

SOUTH AREA POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY CONSULTATIVE FORUM

at

**Owton Rossmere Resource Centre (ORCEL),
Wynyard Road, Hartlepool**

on

**Friday, 14 January 2011
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 12 November 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

WARDS

Fens
Greatham
Owton
Rossmere
Seaton

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12 November 2010

MINUTES OF THE MEETING



The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm at Greatham Community Centre,
Front Street, Greatham

PRESENT:

Chair:	Councillor Ann Marshall	- Rossmere Ward
	Councillor Steve Gibbon	- Fens Ward
	Councillor Trisha Lawton	- Rossmere Ward
	Councillor Alison Lilley	- Fens Ward
	Councillor Geoff Lilley	- Greatham Ward
	Councillor Paul Thompson	- Seaton Ward
	Councillor Mike Turner	- Seaton Ward

Resident Representatives: Peter Joyce, Rosemarie Kennedy and Michael Unwin

Residents: Dorothy Clark, J Smith and Joan Unwin

Council Officers: David Frame, Neighbourhood Manager (South)
David Mitchell, Neighbourhood Co-ordinator
Sue Grey, Anti-Social Behaviour Officer
Andrew Hughes, Community Safety Project Officer
Carl Gatenby, Police Anti-Social Behaviour Officer
Julie Hetherington, Community Safety Assistant
Jo Wilson, Democratic Services Officer

Police Representatives: Tom Hart and Sergeant Ali Sah

Fire Brigade Representative: Peter Bradley and D Charnley

Housing Hartlepool Representative: Andy Elvidge

10. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were submitted from Councillors Christopher Akers-Belcher, Cath Hill and Marjorie James and Resident Representative Iris Ryder.

**11. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD
ON 30 July 2010**

These were approved as a true record

12. MATTERS ARISING

No items

13. UPDATE FROM THE POLICE

Sergeant Sah provided an overview of crime force wide and in Hartlepool for September 2010. Force wide there had been a 1.8% overall drop in crime with individual decreases in criminal damage, vehicle crime and violent crime. Drug activity had increased slightly however house burglaries and other thefts had also increased. In Hartlepool house burglary, vehicle crime and other thefts had risen however criminal damage and violent crime had dropped leading to a decrease in crime overall. Sergeant Sah attributed the drop in violent crime to the increased resources being put into the night-time economy. There had been less drug activity than previously, a result of the drying up of the heroin trade across Hartlepool. The number of arrests, cautions, charges, warrants, AS13s and Street encounters in the South area of the town over the last 3 months were given.

A number of items of interest were also highlighted including drug related issues in Lealholm Road, the addition of Jutland Road as a priority area and the recent nomination of PCSO Dobson for a National Police Award. Members were also advised the new police office in Jutland Road was scheduled to open in January.

The following issues were then raised:

Ward based updates – Councillor Geoff Lilley referred to the previous practice of distributing ward based updates giving information on crime activity and police response to it. He asked if this could be continued as it was a valuable way to show the success of neighbourhood policing. Sergeant Sah commented that the cost of leaflets could be a factor in the

current economic climate however in theory it could be done.

Visual audits and PACT meetings – Sergeant Sah advised that these were currently being reviewed and those which were not well attended would be discontinued. There were many other opportunities for police to engage with the public, such as through schools, and he preferred to see officers patrolling the streets than wasting their time at poorly attended meetings. Councillor Geoff Lilley acknowledged that people only tended to engage with the police when they had a problem but felt structures still needed to be in place for this. Resident Representative Joan Unwin felt that the low attendance may be due to people being unaware that the meetings were taking place. She asked that the residents associations be informed of future meetings to enable them to inform the wider public. Sergeant Sah indicated that a meeting on ward priorities would be taking place that afternoon and ward officers would be reminded of the need to advertise public meetings via the internet and Ringmaster. The effectiveness of PACT and visual audits in individual areas would be looked at, hopefully giving the current situation more clarity. The Community Safety Assistant also advised that the dates for visual audits were sent to all interested parties annually and were available on the police website. PACTs were the responsibility of individual officers who were encouraged to utilise Ringmaster. Councillor Steve Gibbon suggested that an email be sent out to Ward Councillors and Residents Associations at the same time as Ringmaster. He referred to a recent instance when he had been given 36 hours notice of a PACT meeting which he felt was insufficient. Sergeant Sah noted this saying that the advertising of PACT meetings was the responsibility of individual officers. Councillor Gibbon also questioned the assertion that meetings

were not well attended. Sergeant Sah advised that all these comments would be taken on board.

Spalding Green – Councillor Alison Lilley highlighted a recent incident involving around 150 young people causing a disturbance. She praised the quick and active response of officers. This was echoed by Councillor Steve Gibbon.

The Chair thanked Sergeant Sah and Acting Sgt Hart for attending the meeting and answering questions.

14. UPDATE FROM THE FIRE BRIGADE

Peter Bradley from Cleveland Fire Brigade gave an update on the number of fires which had occurred in the South area between May and October 2010. Comparison figures with the same time 2009/10 showed no increase in any category of fire, with all remaining static or decreasing. There had been a drop in the number of home fire safety visits but this was thought to be due to the high number which had previously been carried out. There was a particular problem with the burning of cables in inaccessible areas. In an effort to stem this officers had asked the town's main scrap dealers to stop buying pieces of cable. Agreement had been reached to do this as part of a month-long pilot and it was hoped that if this proved successful it could continue.

Mr Bradley also discussed various diversionary activities including the Saturday night breakaway in conjunction with the Manor West Association and the Fens Football group which had taken place over the summer. Unfortunately the current financial situation meant that these services might be under threat in the future

The following issues were then raised:

Cleveland Waste Fire – Councillor Steve Gibbon requested an update. Mr Bradley advised that the fire at the Cleveland Waste site was out however it had spread to the adjoining property whose owners did not have the resources to put it out. As they were the innocent party they could not be forced to take action however officers were working on the fire and hoped to put it out in the next 4-6 weeks. The Environment Agency were fully apprised of the situation. Councillor Mike Turner queried whether there was a problem with the water pressure on the site. The Fire Service were not aware of any problems with this. The HBC Planning Department had advised that providing an adequate water supply in dealing with a fire and being part of the terms of a planning consent would be an unreasonable condition to impose. Councillor Turner commented that this was a vulnerable area near housing while Councillor Steve Gibbon felt that the same rules should apply as those governing chemical factories and it was up to the company concerned to control fires and spillages. Mr Bradley repeated that the owners of the site were the fire had spilled into were innocent of any wrong-doing or negligence.

Councillor Paul Thompson ran an office next to the site in question. He had been informed that as it was paper which was burning there was no risk to him or his staff, however Mr Bradley had indicated that there was more than paper burning. If this was the case and there was a risk of toxicity the public had a right to know. Councillor Turner asked that a report be brought to the next meeting of the forum regarding the fire with contributions from the Principal Environmental Health Officer and the Environment Agency. He felt it was unacceptable that the public should be put at risk while the company on whose site the fire was raging, albeit they were the innocent party, were not obliged

to take action. The affected public were also the innocent party and should not be put at risk. The Neighbourhood Manager would ask the PEHO to update Cllrs Thompson and Turner as to the up to date position.

Friday Night Fens Football Coaching – Resident Representative Joan Unwin expressed her support for this initiative which had received fantastic feedback from young people and their parents. Councillor Alison Lilley echoed this, referring to a previous request for lighting so that games could continue after dark. D Charnley reported that the use of specialist lighting equipment was under consideration.

Bonfire night – Councillor Steve Gibbon congratulated officers from the Council and Fire Brigade for their work in preventing bonfires. Mr Bradley confirmed that there had been a 28% reduction on the previous year.

The Chair thanked Mr Bradley and Mr Charnley for attending the meeting and answering questions.

15. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR UNIT UPDATE

The Police Anti-Social Behaviour Officer provided statistics in relation to cases dealt with by the Anti-Social Behaviour Unit and Housing Hartlepool. He advised the meeting of the forthcoming Pride in your Neighbourhood Awards and invited nominations for community awards. He gave details of the consultation on the social behaviour strategy and the antisocial awareness week planned for February. The ASBAD – Anti-social Behaviour Awareness Day was currently being planned. It would take place in February and involve inputs from numerous agencies including awareness of alcohol and bullying. The event would

be restricted however invitations would be extended if requested.

The Chair thanked the Police Anti-Social Behaviour Officer for attending the meeting.

16. CRIME AND DISORDER CO-ORDINATION UPDATE

The Community Safety Project Officer outlined initiatives which were ongoing in relation to Operation Cleansweep, particularly an event at Wynyard Shops which former Government Minister Michael Portillo had attended. Organised crime groups in the town were being targeted. A further priority was 'Prevent' agenda in relation to protection from violent extremism. The meeting was assured that CCTV provision in the town was a priority. The annual review of crime and disorder known as the Strategic Assessment was currently taking place. Hartlepool's Specialist Domestic Violence court had been launched by the Mayor in May. The Team had won the Excellent Partnership Working Award 2010 at the Celebrating success awards.

The following issues were then raised:

Greatham Village – Councillor Alison Lilley highlighted concerns with cars travelling at excessive speeds along the pathway near to the Community Centre, particularly when the play bus was resident. She asked if a camera could be installed there in order to identify which drivers were responsible and to serve as a possible deterrent. The Community Safety Project Officer was supportive of this in theory but the cost in terms of installation and ongoing maintenance was prohibitive. The placing of all cameras was done according to statistical evidence and provided funding was available. Resident Dorothy Clark highlighted the desperate need for a camera in the village, particularly near the

former Sharwoods Factory. Councillor Steve Gibbon suggested that anybody convicted of a crime through the use of CCTV should be made to pay toward the upkeep of cameras. The Community Safety Project Officer felt this was a good idea but fell under the jurisdiction of the criminal justice system

Fens Shops – Councillor Steve Gibbon requested that officers attend this area to give advice on the ‘jingle bells’ initiative. The Community Safety Project Officer confirmed that they would do so.

20mph – Councillor Geoff Lilley expressed his support for a 20mph zone throughout Greatham Village provided it was acceptable to the residents. He felt this was especially important for children travelling to and from the village school, many of whom went on their bikes. In terms of the cost of cameras he suggested that the cost need not be as prohibitive as was being suggested and a cheaper alternative could be found. Heavy duty cameras with massive maintenance costs were not always required. The Community Safety Project Officer indicated he would refer these requests to the Waste and Environmental Services Team as they were in possession of a number of deployable cameras.

The Chair thanked the Community Safety Project Officer for attending the meeting.

8. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME / ISSUES RAISED BY COUNCILLORS AND RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Councillor Geoff Lilley raised concerns that the company which owned the former Sharwoods Factory had been removing metals from the site, the value of which could have been used to offset demolition costs. He felt this was something which the Council would ultimately be responsible for. The Neighbourhood

Manager stated that this is something that a Parish Councillor was pursuing following contact with HBC. Resident Dorothy Clark confirmed this and indicated that the metals were being stripped in a professional manner. The Chair asked that Councillor Lilley as Ward Councillor liaise with the Parish Council on this matter.

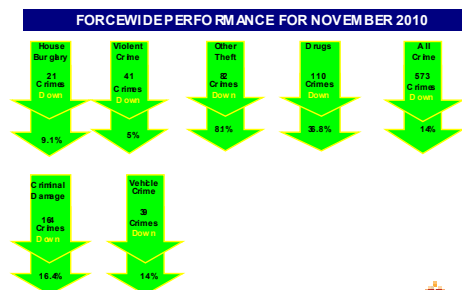
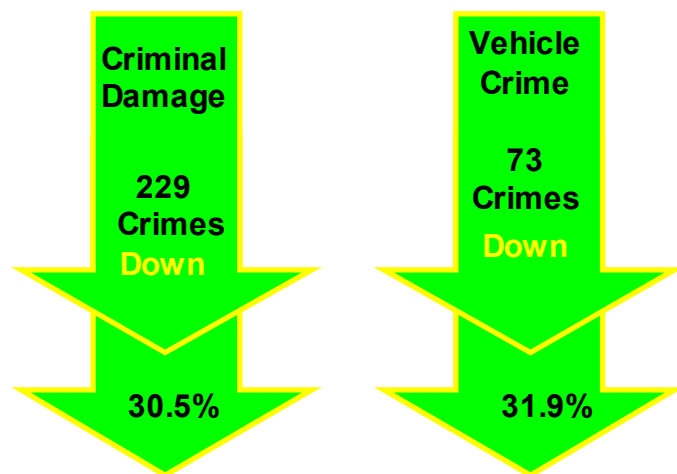
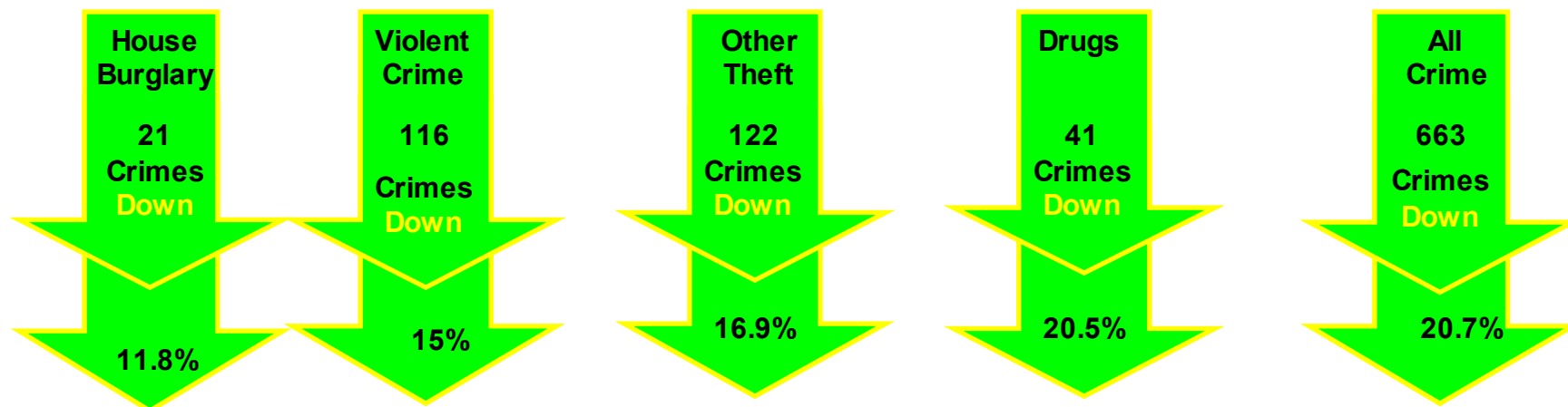
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Hartlepool District
South Area Police & Community
Safety Consultative Forum
Friday 14th January 2011



FORCEWIDE PERFORMANCE FOR DECEMBER 2010



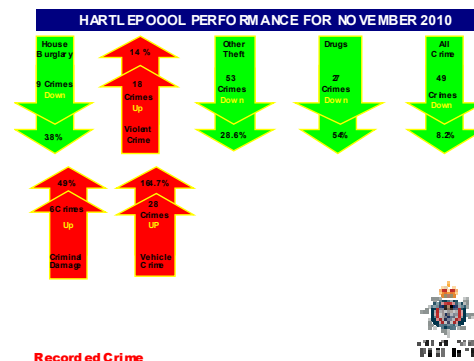
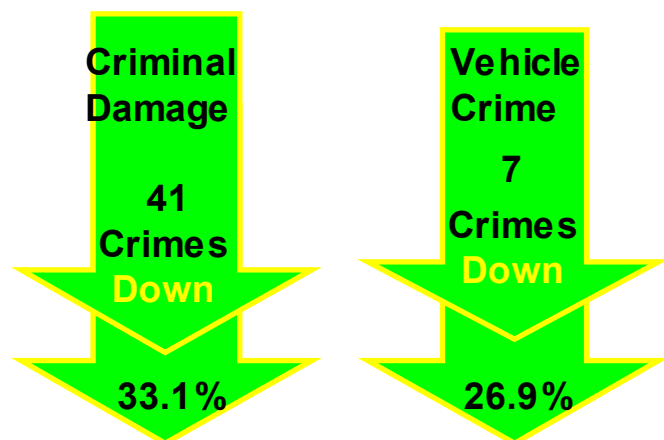
Recorded Crime



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Recorded Crime

HARTLEPOOL PERFORMANCE FOR DECEMBER 2010



Recorded Crime

Performance (Last 3 Months)

Activity	District	South	Prev 3mths
Arrests	1349	20	23
Cautions	86	0	0
Charged	664	7	8
Warrants (arrests)	70	3	1
AS13 (South)	264	91	117
Street Encounters	7974	834	836

You Said! We Did!

- Bonfire Night – Operation Arson Reduction was a success over the bonfire period with positive feedback from residents.
- Rossmere Park – due to recent adverse weather conditions, regular patrols have been carried out in the park and especially around the pond due to it being frozen and the dangers this may cause. A few youths were caught playing on the frozen pond, suitable advice was given and AS13's issued and parents visited.

Points of Interest

- Officers have made regular patrols to elderly residents to check if help or assistance was needed due to the recent bad weather. On one patrol a PCSO noticed a distressed male who was locked in his home. The officer kept the man calm until officers and paramedics arrived and forced entry to the home, the man was later taken to hospital and paramedics stated the man was very lucky to be found at that time.
- Due to the collaborative work of Mick McKie, local businesses and residents from Greatham, the dismantling of the Sherwood's Factory is now in progress.
- Due to continued requests for youth provision on the Fens estate and excellent partnership working from NPT, Safer Hartlepool Partnership and Safe in Toss Valley. Outreach work has been carried out at the beginning of December and hopefully will continue in 2011.

Points of Interest

- Elizabeth Way, Shop Theft – Due to local knowledge from NPT officers an unknown male was positively identified, arrested and charged for theft.
- A “ Friends of Stranton Cemetery” has recently been set up due to issues regarding Anti-social Behaviour etc. The group are seeking funding for CCTV to installed, a dedicated hotline within the cemetery to report related incidents. Co-ordinated patrols from council and NPT staff will also take place.
- A young male who regularly causes Anti-Social Behaviour on the Southside has recently been brought to account for his behaviour and ASBO consultations are currently ongoing.
- Good work together with response teams and Hartlepool housing has seen a active offender from the south given a 6 month custodial sentence for breach of an ASBI.
- Jutland Road office – this should be ready at the end of February.



Questions?





Anti-social Behaviour Activity

SOUTH AREA

January 2011

Points of Interest

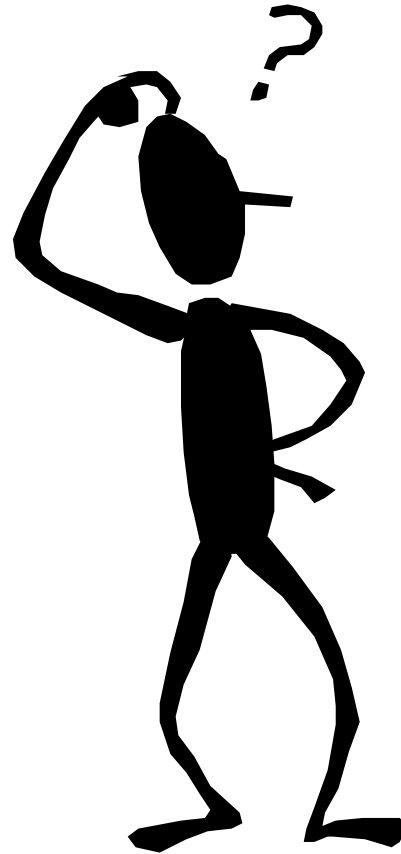
- Funding has been confirmed by the Council to continue with 3 ASB Officer posts with in the ASBU for the next year
- South ASB Officer will relocate to the new Jutland Road Office Hub at the end of February
- The annual Anti-social behaviour Awareness Day (ASBAD) event attended by all Year 8 pupils is due to start on 08.02.11 at the Borough Hall
- Two focus groups were carried out with residents to discover their views on anti-social behaviour as part of the development of a new Social Behaviour Strategy

Points of Interest

- In the Rift House area the ASBU worked alongside TRET, NPT Officers and a private Landlord to support a vulnerable resident who was being harassed by their neighbour. The problems have now stopped as a result
- In the Owton and Fens areas the ASBU has been working with NPT and Youth Offending Officers to deal with asb by a young person occurring at shopping parades. Interventions were put in place which led to a rapid decline in asb
- An Anti-social Behaviour Order has been obtained on Anthony Clark for recent disorder in the town
- The ASBU has placed 3 young people on Acceptable Behaviour Agreements (ABAs) regarding their behaviour in the South
- ASBOs continue

Thank you for listening

Any questions???



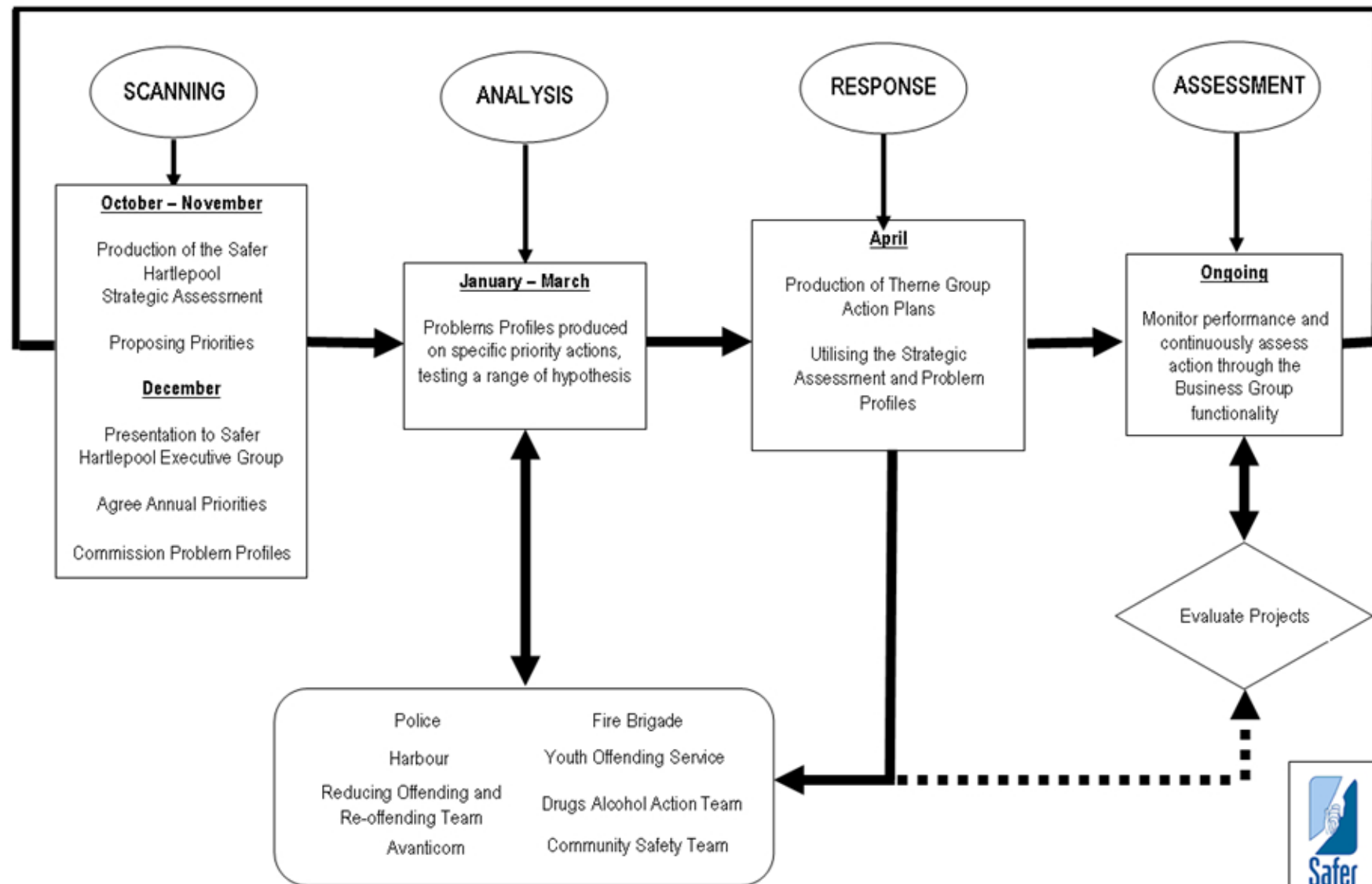
Safer Hartlepool Partnership

Andrew Hughes

Community Safety Officer



12 MONTH STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT BUSINESS PROCESS



New Objectives 2011 - 2014

- Reduce crime and repeat victimisation.
- Reduce the harm caused by drug and alcohol misuse.
- Create confident, cohesive and safe communities.
- Reduce offending and re-offending.



Annual Priorities for 2011/12

- Acquisitive crime – specifically domestic burglary and theft
- Violent crime – including domestic violence and abuse
- Alcohol treatment, delivery of alcohol strategy and drug dealing and supply
- Anti-social behaviour – including links to private rented properties and alcohol related youth ASB
- Criminal damage – specifically damage to dwellings
- Confidence and cohesion
- Prevent and reduce offending, re-offending and the risk of offending

