

COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP BOARD

24th October 2022 at 1.30pm

Microsoft Teams

Board Members:

Cllr Carole Pattison (Chair)	Portfolio Holder, Kirklees Council
Jacqui Stansfield	Service Manager, Kirklees Safeguarding Adults Board
Jo Richmond	Head of Communities, Kirklees Council
James Griffiths	Kirklees District Commander, WYP
Louise Fletcher	Head of Safeguarding Kirklees Health & Care Partnership
Dale Gardiner	Kirklees District Commander, WYFRS
Christopher Bell	WYFRS

Also, in Attendance:

Chris Walsh	Safer Kirklees Manager, Kirklees Council
Gill Skelton	Business Support, Kirklees Council
Rebecca Dawson	Business Support (Minutes), Kirklees Council
Neil Flenley	WYCA
Amanda Evans	Service Director for Adult Social Care Operations
Emily Parry- Harries	Head of Public Health, Kirklees Council
Karen Jackson	Locala
Joanne Atkin	Probation Service Kirklees
Mel Meggs	Director of Children's Services, Kirklees Council
Lucy Tiffany	Data & Insight, Kirklees Council
Jacqueline Theaker	Data & Insight Enablement lead, Kirklees Council
Val Johnson	Third Sector Leaders
Phil Waddington	Highways, Kirklees Council
Mark Scarr	Head of Highways

Apologies:

Jill Greenfield	Head of Local Integrated Partnerships, Kirklees Council
Cllr Mark Thompson	Conservative, Birstall and Birkenshaw, Councillor
Cllr Andrew Cooper	Green, Newsome, Councillor
Chris Rogers Thomas	Probation
Graham West	Service Director Highways and Streetscene
Rebecca Calpin	WYP

Item 1: Welcome & Introductions - Councillor Pattison

- Cllr Pattison – Welcomed all to the Communities Partnership Board meeting and apologies were noted

Item 2: Communities Partnership Plan Updates on:

(a) Performance framework for the Communities Plan - Lucy Tiffany

The Board was given an overview of the Data and Insight Service which comprises of 3 technical functions (Customer insight, research and evaluation / Business intelligence analytics and data visualisation & Data management and engineering function).

The board were presented with an example of how the Communities Partnership Plan dashboard will look and how it will provide 'at a glance' overview of performance metrics as headlines with the opportunity to drill down deeper into data to explore exceptions.

The dashboard example showed ASB and neighbourhood crime and changes can be seen from the previous financial year, including previous incidents and a future forecast. The indicators can be investigated by crime type, time and location including as a hot spot map.

Work is ongoing to look at developing the dashboard in consultation with the Communities so that it can drive performance across the Partnership Plan.

Board members were asked for comments in relation to the pack provided. Key points of note were making sure the product covered the scope of partnership plan priorities, making sure there was sufficient analysis to explain trends and the need to tailor the package ie strategic decision making vs operational responses. There was a strong desire to ensure qualitative measures and understanding was incorporated into the analysis.

Actions:

LT / JT to ensure progress made across all themes in the partnership and involve the Communities Board in developing the dashboard.

All to consider giving feedback to the Data Team and or Chris Walsh.

(b) Theme group stocktake - Chris Walsh

CW provided an overview of the current status of each of the theme groups delivering the partnership plan priorities. This considered whether key elements were in place such as Strategy / Action Plan, Delivery Group, Terms of Reference, Intelligence picture).

Action:

Communities Board to receive regular exception updates regarding delivery of theme groups.

(c) Threats review/horizon scanning - Jo Richmond / Sarah Mitchell / West Yorkshire Police

ASB Review – Jo Richmond

This provided the Board with an overview of the recent review of the partnership ASB strategy and recommendations for improvement – in particular about how relationships and responses to ASB reporting could be more co-ordinated and consistent in terms of referral pathways.

The board discussed the recommendations and emphasised the importance of involving communities and making sure vulnerabilities / safeguarding issues considered in developing ASB approaches.

Action

Recommendations to be implemented and Board to receive updates as appropriate.

Migration Update - Sarah Mitchell

The board received an update on migration issues across the different programmes (Ukraine / Asylum dispersal) along with challenges associated with service provision such as accommodation.

In relation to the Ukrainian response, the board were updated on work undertaken to support arrivals and their host families including through Community Anchor organisations. A number of challenges were flagged such as breakdown of placements, finding suitable housing and how families / individuals move on.

In terms of Asylum dispersal, the board were given an overview of provision with a particular focus on large scale accommodation (which Kirklees have no control or influence over) for single males with little money to live on. It was also highlighted how there had been protests from right wing groups from outside the area although there had been minimal support by local residents in relation to these.

Violent incidents in North Huddersfield - James Griffiths

JG provided the board with an update on recent violent incidents in the North Huddersfield and outlined work undertaken ranging from interventions to prevent young people getting involved in gangs through to enforcement activity relating to organised criminal gangs.

The board discussed recent events including the fatal stabbing of a young person and highlighted the need to learn from other areas to better engage and deter young people at risk of violence and exploitation.

It was noted that work is starting on the Serious Violence Duty and that there is funding from the VRU coming into Kirklees to support work in this area.

Item 3: Road Safety – Reducing Casualties, Improving Perceptions - Mayor’s Office, Police, Highways, Road Safety Group

Perceptions of Road Safety – Neil Flenley

NF explained the ‘Your View Survey’ (previously called the Public Perception Survey) provides an up-to-date measure of public perceptions relating to crime and safety issues. NF highlighted that the survey is now online (rather than postal) which has improved the profile of respondents (to more accurately reflect the population) although this had meant that perception scores had generally went down. NF also highlighted that an online survey could be forwarded to pressure groups and highlighted a disproportionately high response from one of the rural Wards which were thought to be connected with a local road safety group.

The board were provided with an overview of road safety perceptions and how this was a key concern for the public:

- Nearly 80% of respondents said road safety in Kirklees is an issue for them.
- 30% of respondents said road safety – dangerous driving is their number 1 concern.
- 50% of people who responded were from 1 electoral ward - Kirkburton.

NF highlighted different priorities in different parts of Kirklees with concerns tending to be higher in areas where crime was proportionately lower – for example concerns about dangerous driving was higher in areas where respondents generally felt safer.

NF highlighted recent research from July shows the concerns from qualitative data are problem parking and the safety of children and the school-run.

EP-H suggested that the Kirklees Click survey for those living in Kirklees with a 6,000 reach could potentially be used alongside this.

Highways - Phil Waddington

PW provided an overview of current statistics to highlight how the number of people killed and seriously injured on the roads has fallen in the longer term and is now relatively stable and in line with the trends across West Yorkshire.

PW introduced the Vision Zero which aims to ensure nobody killed or seriously injured as a result of road traffic collisions. The West Yorkshire strategy plan compliments other strategies such as the Local Transport Plan and links with the Mayor’s Police and Crime Plan. The strategy is based on addressing 5 pillars (safe speeds, safe roads, vehicles, behaviours and post collision learning) and recognises the need to address individual mistakes and involving communities in solutions.

PW also talked through the Kirklees Highways strategy which has been updated in line with Vision Zero and will be launched in the forthcoming months. PW outlined some of the work undertaken to improve safety including a district wide speed limit review, safety focussed engineering schemes, use of Speed Indicator Devices and the Mode-Shift programme with schools including road safety training.

Action:

PW to invite NF to the Road Safety Partnership meeting.

Kirklees Road Safety Partnership - Chris Bell

CB updated the Board on the draft Road Safety Strategy sitting under the risk theme of the Communities Partnership Plan. CB explained how the strategy aims to both (1) reduce the number of people killed and seriously injured and (2) improve perceptions of safety by looking at the features of collisions – people, places, vehicles alongside peak times when collisions are most common.

CB provided examples of activities under each of these themes:

- Driver behaviours - speeding, drink / drug driving, using mobile phones & seat belts
- Vulnerable road users – cyclists, pedestrians (older / younger)
- Vehicle issues – unsafe / inconsiderate parking, loud vehicles and uninsured / taxed
- Location – schools, general hotspots (urban / rural roads)
- Time / Seasonal – winter (darker nights), festive period

CB explained how the Road Safety Partnership is looking to expand group and for new members so have recently approached Brake, the Ambulance Service and Public Health are attending the next meeting.

CB outlined how the strategy is reviewed on a regular basis, taking into account current intelligence and what is working in terms of interventions.

CB concluded by highlighting Road Safety Week in November and the various partnership interventions including engagement activities at colleges, days of actions in town centres, a focus on safe parking and the use of community SID will be used at schools.

Board members discussed how they might support work relating to road safety, in particular involving communities (which will be different depending on the area), work in vulnerable locations such as schools and how to influence behaviour change.

Cllr Pattison thanked the presenters and the board for their input, before stressing importance of communities being part of the solution and how perceptions may have been affected by lockdown as more people at home.

Actions:

Road Safety Partnership to ensure points raised by the Board are reflected in the Partnership Road Safety Strategy.

PW to share Vision Zero priority plan.

Item 4: Any Other Business Policy Scanning Update

Cllr Pattison explained that the Policy update document has been circulated with the agenda. If partners wish to receive it in future, please let us know.

Item 5: Date of the Next Meeting and Close of Meeting

6th December 2022 at 1pm which will be hybrid.