING GROUP**

Due to unforeseen circumstance, the June Steering Group meeting was cancelled. However, the group were instead presented with minutes from the June Working Group Meeting (15.06.11). The meeting took place to present the new CSP structure; the members at the meeting were all very happy with new format.

**7. CHANGES TO COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIPS**

YW referred the group to the Partner Update (1<sup>st</sup> June 2011) and The Crime & Disorder Regulations 2011 (Criminal Law, No. 1230) which had been distributed with the meeting agenda. The documents outline some minor administrative changes to CSP regulations which came into effect on June 1<sup>st</sup>. YW highlighted that the updates point towards closer partnership working between CSPs, however considering Brentwood's location, there is no natural region to form a partnership. With this in mind MM recommended the CSP work in partnership on a project by project basis, working with the most appropriate neighbouring CSPs depending on project scope. The group agreed with this view.

8. **DARG**

MM informed the group that based on statistics; Brentwood suffers with a higher percentage of incidents relating to alcohol than drug use, authorities are on the verge of delivering work around alcohol in primary care in Brentwood. This will involve an identification process utilised through GP check ups involving alcohol screening. The process will use various trigger points to identify the patient's alcohol use/dependency. Regardless of the screenings results (within recommended limits, dependency, detox etc), all screened patients will receive advice on their alcohol intake. There is also potential to refer those in Police custody through existing referral pathways in Brentwood. MM proposed that with regard to Brentwood DARG, MM will attend the Essex DAT and feed back to the CSP through a standing item on the agenda. Brentwood DARG Task & Finish groups will then be created to address specific issues, regular meeting can currently not be justified.

9. **ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

- Cross Border Action Plan

10. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

(a) PCT Changes

MM informed the group that PCT is in the middle of an organisational consultation process, with the SWE PCT expected to form part of a South Cluster. A consultation regarding office location will follow shortly. Official changes to the Public Health Bill and response to the Public Health consultation are still awaited, it is likely public health responsibility will fall under the remit of responsible authorities (ECC).

(b) Current Consultations

TL informed the group that both the Police and Fire Services are currently running public consultations and encouraged anyone who has yet to contribute to do so.

(c) Children's Care Home, Green Acres

TL made the group aware of persistent ASB complaints against a privately owned children's home in Green Acres. The home accommodates referred children, often with mental or behavioural problems, residents have complained on various occasions regarding noise and general disturbances. As a part of privately owned chain of care homes referrals come from a number of locations and falls under the remit of Ofsted as a regulatory body. Whilst TL has consistently worked with the management at the care home, disturbances and complaints persist. MM suggested that those submitting the referrals could be contacted directly to reduce children being referred to the care home. YW felt it was important to contact the care home companies' head office directly to deal with the issue.

11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Future meeting dates currently scheduled are:

- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2011, 1-3pm, Committee Rooms, Town Hall.