

**BUILDING SAFER COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME BOARD
MEETING 4, 2nd APRIL 2014, 15:00 – 16:00
Verity House, Edinburgh**

Membership

Jackie Brock	Children in Scotland
Lesley Fraser	Scottish Government
David Hume	Scottish Police Authority
Bob Jack	SOLACE
Paul Johnston	Scottish Government (Chair)
Martin Johnstone	Poverty Truth Commission
Karyn McCluskey	Violence reduction Unit
Susan McVie	Scottish Centre for Crime and Justice Research
Lewis Ramsay	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Wendy Wilkinson	Scottish Government

In Attendance

Duncan Beamish	Scottish Government
Kirsty Bosley	Scottish Government
Alick Irvine	Police Scotland
Douglas Krestoff	Scottish Government
Tom McMahon	Scottish Government
Grant Manders	Police Scotland
Shalani Raghavan	Scottish Government
Cheryl Smith	Improvement Service
Martin Smith	Police Scotland
Richard Whetton	Improvement Service

Apologies

Rose Fitzpatrick	Police Scotland
Donald Henderson	Scottish Government

Item 1 – Update

1. Tom McMahon reviewed progress against the Action Points from the last meeting, noting:
 - Analysis underlying the programme’s stretch aim has been reviewed in light of the recently published 2012-13 Scottish Crime and Justice Survey (SCJS) data. The board agreed to use the 2012-13 data as its baseline, increasing the ambition of the stretch aim.
 - The 2020 Vision and Total place review had been shared with the Board.
 - Lewis Ramsay had started work on Phase 2 scoping and will share a paper on this at a Board meeting later in the year.

- Several Board members have registered interest in Martin Johnstone's community mentoring idea. Board members still wishing to register an interest should contact Duncan Beamish.
- Martin Johnstone had contacted Scottish Funder's Forum and was awaiting their reply.
- Paul Johnston and Bob Jack had spoken regarding how to best engage with SOLACE and CPPs.

AGREEMENT: The Board agreed to be ambitious and aim to achieve the 250,000 target by 2017-18 using 2012-13 as the baseline.

ACTION POINT 1: Lewis Ramsay to bring a paper on Phase 2 to a Board meeting later in the year.

ACTION POINT 2: Board members still looking to register their interest in community mentoring should contact Duncan Beamish (duncan.beamish@scotland.gsi.gov.uk).

Item 2 – Presentation

2. Richard Whetton presented the work done by the National Community Safety team (NCST) to collate police, fire, local authority and SIMD data in order to identify local areas where we could learn from innovative place-based activity and offer support for such activity in order to improve local outcomes that will in turn contribute to the delivery of the Building Safer Communities Programme's stretch aim.
3. The following points were noted in the discussion that followed:
 - There was broad support for learning from, and supporting, the areas identified. The approach should be flexible and consider inclusion of schools and prisons as places. We must be particularly sensitive to the wishes of the individuals and communities that we have identified.
 - The work with these areas must focus on achieving the Programme's stretch aim of 250,000 less victims of crime in Scotland by 2017-18.
 - The NCST should develop a narrative we can share about how the areas were identified and how we hope to learn from and support them.
 - It was noted that by favouring a geographical spread this may take some focus away from the 5% most deprived areas in Scotland.

- We should work with local communities to support their efforts, not ‘do things to them’. There should be a bottom-up rather than a top-down approach. We should use existing resources (including people, buildings and money) in different ways to achieve greater results.
- There should be a balance between learning from the identified areas and supporting development in these areas. There will also be useful learning to be obtained from areas that were not identified in this exercise.
- It will be important to learn from past investment and capacity-building in the areas identified. In so far as possible, any funding allocated as part of the programme to local communities should be spent within those local communities, rather than on service-providers who are external to or only temporarily in the areas concerned.
- We should consider the size of the areas that are being proposed. We may wish to include a larger area in the mix given the opportunities this will provide to influence mainstream service provision and budget allocation.
- We should give analytical capacity a higher profile than it typically receives and look to increase and pool our analytical capacity.

AGREEMENT: The Board supported the approach taken to identify the areas for learning and support and agreed compiling detailed profiles of these areas as the next step.

ACTION POINT 3: Programme Office to share Richard Whetton’s presentation with Board members.

ACTION POINT 4: NCST to create a short narrative – explaining how areas have been identified and how we hope to engage with the areas to learn from their innovation and offer national support – to share with the Board for comment in correspondence.

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ACTION POINT 7: Programme Office to make links with the What Works centre to explore ways of improving analytical capacity to support the delivery of safer and stronger outcomes and Karyn McClusky to explore how health analysts could contribute to the work of the programme.

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Item 4 – Next steps

4. The next meeting will be on **17 June** (13:30 - 15:30pm at Resonate, a social enterprise in Alloa, with lunch and a chance to meet people there from 12:30pm). Dates for August, October and December will be circulated shortly.

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