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Scrutiny Committee

AGENDA

ADULTS AND COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Committee Rooms 1&2
Town Hall
Stockport

Meeting: Monday, 12 April 2010
Tea: 5.00 pm
Business: 6.00 pm

Substitutes

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1. MINUTES

(Enclosed)

To approve as a correct record and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 22 February 2010.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors and officers to declare any interest which they may have in any of the items on the agenda for this meeting (including whipping declarations).

3. CALL-IN

To consider any call-in items.

4. COMPLETED SCRUTINY REVIEWS PROGRESS REPORT

(Enclosed)

To consider a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Strategy and Democracy).

The Committee considers progress reports on an annual basis; this not only enables the Committee to monitor progress towards implementing agreed recommendations but also provides the Committee with an opportunity to monitor the effectiveness of its recommendations.

The Committee is invited to consider and comment upon progress made.

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5. PARTNERSHIP REPORTING TO SCRUTINY

(Enclosed)

To update the Scrutiny Committee on a review of existing governance arrangements and the relationship between the Stockport Partnership with associated thematic boards, and Scrutiny Committees. To propose enhanced reporting arrangements between these partnerships and the associated Scrutiny Committees.

The Scrutiny Committee is invited to comment on the proposals

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6. RÉSUMÉ OF ADULT EDUCATION, SKILLS AND EMPLOYABILITY PARTNERSHIP – 25 FEBRUARY 2009

(Enclosed)

To note the résumé of the meeting held on 25 February 2009.

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7. RÉSUMÉ OF THE STRONGER COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP BOARD - 16 MARCH 2010

(Enclosed)

To note the résumé of the meeting held on 16 March 2010.

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8. AGENDA PLANNING

(Enclosed)

To consider a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Strategy and Democracy)

The report sets out planned agenda items for the Scrutiny Committee's next two meetings and Forward Plan items that fall within the remit of the Scrutiny Committee.

The Committee is invited to consider the information in the report and put forward any agenda items for future meetings of the Committee.

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ADULTS AND COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Meeting: 22 February 2010

At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Chris Blackburn (Chair) in the chair; Councillor Sue Ingham (Vice-Chair); Councillors Owen Breen, Roy Driver, Colin Foster, Linda Holt, Les Jones, June Somekh and Mike Wilson.

1. MINUTES

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 11 January 2010 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

3. CALL-IN

There were no items to consider.

4. CRIME AND DISORDER SCRUTINY – THE SAFER STOCKPORT PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT

The Corporate Director, Communities, Regeneration and Environment submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing the Safer Stockport Partnership's progress towards achieving key priorities, as set out in the Partnership's Annual Report.

The report fulfilled the Scrutiny Committee's statutory responsibility, under the Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009, to scrutinise issues relating to crime and disorder at least once each year.

Superintendent Alison Fletcher (Greater Manchester Police) and Borough Commander Steve Fisher (Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service) attended the meeting, helped present the report and answered questions.

The Committee was informed that crime continued to fall in Stockport which now had its lowest crime rate in eight years. It also had the lowest rates of anti-social behaviour in the Greater Manchester area and one of the lowest in the North West of England. Although there remained a number of areas of for concern, it was anticipated that further improvements would be made.

The Committee welcomed the report and in response to questions relating to the causes of crime in certain areas of the borough, were informed of key influencing factors such as attendance at school, levels and numbers of skilled workers, employment and health. It was recognised that many crime problems were directly

related to alcohol and drug abuse together with high proportions of families with chronic needs in certain areas.

In response to further questions, the Committee was informed that work had been undertaken across Greater Manchester in order to try and identify correlation between the current economic recession and an increase in crime. However, at this point, crime rates had continued to fall. In addition, further details were given regarding specific plans for the Heaton Norris and Lancashire Hill areas and it was reported that special coordinators had been appointed to focus on problem areas to promote and convey community information and feedback to local residents.

It was also reported that the lowest weekly rate of burglaries in Stockport had been recently recorded and that the 'Spotlight Project' had helped to manage prolific offenders, which had led to a significant impact on the crime statistics.

Further questions were answered with regard to the categorisation of crime and it was reported that there was room for improvement in combating organised shoplifting in Stockport, which could be gained with greater collaboration with shopkeepers and owners.

The Committee was also informed that domestic abuse was high on the police's agenda and that figures were kept and rigorously maintained. Domestic violence had witnessed a national increase, but this was partly due to increased reporting and greater public focus. Behaviour and relationships between people were changing and there was ambiguity, particularly amongst younger people, regarding what was and what was not acceptable behaviour.

It was further reported that relationships between the police and Stockport landlords/pub managers had improved following regular consultation visits and that the application of more stringent rules relating to fast food outlets, particularly closing time in the early hours, had led to fewer incidences of violence.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted and that the Superintendent Fletcher and Borough Commander Fisher be thanked for their input and attendance.

5. 3RD QUARTER 2009-10 PERFORMANCE REPORT

The Corporate Director, Communities, Regeneration and Environment and, the Director Adult Social Care submitted a joint report (copies of which had been circulated) providing an overview of performance which related to the Adults & Communities Scrutiny Committee. Information provided was taken from the Council's 3rd Quarter Corporate Performance Report and specific detail and information in relation to the Council's Attractive & Thriving and Safe & Strong Communities priorities. These were supported by relevant performance indicator (PIs) information.

The Corporate Director reported on a positive 3rd quarter performance which was reflected within the indicators detailed within the report. With regard to properties deemed 'non decent', it was reported that Mossbank Homes were doing an excellent

job in upgrading. Only one scheme was now categorised as 'non decent and this was programmed in for the current financial year.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

6. 3RD QUARTER 2009/10 REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

The Corporate Director, Business Services submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing an update on the Revenue Budget in the 3rd quarter of 2009.

It was agreed that a breakdown of both reserve funding and none recurrent services should be sent to Councillor Colin Foster.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

7. 3RD QUARTER 2009/10 CAPITAL MONITORING REPORT

The Corporate Director, Business Services submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated providing an update on the Capital Programme in the 3rd quarter of 2009 and to seeking amendments to the programme.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

8. CRIME PREVENTION ON PUBLIC FOOTPATHS

The Service Director, Environment submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) setting out the Council's approach for reducing crime and anti-social behaviour on footpaths in the Borough, including proposals for gating of alleyways. The report was brought to the Committee as part of the formal consultation process prior to submission to Executive for approval.

Councillors asked questions with particular regard to the process of referring complaints to the Path Management Group. Once a complaint had been made or issue raised, Councillors would be kept fully informed and consulted on subsequent developments and solutions.

Discussion ensued with regard to the issue of 'alleygating' within certain areas of the borough together with the introduction of 'defensive planting' which helped as a deterrent to crime.

It was suggested that a future annual report should be submitted detailing key issues and local cases and an overarching view of crime prevention on public footpaths policy in the borough.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

9. SELF DIRECTED SUPPORT: TRANSFORMATION OF SOCIAL CARE AND INTRODUCTION OF PERSONALISED BUDGETS SCRUTINY REVIEW

The Assistant Chief Executive (Strategy and Democracy) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing the findings of the Adults and Communities Scrutiny Review ‘Self Directed Support: Transformation of Social Care and Introduction of Personalised Budgets Scrutiny Review’.

The Lead Member for the Review (Councillor Sue Ingham) commented that the review had benefited from diverse and enthusiastic input which had led to a comprehensive report and detailed recommendations. It was hoped that the report would make a positive contribution towards a cultural shift in perception leading to the positive implementation of self directed support.

RESOLVED – (1) That the Executive request the Executive Member (Adults and Health) to develop a long term strategic plan for the implementation of Self Directed Support across the directorate, and consider its impact council-wide.

(2) That the Executive request the Director of Adult Services to develop a comprehensive communications strategy which prioritises two areas –

- Increasing the awareness of SDS amongst partner agencies, with all stakeholders and across the wider community
- The development of internal communications systems for staff, particularly the use of the Care Knowledge website as a tool for the dissemination of information.

(3) That the Executive request the Adult Services Directorate to continue to deliver training regarding Self Directed Support (SDS) in order to ensure that staff and partner agencies are fully up to date on the latest developments within the new agenda, in particular –

- A rolling programme of general awareness training to all stakeholders
- Specific training around the areas that staff have identified as where they are less confident i.e. brokerage and support planning

(4) That the Council take any opportunity to share the learning of implementing SDS within Stockport, particularly in relation to the pilot within Mental Health Services, with other local authorities in order to showcase this work, but also to enable staff to exchange knowledge and learning from their experiences.

(5) That the Executive and the Director of Adult Services prioritise the simplification and integration of social care systems to enable SDS to be an integral process for social workers rather than perceived additional paperwork by –

- In the short term continuing the current use of the traditional care management model as a universal funding allocation system, which offers some familiarity, until the implementation of the online RAS (Resource Allocation System) is complete.

- Prioritising the resourcing of the online RAS to enable it to be implemented as soon as possible.

(6) That the Executive Member (Adults and Health) request the Director of Adult Services to evaluate brokerage services available to social care clients as a separate entity to establish as to how effective the capacity building within the workforce during the pilots has been, specifically in relation to –

- Whether an independent broker should be available to support staff with this role for a longer term?
- How to effectively develop the peer brokerage service and introduce ‘circles of support’ to offer alternative support for clients who have chosen an SDS approach to their care?

(7) That the Council and Director of Adult Services engage with service providers to ensure they can offer services that meet the enhanced expectations of clients and their support plans, and can provide a more holistic care package

(8) That the Executive address the Department of Health’s Putting People First Directive around the expanded role of Adult Services to provide social care information to all residents by:

- Examining the sustainability of FLAG (for local advice and guidance) as an integral element in providing brokerage services and information regarding social care to the wider Stockport population
- Recognising the value of the ‘my care my choice’ website and its role within this directive, and to commit any revenue from this product to its further development.

(9) That the Executive, and Director of Adult Services continue to provide staff with support when approving alternative care packages through the use of the Risk Enablement Panel and clear support from all management levels for staff working to this new directive.

(10) That the Director for Adult Services provides clear guidelines as to how care managers can safeguard clients against the potential risks of alternative care provision, to enable them to feel confident in signing off support plans. Also to provide one point of contact for queries regarding SDS, and that skills training be offered for each team manager in order for members of staff to feel fully supported in undertaking this approach.

(11) That the Director for Adult Services develops systems for recording and monitoring qualifications and skills within the workforce in order to complete a skills audit on a regular basis to identify any gaps and thereby ensure an appropriately qualified workforce to deliver the new SDS agenda. A similar skills audit should be completed with service providers and partner agencies to determine who is best placed to deliver a particular service.

(12) That the Council and Executive develop and implement a cross organisational strategy to adopt a culture that recognises the value of social care outcomes and qualitative factors in addition to numerical performance data i.e. NI130.

(13) That the Executive support the Director of Adult Services to continue to consider the use of technology to bring about improved services and efficiencies within the directorate, specifically by –

- A full evaluation of the use of pre-payment card scheme after six months to ensure it is fulfilling its initial specifications.
- Supporting the roll out of an e-monitoring system to enable quality of care to be monitored more efficiently.

10. RÉSUMÉ OF ADULT EDUCATION, SKILLS AND EMPLOYABILITY PARTNERSHIP - 3 DECEMBER 2009

RESOLVED – That the résumé of the meeting held on 3 December 2009 be noted.

11. RÉSUMÉ OF THE SAFER STOCKPORT PARTNERSHIP

RESOLVED – That the résumé of the meeting held on 12 January 2010 be noted.

12. RÉSUMÉ OF THE STRONGER COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP BOARD

RESOLVED – That the résumé of the meeting held on 14 December 2010 be noted.

13. AGENDA PLANNING

A representative of the Assistant Chief Executive (Strategy and Democracy) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) setting out the planned agenda items for the Committee's next meeting and Forward Plan items which fell within the remit of the Committee.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 7.32 pm.

AGENDA ITEM:**COMMITTEE:** ADULTS AND COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**DATE:** 12th April 2010**REPORT OF:** ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (SCRUTINY)**REPORT TITLE:** COMPLETED SCRUTINY REVIEWS: PROGRESS UPDATE

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- 1.1 This report sets out progress on recommendations made by Scrutiny and agreed by the Executive.
- 1.2 The following reviews have been completed which relate to this Scrutiny Committee, with recommendations outstanding:
- Section 30 Dispersal Order (completed December 2006) – this review considered the effectiveness of Dispersal Orders in Stockport. It aimed to assist the Council in developing a protocol for working with partner organisations in relation to effectively managing Dispersal Orders and explore how the Council can contribute to ensuring the withdrawal of dispersal is effective.
 - Building respect – a review of the delivery of the 'Respect' programme in Stockport (completed December 2007) – this review provided recommendations in relation to how the Council and its partners can deliver the Local Area Agreement target "to build respect in communities and reduce anti-social behaviour."
 - Substance Misuse Services (completed May 2008) – this review considered two substance misuse services provided by the Council, the Young Person's Drug Project and the Making It Back service. The review was carried out in the knowledge that these services are already recognised as being good. It aimed to identify ways in which they can be sustained and developed further to help ensure the services are not just recognised as "good" but as models of excellence.
- 1.3 Progress reports are only included where progress with implementation of a review's recommendations is ongoing or awaited, therefore, updates do not appear for all reviews. Where significant progress has been made in implementing a review's recommendations or where the situation has changed sufficiently to make the recommendations redundant, progress with these reviews is not reported. This applies to reviews carried out prior to 2005/06.
- 1.4 Where Executive responses to reviews have been reported to Committees within the last six months, progress reports have not been requested as part of this exercise. Progress reports for these reviews will be included in a future report or sooner if the Committee has so requested. The report details at Appendix A progress made on outstanding actions agreed by the

Executive and other bodies in response to recommendations made in these reports.

- 1.5 For ease of reference the following table outlines the position for each review:

Title of review	Progress report attached
Section 30 Dispersal Order	Yes
Building respect – a review of the delivery of the respect programme in Stockport	Yes
Substance Misuse Services	Yes

- 1.6 Members are invited to consider and comment upon the progress made.

Further information

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APPENDIX A
Scrutiny Review Progress Reporting Template

Scrutiny Review Progress Reporting Template

<p>Scrutiny Committee: Adults and Communities Scrutiny Committee Review title: Section 30 Dispersal Orders Date completed: December 2006 Officer responsible for response: Steve Brown Date response(s) agreed: 11 June 2007 Date of last progress report: 12 January 2009 Date of this progress report: 12th April 2010</p>
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The following table lists those actions agreed by the Executive (or other bodies to whom recommendations were made), which, at the date of this progress report are still outstanding. The table shows: the original recommendation made by the Committee, the response agreed by the Executive or other relevant body, what progress had been made the last time progress was reported to the Scrutiny Committee, the current position, and any future action.

Original Recommendation	Agreed response	Last reported progress	Current Position	Future action
1 That the Safer Stockport Partnership are recommended to agree to set up a multi-agency working group, to work in a 'seamless' way, to address issues related to Section 30 Dispersal Orders and anti-social behaviour across the borough", and to consult and involve local tasking groups in their discussions.	We now have a PAT form (issue raising) process where agencies/ elected members can raise issues direct to the NPT meeting through this area meeting the issues of groups causing problems in the community would be discussed and the most appropriate option agreed upon as a partnership with Children's services. This decision would be taken back to the tactical partnership business	Action Completed		No further action

	<p>group for dissemination across the SSP. If measures taken by the NPT not worked then the NPT would use the existing protocol of applying to the Superintendent and if agreed then to consult and apply for the section 30 to the Council via the Executive Councillor. The local Neighbourhood Partnership Team would then implement the section 30 and exit strategy.</p>			
<p>2. That the Executive develop a protocol which outlines the overall framework and includes an exit strategy in order to address the way in which Section 30 Dispersal Orders are currently managed, demonstrating a co-ordinated 'joined up' approach across the borough.</p>	<p>This is an issue that we would commend to the Safer Stockport Partnership rather than to just the Council. There is already an existing protocol for the making of a section 30 and we agree that some guidance and an action planning template would be useful for the SSP to consider.</p> <p>Community Safety Unit has a framework in place that manages the implementation of the Section 30s.</p> <p>Community Safety initiate the implementation of an exit strategy for the Great Moor Section 30 through the East Neighbourhood Partnership Team.</p>	<p>Action completed</p>		<p>No further action</p>

	Community Safety to review the above action on completion of the Section 30 withdrawal and incorporate 'Exit strategy' into Section 30 framework/guidance ready for the next Dispersal Order.			
3. The Executive are recommended to develop an Improvement Plan to capture the good practice and implement the findings and key issues highlighted by this review.	The Executive will circulate this scrutiny review to the SSP for distribution along with the following useful links: Respect website Respect Action Plan Respect LAA Respect Handbook; Communicating with the Public - http://www.respect.gov.uk/members/article.aspx?id=9778 Engaging Schools http://www.respect.gov.uk/members/article.aspx?id=9788	Action completed		No further action
4. That the Safer Stockport Partnership commission the newly formed multi-agency working group to produce a Communication and Media Strategy to: - inform all agencies, young people, parent and	Agreed. This work is already underway via the SSP and has been used in the latest Section 30. Again this can be part of the SSP toolkit for Section 30s. Section 30s are advertised in the Stockport Express, letters are sent to schools in the vicinity	Action completed		No further action

<p>schools of the processes in place to address Section 30 Dispersal Orders and anti-social behaviour across the borough.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to work in partnership with local media in order to promote positive images of young people. 	<p>for parents attention, signs and leaflets are put up in the local area and in community buildings and shops.</p> <p>SSP has a regular section in the Civic Review where information about Section 30s and measures to tackle ASB across the borough can be communicated to residents of Stockport.</p> <p>The SSP prioritises the reduction of crime and ASB and considers that the promotion of positive images of young people to be desirable.</p> <p>Youth offending team produces positive stories about young people involved in reparation and work in the community. Positive news stories about the YOT and reparation are ongoing, a paper has been prepared for the YOT Executive, it has been circulated to members, been included it in the CYP Plan APA refresh and also arranged for an article to go in the July Civic review. The YOT are also producing a newsletter for September on all their work.</p>			
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	<p>PAYP successes to be advertised widely. PAYP have now refocused and are aligned to the YOT Prevention Team, with a focus on working with young people at risk of offending and the LAC cohort.</p>			
<p>5. That the Children & Young People's Directorate are recommended to give young people equal access to all sporting facilities, regardless of their age.</p>	<p>The Children & Young People's Directorate have a new legal obligation to deliver leisure and youth activities for teenagers, this includes a responsibility to publicise them. Alongside this we are publicising youth involvement in the Youth Opportunities Fund, and have a wider publicity strategy around young people's involvement in their communities.</p> <p>The Children & Young People's Directorate also have an obligation to deliver leisure and youth activities to standards set out by Central Government. A new web based system for informing young people about all private, public and voluntary sector activity, including sport, is currently being commissioned. This will be going live within the next two months.</p> <p>The National School Sport</p>	<p>A new and improved web page is currently under re-construction on the SMBC website, thus enabling Sport Development to promote and advertise all sport and physical activities via www.stockport.gov.uk and www.sportinstockport.com.</p> <p>A new and improved web page is currently under re-construction on the SMBC website, thus enabling Sport Development to promote and advertise all sport and physical activities via www.stockport.gov.uk and</p>	<p>Action completed</p> <p>http://skplings.net/ is up and running with full admin support.</p>	<p>No further action</p>

	<p>Partnership programme has now been rolled out throughout the borough, incorporating High Schools, Primary Schools, Junior & Infant Schools. Progress against national targets are reported upon annually through the Physical Education, School Sport, and Club Links survey.</p> <p>A number of Sports Specific activities are planned to be delivered, throughout the borough, during the school summer holiday period aiming for access equality</p> <p>Specific sporting interventions are delivered in priority 1 areas, aiming to address access equalities</p>	<p>www.sportinstockport.com.</p> <p>http://skplings.net/ is up and running with full admin support.</p> <p>The Community Sports Coach Programme is currently under review in order to corroborate with the government agenda to provide 5 hours of extra curricular high quality sport and PE per week, per child (The '5 Hour Offer').</p> <p>Sport Development will deliver sports activities during all schools holidays ensuring equal</p>		
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		<p>opportunities and accessibility.</p> <p>The Beat IT Project works in partnership with relevant agencies to establish areas / communities in need of additional support to combat nuisance or anti social behaviour. Therefore, the future of the Beat IT project is dependant on the specific needs within communities across the borough.</p>		
<p>6. That Children & Young People's Directorate advise schools of their role in relation to citizenship, personal, social and emotional development, the effects of alcohol abuse and anti-social behaviour and to include them as part of the curriculum.</p>	<p>Children & Young People's Directorate is already working through these issues with schools. This is a key element of the Inclusive Communities strategy, and structures are currently being developed to make the sharing of information about services delivered in the community more readily available to schools. Local partnerships, through the community cluster programme are now in place across half the borough, and are being extended to the other half in the near future. Work is also</p>	Action completed	<p>Safer Schools Partnerships have now been rolled out across Stockport. This is a partnership between the Police and School to help promote better working relations and tackle any community safety issues with the school.</p>	No further action

	developing with schools around improved targeted support for young people in relation to health, alcohol, crime and community safety, and associated issues. This recommendation can be delivered by enhancing existing arrangements.			
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Scrutiny Committee:	Adults and Communities Scrutiny Committee
Review title:	Building respect – a review of the delivery of the respect programme in Stockport
Date completed:	December 2007
Officer responsible for response:	Steve Brown
Date response(s) agreed:	14 th April 2008
Date of last progress report:	N/A
Date of this progress report:	12 th April 2010

The following table lists those actions agreed by the Executive (or other bodies to whom recommendations were made), which, at the date of this progress report are still outstanding. The table shows: the original recommendation made by the Committee, the response agreed by the Executive or other relevant body, what progress had been made the last time progress was reported to the Scrutiny Committee, the current position, and any future action.

Original Recommendation	Agreed response	Last reported progress	Current Position	Future action
1. The Executive is requested to consider the commissioning of a pilot scheme by the Safer Stockport Partnership whereby a place of safety would be identified for parents/carers to collect young people who have been caught behaving anti-socially. This would be staffed by representatives from a range of enforcement, child safeguarding and health services and act as a safe house, information resource and signposting service for	The Executive Councillor for Communities has raised this with the Safer Stockport Partnership (SSP) who are in broad agreement with this proposal. The focus for the SSP would be those children and young people under the drinking age who were intoxicated on the street. Legal advice would have to be sought from both the Council and Greater Manchester Police (GMP). It is expected that a thorough project plan will be developed with multi-agency participation in the work to ensure that this complex project is delivered on a pilot	Operation Place of Safety (POS) has now run at a number of peak times across 2008-2009. It is a partnership between Police, Children's Social Care, MOSAIC and ASBAT. A number of young people have been picked up as part of the initiative with some positive results.	Operation POS has been evaluated and work showcased across Greater Manchester.	Now mainstreamed

<p>parents and children and young people. Progress should be reported back to the Committee.</p>	<p>basis before the school summer holidays.</p>			
<p>2. The Executive is requested to commission an audit of support services to engage 18-25 year olds that are identified as being involved in anti social behaviour, such as substance misuse and mental health services, education, employment and training, and to report back to the Scrutiny Committee on progress</p>	<p>Officers in the Directorates for Adults and Communities and Children and Young People will take this project forward.</p>	<p>Action completed.</p>	<p>Plings website now available for young people. Young People's Directory of Services completed.</p>	<p>No further action</p>
<p>3. The Executive are requested to increase their efforts to improve communication with the public on anti-social behaviour. The Executive member (Communities) is requested to raise with the Safer Stockport Partnership,</p>	<p>The Executive Councillor for Communities has raised this with the SSP who will be appointing a Citizen's Focus Community Safety Officer to develop a Communication Strategy with the Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPTs)</p>	<p>Action Completed.</p>	<p>Citizen Focus Officer in place. Community Engagement and Communication Strategy completed</p>	<p>No further action</p>

<p>the possibility of developing a comprehensive Communications Strategy that uses various approaches to give Members and residents up to date headlines regarding anti-social behaviour and that communicates progress rather than simply outcomes.</p>				
<p>4. The Executive are asked to request that the SSP evaluate the effectiveness, including user-friendliness of key contact numbers and promote a standard menu of contact numbers with clear advice to the public.</p>	<p>This will be carried out by the SSP's Citizen's Focus Community Safety Officer within the coming financial year</p>	<p>Action completed</p>	<p>Work carried out by Citizen's Focus Officer has part of development of Communication Strategy.</p>	<p>No further action</p>
<p>5. The Committee recommends that the Executive Member (Communities) urges the completion of the Voluntary Accreditation Scheme for Private Landlords and that information is made available to Private Landlords on anti social behaviour in order to promote the RESPECT agenda.</p>	<p>The scheme detail has been developed and the scheme will be launched in 08/09. A guidance note has been developed for private landlords and is currently in print.</p>	<p>Action completed</p>	<p>Leaflet produced for private landlord and a link to this from SSP website has been developed.</p>	<p>No further action</p>
<p>6. The Executive member (Children and Young People) should prioritise the</p>	<p>Strategy to be completed by April 2008</p>	<p>Action Completed</p>	<p>New Manager in place to lead on this in CYP Directorate</p>	<p>No further action</p>

completion of the development of the refreshed Parenting Strategy as a matter of urgency				
7. The Executive Member (Children and Young People) should ensure the development, implementation and financial sustainability of the new Family Intervention Programme (FIP) as a matter of urgency. Page 6 of 50 Adults and Communities Scrutiny Committee – Building Respect: A review of the delivery of the Respect Programme in Stockport	Current projects being evaluated. Early days with some positive indications. Supported Housing has found some money to support the FIP. Future funding and sustainability will be contingent on outcomes and securing the commitment of partners through the Children’s Trust arrangements.	Action completed	NACRO now deliver the FIP through joint funding from Supporting People and CYP Directorate	No further action
8. The Executive Member (Children and Young People) and the Executive Member (Communities) are requested to raise with the SSP, what progress has been made so far basing PCSOs in schools to improve cross-communication between the Schools and other colleagues from the Safer Stockport Partnership.	A project is underway to provide a Neighbourhood policing base and community facility at Bramhall High School which should be completed by the summer. Priestnall School are no longer able to provide suitable office accommodation on their premises. Alternative space at the school is being sought and work is on-going with NPS to identify an alternate site (Primary School). Kingsway school have identified suitable space. Progress will be made	Action completed	Safer Schools Partnership rolled out. A number of school locations have now been developed for Police outposts, these include: 1. Bramhall High School 2. Offerton High School 3. Stockport	No further plans.

	after the Easter break. (08)		College	
9. The Executive Member (Children and Young People) is requested to engage with Schools to report on the progress of the implementation of Social Emotional Aspects of Learning (SEAL) across all Secondary Schools in the Borough	All primary schools have access to SEAL materials, training and targeted support for projects e.g. the project focussed on attendance and punctuality are facilitating locality networks each term to support 5 schools in this work. The high schools have all had access to the materials for year 7. The first 5 lead schools have been working on this since September 07 the rest all started to plan for this from January 08. One school is trialling a secondary version of the tracker project and support networks have been established. A consultant has been engaged to assist schools role out the SEAL programme.		All primary schools have had access to SEAL Materials, training and targeted support for projects. High schools have had access to materials and training for year 7. All 2008/09 PA schools have had training in the tracker project. A consultant has been engaged to assist schools role out SEAL programme.	No further action
10. The Executive Member (Children and Young People) is requested to commission an immediate review to take place within the Children and Young People's Directorate and with the Safer Stockport Partnership, to investigate whether staffing resources are being deployed effectively and whether those staff who work with young people are on shift at	<p>Restructure of Services for Young People will include a full needs analysis in each Partnership Area and new Business Plan will be developed based on this, budget available and Government Policy.</p> <p>From a SSP perspective there still continues to be issues with anti-social behaviour. Key areas have been identified over the last 18months, which both the SSP and CYPD need to</p>		Education Welfare and Youth Services have now been restructured. Connexions is now being reviewed. The new Youth Service Management Team will take up posts in March 2010 and will begin the process of shaping the Youth Service Business Plan in detail	Implement Business Plan

<p>recognised priority times. Outcomes should be reported to the Committee within one month.</p>	<p>address in planning resources, peak times are still between 5pm-10pm with peak days as Friday and Saturday. Any needs analysis carried out by Services for Young People should include information on crime and disorder.</p>		<p>including allocation of available resources based on need.</p>	
<p>11. That the Executive urges the Government to ensure that Individual Support Orders should be available for court when issuing ASBOs on conviction, particularly for those aged 18-25 years</p>	<p>A letter from the Executive to be sent to the Home Secretary promoting this course of action.</p>		<p>Further guidance on ISO was given to all CDRPs to clarify this issue.</p>	<p>No further action</p>

Scrutiny Committee:	Adults and Communities Scrutiny Committee
Review title:	Substance Misuse Services in Stockport
Date completed:	May 2008
Officer responsible for response:	Steve Brown
Date response(s) agreed:	28 th August 2008
Date of last progress report:	N/A
Date of this progress report:	12 th April 2010

The following table lists those actions agreed by the Executive (or other bodies to whom recommendations were made), which, at the date of this progress report are still outstanding. The table shows: the original recommendation made by the Committee, the response agreed by the Executive or other relevant body, what progress had been made the last time progress was reported to the Scrutiny Committee, the current position, and any future action.

Original Recommendation	Agreed response	Last reported progress	Current Position	Future action
1.1 That the Safer Stockport Partnership be requested to examine how joint commissioning and a whole systems approach to substance misuse services could be introduced in Stockport and that this be given immediate priority within the current financial year.	1.1 The Safer Stockport Partnership (SSP) to request the Drug Action Team (DAT) to provide a written report jointly with Stockport Primary Care Trust (PCT) for both the DAT Joint Commissioning Group and Stockport Alcohol Reference Group (ARG). The report will provide discussion and recommendations on developing a whole systems approach for substance misuse services.		Following a period of consultation with stakeholders, the new proposals around joint commissioning of drugs and alcohol were drawn up and formally agreed by the Safer Stockport Partnership and the Health and Well-Being Integrated Commissioning Board.	Joint Commissioning of drugs and alcohol to begin to operate fully March 2010
1.2 That the Safer Stockport Partnership be requested to extend the Joint Commissioning Group's	1.2 An initial meeting has been held with the Joint Chairs of the SSP and the Chief Executive of the Primary Care Trust (PCT). It		This includes a whole systems approach to substance misuse.	

<p>remit from drugs only commissioning to substance misuse commissioning, including alcohol services.</p>	<p>was agreed that officers within the Directorate for Adults and Communities and the NHS Primary Care Trust will hold further discussions on how to progress the joint commissioning of alcohol and drugs and agree timescales.</p>		<p>New terms of reference have been produced for the Joint Commissioning Group covering its extended responsibilities around alcohol.</p>	
<p>2.1 The PCT are requested to prioritise increasing their funding allocation to the pooled treatment budget to ensure that the good services that exist within Stockport can be continued and developed to meet the needs of current and future users.</p> <p>2.2 That Safer Stockport Partnership be requested to produce a long term plan for substance misuse services that includes a vision as to how services will be planned, delivered and resourced in the next 3-5 years</p>	<p>2.1 Stockport PCT recognises both low funding of drug services and paucity of alcohol services. In line with the PCTs Strategic Planning processes and dependent on the budget situation, the PCT will increase contributions to ensure the continued development of both drug and alcohol services.</p> <p>2.2 The SSP will request the DAT to produce a three-year strategic plan 2009-12. The plan will be developed in partnership with the PCT and other partners and have a strong focus on service re-design, whilst making best use of existing and potentially new investment.</p>		<p>In 2008/09 the PCT agreed to pick up the funding for prescribing which released approx £200k for the Pooled Treatment Budget.</p> <p>Currently the PCT is experiencing significant financial constraints and is not in a position to further increase investment to the pooled treatment budget.</p> <p>A three year strategic plan was developed and agreed in 2008/9. This provides the principle aim and vision for substance misuse and is the basis for</p>	<p>The PCT will continue to work in partnership with the SSP and DAT and identify areas for efficiency, service re-design to ensure that quality substance misuse services are delivered and that they continue to meet key performance indicators.</p>

			our annual treatment planning process.	
<p>3.1 The Safer Stockport Partnership be requested to examine ways of increasing abstinence, both in terms of capacity in services and numbers becoming abstinent, and ensure it is a promoted option for clients.</p> <p>3.2 That the Community Drugs Team be requested to highlight abstinence as an option to clients at regular intervals and increase promotion about this pathway.</p>	<p>3.1 The SSP will request the DAT to report on the increased numbers of substance misusers completing abstinence programmes via the National Treatment Agency’s Treatment Outcomes Profile system. The SSP will request that the Recovering Communities Model be prioritised for commissioning this year and that an evaluation of the effectiveness take place at the end of the financial year.</p> <p>3.2 The SSP will request the DAT to devise a service-user questionnaire for clients at the Community Drugs Team (CDT), for completion in October 2008 and March 2009, to ensure this action has been carried out. This will be further evidenced by the annual “Treatment Mapping” showing movement from the CDT to abstinence services.</p>		<p>Recovery is the principle aim of the 3 year strategic plan. This includes Recovery Communities, other tier 4 provision and community based abstinence programmes.</p> <p>Recovery Communities has been commissioned and we have a block contract in place with Acorn, as well as other tier 4 provisions being available on a spot purchase basis. Numbers accessing this provision have significantly increased (to date in 2009/10, 20 clients accessing Acorn and 11 accessing other providers). This has led to some budget pressures but measures have been</p>	<p>Continued commitment to recovery within our plans.</p> <p>Ongoing performance and outcome monitoring of all service provision including tier 4 and abstinence based services.</p> <p>Ongoing work and training to promote awareness of all treatment pathways to services.</p>

			<p>introduced to mitigate this.</p> <p>Performance monitoring systems have been established which review outcomes both on exit and longer term.</p> <p>Service user questionnaires have been completed, and treatment mapping shows more clients than ever before being referred between services. This includes CDT clients accessing abstinence based provisions and other support.</p>	
<p>4. That the Safer Stockport Partnership be requested to examine ways in which the capacity of alcohol services can be increased to meet future demands on the Service.</p>	<p>The SSP will request Stockport PCT to report on alcohol service capacity issues and current developments for the six month Scrutiny Review. The Joint Chairs will take forward the issue of alcohol commissioning with the Chief Executive of the PCT (See response 1.2)</p>		<p>The Community Alcohol Team is currently at full capacity, with all posts recruited to.</p> <p>The Alcohol Brief Interventions Service is continuing to publicise the service</p>	<p>Use of the new joint commissioning framework to ensure more joined up work where both alcohol and drugs (especially cocaine) are being used.</p>

	A briefing session will be held for the DAT Joint Commissioning Group and CSU Lead Officers on commissioning issues for alcohol. This to be led by Stockport PCT.		and encourage referrals	
5. That support for the involvement of service users in the planning of substance misuse services be maintained.	The SSP will request both the DAT and ARG to ensure that service user representatives are consistently engaged and involved in all aspects of service planning, and their views are sought (using a variety of methods) at every opportunity.		<p>Service user representatives attend quarterly substance misuse meetings and participate in our annual planning processes.</p> <p>There are processes in place to enable any specific urgent issues to be raised immediately with services and/or the DAT.</p> <p>Service user questionnaires have also been completed.</p>	Service user representation to continue to be supported and encouraged.
6. That the concerns of the Panel regarding blood borne virus levels and screening be conveyed to Stockport Primary Care Trust and request that a report on how this will be addressed be brought to a meeting of the	The Executive Councillor for Communities has raised this with the SSP who have requested the DAT Chair to notify the Stockport PCT Chief Executive about these concerns A report will be submitted within the 6 month period.		A Primary Care Clinical Governance group has been established chaired by the PCT. This group's remit includes BBV and harm reduction.	Primary Care Clinical Governance group to continue ongoing work and monitoring around BBV.

<p>Adults and Communities Scrutiny Committee within 6 months.</p>			<p>Improvements have been made around BBV and measures are now in place to improve processes and increase the take up of screening, vaccinations and support.</p>	
<p>7. That the relevant Executive Councillors be requested to pursue the above recommendations with the Safer Stockport Partnership and report back to the Adults and Communities Scrutiny Committee in 6 months.</p>	<p>The Safer Stockport Partnership will request the DAT and partners to provide an Up-date Report to the Adults and Communities Scrutiny Committee on the above recommendations for November 08.</p>		<p>Ongoing progress on actions. Full update now provided.</p>	<p>Further updates to be provided as required.</p>

Governance and Accountability of Strategic Partnerships: Enhancing the role of Scrutiny Committees

Report of Assistant Chief Executive, Strategy and Democracy

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To update Scrutiny Committees on a review of existing governance arrangements and the relationship between the Stockport Partnership with associated thematic boards, and Scrutiny Committees.

To propose enhanced reporting arrangements between these partnerships and the associated Scrutiny Committees.

2. IDENTIFIED ISSUES

Stockport has well established and effective partnerships and Scrutiny Committees. Relationships exist between these groups that have evolved in the past two years. There is however no consistent approach across each thematic board and each Scrutiny Committee regarding how information, plans and progress on issues are shared and Councillors kept informed.

Members of Scrutiny Committees have raised concerns on a number of occasions about the access elected members, and the public, have to agendas, reports and minutes of the Partnership Board and thematic partnership boards.

Democratic accountability of partnerships is increasingly important as the role of partnerships has been enhanced through the *Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007*. In addition we need to take account of the introduction of the Duty to Involve representatives of local people.¹

More recently the Audit Commission published a best practice guide to partnership working which challenged authorities to assess how well elected members on scrutiny challenge the Local Strategic Partnership arrangements and its partners. Completion of the assessment locally identified a need for Stockport to develop further scrutiny of partnerships.

3. CURRENT ARRANGEMENTS

Scrutiny Committees currently receive resumes of meetings of the Stockport Partnership Board and the thematic partnerships. These provide information on matters considered by the partnership and officer contact details. They allow the Committees to request reports or obtain more information on items direct from officers as appropriate.

Whilst the resumes are seen to be useful, elected members consider that without access to the agenda and reports for the meetings they do not have sufficient information to enable them to gain any meaningful insight into the issues being

¹ Creating Strong, Safe, and Prosperous Communities Statutory Guidance July 2008

² Working Better Together, <http://www.audit-commission.gov.uk/nationalstudies/localgov/workingbettertogether/Pages/workingbettertogether.aspx>

considered and dealt with by the Stockport Partnership, any of the thematic partnership boards or indeed where they could add value.

The engagement of Scrutiny Committees with each thematic partnership also varies across each. For example a formal protocol exists setting out the relationship between the Safer Stockport Partnership and the Adults and Communities Scrutiny Committee, and arrangements are in place for representatives of that partnership board to attend Scrutiny Committee meetings twice yearly. There is however no such formal arrangement in place with regard to any other thematic partnership. This results in planned formal reporting of one thematic board to the relevant Scrutiny Committee but scrutiny of other boards takes place on a more adhoc basis.

It is also noted that as not all thematic boards' agendas and associated papers are circulated via publicly accessible web pages it is difficult for elected members to assess which areas they would suggest for further scrutiny review.

3.1 PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS

To provide for enhanced transparency, accountability through Scrutiny, and stronger partnership governance arrangements, the following arrangements were agreed by the Stockport Partnership Board at the meeting of 2nd February. These will introduce a level of consistency into the availability of information and the engagement between Scrutiny Committees, the Stockport Partnership Board and thematic partnerships.

- Agendas and reports (except those containing exempt information according to an agreed criterion) of the Stockport Partnership Board and thematic partnerships will be made available through the electronic @gendas service. This means all papers will be available for public and all elected member viewing.
- Resumes will continue to be submitted to Scrutiny Committees to provide regular feedback on the work of the Board and thematic partnerships
- Arrangements will be made for representatives of the Partnership Board and thematic partnership boards to attend the relevant Scrutiny Committee on a planned basis to present at the very least an annual report (generally once a year). This would enable Scrutiny Committees to engage with and examine the work of each partnerships. Additional attendance and information could be requested by a Scrutiny Committee on a relevant area of focus of a thematic partnership boards' work should the need arise but should be a considered and agreed request of the Committee. (and not of an individual elected member)

Full terms of reporting are included at appendix 1, with a proposed schedule of reporting at appendix 2.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Scrutiny Committees are asked to:

- Endorse the Scrutiny arrangements proposed in section 3.1 and the supporting appendices, subject to any comments of considerations the committee may have.

APPENDIX 1

Strategic Partnership Reporting to Scrutiny Committees Terms of Reporting

Purpose of Reports

To enhance the democratic accountability of, and public involvement in, partnership working in Stockport.

Reports will provide

A summary of partnership performance in the previous 12 months including:

PI data
Summary actions/ initiatives
Examples of real outcomes (Case Studies)

A summary of and rationale for partnership priorities for the next 12 months
Summaries of planned actions

Role of Committee Members

To comment on and challenge areas of under performance
To comment on and challenge priorities and planned actions
Identify issues for more detailed scrutiny

Accountability

Comments of the committee will be reported back to the partnership, and responses sought as appropriate
More detailed reports on issues identified by the Committee will be programmed into the annual work programme

Exceptions and Decisions

This regular reporting should not replace reports on specific decisions which would normally go before the committee
Strategic Plans identified as part of the Partnership's Policy Framework will be brought to the committee prior to endorsement by the Partnership Board for comment

Reporting Frequency

Annually, to commence in municipal year 2010/11 with reports covering 2009/10

Reporting Format

A standard report template will be used to ensure the agreed content is included in a clear and concise format
Reporting will be the responsibility of the lead council officer. Scrutiny committees should work with lead officers to identify and invite relevant partners to be involved in the process

APPENDIX 2

Provisional Schedule of Reporting

Dates >>	2010									2011					
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	Jun
By Scrutiny Committee															
Adults and Communities				SSP		SCP					SSP		AESEP		
Health						HWBP									
Children									CT						
Economy and Environment											EP		EA		
CRMG									SPB						

Rationale for timings

To align with 6 monthly reporting to GONW, renegotiation of LAA and CAA process
 Dates already agreed and in operation
 flexible
 flexible
 Proposed to align with publication of educational attainment results
 flexible
 flexible but proposed to align with AESEP to allow joint reporting to SPB
 flexible but proposed to align with EA to allow joint reporting to SPB

Glossary

SPB – Stockport Partnership Board
 SCP – Stronger Communities Partnership
 CT – Children Trust
 EA – Economic Alliance Partnership

SSP – Safer Stockport Partnership
 HWBP – Health and Wellbeing Partnership
 EP – Environment partnership
 AESEP – Adult Education, Skills & Employment

Adults and Communities Scrutiny Committee

12 April 2010

**RESUME OF THE ADULT EDUCATION, SKILLS AND EMPLOYABILITY
PARTNERSHIP – 25 FEBRUARY 2010**

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Strategy & Democracy)

1. MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

To consider the proceedings of the last meeting of the Adult Education, Skills and Employability Partnership on 25 February 2010.

2. INFORMATION

2.1 The Partnership considered the following items:-

Matters Arising

Note of the Meeting of 1 October 2009

It was reported that there had been a slight increase in the number of new Job Seekers Allowance (JSA) Claimants in Stockport, although this was in line with increases in other districts. The number of claimants reduced significantly after six months.

It was also reported that the number of vacancies had increased by 800 across a range of sectors compared to the same period in the previous year. It was suggested that jobs in the retail sector were often considered as a second choice for many of those qualifying from customer service focused courses (such as hair & beauty).

It was reported that the Neighbourhood Renewal Team were undertaking research into the factors contributing to persistently high levels of unemployment in the priority areas despite the relatively high levels of vacancies. The Partnership asked for a report back on the findings of this work.

It was reported that the Enterprise Centre at Houldsworth Mill had now been opened and would provide a base for the business start ups.

AOB

It was reported that there was now a statutory requirement for the Council to undertake an Economic Assessment. It had been confirmed that money would be provided from the Government which would be pooled across Greater Manchester for the Commission for the New Economy to provide a sub-regional assessment, with each authority providing a more localised assessment. The likely surplus of this resource would be used to support the development and delivery of the revised Economic Development Strategy for Stockport.

Youth Unemployment in Stockport

Steve Burns, (Head of Regeneration, Economic Development & Tourism), Stockport Council – 474 2648

Partnership considered a report on the key findings of the Task and Finish group established since the last meeting to investigate what could be done to address youth unemployment.

The following comments were made:-

- Engaging schools early was vital to reduce the number of young people needing support, as was ensuring that support did not simply cease when young people left school. It was often the case that young people who become NEET could be identified at an early age, but there was no early intervention.
- Anecdotal evidence suggested that young people who were disruptive in the work place had also been disruptive at school, and this was often due to them lacking basic skills.
- Offering schools options for an alternative curriculum may assist with addressing the basic skills gaps at an appropriate point, rather than seeking to intervene when the young person had become NEET.
- While there was lots of support available those most in need were not necessarily accessing the services, meaning some young people lacked the basic skills needed to access training or work.
- It was important that schemes such as Entry to Employment and other support was not used simply to 'contain' the NEET problem but that those with most need received the support to enable them to avoid becoming NEET.

Apprenticeships

The Partnership then discussed the role of apprenticeships. The following issues were raised:-

- It was vital to better co-ordinate the apprenticeship offer and engaging employers, but also to integrate provision with opportunities like the Future Jobs Fund, and to try to match the provision with vacancies or where growth was likely to be.
- The obstacles to achieving better provision included the difficulties of responding quickly to change in the demand from employers, and changes to the funding arrangements which had damaged the relationships with employers. The realities of the funding model would make improvements difficult to deliver.
- Partners on the Stockport Partnership should set the example by providing apprenticeships themselves.
- Internships were also opportunities for both employers and young people.

The Partnership then discussed the Young Enterprise Scheme within colleges, and a suggestion was made to develop this scheme into an Enterprise Summer School using the colleges' facilities and culminating in a 'Dragon's Den' style event at which successful enterprises could receive start-up loans and support through the new Enterprise Centre. It was agreed that officers would progress this suggestion and report back to a future meeting.

The Board endorsed the actions contained in the report to address youth unemployment.

APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING ACADEMY

Lynn Merilion (Principal), Stockport College, 958 3405

The Chair outlined a proposal for partners to create a Training Association (a company set up and owned by partners) that would engage with local employers and voluntary groups to identify short term or temporary work placements for apprentices and other students on work-based training courses. The impetus for the proposal was the difficulties encountered in late 2009 when a number of construction apprentices lost their jobs and so were unable to complete their apprenticeships. The proposal would seek to cushion the impact of the recession by providing 'bridging' placements. The proposal would carry risk for those partners signed up as the apprentices would be employed by the Training Association even if they were not in employment. The proposals had been discussed with the National Apprenticeship Scheme who expressed support.

Members broadly supported the proposal and the potential to increase both the co-ordination of current activity and to expand this in the future to meet the local demand and target resources to the priority areas. It was agreed to discuss the proposal further with the Chair of the Apprenticeship Provider Network.

First Draft Adults Skills Strategy

Steve Burns, (Head of Regeneration, Economic Development & Tourism), Stockport Council – 474 2648

The Partnership considered a report updating on the development of the Adult Skills Strategy including the priorities and objectives, consultation and next steps, and seeking the comments of the Partnership on these broad areas. Major stakeholders had been consulted and given endorsement to the broad principals, and the final draft would be circulated for consultation in due course.

It was commented that the Strategy needed to ensure that there was a seamless transition from 14-19 to adult skills provision and that all partners on the Stockport Partnership needed to take ownership of its implementation.

The Partnership endorsed the principals and priorities of the draft Adult Skills Strategy and agreed that the final draft be circulated for consultation.

Performance Reward Grant

Steve Burns, (Head of Regeneration, Economic Development & Tourism), Stockport Council – 474 2648

The Partnership were informed that the second tranche of allocations of the Performance Reward Grant had been made and of particular interest was the allocation of additional resources to the Stockport Business Loan Fund following the allocation made in the first tranche, and additional funding for community engagement workers in the Priority Neighbourhoods, who would be able to provide jobs advice to residents.

It was also reported that the new Boost Advice Centre would be opened in Brinnington on 8 March 2010.

MEETING ARRANGEMENTS

Jonathan Vali (Principal Democratic Services Officer), Stockport Council - 474 3201

The Partnership considered a report that had been considered by the Stockport Partnership at its meeting on 2 February 2010, at which it had been agreed to publish all meeting papers for the Board and its thematic partnerships for access by the public.

This Partnership were then endorsed the principal of all meeting papers being available to the public (subject to exemption for confidential information) and the meetings themselves being open to the public should they wish to attend.

RECOMMENDATION

That the resume be noted.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Reports and Minutes of the Adult Education, Skills and Employability Partnership – 25 February 2010

Anyone wishing to inspect the above background papers or requiring further information should contact Jonathan Vali on telephone number 0161 474 3201 or alternatively e-mail jonathan.vali@stockport.gov.uk

STRONGER COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETING
RESUME -16 MARCH 2010

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

The Board elected Councillor Helen Foster-Grime as Chair of the Partnership Board until the next Annual Council Meeting.

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

The Board appointed That Judith Faux Vice-Chair of the Partnership Board until the next Annual Council Meeting.

3. NOMINATION OF THE STRONGER COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE STOCKPORT PARTNERSHIP

The Board agreed that Councillor Helen Foster-Grime be appointed to represent the Partnership Board on the Stockport Partnership and Margaret Brade should continue as her deputy.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Steve Brown, Head of Community Safety (Stockport Council) reported that over a hundred people had attended the Participatory Budgeting event undertaken in Adswood & Bridgehall and a similar event would be held in Offerton on 20 March 2010.

5. FEEDBACK FROM STOCKPORT PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Jo Foskett submitted a copy of the resume of the meeting of the Stockport Partnership Board held on 2 February 2010 considered by the Council's Corporate Resource Management & Governance Scrutiny Committee on 23 February 2010

6. PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK FOR THE STRONGER COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP

Sue Thomas, Policy and Projects Manager, Stockport Council submitted a report of the Stronger Communities Partnership Performance Sub Group providing indicators and targets for the Stronger Voice theme and propose useful indicators for Community Cohesion.

The Board agreed that a target of 32% be set for 2010/11 in relation to NI4 (% of people who feel they can influence decisions in their locality, and that raising the target for 2011/12 to 34% should be considered at a later date. A target of 36% was set for 2010/11 in relation to the indicator '% people who feel well informed about how to get involved in decision making' as recommended in the report.

It was also agreed that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Board highlighting threats and risks likely to affect performance against community cohesion indicators and that the thematic sub groups be requested to report quarterly to this Board in relation to actions being taken to achieve the targets set by this Board.

7. THIRD SECTOR

i) Voluntary and community sector infrastructure review and economic impact assessment

Julie Farley, Policy and Projects Manager, Stockport Council submitted a report updating the Board on the review of voluntary and community sector services in Stockport. The review aimed to assess the value and economic impact of the sector and identify current and future infrastructure needs. This review was being carried out as a joint initiative between MOVEs (Meeting of Voluntary Sector Executives) and the Council and was being overseen by the Thriving Third Sector Sub Group.

ii) Main Grant Scheme Impact Report

Julie Farley, Policy and Projects Manager, Stockport Council submitted a report providing an overview of the grant process, and summary of the End of Year monitoring information submitted by voluntary organisations receiving a grant in the 2008/9 financial year. And the report set out the findings from that exercise.

8. NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL - INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS FOR DELIVERY OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL STRATEGY; RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE STOCKPORT PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Carol Morrison, Service Director (Communities), Stockport Council. submitted a report updating the Board on the statutory city-region Better Life Chances pilot and the development of Neighbourhood Management governance arrangements within the Priority 1 areas including the creation of a “Neighbourhood Management Board” reporting to the Stockport Partnership Board.

The Board stated that it wished to continue to receive regular progress reports in relation to city-region Better Life Chances pilot and the development of Neighbourhood Management.

9. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY – FIRST DRAFT OF ACTION DELIVERY PLAN

Stephanie MacKenzie, Policy and Projects Manager, Stockport Council submitted a report informing the Board that the community engagement strategy for Stockport ‘A Stronger Voice: A Stronger Place’ had been adopted by the Stockport Partnership Board on 2 February 2010. The report invited the Board to consider a first draft ‘Action Delivery Plan’ prepared by the Engaging Communities Advisory Group setting out how the strategy would be

implemented based on a summary of existing actions from across the other thematic partnerships in Stockport and a number of proposed new actions.

The Board noted the report and proposed Action Plan and requested that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Board in relation to the development of the 'Engagement Portal'.

The Board also supported a new 'Grassroots' award at the 'Proud of Stockport' citizen awards for Community Group of the Year and the Stronger Communities Partnership taking the lead in relation to organising the '2011 Proud of Stockport' Awards.

10. EVALUATION OF PARTNERSHIP

Stephanie MacKenzie, Policy and Projects Manager, Stockport Council submitted a report reminding the Board that it had previously identified the need to change and review its purpose and key objectives since agreeing a new Terms of Reference, basis for membership and Improvement Plan in November 2008. The report included a summary of the evaluation questionnaire recently sent out to Board members and attendees.

The Board referred the report to the MOVEs Board to consider how the voluntary sector could better shape and contribute to this Board.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

It was agreed that the following items be considered at a future meeting of the Partnership Board:

- Compact
- Annual Report
- Community Cohesion
- College in the Community
- Transforming Social Care

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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COMMITTEE: ADULTS AND COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

DATE: 12th April 2010

REPORT OF: ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (STRATEGY, PERFORMANCE AND GOVERNANCE)

REPORT TITLE: AGENDA PLANNING

1) PLANNED AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

(Committee Members are asked to note that agenda items are indicative at this stage and may be subject to change)

7th June 2010

Item	Type/Purpose
Q4 2009/10 performance monitoring report	Performance monitoring
Q4 2009/10 revenue and capital budget monitoring reports	Performance monitoring
Agenda Planning	Update report

2) RELEVANT ENTRIES IN MARCH 2010 FORWARD PLAN

Decision Reference	Subject Area for Decision	Expected Date of Decision	Decision Maker
C33	Stockport Housing Strategy 2009-12	March 2010	Executive
C/TR4	Crime Prevention on Public Footpaths Policy	March 2010	Executive