

**CENTRAL AREA POLICE AND
COMMUNITY SAFETY
CONSULTATIVE FORUM**
in
the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Hartlepool
on
Thursday, 22 April 2010
commencing at 10.00 am

A G E N D A

1. Apologies for absence
2. MINUTES
 - (a) To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 28 January 2010
 - (b) Matters arising
3. Update from the Police
4. Update from the Fire Brigade
5. Anti-Social Behaviour Unit Update
6. Crime and Disorder Co-ordination Update
7. Public Question Time
8. Any issues to be raised by Councillors and Resident Representatives
9. Any Other Business Agreed by the Chair

WARDS

Burn Valley
Elwick
Foggy Furze
Grange
Park
Rift House
Stranton

***CENTRAL POLICE &
COMMUNITY SAFETY
CONSULTATIVE FORUM***

28 January 2010

MINUTES OF THE MEETING



The meeting commenced at 10.00 am at
Belle Vue Community Sports and Youth Centre, Kendal Road, Hartlepool

PRESENT:

Chair: Councillor Kevin Cranney – Foggy Furze Ward

Vice Chair: Resident Representative Evelyn Leck

Councillor Frances London	- Foggy Furze Ward
Councillor Carl Richardson	- Grange Ward
Councillor Chris Simmons	- Grange Ward
Councillor Hilary Thompson	- Elwick Ward
Councillor Victor Tumilty	- Grange Ward -

Resident Representatives:

Bob Farrow, Jean Kennedy, Brenda Loynes and Julie Rudge

Residents: Demi Coull, Shauna Hanley, Sam Holland, Gordon and Stella Johnson, Kira Lund, Robert Maiden, Z McKenna, Daniel Patten, Brian Stauch, Ray Waller and Juliette Ward

Officers:

- Clare Clark, Neighbourhood Manager (Central)
- Sally Forth, Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator
- Irene Cross, Neighbourhood Development Officer (Central)
- Jean Shenava, New Deal Anti Social Behaviour Officer
- Carl Gatenby, Police Anti Social Behaviour Officer
- Julie Hetherington, Community Safety Assistant
- Jo Wilson, Democratic Services Officer

Cleveland Police: Acting Chief Inspector Mick Brown, Acting Inspector Peter Howarth and Sergeant Dave Galloway

Cleveland Fire Brigade: Peter Bradley and Stu Simpson

Housing Hartlepool: Natalie l'Anson and Linda Smith

Safe in Tees Valley: Christine Davidson and Genevieve Crawford

20. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Martyn Aiken, Jonathan Brash, John Coward, Pauline Laffey, Jane Shaw and Gladys Worthy and Resident Representatives Liz Carroll and Ted Jackson.

21. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12 NOVEMBER 2009

The minutes were confirmed as a true record subject to the inclusion of Bob Farrow's apologies and the correction of "quay arsonist" to "marquee arsonist"

22. MATTERS ARISING

Resident Representative Julie Rudge advised that problems around street audits had been resolved.

The Vice-Chair highlighted increased drug activity in Stockton Road. A police officer had telephoned her and been quite aggressive in her opinion. Nothing seemed to have been done to stem the problem. The Chair requested police officers act upon this information.

23. UPDATE FROM THE POLICE

Acting Chief Inspector Mick Brown provided an overview of crime in the Cleveland Force and also the Central area of Hartlepool. Force-wide figures were down for House Burglaries, Violent Crime, Criminal Damage, Vehicle Crime and other theft while Drugs activity had risen. This positive trend had continued in Hartlepool, with the exception of violent crime which had risen by 8.6%. The numbers of arrests, cautions, charges, warrants, AS13s and Street encounters in the Central area of the town were also given.

Acting Chief Inspector Brown also highlighted a number of items of interest including Police and Communities Together (PACT), Operation Vantage and Cuppa with a Coppa. Members were advised that following issues raised by residents a cannabis farm had been discovered in the Addison Road area, a male suspected of indecently assaulting three females had been arrested and work to combat anti-social behaviour in the Cornwall Street area had achieved positive results.

The following issues were then raised:

PACT – Councillor Chris Simmons indicated that a recent PACT event involving projection onto Sheriff Street had been well attended while another held indoors had been less so. He recommended that these events be held exclusively outdoors in the future.

Cuppa with a Coppa – Councillor Chris Simmons requested that these be held in Asda and Morrisons as well as Tesco in order to enable a wider variety of the public to attend. Resident Ray Waller commented that changes to the bus service would have a detrimental effect on attendance.

Grange Ward – Councillor Chris Simmons praised the work of the police and PCSOs in the Grange Ward, particularly their regular attendance at Residents Association meetings.

Burn Valley Residents meeting – The Vice-Chair asked if the police could be represented at a residents meeting to be held on 2nd February

"Al Capone" – The Vice-Chair referred to a criminal in the Burn Valley area who was felt to be untouchable. Acting Chief Inspector Brown reminded those present that the real Al Capone had eventually

been convicted for tax evasion, saying it was not always the most straightforward approach which netted the best results. He pledged to bring an update on this situation to the next police forum.

Children and Young People – Resident Representative Jean Kennedy highlighted problems with children drinking alcohol in the Central area, suggesting somewhere should be found where they could congregate safely. The Chair advised that this was covered by the Safe in Tees Valley Assertive Outreach Service which would be discussed later in the meeting. Cost was an issue but Mrs Kennedy felt as the future of Hartlepool they were worth the money. Reference was made to the large number of young people in attendance at the meeting which was felt to be beneficial to the forum and the young people. The Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator indicated that the young people were present as part of a voluntary inspection of the Anti-Social Behaviour Unit. Resident Representative Bob Farrow highlighted the 25th anniversary of the Belle Vue Community Sports and Youth Centre this year. The main reason the centre had been opened was to give children and young people something to do and he was proud of the young people who had used the centre and were now good citizens.

Elwick – Councillor Hilary Thompson paid tribute to the work being undertaken by PCSO Cath Jones in tackling problems being experienced by farmers. Praise was also given for the resurrection of Ringmaster.

Elwick Road – Resident Ray Waller asked that police carefully consider where they held public events in Elwick Road as bad weather and problems with buses could lead to traffic gridlock. Acting Chief Inspector Brown noted these comments.

Bad behaviour – Resident Representative Christine Blakey referred to a press report that an elected member had threatened a police officer at a North Neighbourhood Forum meeting, saying the code of conduct should prevent such occurrences and that adults should set a good example to the young. Councillor Carl Richardson called for the member in question to be identified.

Neighbourhood Forums – Resident Representative Christine Blakey highlighted comments made by Councillor Victor Tumilty regarding the usefulness of the forums. Councillor Tumilty advised that he believed the forums did an excellent job but some presentations were overlong. On occasion he had witness elected members sleeping during meetings, something which would be unacceptable if they were at work. He also criticised councillors for taking over meetings with issues which they could easily resolve through officers. Residents should lead these meetings. Resident Ray Waller referred to his previous tenure as Chair of the Forum when he felt more senior officers had attended than did now. He felt residents were being dismissed and neighbourhood forums were nothing more than a series of presentations. The Chair commented that he always tried to allow the residents to have their say before resident representatives and councillors.

The Chair thanked Acting Chief Inspector Brown for attending the meeting and answering questions.

24. REDUCING REOFFENDING TEAM

Due to the unavailability of the CJIT Operations Manager this item was withdrawn from the agenda.

25. UPDATE FROM THE FIRE BRIGADE

The Fire Brigade representative, Peter Bradley, gave details of the number of incidents in the Central Area of the town between November 2009 and January 2010, where there had been a drop in all types of fire. It was acknowledged however that the inclement weather may have contributed to these figures. The work of the arson task force was highlighted as was the fact that there had been no fire related injuries reported for the period. He acknowledged the Tunstall Court fire had been a blot on an otherwise excellent record but since then fire officers had met with the owners and been given the go-ahead to brick up the ground floor. Apprentices from Hartlepool College of Further Education would be helping with this.

Resident Ray Waller referred to reports that a new fire station was being built in Stranton and the old station at the Headland refurbished. Mr Bradley confirmed this, saying work would commence in 2012. There would be six new stations throughout Cleveland county and a new headquarters. The new station at Stranton would have full community facilities. Councillor Hilary Thompson queried plans for Elwick but Mr Bradley was unable to give details.

The Chair thanked the Fire Brigade representative for attending the meeting and answering questions.

26. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR UNIT UPDATE

The Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator gave details of recent activity in the unit, including information on which categories complaints had fallen into, whether cases had been closed satisfactorily and what action had been taken to close the case. This information was provided for the

Anti-Social Behaviour Unit and Housing Hartlepool, as was information on customer satisfaction rates. Details were also given of take-up of the Good Tenant Scheme.

Members were advised that a number of categories relating to anti-social behaviour and good citizenship had been introduced to the annual Pride in Hartlepool awards. Information on various awards to staff from the Anti-Social Behaviour Unit and Housing Hartlepool was outlined and members were advised the Anti-Social Behaviour Unit website had recently been updated with details of anti-social behaviour by ward and category.

Members were also advised that a recent change in the law meant that any young person caught with alcohol three times could be prosecuted through the criminal justice system. A resident asked if this would be publicised, the Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator indicated that the youth service had been informed and a publicity drive was planned. Parents of persistent offenders would also be advised.

Councillor Hilary Thompson queried what percentage of customer satisfaction surveys were returned. The Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator advised that 62% of Housing Hartlepool questionnaires were returned but had no figures for the Anti-Social Behaviour Unit.

Resident Ray Waller reminded members that the vast majority of young people did not engage in anti-social behaviour. The bulk of all anti-social behaviour was caused by people coming into the central area from elsewhere but it was not necessarily young people causing it.

The Chair thanked the Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator for attending the meeting and answering questions.

27. SAFE IN TEES VALLEY ASSERTIVE OUTREACH SERVICE

Christine Davidson, Cleveland Police Youth Manager, gave a brief presentation on the work of the Safe in Tees Valley Assertive Outreach Service. This was a service for children and young people which identified vulnerable children and young people to try to reduce and prevent anti-social behaviour by challenging inappropriate behaviour and signposting them to local activities and services. Details of the service core elements, introductory key performance indicators and introductory delivery were outlined and contact information given.

The Chair queried whether the work of the FAST team had been linked in with Safe in Tees Valley. The Youth Manager confirmed that it had although Safe in Tees Valley had taken over their contract through the tendering process. The Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator commented that the Anti-Social Behaviour Unit were still working with the FAST team as well as Safe in Tees Valley- it was only the Friday and Saturday night Outreach Service that had been tendered- FAST was otherwise still providing the same service as previously and working closely with Safe in Tees Valley.. The Neighbourhood Manager queried how Safe in Tees Valley would be liaising with the Joint Action Groups, the Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator indicated the link was through the tasking meetings. Safe in Tees Valley gathered their intelligence from reports reaching the Anti-social Behaviour Unit. The young people present praised the service.

The Chair thanked the Cleveland Police Youth Manager for attending the meeting and answering questions.

28. CRIME AND DISORDER CO- ORDINATION UPDATE

Sergeant Dave Galloway gave a brief update on the work of the Safer Hartlepool Partnership in reducing crime and disorder. Activities were highlighted including regional events attended by crime prevention officers and a mapping exercise which had been carried out in relation to youth activity.

The Chair thanked Sergeant Galloway for attending the meeting.

29. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No issues

30. ISSUES RAISED BY COUNCILLORS AND RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Councillor Jane Shaw had submitted the following questions in her absence through the Chair:

“War memorial – request for more police attention on an evening – police driving past ignoring youths congregating and skateboarding”

“Alleygates – being left open at Raby Road triangle – can we take steps to ensure they are locked in the future”

Resident Representative Bob Farrow indicated he had seen rats on Kendal Road

Councillor Victor Tumilty thanked the Community Payback Team for their work in restoring the Hart Lane garden

The meeting concluded at 11.40am

Chair



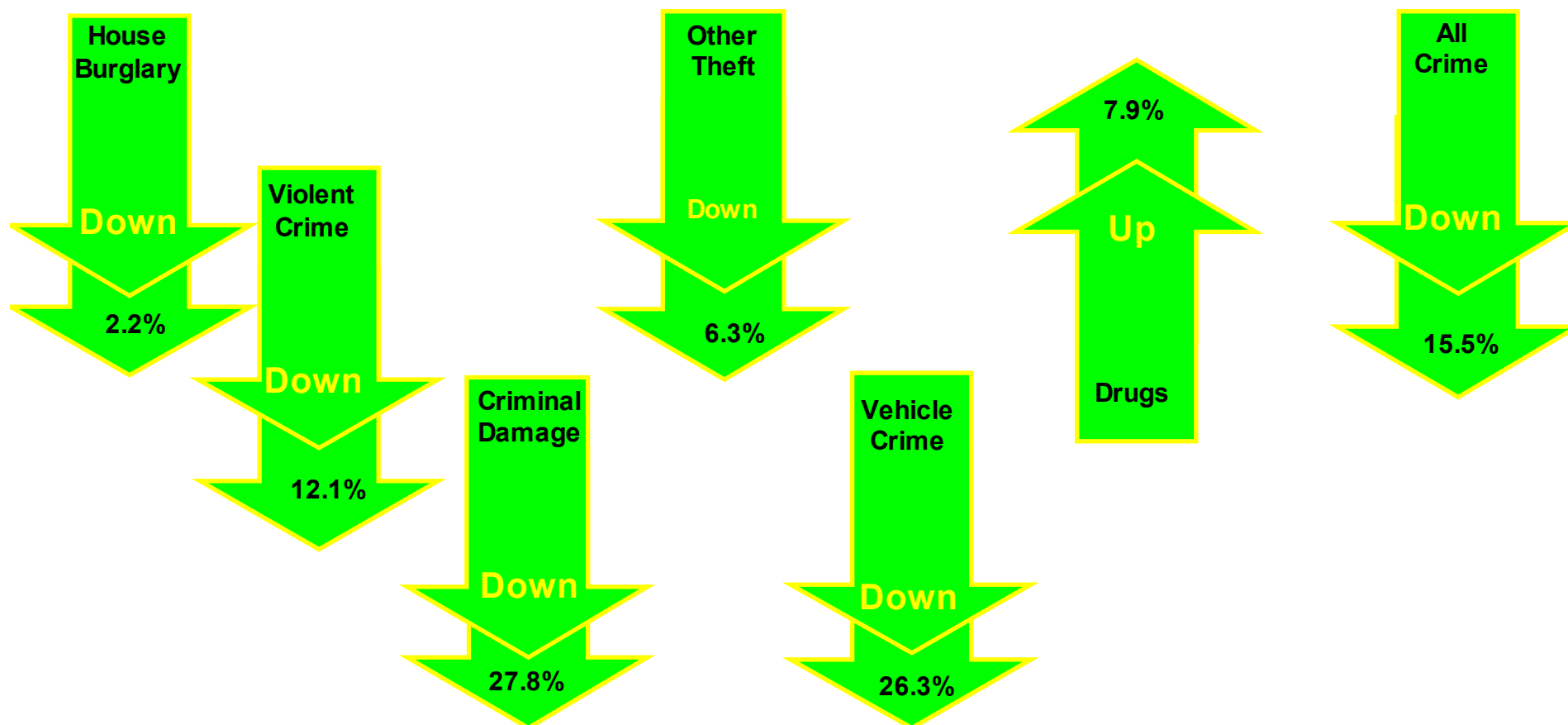
Hartlepool District

**Central Area Police & Community
Safety Consultative Forum**

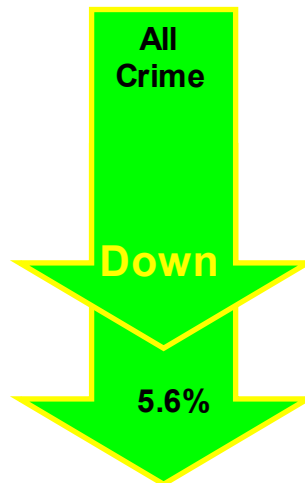
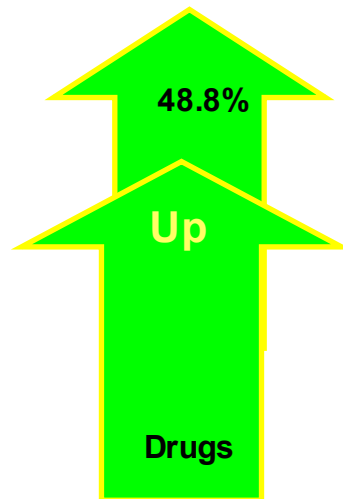
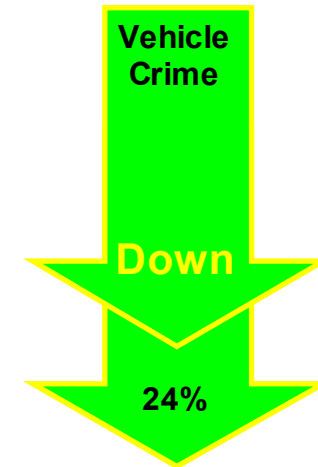
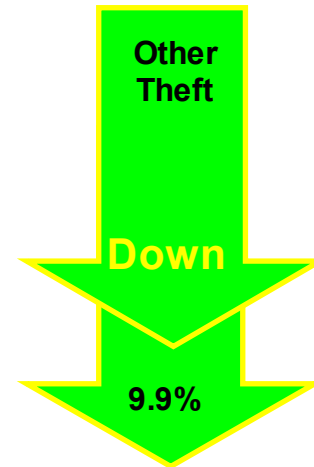
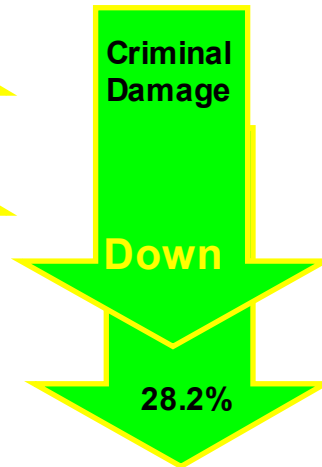
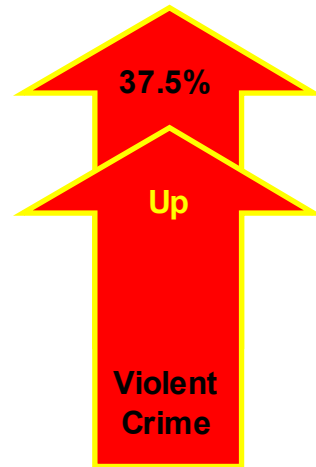
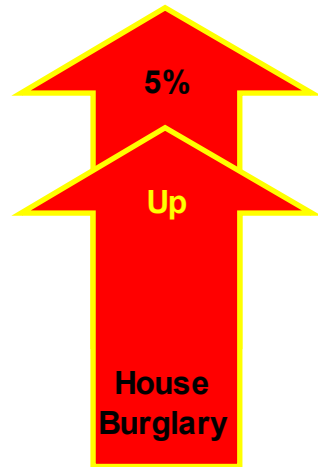
Thursday 22nd April 2010



FORCEWIDE PERFORMANCE FOR MAR 2010



HARTLEPOOL PERFORMANCE FOR MAR 2010



Performance (Last 3 Months)

Activity	District	Central
Arrests	1531	46
Detections	857	33
Incidents	6470	985
Street Encounters	6823	2141
Intelligence Submissions	3291	985
AS 13	384	164

You said! We did!

- PCSO Cath Jones received a complaint of youths regularly congregating near Serpentine Road and causing ASB. Through liaison with Colin Hopkins and Paul Christie measures were put in place to prevent this happening with strategic planting of shrubs etc.
- Police identified an upturn in ASB in the Burn Valley Ward and have ran a number of high profile operations with our partners to provide reassurance and gather intelligence on those responsible.
- An emerging trend of youths gathering around the Catcote Road shops also prompted Police and partner action with high profile operations ran at key times. Several AS13 were submitted along with seizures of alcohol from young persons.
- Intelligence received from Burbank residents allowed Police to swear out 2 drugs warrants which were successful. Although not large quantities this allows us to disrupt the activities of those intent on benefiting from proceeds of criminal activity and hopefully inspires public confidence.

Good News Stories

- **Burbank Forum – PCSO Mark Say** continues to deliver detailed updates to Burbank and Marina Residents, with the format he uses being praised by key residents.
- **PCSO detains burglars –** On 6th March a burglary occurred in West Park. Acting on his own initiative PCSO Graeme Handley made his way on foot to the Summerhill/Burn Valley area where he detained two males suspected on committing this offence.
- **Launch of Safety DVD – PCSO Ian Heslop** was praised by Derek Minton for his ongoing help and support to the Girls Project at Brinkburn Youth Centre. The recently launched safety DVD is highly impactive, and a great example of a partnership approach to contribute to Community Safety.
- **New PC at Central NPT – PC Karen McManus** has recently joined A Shift and will be responsible for the Burn Valley Ward.
- **TASS setting the benchmark –** The Team Around the Secondary School at High Tunstall has been identified as the strongest with all the towns Secondary School, with PC Kieth Robinson and PCSO Cath Jones being key to its success.

Neighbourhood Policing Awards

- New format introduced to coincide with Janes Police Review Awards
- Force Nomination 2008 – PCSO Graeme Handley
- District Nomination 2009 – PCSO Mark Say
- 2010 Nominations – You can have your say
- 5 categories
- Neighbourhood Police Officer of the Year
- Neighbourhood Police Community Support Officer of the Year
- Neighbourhood Volunteer of the Year
- Neighbourhood Special of the Year
- Neighbourhood Team of the Year

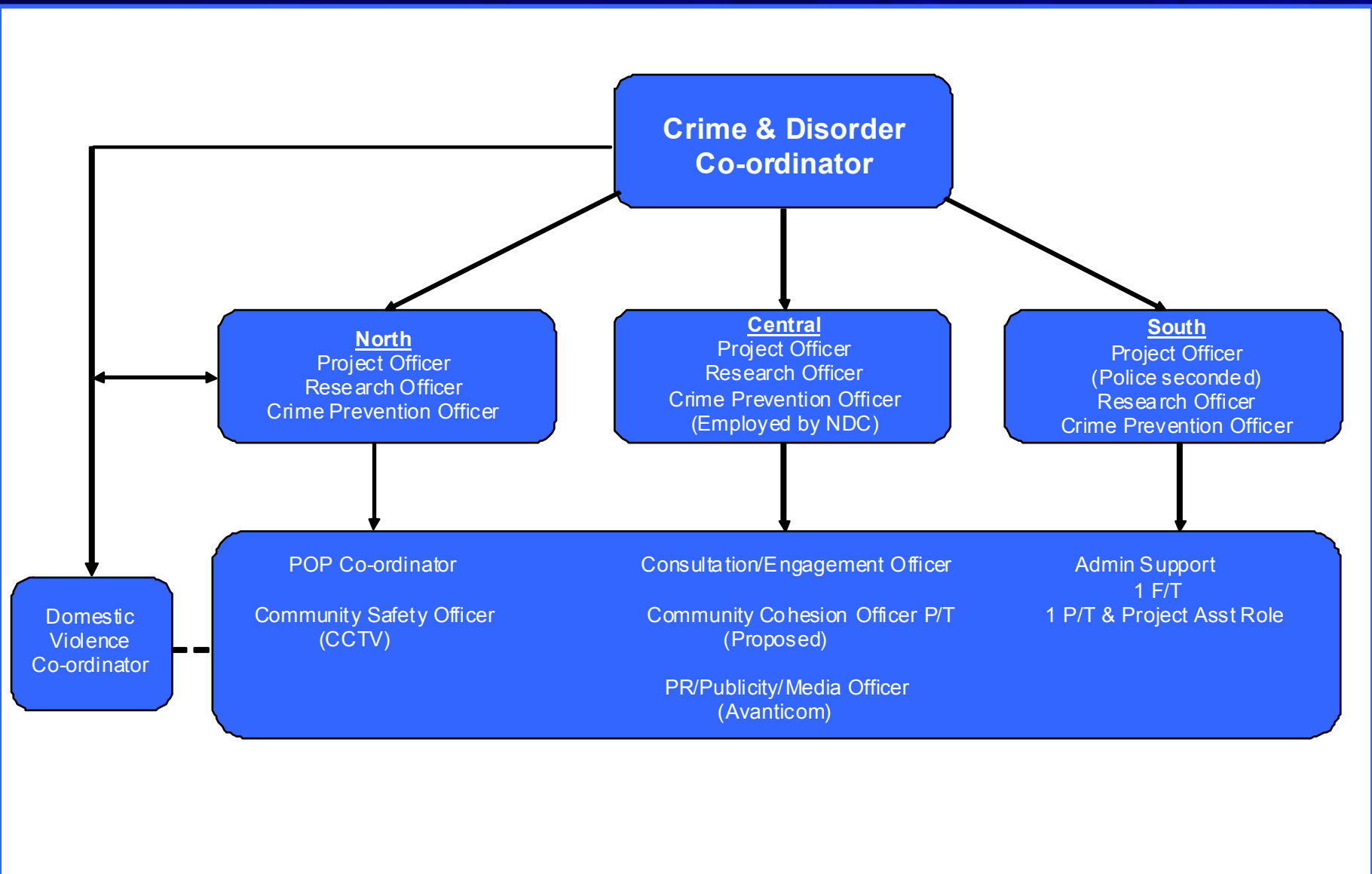


Questions?



Safer Hartlepool Partnership Community Safety

Andrew Hughes
Community Safety Project Officer



The Partnership Strategic Assessment has identified the following annual priorities; which will drive team activities;

- **Violent crime, including domestic abuse.**
- **Acquisitive crime.**
- **Alcohol treatment.**
- **Drug dealing and supply.**
- **Criminal damage and anti-social behaviour, including deliberate fire setting.**
- **Reassurance and community engagement.**
- **Preventing and reducing offending, re-offending and the risk of offending.**

Recent funds accessed under different bidding regimes

- Community Cohesion
- Challenge – Innovation
- Community Cash back
- Small retail capital grants fund
- North east Empowerment Programme
(Embedding Empowerment)
(Social Media Project)

Examples of Projects

- Improving Home Security
- Operation Cleansweep
- Preventing Violent Extremism
- Organised Crime Groups
- College / School – Based projects
- Working with communities on projects and initiatives
- Working in partnership with offenders
- Crime Prevention Initiatives