



**MINUTES OF SAFER BRISTOL
PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE BOARD
MEETING**

DATE: 19/05/11

**Council House
College Green
Bristol**

Executive Member:	Attended	Executive Member:	Attended
Marilyn Harrison – Avon & Somerset Probation Trust (first meeting as Chair)	✓	Maggie Telfer – BDP/Peter Walker - ARA	MT ✓
ACC John Long – Avon & Somerset Police	✓	Hugh Annett – BCC and Director Public Health	x
Kathy Headdon – Police Authority	✓	Malcolm Hawthorn – Avon Fire & Rescue Service	x
Cllr Gary Hopkins – BCC	✓	Alex Raikes - VOSCUR	x
Officers			
Rick Palmer	✓		
Observers / Presenters:			
Shabana Kauser - BCC			

1. Apologies – Chair

Apologies were received from Hugh Annett, Malcolm Hawthorn and Alex Raikes. To note that Graham Sims is replaced on the Board by Hugh Annett as the Council representative.

2. Prevent/Building the Bridge (BtB) Agenda update – Shabana Kauser [Paper previously circulated with the Agenda]

This agenda item is the Building the Bridge bi-annual update. Following a recent Building the Bridge Programme Board meeting it was thought useful to brief Safer Bristol Executive Board members both on what has been happening and looking forward.

SK is the Community Development Officer for BCC and leads on the Prevent agenda for Council. SB flagged up that Prevent is the national government's

response to violent extremism in the UK, and its name was changed in Bristol to Building the Bridge (BtB).

SB gave a presentation on Bristol's story in the journey to prevent violent extremism, the key headlines are as follows:

Context

- Population 440k
- Muslim population approx 25-30k (6%)
- Diverse population of Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Arab, African with an increasing Somali population
- Arrest, charge and conviction of Andrew Ibrahim (2008/09) following information provided from Muslim community
- The work must be led by Muslim Communities
- Structure of a Programme Board and Partnership Advisory Group was formed

Programme Board

- Honesty, transparency and accountability
- Open feedback & challenge
- Delivery of programme
- Partnership between community and agencies

Partnership Advisory Group

- To identify issues
- To provide feedback on new proposals and changes in policy
- To provide feedback on the implementation of the BTB Partnership Plan
- To have responsibility for identified areas of consultation with Muslim communities in Bristol

Lessons Learnt

- Communication, communication, communication!
- 'Hard to reach agencies'
- NI35
- Investment in time works
- Consultation
- Use of language
- Supporting vulnerable individuals

Examples of the PAG working

The Bristol Narrative

- Challenges misconceptions of the Muslim community
- Celebrates ordinary Muslims living in Bristol
- 2010 Public Sector Award at the ABC Awards for Bridging Cultures

Project Work and Achievements

- Southmead & Easton Street Art Project
- Proud 2B
- All Mosques Together
- A Woman's Role in PVE
- Naseehah (Sincere Advice – An Islamic Advisory Group, for the community by the community) – website address: www.naseehah.org

SB then outlined the Briefing Paper previously circulated with the Agenda, key points as follows:

- The national review of the Prevent Strategy, initially expected in December 2010, is due to be published on 15 May 2011 – still awaited
- Information from the Office of Public Management and the Department for Communities and Local Government further indicates:
 - Local areas will be given much more flexibility to develop an approach that fits with local communities
 - The Community Cohesion agenda, to be led by Local Authorities, will seek to create a more integrated society
 - The 3 main drivers will be Big Society, localism and decentralisation
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- The way forward for Bristol:
On 9 May 2011 the BTB Programme Board held an extraordinary meeting, facilitated by Deputy Chief Executive Graham Sims. A cross section of those involved in the 'stronger' agenda across the city were also invited.

The meeting examined options for the way forward with the BtB work in light of the national steer, and also looked at the opportunities for providing a more coherent approach to the 'stronger' approach in Bristol.

Key points from the meeting included:

- Recognition that much had been achieved from the BtB approach and the essential elements should be maintained – especially those that have been mainstreamed
- Recognition of the opportunities to use the BtB approach to similar challenges in the City
- An undertaking from Di Robinson to do further work on an options paper to be presented and considered at a further bespoke meeting in mid June 2011

MH thanked SB for the high quality of the presentation and how the model of the project has worked and can be used across other types of communities.

SB confirmed one of her roles is a schools programme element, including a Conviction film which works well and addresses some of the key issues that affect young people. SB also developing a resource aimed at primary schools of six boxes covering different equality strands including race, disability, faith, age, to raise awareness.

KH raised an issue around quality assured data and the pressure on all agencies to have data to show value for money (VFM). SK confirmed there is a focus on showing VFM and that there is a difference between money spent on Prevent and that on Community Cohesion. RP has just met with Core Cities who will meet again in November to come up with a work programme to work together. Bristol has effectively become a market leader in Prevent work.

MH suggested SK could champion Bristol's Prevent programme and deliver this presentation nationally as a model of good practice, and suggested marketing the training packs in a commercial way.

GH raised concerns regarding the narrow focus of the Home Office strategy on Prevent, together with the need to continue our balanced approach through Building the Bridge.

3. Minutes of the meeting held 17th February 2011 – Chair

The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting. MH flagged up the Models of Care Consultation to be held 4th July 2011, invitations are being sent out.

3. Review of actions – Chair

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| 3.1 17/2/11 | Completed |
| 3.2 17/2/11 | Completed |
| 8.1 17/2/11 | RP/KH have discussed implications of shift in grant funding from Police Authority to PCC. Still waiting for more clarity, KH to keep RP informed. Action discharged. |
| 10.1 17/2/11 | Completed |
| 11.1 17/2/11 | Completed |
| 13.1 17/2/11 | Completed (Reducing Re-offending Board first meeting held, well attended although did not have voluntary sector representation, MH to invite CLICK South West). |

4. Performance – Rick Palmer

[Reports previously circulated with the agenda]

4.1 **SPAR Net short report (RP)**

This report closes off the year just gone

4.2 Crime

Main headlines are as follows:

- Last year Bristol did not achieve our aspired end of year target of under 50,000 crimes in the city but we did achieve 6.2% reduction from the previous year – total recorded crime for 2010/11 was 50,595
- Serious Acquisitive Crimes – 17.2% reduction from the previous year
- Bristol is now at the lowest robbery rate c75% reduction since 2001/02
- 14.6% reduction in rape and a significant improvement in the detection rates around the serious sexual offences category
- An increase in reported drug offences but the more information you get, the more warrants executed, the more offences get reported and recorded
- Hate crime reduced by 10.7% last year
- There has been a sea-change in what is recorded and categorised as a crime over the last 10 years eg new offences have come in as recordable offences eg harassment.

These are many success stories which should be capitalised on in the current climate of pressure on joint initiative funding.

RP is endeavouring to bring together crime statistics and other indicators with Quality of Life to show improvements on a geographic basis. RP is also working up a longer term plan particularly around Stapleton Road and it would be a great opportunity to manage that and then show in 12 months time what has been achieved.

Over the next 3 year plan Safer Bristol will focus on reducing crime by c15%, particularly in relation to tackling anti-social behaviour and violent crime.

MH was pleased to inform the Executive that for the first time during a re-offending period from January 2010 to December 2010 Bristol showed an improvement to 4% the 3 earlier period were much higher. It is hoped that this trend will continue. The current predicted rate of re-offending for Bristol is set at 10.7% and the actual rate was 11.1%, an increase of 4%. Our target is –7% which will be a challenge but any reduction in re-offending is a positive position.

ACTION 4.1: MH to provide GH with comparative statistics for the ex-Avon area

4.3 **Drugs/Alcohol**

[Local Performance Management Summary 2010/11 Q4 from NTA tabled]

Q4 figures released by the NTA this week. NTA visit 13th May 2011 met with MH, JL and RP and looked at Bristol as a 'can do' organisation to deliver the Recovery agenda. Bristol's priorities are around successful completions and TOPS compliancy, we are moving in the right direction in both areas.

Successful completions

Moving in the right direction and if we can manage that performance we will be at low risk of losing any money in September.

TOPS compliance

Bristol had been performing badly, but last month Bristol achieved 84% and 73% year to date and is starting to consolidate performance. MT confirmed it is on track and currently amber but will shortly become green.

4.4 **YOT**

RP went through paper previously circulated with the Agenda.

NI43, Custody: a significant improvement for 2010/11

NI44, Ethnicity: a target had not been set, but data will be re-examined in more detail to ensure there is nothing in the way that we work that is institutionalised

NI45, ETE: we had set a local target of 75% and our outcome at the overall end of year remains a reasonably good achievement in current circumstances at 70.83%

NI46, Accommodation: no longer a national indicator but the 4th quarter outcome was 92.9% and the overall end of year outcome was 96.2% verses a target of 92%

NI111, First Time Entrants: The quarter 4 performance was -22.7% and the overall end year outcome -22.18% verses a target of -5%, the performance is well over target

KH flagged up possible correlation between NI45 (ETE) and the low proportion of Asians in Youth Justice system.

ACTION 4.2: RP to look into a possible correlation between ETE outcomes in comparison with Ethnicity

5. Local Strategic Partnership – John Long

This was the first meeting with JL as Chair.

- Agreed to streamline business for the year ahead and make it greater value for money
- Looked at youth employment and apprenticeships, the LSP wants to create 1,000 apprenticeships for the year ahead

KH will ensure that in the bidding dialogue for the new custody facilities being built under a PFI, agreement that apprenticeships will be included.

RP raised issue around diversity of those apprenticeships eg Landlord Services finding it hard to recruit BME apprentices.

6. Partnership Agreement – Rick Palmer

RP has refreshed this document with the following 3 amendments:

- Removed National Indicators
- Removed references to GOSW
- Updated Appendix 3 Safer Bristol Partnership structure chart

Action 6.1 Appendix 1, Structure Chart for the Safer Bristol Executive: RP will refresh around priorities and cluster some of the Groups over the coming weeks and months (MH requested that the Reducing Re-Offending Board sits below the Executive in the structure)

7. AOB

JL: Before the next Board meeting Channel 4 will screen a Dispatches programme showing the work of the IOM and prolific offenders going through their journey. JL attended the legal viewing a few weeks ago, likely screening date c13th June 2011. Police and Probation press officers to work closely and ensure there is a joined up briefing for MPs etc.

KH:

- we are still monitoring PCC position and impact this will have on grant funding
- Phase 3 reviews being undertaken by the Constabulary and Police Authority in matching resources to delivery
- before the next Executive Board meeting the Police Authority Annual meeting is being held in June, and if the Safer Bristol representative changes this could be KHs last meeting
- the PCC Transition Panel has been established, each authority has a sub panel, and a Transfer Document will be available in the autumn

MH: We may need to refresh who we invite to the Executive Board

ACTION 7.1: Board members to consider the purpose of the Board and effective representation

Action Point	Matters arising	By Whom	By When
4.1 19/5/11	Reducing Re-offending: MH to provide GH with comparative statistics for the ex-Avon area	MH	ASAP
4.2 19/5/11	RP to look into a possible correlation between NI 45 ETE outcomes in comparison with NI44 Ethnicity	RP	Next meeting
6.1 19/5/11	Appendix 1, Structure Chart for the Safer Bristol Executive: RP will refresh around priorities and cluster some of the Groups over the coming weeks and months (MH requested that the Reducing Re-Offending Board sits below the Executive in the structure)	RP	On-going
7.1 19/5/11	Board members to consider the purpose of the Safer Bristol Executive Board and effective representation	ALL	Next meeting

The meeting finished at 15:45 pm.

Next meeting: Thursday 18th August 2011, 2.00 pm – 4.30 pm