

FOR APPROVAL**Safe Newcastle**

23 September 2008

(10.04am – 11.50am)

Meeting held in a Committee Room at the Civic Centre, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Present:

Councillor Anita Lower	- Newcastle City Council
Paul Weir	- Northumbria Police (Vice-Chair)
George Kelly	- Chief Executive's Office, Newcastle City Council
Kevin Gardner	- Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service
Colin Darroch	- Crown Prosecution Service
Alan Connor McVey	- North East Chamber of Commerce
Malathi Natarajan	- Newcastle Primary Care Trust
Neil Scott	- Your Homes Newcastle
Ollie Batchelor	- Regen Forum
Tommy Birdsey	- North East Ambulance Services NHS Trust
Caroline Wills	- Northumberland, Tyne and Wear Mental Health NHS Trust
John Carter	- Newcastle User Carer Forum
Rod Stapley	- Youth Offending Team
Hazel Rutherford	- NCEN Community Voice
Jeff McCall	- Newcastle College
Steve Gilbert	- National Probation Service

Also Present:

Susan Doolan	- Government Office North East (GONE)
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In Attendance:

Gillian Tullock	- Newcastle City Council
Helen Wilding	- Safe Newcastle
Christine Knox	- Safe Newcastle
Martin Gollan	- NCVS
Victoria Demchenko	- Democratic Services

ACTION**176. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from George Blanchflower, Linda Mason, Jamie McKay, Jeff McCall, Eddie Luck, Ken Wilson, Susan Nicholson, Hazel Rutherford, Rob Bailey, Dot Kyle, Paul Bamber and Mal MacClean.

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The Vice-Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and all present introduced themselves.

177. **ELECTION OF CHAIR OF SAFE NEWCASTLE BOARD**

Steve Gilbert nominated Councillor Anita Lower for the position of Chair of the Safe Newcastle Board. Paul Weir seconded the nomination.

RESOLVED – That Councillor Anita Lower be appointed as Chair of the Safe Newcastle Board for a maximum period of two years.

The meeting interrupted for the members' photo shoot.

178. **SAFE NEWCASTLE STRATEGY 2008-2011**

Submitted: Power Point Presentation by Gillian Tullock (notes of the presentation were circulated at the meeting and copy attached to Official Minutes)

Gillian Tullock delivered a Power Point presentation on Safe Newcastle Strategy 2008-2011. She introduced the strategy and revisited its core themes.

Members will receive a copy of the printed strategy by 6 October 2008. A wrap around summary would be sent to all households in Newcastle during October 2008.

George Kelly suggested that a note should be sent to members with a timetable of strategy-related events and distribution days.

G Tullock

RESOLVED – That:

- (i) the report be noted;
- (ii) a note be circulated to members with a timetable of the strategy-related events and distribution days.

179. **SAFE NEWCASTLE PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT – RESTRICTED**

Submitted (previously circulated and copy attached to Official Minutes):

- (i) Performance Management Update

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Report by Christine Knox (Community Safety Officer - Performance) and Helen Wilding (Partnership Drugs Co-ordinator).

(ii) Performance Update Report, Safe Newcastle Strategy 2008/09, September 2008

Report by Christine Knox (Community Safety Officer - Performance)

(a) Performance Management Update

Christine Knox presented the reports and highlighted the main points.

Whilst there were no formal assessment requirements upon Safe Newcastle, the Partnership had carried out its own self-assessment and built actions into the improvement plan. An update would be provided for the next meeting.

**C Knox and
H Wilding**

A member queried methods of measuring performance when there were no concrete targets. C Knox explained that there was a set of in-depth national standards. The guidance was more detailed than the summary outlined in the report. The detailed guidance would be circulated to members.

C Knox

The Chair commented that whilst the report was a helpful background document, the future reports should simply outline the targets and the progress of Safe Newcastle against them. The use of jargon should be avoided.

**C Knox and
H Wilding**

The Chair also commented on the section of the report relating to Implications for Safe Newcastle and suggested that members should be presented with a list of indicators, the explanation of indicator and the progress of Safe Newcastle in relation to them.

The Chair asked for future performance reports to be printed in colour and on white paper.

**V
Demchenko**

Members discussed the Assessment of Policing and Community Safety (APACS), the new performance assessment framework for the Police. It was noted that whilst the APACS were easy to report on, there was a gap between the actual figures and the perception of the situation. The gap was a difficult issue to deal with. Susan Doolan of Government Office North East confirmed that there was a perception gap and indicated that a special team had been set up by the Government Office North East to work on addressing this issue.

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- (i) the report and further updates be received;
 - (ii) the progress be noted;
 - (iii) the results of the self-assessment be submitted to the next meeting;
 - (iv) the detailed guidance on measuring performance for Safe Newcastle be circulated to members;
 - (v) future reports be simplified, with a clear list of targets and the Safe Newcastle progress against them;
 - (vi) Responsible Authorities continue to monitor the progress made in the development of the Safe Newcastle PMF which incorporates the implementation of national performance requirements.
- (b) Performance Update Report, Safe Newcastle Strategy 2008/09, September 2008**

Christine Knox outlined the progress as in the report.

With regard to National Indicator 21, the findings of the Residents Survey will not be known until early 2009 and not 2008 as in the report.

Members were asked to submit their suggestions for any additional categories of crime. Members were advised to e-mail Christine Knox with their suggestions.

Members

A member pointed out that there was no update on all aspects the Safe Newcastle Improvement Plan 2008/09. The Chair asked for a note with the update to be circulated to members. The Chair also asked for updates to be included in future reports.

C Knox

RESOLVED – That:

- (i) the report be received;
- (ii) the Responsible Authorities Group be delegated to closely monitor levels of acquisitive and violent crime at their monthly meetings and take necessary remedial or preventative action as

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required;

- (iii) members would submit their suggestions on additional categories of crime via e-mailing Christine Knox;
- (iv) a note with the update on the Safe Newcastle Improvement Plan 2008/09 be circulated to members and further updates be included in future reports;
- (v) further performance updates be received as necessary.

180. **SAFE NEWCASTLE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT
2008/2009 QUARTER 1 – RESTRICTED**

Submitted: Report by Christine Knox and Helen Wilding (previously circulated and copy attached to Official Minutes).

Christine Knox presented the report and outlined the status of the annual allocation and expenditure for 2008/09 and spend to date. Members were invited to contact Christine Knox if they had any exchange capacity relating to spend.

H Wilding drew members' attention to the situation around Young People's Drug and Alcohol resources. A missing appendix was available for members at the meeting.

H Wilding

It was further noted that the actual figures would be more representative in the Quarter 2 report.

**C Knox and
H Wilding**

Members noted that the report contained a number of technical terms and abbreviation and suggested that a glossary should be added to future reports.

**C Knox and
H Wilding**

RESOLVED – That:

- (i) the report be received;
- (ii) future reports be submitted to the Board on a quarterly basis;
- (iii) future reports to include glossary.

C Knox

181. **DEVELOPMENT OF SAFE NEWCASTLE STRUCTURE AND
STRATEGIC CYCLE**

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Submitted: Report by Helen Wilding, Partnership Drugs Coordinator (previously circulated and copy attached to Official Minutes).

It was noted that a number of areas for improvement were identified through the review of the Safe Newcastle Strategy 2008-2011 development process. Further report on this subject will be submitted in November 2008. **H Wilding**

Members discussed the work timetable and dates of future meetings. Members agreed to hold two half days in November 2008 for the next Board meeting and the Annual General Meeting (AGM). The dates would be agreed and confirmed in due course. **H Wilding**

The Chair noted that there was a gap between June and November 2009 and proposed to hold a meeting in September 2009. **H Wilding**

It was further noted that members will be notified about the updated timetable. **H Wilding**

RESOLVED – That:

- (i) the timetable be amended to incorporated two half days in November 2008 for the Board meeting and the Annual General Meeting and to incorporate a meeting between June and November 2009, possibly in September 2009;
- (ii) the updated timetable be circulated to members;
- (iii) a further report on the identified improvements for future strategy development process be submitted to the November meeting;
- (iv) further reports and recommendations be submitted to the next meeting.

182. **CONSULTATION ON GREEN PAPER: “FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD TO THE NATIONAL: POLICING OUR COMMUNITIES TOGETHER”**

Submitted:

(i) Report by Community Safety Co-ordinator (previously circulated and copy attached to Official Minutes);

(ii) Presentation notes (circulated at the meeting and copy attached to

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Official Minutes).

G Tullock delivered a Power Point presentation and outlined the proposals of the Green Paper. Safe Newcastle needed to respond to the Green Paper by 10 October 2008. Members were invited to discuss the proposals and identify areas that should be supported and any areas of concern.

Amongst the points made and questions asked by members during the discussion, were the following:

- There was little detail in the Green Paper and many questions remained unanswered. This raised concerns;
- Funding for the proposals would not be new funding and it was unclear where it would come from. If the funding was allocated from Area Based Grant (ABG), this would put additional restrictions on the use of the ABG;
- The role of Community Crime Fighters was unclear;
- The proposal to directly elect Crime and Policing Representatives raised concerns. Questions existed around lack of clarity regarding representation, the election process and how the new process would fit into the current operational structure. Would the directly elected Crime and Policing Representatives be vigorously checked? How long can the elected Representative stay in their role? The Green Paper did not provide details on this subject;
- The proposals did not fit in with the Policing operational requirements;
- The whole constitution of the Police Authority would need to be changed;
- Concerns were raised regarding delivery of Police anti-terrorism services via the community services;
- The Local Authority was historically the co-ordinator, how will the co-ordination be shared between the Police Authority and the Local Authority?
- The proposals seemed to be disjointed;

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- The proposed involvement of the voluntary sector could over-bureaucratise the Partnership;
- The proposal to add probation trusts to the list of Responsible Authorities was welcomed.

The Chair suggested that all members be e-mailed asking them to comment on the Green Paper.

G Tullock

RESOLVED – That:

- (i) the report and the comments made be noted;
- (ii) the response to Green Paper be drafted and circulated to members for comment in line with the required timescale.

183. **ALCOHOL STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

Gillian Tullock provided an update on the Alcohol Strategy development. She explained that a comprehensive set of responses to the consultation process had been received and analysed. The Strategy revision would be completed by mid October 2008 with a view to presents it at the Newcastle Partnership on 4 November 2008.

The Chair was asked to formally endorse the Strategy on behalf of the Safe Newcastle.

Chair

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

184. **MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING**

Submitted (previously circulated and copy attached to Official Minutes):

- (i) Minutes of the meeting held on 15 May 2008;
- (ii) Minutes of the special meeting held on 24 June 2008.

It was further noted that the comments made by members at the meeting held on 24 June 2008 relating to the Draft Alcohol Strategy have been incorporated.

RESOLVED – That

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- (i) the minutes of the meeting held on 15 May 2008 be approved as a correct record;
- (ii) the minutes of the special meeting held on 24 June 2008 be endorsed as a correct record.

185. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**(a) Funding opportunity – neighbourhood crime and justice**

George Kelly informed the meeting about an additional funding opportunity to appoint to a neighbourhood crime and justice post. Home Office funding was guaranteed till 2010 and could be used for engagement and communication purposes and raising the profile of criminal justice agencies. The Chair was asked to endorse and sign the proposal.

(b) Introduction for the next meeting

The Chair suggested incorporating an introductory session at the next meeting, at which members could talk about their work and their role within Safe Newcastle and how the strategy was important for their organisation. This suggestion was supported.

(c) Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting of Safe Newcastle will be held in November 2008 and the exact date and time will be agreed and confirmed in due course.