



SAFER HARTLEPOOL PARTNERSHIP AGENDA



Friday 3 October 2025

at 1.00pm

in the Council Chamber
Civic Centre, Hartlepool

MEMBERS: SAFER HARTLEPOOL PARTNERSHIP

Responsible Authority Members:

Councillor Harrison, Elected Member, Hartlepool Borough Council
Councillor Oliver, Elected Member, Hartlepool Borough Council
Denise McGuckin, Managing Director, Hartlepool Borough Council
Kieran Bostock, Assistant Director, Neighbourhood Services, Hartlepool Borough Council
Sylvia Pinkney, Assistant Director, Regulatory Services, Hartlepool Borough Council
Helen Smith, District Commander, Cleveland Police (VC)
Jo Heaney, Chair of Youth Offending Board
Gordon Bentley, North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NENC ICB)
Ann Powell, Head of Stockton and Hartlepool Probation Delivery Unit
Sean Smith, Cleveland Fire Authority

Other Members:

Jonathan Brash, MP for Hartlepool (C)
Craig Blundred, Director of Public Health, Hartlepool Borough Council
Matt Storey, Office of Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland
Michelle Hill, Hartlepool Voluntary and Community Sector Representative, Safer Communities
Angela Corner, Head of Community Resilience, Thirteen Group
John Macilwraith, Interim Director of Children's Services, Hartlepool Borough Council
Jill Harrison, Executive Director of Adult and Community Based Services, Hartlepool Borough Council

Non-Voting Observer, Councillor Jorgeson, Representative of Audit and Governance Committee, Hartlepool Borough Council

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

3. MINUTES

- 3.1 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 2025.



4. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

None

5. PRESENTATIONS

- 5.1 Community Payback Teesside – Probation Service - *Operations Manager*
- 5.2 Domestic Abuse Protection Order (DAPO) – *The Drive Partnership*

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT

7. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) (VARIATION) ORDER 2006

EXEMPT ITEMS

Under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraph referred to below of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006

8. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 8.1 Domestic Abuse Related Death Review - *Assistant Director (Regulatory Services) (Para 2)*

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT

FOR INFORMATION

Date of next meeting – Friday 16 January 2026 at 1.00pm



SAFER HARTLEPOOL PARTNERSHIP

MINUTES AND DECISION RECORD

18 July 2025

The meeting commenced at 1.00 pm in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool.

Present:

Responsible Authority Members:

Councillor Harrison, Elected Member, Hartlepool Borough Council
Sylvia Pinkney, Assistant Director, Regulatory Services, Hartlepool Borough Council
Alan O'Donoghue, Hartlepool District Commander, Cleveland Police (C)
Gordon Bentley, North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NENC ICB)

Non-Voting Observers, Councillor Jorgeson, Representative of Audit and Governance Committee, Hartlepool Borough Council

Also present: as substitute in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4.2 was Neil Harrison (Head of Service Safeguarding and Specialist Services) as substitute for Jill Harrison (Executive Director of Adult and Community Based Services)

Also present:

Councillor Sue Little
Chris Hogben, Independent Chair, Domestic Abuse Related Death Review Panel (closed session only)

Officers:

Phil Gleaves, Operation Lead – Pre Court
Philip Hepburn, Enforcement and Car Parking Services Manager
Olivia Highley, Domestic Abuse Co-ordinator
Jo Stubbs, Principal Democratic Services and Legal Support Officer
Claire Mcpartlin, Democratic Services Officer

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Karen Oliver (Elected Member), Sean Smith (Cleveland Fire Authority), Jonathan Brash, MP (Chair), Craig Blundred (Director of Public Health), Michelle Hill (Safer Communities), John Macilwraith (Interim Director of Children's Services), Jill Harrison (Executive Director of Adult and Community Based Services),

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 2025

Confirmed.

4. Youth Justice Plan *(Assistant Director, Children and Families and Operation Lead – Pre Court)*

Purpose of report

To present the Youth Justice Strategic Plan for 2025-2026 to Safer Hartlepool Partnership as part of the consultation process before final approval is sought from Children's Services Committee on 23 September prior to final adoption of the plan by full Council on 2 October.

Issue(s) for consideration

The Operation Lead – Pre Court reported that the meeting of full Council on 2 October 2024 would be requested to adopt the Youth Justice Strategic Plan for 2025/2026, a copy of which was appended to the report. The recommendations made by Safer Hartlepool Partnership and Children's Services Committee would be considered in the final plan presented to Council. The final adopted plan would then be sent to the National Youth Justice Board.

Decision

It was acknowledged that good progress had been made in the last year. The plan provided a good and clear understanding of areas which required improvement and set out the key priorities over the next two years.

The plan was noted.

5. Restorative Justice Presentation *(Assistant Director, Preventative and Community Based Services)*

Purpose of report

Provide a proposal and vision for Hartlepool to become a Restorative Borough.

Issue(s) for consideration

The Hartlepool District Commander for Cleveland Police gave a presentation which detailed the vision that Hartlepool would become the first Restorative Borough in the country.

Restorative Justice was used to repair harm between victims and the community by rebuilding relationships. This was a non-judgemental

platform which provided accountability and engagement. The Restorative Justice Manager of Safer Communities had been seconded for 12 months to support Hartlepool Borough Council Strategic Leads. As part of this work, they would identify Restorative Approaches Champions within partner agencies and develop referral pathways into the community.

The vision for Hartlepool was to have Restorative Approaches embedded within local policy and procedures. A network of invested professionals, partners, agencies and community groups would be established and commit to maintaining a restorative community.

Positive outcomes had been received following the use of Restorative Justice following the Violent Disorder in Summer 2024 and Racial Hate Crime incidents.

Those present were supportive of Restorative Justice which they felt would help reduce burdens on the prison system while preventing perpetrators of low level crimes from reoffending in a way that might impact their life and future. It was suggested that the Voluntary Community Sector could provide invaluable support in engaging communities and businesses within the Borough.

Decision

The presentation was noted.

6. Any Other Items which the Chairman Considers are Urgent

None.

7. Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation Order) 2006

Under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public were excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraphs referred to below of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

Minute 8 – Domestic Abuse Related Death Review (*Assistant Director, Regulatory Services*) – This item contains exempt information under Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 namely information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual (para 2).

- 8. Domestic Abuse Related Death Review** *(Assistant Director, Regulatory Services)* This item contains exempt information under Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 namely information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual (para 2)

Purpose of Report

To consider the report into a death as part of the Safer Hartlepool Partnerships Statutory Duty to commission Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews under Section 9 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004.

Issues for Consideration

Further details can be found in the exempt section of the minutes.

Decision

Further details can be found in the exempt section of the minutes.

9. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The Chair reported that the next meeting would be held on Friday 3 October

The meeting concluded at 2:40 pm.

CHAIR