



SAFER HARTLEPOOL PARTNERSHIP AGENDA



12th September 2025

at 5.00pm

in the Council Chamber,
Civic Centre, Hartlepool.

MEMBERS: SAFER HARTLEPOOL PARTNERSHIP

Responsible Authority Members:

Councillor - Vacancy

Councillor Oliver, Elected Member, Hartlepool Borough Council

Denise McGuckin, Managing Director, Hartlepool Borough Council

Tony Hanson, Executive Director of Development, Neighbourhoods and Regulatory Services, Hartlepool Borough Council

Sylvia Pinkney, Assistant Director, Regulatory Services, Hartlepool Borough Council

Superintendent Martin Hopps, Community Safety, Cleveland Police

Jo Heaney, Chair of Youth Offending Board

Karen Hawkins, Director of Place, North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NENC ICB)

Ann Powell, Head of Stockton and Hartlepool Probation Delivery Unit

Carl Pattinson, Cleveland Fire Authority

Other Members:

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

Sally Robinson, Executive Director of Children's and Joint Commissioning 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 15th July 2024

4. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 4.1 Draft Police and Crime Plan for 2024-2028 – Presentation - Police and Crime Commissioner

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT



SAFER HARTLEPOOL PARTNERSHIP

MINUTES AND DECISION RECORD

15 July 2024

The meeting commenced at 5.00pm in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool.

Present:

Responsible Authority Members:

Councillors Oliver, Elected Member, Hartlepool Borough Council (Chair)
Tony Hanson, Director of Neighbourhoods and Regulatory Services
Hartlepool Borough Council
Sylvia Pinkney, Assistant Director, Regulatory Services, Hartlepool Borough Council
Superintendent Martin Hopps, Community Safety, Cleveland Police
Jo Heaney, Chair of Youth Offending Board
Karen Hawkins, Director of Place, North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NENC ICB)
Ann Powell, Head of Stockton and Hartlepool Probation Delivery Unit
Darren Lane, Cleveland Fire Authority

Other Members:

Craig Blundred, Director of Public Health, Hartlepool Borough Council
Matthew Storey, Office of Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland
Joanne Hodgkinson, Hartlepool Voluntary and Community Sector
Representative, Chief Executive, Safer Communities
Sally Robinson, Director of Children's and Joint Commissioning Services,
Hartlepool Borough Council

Also Present:

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

Officers:

Sylvia Pinkey, Assistant Director, Regulatory Services, Hartlepool Borough Council
Steve Hilton, Senior Public Relations Officer, Hartlepool Borough Council
Ronnie Checksfield, YOS Team Manager, Hartlepool Borough Council
Philip Hepburn, Enforcement & Car Parking Services Manager
Anna Waddington, Anna Waddington, Cleveland Violence Reduction Unit (CURV)
Sarah Wilson, Office of Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland
Olivia Highley, Domestic Abuse Coordinator, Hartlepool Borough Council
Joan Stevens, Statutory Scrutiny Officer

1. Apologies for Absence

Councillor Brash, Elected Member, Hartlepool Borough Council
Denise McGuckin, Managing Director, Hartlepool Borough Council
Jill Harrison, Director of Adult and Community Based Services, Hartlepool Borough Council
John Lovatt, Assistant Director Adult Social Care
Susan Hurst, Head Of Service - Promoting Independence
Carl Pattinson, Cleveland Fire Authority
Angela Corner, Head of Community Resilience, Thirteen Group

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 26 February 2024

Confirmed.

4. Fire Brigade District Performance (*Community Liaison Officer, Cleveland Fire Brigade*)

Purpose of report

To provide the Safer Hartlepool Partnership with an update on Cleveland Fire Brigade performance during May 2024, focusing specifically on the Hartlepool District.

Issue(s) for consideration

The Hartlepool District Manager, Cleveland Fire Brigade, provided a performance update for May 2024, which allowed the Partnership to compare incident levels from May 2023 and May 2024, across a range of fire indicators.

A 40% reduction in the total number of fires had been recorded in May 2024, compared to May 2023. Whilst fire brigade preventative activities had been a factor in reducing overall levels of fires, Members were interested in the impact of increased rainfall. Details of weather patterns, and their correlation with reduced levels of fires were requested.

Decision

The update report was received.

5. Neighbourhood Policing Verbal Update (*Superintendent, Cleveland Police*)

Purpose of report

The purpose of the report was to provide members of the Safer Hartlepool Partnership an update in respect of general policing duties within Hartlepool.

Issue(s) for consideration

The Superintendent, Cleveland Police, provided the Partnership with an update on the work of the Neighbourhood Policing Team and refresh of the Neighbourhood Policing Strategy (NPS).

Emphasis within the NPS on engagement and building effective relationships with community safety partners was noted, alongside its focus on targeted prevention, enforcement activity, collaborative problem-solving, protecting communities, tackling criminals, managing offenders. Specifically in relation to the NPS's focus on identifying and addressing problems at a local level, attention was drawn to the creation of 70 designated appointments a day with Neighbourhood officers across the district, of which 2 a day were provided in Hartlepool based on demand. It was, however, noted that a potential increase in the number of appointments available across the division, and the provision of ring-fenced Neighbourhood Officer(s), was being looked in to.

Attention was also drawn to the:

- Results of the recent staff consultation on shift patterns which had shown that 87% of officers supported a move to a 4 on 4 off pattern. It was hoped that this could be introduced in late November, with no impact on the number of officers on neighbourhood teams.
- Success of the Hartlepool Proactive Team in effectively disrupting serious harm, since its introduction in May 2024. The first four weeks of which had seen 47 arrests (robbery, rape and threats to kill, along with high-risk domestic abuse) and 20 stop searches that resulted in the seizure of drugs and suspected stolen property.
- The return of Operation Artemis and roll out of the Right Care Right Person (RCRP) initiative to ensure that vulnerable people get the right support from the right emergency services.

It was noted that off-road bikes (ORB's) continued to be a problem for communities across Hartlepool and was also a priority for the Police and Crime Commissioner. Hartlepool specific ORB data had been unavailable at the meeting, however, it was agreed that it would be circulated to the members of the partnership (including the number of seizures).

Decision

The Neighbourhood Policing update be noted.

6. Domestic Abuse Strategy and Progress *(Executive Director of Children's and Joint Commissioning Services)*

Purpose of report

To update members on the progress of the Domestic Abuse Local Strategic Partnership Board (DALSPB) in delivering the Domestic Abuse Strategy in the last year 2023 – 2024 and the proposed delivery plan for 2024 – 2025.

Issue(s) for consideration

The Domestic Abuse Local Strategic Partnership Board (DALSPB) meets the requirements of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 and consists of representatives from the local authority, health services, policing and criminal justice, voluntary organisations and representatives for the voice of both child and adult victims of domestic abuse.

The Executive Director of Children's and Joint Commissioning Services reported that over the last financial year the DALSPB had been implementing an action plan, with a focus on the key strategic priorities within the Domestic Abuse Strategy. Details of actions taken were outlined in the report and it was confirmed that the key strategic priorities for 2023 – 2024 would remain the same, with a DALSP focus on:

- Refreshing the Needs Assessment and Strategy for 2025;
- Continuing to incorporate the voice of victims and survivors, both adults and children;
- Promotion of the domestic abuse support services offer and key awareness raising campaigns with a communication strategy;
- Continuing the outcome monitoring of commissioned services;
- Implementation of the Safe and Together model and development of training packages;
- Supporting the strategic review of MARAC to ensure that it is fit for purpose, delivers appropriate outcomes and is reflected within operational MARAC arrangements;
- Exploring options of safe accommodation and ensuring housing systems and applications are trauma-informed and victim-led; and
- Continuing to develop accommodation pathways for perpetrators and a perpetrator strategy.

The Chair took the opportunity to thank the DALSPB for all the work that had been, and continued to be, undertaken.

Decision

That progress on implementation of the strategy, and proposed delivery plan for 2024 – 2025, be noted.

7. Youth Justice Strategic Plan (*Executive Director of Children's and Joint Commissioning Services*)

Purpose of report

To present the Youth Justice Strategic Plan for 2024-2025 and seek comments for incorporation in the report back to the Children's Services Committee, prior to adoption of the plan by full Council.

Issue(s) for consideration

The Director of Children's and Joint Commissioning Services reported that the meeting of Hartlepool Borough Council on 3rd October 2024 would be requested to adopt the Youth Justice Strategic Plan for 2024-2025, a copy

of which was appended to the report. The recommendations made by Safer Hartlepool Partnership, Finance and Policy Committee, Children's Services Committee and Audit and Governance would be considered in the final plan presented to Council. The final version of the Strategic Plan would also be sent to National Youth Justice Board.

Decision

That the report be noted.

8. 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 9 – Domestic Homicide Review – *Executive Director of Development, Neighbourhoods and Regulatory Services* (Para 2) – 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 (para 2) Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.

- 9. Domestic Homicide Review** (*Executive Director of Development, Neighbourhoods and 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 (para 2) Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.

Purpose of report

To consider the report into a recent death as part of the Safer Hartlepool Partnerships Statutory duty to commission Domestic Homicide Reviews under Section 9 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act (2004).

Issue(s) for consideration

Under section 9 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act (2004) Community Safety Partnerships have a statutory duty to undertake Domestic Homicide Reviews and a detailed report was considered by the Partnership, details of which are set out in the exempt section of the minutes.

Decision

The Safer Hartlepool Partnership Executive considered the Domestic Homicide Review Report and agreed that the final report be sent to the Home Office to be quality assessed.

10. Any Other Items which the Chairman Considers are Urgent

The Chairman ruled that the following item of business should be considered by the Committee as a matter of urgency in accordance with the provisions of Section 100(B) (4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 in order that the matter could be dealt with without delay.

- 1) Police and Crime Plan Consultation – Attention was drawn to the start of the consultation process in relation to the Police and Crime Plan and participation was encouraged.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

The Chair reported that the date of the next meeting was to be confirmed.

The meeting concluded at 6.30pm.

CHAIR



Cleveland Police and Crime Plan 2024-2028

**Police and Crime Commissioner
Matt Storey**

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Introduction



My first two months in office



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Why we need a Police and Crime Plan

Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011



PCCs are required by law to develop a police and crime plan



The plan must set the strategic direction for policing



It is developed in partnership with the Chief Constable



Consultation conducted with the public, victims of crime and wider stakeholders

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My vision

“Working together to build safe, strong and confident communities.”

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The draft Police and Crime Plan



DELIVER MORE VISIBLE AND EFFECTIVE POLICING

Police understand local concerns and provide a visible and proactive response.

- Protect and enhance neighbourhood policing
- Public contact with police is accessible and responsive
- Technology used to drive innovation and productivity



REDUCE CRIME, ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AND HARM

Cleveland will be a safer place to live, with less crime, violence and antisocial behaviour.

- Tackle the antisocial use of off-road bikes and e-scooters
- Anti-knife crime education for young people
- Strategies to address business and retail crime



IMPROVE SAFETY FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

Women and girls in Cleveland will feel safe and supported. Perpetrators will be held accountable.

- Specialist support for victims of domestic abuse and sexual violence
- Making public spaces safer
- Using education to tackle misogyny

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The draft Police and Crime Plan



BUILD TRUST AND CONFIDENCE IN POLICING AND THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

People have more confidence in the police and wider justice system.

- Establish a public scrutiny panel for policing and crime
- Monitor police performance and positive outcomes for victims
- Involve communities in decision-making and commissioning



ENSURE THE RIGHT SUPPORT FOR VICTIMS AND VULNERABLE PEOPLE

Victims and vulnerable people feel supported and listened to, with access to high-quality services.

- Provide appropriate support for victims and vulnerable people
- Reduce harm caused by homelessness, substance misuse and mental health
- Improve victim satisfaction



TACKLE OFFENDING AND RE-OFFENDING

There is a reduction in offending in Cleveland. Projects will seek to address the root causes of crime.

- Strengthen monitoring of most harmful offenders
- Supporting young people to make the right choices
- Encouraging employment of former offenders

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My guiding principles

Honesty and integrity

Partnership working

Governance and accountability

Victim-focused

Visible in communities

Voice of the public

Inclusive

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What will success look like?

PRIORITY	OUTCOME	MEASURES
DELIVER MORE VISIBLE AND EFFECTIVE POLICING	Police understand local concerns and provide a visible and proactive response.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Police resources• Timely contact with police• Perceptions of police visibility
REDUCE CRIME, ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AND HARM	Cleveland will be a safer place to live, with less crime and antisocial behaviour.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Level of crime and ASB• Public feelings of safety• Empowered communities
IMPROVE SAFETY FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS	Women and girls in Cleveland will feel safe and supported. Perpetrators will be held accountable.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• women and girls (VAWG)• Positive outcomes• Women and girls are

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What will success look like?

PRIORITY	OUTCOME	MEASURES
BUILD TRUST AND CONFIDENCE IN POLICING AND THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM	People have more confidence in the police and wider justice system.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public satisfaction and confidence• Complaints• Crime outcome rate
ENSURE THE RIGHT SUPPORT FOR VICTIMS AND VULNERABLE PEOPLE	Victims of crime feel supported and listened to, with access to high-quality services at the right time.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The number of victims supported by services• Victim needs are identified• Victim satisfaction
TACKLE OFFENDING AND RE-OFFENDING	There is a reduction in offending in Cleveland. Out of court disposals are used more frequently.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use of police powers and civil orders• Re-offending rate• Diversionary activity

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Consultation and engagement



Consultation period: Monday 15th July – Monday 30th September

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Over to you...



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AND EFFECTIVE
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