

NORTH AREA POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY CONSULTATIVE FORUM

At

**West View Community Centre,
Miers Avenue, Hartlepool**

on

**Wednesday 21st April 2010
commencing at 10.00 am**

A G E N D A

1. Apologies for absence
2. MINUTES
 - 2.1 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 27 January 2010
 - 2.2 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

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Brus
Dyke House
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27 January 2010

MINUTES OF THE MEETING



The meeting commenced at 10.00 am at
West View Community Centre, Miers Avenue, Hartlepool

PRESENT:

Chair: Councillor Mary Fleet – Dyke House Ward

Vice Chair: Resident Representative Linda Shields

Councillor Stephen Allison	- St Hilda Ward
Councillor Reuben Atkinson	- Dyke House Ward
Councillor Caroline Barker	- Hart Ward
Councillor Tim Fleming	- St Hilda Ward
Councillor Sheila Griffin	- Brus Ward
Councillor Edna Wright	- Hart Ward

Resident Representatives:

Christine Blakey, John Cambridge, John Lynch and Mary Power.

Residents: Dorothy Darke, Cath and Liz Torley, Alan Vale and Dennis Wilson

Officers: Karen Oliver, Neighbourhood Manager
Gemma Mulpetre, CJIT Operations Manager
Nicholas Stone, Senior Anti-Social Behaviour Officer
Katie Sheehan, Anti-Social Behaviour Officer
Jo Wilson, Democratic Services Officer

Cleveland Police: Inspector Mick Brown and Acting Inspector Peter Howarth

Cleveland Fire Brigade: Peter Bradley

Housing Hartlepool: N Gooding

Safe in Tees Valley: Christine Davidson, Paul McGowan and Genevieve Crawford

19. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Rob Cook, Peter Jackson and Michelle Plant and Resident Representatives Bob and Joan Steel.

20. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11 NOVEMBER 2009

The minutes were confirmed as a true record.

21. MATTERS ARISING

One item to be raised during the update from the police.

22. UPDATE FROM THE FIRE BRIGADE

The Fire Brigade representative, Peter Bradley, gave details of the number of incidents in the North Area of the town between November 2009 and January 2010. There had been a slight increase in accidental F1 fires but this was not felt to be of major concern. Deliberate F1 fires, deliberate vehicle fires, all F3 fires and road traffic collisions had decreased. It was acknowledged however that the inclement weather may have contributed to these figures. The work of the arson task force was highlighted as were some of the diversionary activities carried out by the fire service for young people on Friday and Saturday nights.

A Resident Representative highlighted a recent spate of fires at prime sites including Tunstall Court. Mr Bradley advised that the fire brigade did try to secure derelict properties against such activity but if people wanted to gain access they would do so. Prosecution was a matter for the police. A Councillor praised the fire service for their work in encouraging young people to become involved.

The Chair thanked the Fire Brigade representative for attending the meeting.

23. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR UNIT UPDATE

The Senior Anti-Social Behaviour Officer 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.

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. Details were given of the recipients. Information on various awards to staff from the Anti-Social Behaviour Unit and Housing Hartlepool was outlined and members were advised that an Anti-Social Behaviour awareness day would be taking place in 2 weeks time at the Borough Hall. Residents were asked to inform the Senior Anti-Social Behaviour Officer if they wished to attend. The Senior Anti-Social Behaviour Officer indicated that the Anti-Social Behaviour Unit website had recently been updated with details of anti-social behaviour by ward and category.

Details were also given of take-up of the Good Tenant Scheme. In response to queries the Senior Anti-Social Behaviour Officer was unable to advise on future funding streams when the current HBC funding ceased. A Councillor asked what happened to those tenants who were rejected from the scheme. The Senior Anti-Social Behaviour Officer indicated that the reasons for their rejection would be explained to them and they would be referred to the Vulnerable Persons Panel where they would be given advice and

help as necessary. They could reapply to the Good Tenant Scheme after six months. Most people applying for housing were aware of the scheme and landlords were increasingly using it as a guide, something which was apparent from the number of telephone calls from unsuccessful applicants. A Resident Representative praised the Unit for their work in this field. She suggested a publicity drive be undertaken, particularly in view of the recent controversy surrounding the Bellway application for housing in Middle Warren. The Senior Anti-Social Behaviour Officer confirmed that this would take place after the forthcoming review of the scheme had been considered by Cabinet. It was acknowledged that it was not only people in social housing that were responsible for anti-social behaviour.

A resident queried what was being done to tackle anti-social landlords. The Senior Anti-Social Behaviour Officer indicated that a list of those landlords causing problems of this nature was given to the private sector housing team running the landlord licensing scheme and this was taken into account should they apply. If anti-social behaviour was occurring from a private tenancy for a significant period of time and the landlord was refusing to take any action regarding their tenant's behaviour the private sector housing team could where appropriate apply for a special interim management order to run the property for up to 5 years in extreme situations.

The Chair thanked the Senior Anti-Social Behaviour Officer for attending the meeting and answering questions.

24. UPDATE FROM THE POLICE

Inspector Mick Brown provided an overview of crime in the Cleveland Force and also the North 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 North area of the town were also given.

Inspector Brown also highlighted a number of items of interest including activity to combat anti-social behaviour and drug activity in the Dyke House area. Members were also advised that following comments about cars being left for sale at the roadside at the previous forum regular patrols had been implemented but no cars had been found so far.

A Resident Representative applauded the police and their partners for encouraging people to follow the right channels and not take the law into their own hands

A Resident Representative queried why CCTV had recently been installed outside a single property when she had requested CCTV outside a row of bungalows 2 years ago. The Inspector commented that note was always taken of any requests for CCTV. However apart from overt cameras there were also secret cameras installed in street lights which could be utilised. All was done that could be to manage the situation.

A Resident Representative referred to a situation whereby officers were continually raiding a property with a warrant for a person that was not there. The Inspector advised that every set of circumstances was different however it demonstrated how relentless officers were in their pursuit of suspects. Nevertheless they did not want innocent members of the public to suffer unnecessarily. He would deal with this particular problem personally.

A Resident highlighted constant anti-social behaviour in the area around Tempest Road, Joyce Road and King Oswy Drive during the recent heavy snowfalls. The Inspector acknowledged that this had been more than high-jinks but the extreme weather had been impossible to predict. Officers tried to respond to all calls but had limited resources. A dispersal order could be considered for the area meaning officers would have the power to move on any troublemakers. The Resident commented that the problems would only increase when the new media centre and playground were completed. The Inspector advised that PCSOs would conduct a survey among residents into problems they were experiencing, possibly utilising covert cameras.

A Resident Representative requested information on the recent spate of fires at prime building sites such as Tunstall Court and the college. The Inspector indicated that attempts were being made to force owners to take responsibility for securing these properties before any trouble could occur. The Tunstall Court had been asked to do this but had failed to. Police worked closely with the fire brigade to combat these problems and would soon be looking at the top 5 problem streets in each area in liaison with Neighbourhood Managers. However despite appearances there had not been a significant increase in arsons.

A Councillor queried what action had been taken against motorists parking outside schools on King Oswy Drive, an issue raised at the previous meeting. The Neighbourhood Manager reported that this issue had also been raised at the main forum and traffic calming measures would be included as part of a minor works project. If there were any further issues residents were asked to inform the neighbourhood manager.

A Councillor highlighted problems with lorries leaving building sites on King Oswy Drive spreading mud on the road. The Neighbourhood Manager would raise this with the company concerned.

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

25. REDUCING REOFFENDING TEAM

The CJIT Operations Manager gave details of the work carried out by the Reducing Reoffending Team. Based on a scheme originally set up in Holland to target burglars the Dordrecht Scheme was aimed at disrupting burglars, shoplifters and those engaging in anti-social behaviour and criminal damage. Following conviction officers would offer a whole package of interventions to the offender with a view to dissuading them for committing more crime. Appointments were set up with the probation office, police and in some cases drugs outreach workers. If they refused to engage they were warned that they would probably end up in prison. Should this happen the scheme would restart immediately they were released. Government targets were a reduction in reoffending of 17%, Hartlepool had achieved 26% equating to 44 less crimes being committed.

The Chair thanked the CJIT Operations Manager for attending the meeting and answering questions.

26. 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. Since the service started in November 2009 work had been undertaken in King Oswy Drive, Clavering, Fens Shops and Dyke House Ward.

A Resident Representative criticised officers for telling children and young people what to do and not taking their views into account. The Youth Manager indicated that on the contrary the service was very much young person led, however there had to be some boundaries in order to prevent crime and disorder. Assertive outreach was based on engagement, advocacy and non-negotiable support. It was necessary to emphasise that tough sanctions would be enforced if young people engaged in crime or anti-social behaviour and refused to engage with support services.

The Neighbourhood Manager commented on the need for partnership working on issues of this kind. The Youth Manager advised that they worked closely with Cleveland Police and would be happy to meet with Council officers to discuss closer working relationships between HBC and Safe in Tees Valley.

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

27. CRIME AND DISORDER CO-ORDINATION UPDATE

Owing to the unavailability of the Crime and Disorder Co-ordinator this item was withdrawn from the agenda.

28. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No issues.

29. ISSUES RAISED BY COUNCILLORS AND RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVES

A Resident Representative asked if the low attendance at the police and community safety meetings could be looked at, with a view to possible restructure. The Neighbourhood Manager advised that the findings of the neighbourhood consultative forum review would also be applied to the police for a. An action plan to tackle agenda content and promotion of meetings had been formulated and would be linked into both meetings.

The meeting concluded at 12 noon.

Chair



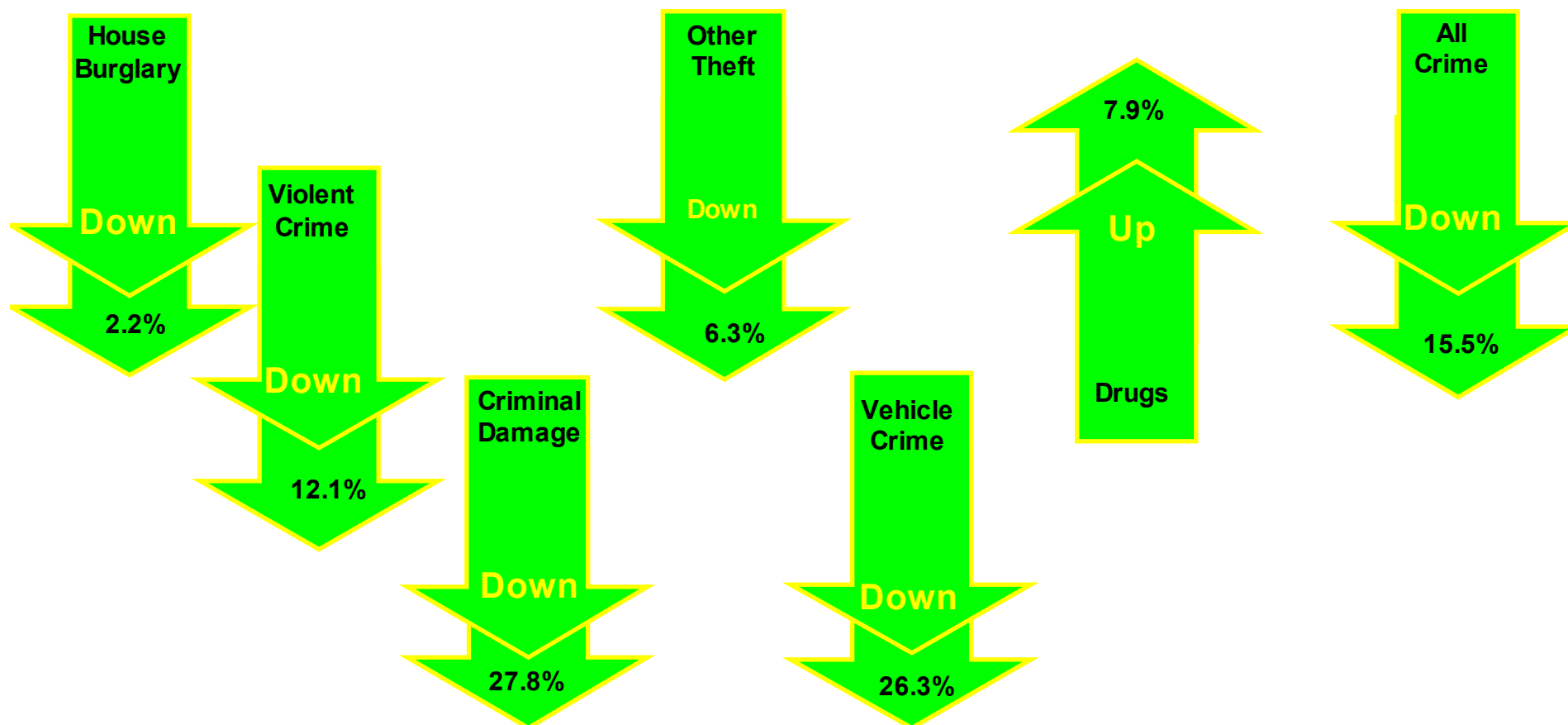
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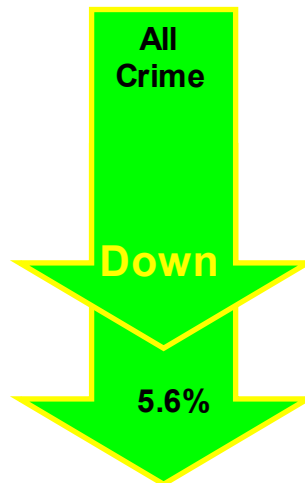
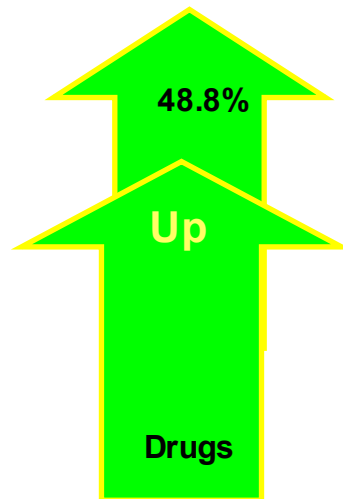
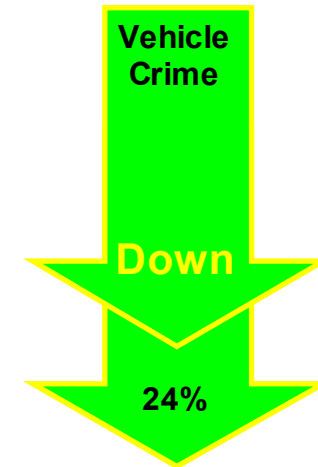
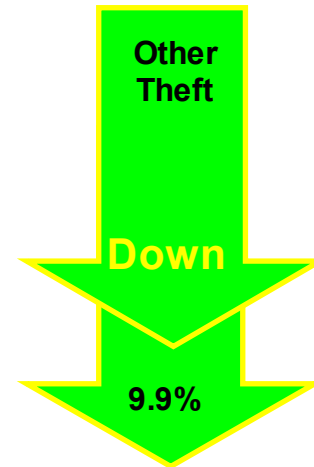
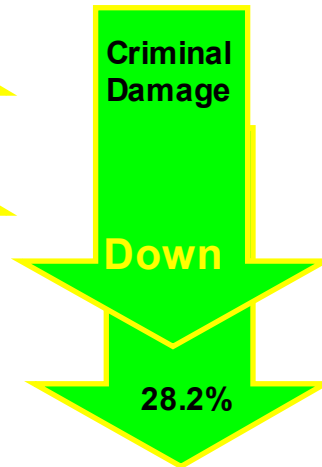
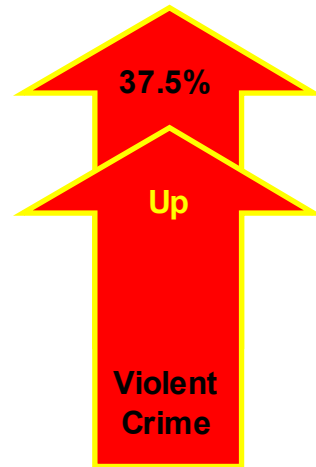
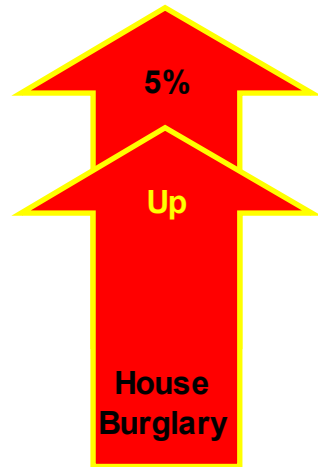
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FORCEWIDE PERFORMANCE FOR MAR 2010



HARTLEPOOL PERFORMANCE FOR MAR 2010



Performance (Last 3 Months)

Activity	District	North
Arrests	1530	55
Cautions	143	3
Charged	721	17
Warrants (Arrests)	78	13
AS13 (North)	420	124
Street Encounters (Feb-Mar)	5955	660

You Said! We Did!

- MINI MOTOs – Operation planned
- Damage to Motor Vehicles west view – 3 Arrests made (paint stripper)
- Allotment Association meeting regularly with Police Inspector attendance
- Youths causing annoyance in Miers Ave regular patrols problem dissipates
- Potter walk / Middleton Road youths drinking causing ASB – patrols stepped up Police along with H/H issue 4 ABA'S.
- Rogeri Place with youths causing ASB and drinking individual named to officers – regular patrols 3 males arrested now a ward priority.

Points of Interest

- **Cuppa With A Copper** – Town wide initiative to give the public the opportunity to meet their ward officers. Officers will attend town centre super markets on a regular basis which will be advertised in the local press.
- **PACT** – Police and Communities Together, one meeting for each ward per month, a chance for the public to meeting their local officers and to get updates in relation to local crime and police issues.
- **Youth Club** – Launched at Brougham Primary to take place 4 nights Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at Wharton Annexe.
- **ASBAD** – Anti-social awareness day, event held at Borough Hall in liaison with ASBU, Fire Service, Environmental agencies, HYPED, YOT and Year 8 students from all schools. Event included interaction and role playing with other officers around group intimidation.
- New Chief Inspector Lynn Beeston – 1st of March 2010.

Message from Chief Constable.....

Cleveland currently has its lowest levels of recorded crime and is consistently one of the top performing forces in the country when it comes to public confidence. The HMIC report shows us as being particularly strong in these areas.

‘Putting People First’ means that Neighbourhood Policing is fully embedded in Cleveland, and we are working closely with our local communities to tackle the issues that matter to them.

We are not complacent and we recognise that there are still areas for improvement, which have been highlighted in the report



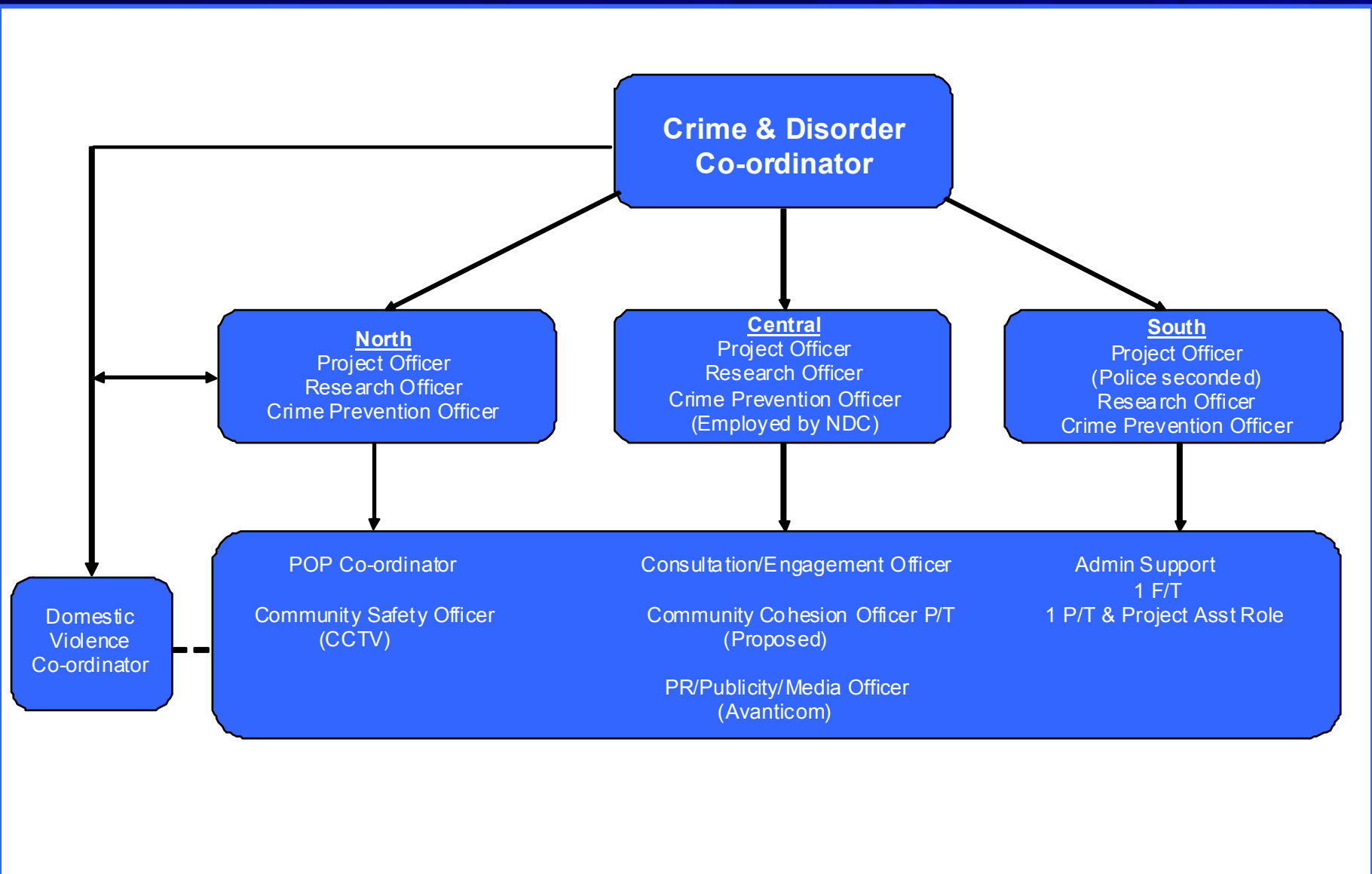


Questions?



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