

**BUILDING SAFER COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME BOARD
MEETING 2, 19 NOVEMBER 2013, 13:00 – 15:00
The Engine Shed, Edinburgh**

Membership

Paul Johnston	Scottish Government (Chair)
Jackie Brock	Children in Scotland
DCC Rose Fitzpatrick	Police Scotland
Karyn McCluskey	Violence reduction Unit
Prof. Susan McVie	The Scottish Centre for Crime and Justice Research/The University of Edinburgh
Wendy Wilkinson	Scottish Government

In Attendance

Lorna Ascroft	Scottish Government
Duncan Beamish	Scottish Government
Kirsty Bosley	Scottish Government
Euan Dick	Scottish Government
Eleanor Gaw	Scottish Police Authority
Will Linden	Violence Reduction Unit
Liam Macpherson	Scottish Government
Tom McMahan	Scottish Government
Shalani Raghavan	Scottish Government
Cheryl Smith	National Advisor
Inspector Ian Thompson	Police Scotland/Glasgow Housing Association
Richard Whetton	National Advisor

Apologies

Lesley Fraser	Scottish Government
David Hume/Moi Ali	Scottish Police Authority
Bob Jack	SOLACE
Rev. Martin Johnstone	Poverty Truth Commission
ACO Lewis Ramsay	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Item 1 – Welcome and Introductions

1. Lesley Fraser (Scottish Government, Director for Housing Regeneration and Welfare), David Hume and Moi Ali have been added to the Board. Representatives from the health service and the prison service are to be approached and invited to join. Apologies were noted.

ACTION POINT 1: Paul Johnston to identify and invite a representative of the health service and prison service to join the board by the 17 January.

Item 2 – Minutes of the Last Meeting (Paper BSC 2.1)

2. The action points from the previous meeting were confirmed as achieved and the minutes were accepted.

Item 3 – Scoping the Programme (Paper BSC 2.2)

3. Following the bi-lateral meetings, the revisions made to the programme were highlighted. An ambitious aim for phase 1, to reduce the number of victims of crime in Scotland, was set out.
4. Euan Dick explained the statistical work that had been done to identify an aim for phase 1. The Scottish Criminal Justice Survey shows that 126,000 fewer people in Scotland were the victim of crime in 2010-11 than in 2005-06. If that trend continues we can expect a similar reduction (112,000) over the five years from 2010-11 to 2016-17, and can give a base line for setting the aim for the programme. It was agreed that a stretch aim should be aspirational if transformational changes are to be made.
5. The following points were noted in discussion:
 - A fuller understanding of why crime has fallen dramatically in recent years would help inform what reduction in crime victimisation is possible, and what measures would influence a further reduction.
 - A stretch aim is not supposed to be a scientific endeavour. Instead it should be impossible to achieve if the current practice only is retained or people just work harder. It must be sufficiently challenging to require significant change to happen.
 - Comparing crime statistics from different jurisdictions can be difficult due to variations in how crime is defined in different countries. Therefore that wider context will not be readily available.
 - The public will not distinguish between a stretch aim and a target. The programme board will need to consider the risk this poses and how we can handle it.
 - Recent research suggests the reduction in victims of crime between 2005-06 and 2010-11 was largely the result of a reduction in single incident victims rather than in repeat incident victims. The Board should consider to what extent the programme should focus on reducing repeat victimisation.

ACTION POINT 2: Susan McVie and Euan Dick to undertake further statistical analysis to inform the level and scope of the aim and advise on the stretching but achievable final proposal to the Board via correspondence by the 17 January. This advice should include the progress that has already been made since 2010-11.

6. Proposed outcome measures for the projects were introduced and will be finalised in discussion with the Advisory Groups by the next board meeting.
7. In discussion the following point was made:

- Housebreaking and disorder were both suggested as issues that can have a major impact on people's feelings of safety. While the aim does not explicitly address these areas, they are included in the vision for the programme and they will be captured by the outcome measures for the projects.

ACTION POINT 3: Wendy Wilkinson to ensure the outcome measures for the projects are finalised in discussion with the Advisory Groups prior to the next board meeting.

Item 4 – Programme Update (Paper BSC 2.3)

8. Tom McMahon updated the board on delivery of the programme. The key achievement has been the success in raising the profile of the programme and of the board as an authorising body through events, meetings and our online presence. The following will be delivered for the next board meeting:
 - A first draft of the assets based approaches review will be prepared
 - The collaborative statement of good scrutiny and engagement will be updated and piloted with Highland Council as a self-assessment tool. HMICS will use the collaborative statement for their next round of inspections.
 - An initial proposal for phase 2 of the programme focusing on unintentional injury will be developed.
 - A risks and issues register will be prepared.
9. The following point was made in discussion:
 - Clear milestones and deadlines for project deliverables should be available and include the work of the board members' organisations where appropriate.

ACTION POINT 4: The Programme Office to confirm project schedules with the Advisory Groups by the next Board meeting.

ACTION POINT 5: Board members to suggest programme risks and issues by the 17 January for the Programme Office to develop in advance of the next Board meeting.

10. Board Members were offered the floor to provide an insight into any topics that may be of benefit to the programme. The following were discussed:
 - Rose Fitzpatrick presented the community policing approach being taken in Gowkthrapple, especially her personal view of the success being achieved and positive indicators that are available. An open invitation was made to Board Members to visit the project.
 - Karyn McCluskey highlighted the release of a report by the Carnegie Trust into asset based approaches. Four of the twelve approaches chosen to develop as a case study are Scottish, and the report provides a clear insight into the enabling work being done across the UK. (<http://carnegieuktrust.org.uk/publications/2013/the-enabling-state-from-rhetoric-to-reality>).

- Richard Whetton described a review he has carried out of asset based approaches using Total Place methodology in Edinburgh, Aberdeen, and Dundee. The findings include the length of time required for projects to be a success, the need to include communities from an early time in the decisions making process, and the need to avoid treating this work as ‘projects’.
- Rose Fitzpatrick discussed the police youth volunteer programme that is being developed with YoungScot and Youthlink, providing a platform for young people to volunteer in their communities and gain real world experience. The youth volunteer programme’s focus on deprived areas links well with the Programme’s approach of focusing resources on the people and places that need them most, particularly given the concentration of crime in the 15% most deprived communities. It also provides an opportunity, in line with an Improvement Framework approach, to test the changes needed to deliver the programme’s aim. The potential to maximise benefits by making connections for this initiative between Police Scotland and SFRS was also suggested.
- Susan McVie explained research work that she is currently working on. The first of the four stages of research covers:
 - i. Developing the work carried out by Justice Analytical Services in the Scottish Government into the correlations developed to explain the reductions in crime; and to test these empirically.
 - ii. A profile of victims and whether or not the reduction in crime is due to a reduction in single victims or a reduction in repeat victims.
 - iii. Regional trends in crime statistics.
 - iv. Using crime data from the legacy Strathclyde force to link crime reduction to other socio-economic issues.
- Will Linden discussed the accident injury surveillance project. The current plan is to target the greater Glasgow area for the next roll-out of the project. Where the project has been in place, Emergency Rooms have seen a reduction in patients due to violence in line with reducing violent crime statistics for the area.

ACTION POINT 6: Board members to contact CI Tony Bone of Police Scotland if they wish see community policing in action in Gowkthrapple (tony.bone@scotland.pnn.police.uk).

ACTION POINT 7: Rose Fitzpatrick and Lewis Ramsay to discuss the potential to maximise the benefits from volunteering programmes for young people prior to the next Board meeting.

Item 5 – Opportunities for Change

13. Inspector Ian Thompson gave a presentation into the partnership approach between police, fire, and the Glasgow Housing Association. The examples used highlighted how, through working together and sharing information, the partners have been able to identify joint outcomes and see the value of the information they hold for their partners. A clear example of success can be

seen in there being no fire fatalities in a Glasgow Housing Association property since 14th July 2011, with the consequence that following previous trends, 18 people are now alive who would have died in a house fire.

ACTION POINT 8: Wendy Wilkinson to identify a housing representative to join the appropriate Advisory groups by end December.

Item 6 – Programme Governance (Paper BSC 2.4)

14. Duncan Beamish presented the current Advisory Group membership for the projects as well as the draft Communication and Engagement Plan. The Plan sets out our key messages, our key audiences and our key methods of communication. The purpose of having the plan is to help us measure the impact of our communication, encourage us to adapt our communications to changing circumstance and to allow others to hold us to account for what we say we're going to do. Board Members' contributions are sought to ensure we are joining up our communication efforts and tapping into the wider networks and expertise available.

ACTION POINT 9: All Board Members to provide written feedback on the Draft Communication and Engagement Plan and offer suggestions for additional Advisory Group members to Liam Macpherson by 10 January.

Item 7 – Next Steps

15. The third meeting of the board is scheduled for the afternoon of 27 February 2014. Feedback is sought from Board Members to where, what format, and how the next meeting should be handled. Possible suggestions include visiting a project, discussing what is the "immobiliser" of the future, or inviting a speaker.

ACTION POINT 10: Board Members to provide suggestions for the next meeting to Liam Macpherson by the 10 January.

Item 8 – Any Other Business

16. An invitation has been extended to all Board Members to attend dinner with Cormack Russell on the Monday 2 December. Dinner is being held at the Apex Waterloo Place Hotel, central Edinburgh at 7:30 pm. If you wish to attend please get in touch with Liam Macpherson by Friday 29 November. If you are unable to attend there will be a seminar held with Cormack Russell at St Andrew's House, Edinburgh on Tuesday 3 December from 1:30-2:30 pm. All are welcome to attend - please notify Liam Macpherson if you intend to do so.

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