

ANGUS COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT DAY

**Webster's Memorial Theatre
Wednesday 10 December 2008**

Present:

Alan Campbell (AC)	Divisional Commander, Eastern Division, Tayside Police (Chair)
Ron Ashton (RA)	Director of Neighbourhood Services, Angus Council
Alan McKeown (AMcK)	Head of Housing, Neighbourhood Services, Angus Council
Bob Myles (BM)	Community Safety Manager, Community Safety Team, Angus Council
Bill Strachan (BS)	Senior Service Manager, Corporate Planning, Angus Council
Vivian Smith (VS)	Community Planning Manager, Angus Council
Steve Urquhart (SU)	Planning Officer (Children's Services), Social Work, Angus Council
Andy Hermiston (AH)	Community Safety Manager, Tayside Fire and Rescue
Ron McNaughton (RMcN)	Community Safety Inspector, Eastern Division, Tayside Police
Isla Davidson (ID)	Strategy Support Co-ordinator, Community Safety Team, Angus Council
Claire Robertson (CR)	Community Intelligence Analyst, Tayside Police
Genna Dall (GD)	NHS Tayside Management Trainee

1. Welcome

AC welcomed everyone to the development day and outlined the running order for the morning.

2. SOA – Vivienne Smith/Bill Strachan

VS gave a background and update on the current stage of the SOA. She noted that progress in the SOA was measured by indicators set against a range of outcomes. She stated that the indicators which are relevant to the Community Safety Partnership are:

- *National Outcome 4: Our young people are successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens.*
- *National Outcome 9: Communities in Angus are safe, secure and vibrant.*

Of the CSP indicators for the 08/09 SOA, most have been completed. VS mentioned that guidance was forthcoming from the Scottish Government regarding the SOA from 2009-2012. There will be differences although local authorities will still have to align to the 15 National Outcomes. The Community Safety Partnership will have outcomes which support the main themes at the national level. VS indicated that discussions are underway regarding the progress of this and exactly how it will develop.

VS also indicated that Angus Community Safety Partnership was well ahead mainly thanks to:

- *Strategic Assessment Document – a strong document which shows our work operationally*
- *Community Safety Surveys – supports the priorities identified in the strategic assessment*

However, work is still needed on actions and targets. The SOA requires to be submitted by the end of February 2009, so target will need to be complete by this time.

RA noted that at the present time, there was no indication that the Scottish Government will move funding over progress within the SOA. However, this may come eventually.

BS raised the question of how the partnership emphasises what is important to Angus and do we preclude the important Angus based issues by accepting the 15 national indicators.

AC noted that the Strategic Assessment document for 2008 was already complete and the cycles for the SOA and the Strategic Assessment did not match. VS responded by stating that the SOA will be reviewed annually anyway and will be an evolving document rather than a definitive course.

BM mentioned the 20 core themes of the strategic assessment document and noted that all 20 were not necessarily relevant to Angus. To implement the high level recommendations, an action plan was required.

AMcK asked how the Angus Community Safety Partnership could link in with other partnerships i.e. social work and education. SU noted that the SOA was being discussed at other partnerships at present. VS stated that the issue surrounding cross cutting came out in discussions with all the Community Planning Partners and there is a need for the implementation group to pick up conflicts between groups (e.g. Youth Justice and Community Safety Co-ordinating and Tasking Group) as often the same people are involved in these groups.

Actions from discussions around the SOA

- **A sub group from the partnership requires to be set up to take forward actions and targets**
- **Targets will require to be set by the end of January**
- **This sub group should also monitor the Strategic Assessment document**

3. Role and Remit of Angus Community Safety Partnership

The role and remit of the Community Safety Partnership was discussed, asking the question of whether, in its current form, it is fit for purpose. It was agreed that there would be no substantive changes to the terms of reference for the partnership and the terms of reference were agreed in principle.

AC presented what the perceived current gaps in membership of the main partnership were.

- Education
- Health
- Social Work

After discussion, it was agreed that these agencies should have buy in to the business of the ACSP when that business was appropriate to their agency. It was recognised that there needed to be a better flow of information (minutes etc) to relevant agencies and staff where appropriate. This also applied to the tactical and operational groups overseen by the partnership.

It was agreed that one of the main functions of the partnership was to oversee the work of the two tactical and operational groups, namely

- ASB Tasking and Co-ordinating Group
- Community Safety Tasking and Co-ordinating Group

It was agreed that the current chair of the partnership was the correct one and the CSP should continue to be chaired by Tayside Police.

4. Anti-social Behaviour and Community Safety Strategy

The provision of information from agencies was discussed. It was noted that at present the information used to task the tactical groups and to feed the strategic assessment was mainly coming from Tayside Police and there is a need for all agencies to pass information to the Community Intelligence Analyst.

Some agencies stated that it was difficult to know what information was being collected. GD noted that not all areas within the NHS were necessarily collecting information.

The need to improve buy by all partners was discussed. Partners noted that the tactical document should be emailed to all who have actions for delivery e.g. should be emailed to all representatives on the Integrated Community Schools Partnerships.

VS noted that Community Planning were looking at links between thematic arrangements at local level and were developing the “patch” approach to delivering in certain areas

5. Structures for Delivery

VS mentioned diversionary activities which were being undertaken by Angus College which have perhaps not been factored into the assessment document.

RA noted that there were also voluntary sector projects which were similarly not noted. The Community Intelligence Analyst is to link in with Gary Malone of the Volunteer Centre and with Angus College re their ongoing diversionary activities.

The frequency of ACSP meetings was discussed. It was suggested and agreed that the meeting now take place on a quarterly basis. It was also agreed that the partnership would report directly to the Community Planning Partnership.

6. AOCB

BM mentioned that the Community Safety Team wished to change their logo/headed paper etc to say Angus Community Safety Partnership instead of Angus Community Planning Partnership. It was agreed that this would be ok but that BM should contact Merlyn Dunn at Economic Development regarding the logo.