

**COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP BOARD**  
**Tuesday 14th June 2022 1.00pm**  
**Microsoft Teams**

**Board Members:**

Cllr Carole Pattison (Chair)	Portfolio Holder, Kirklees Council
Jacqui Stansfield	Service Manager, Kirklees Safeguarding Adults Board
Jill Greenfield	Head of Local Integrated Partnerships, Kirklees Council
Jo Richmond	Head of Communities, Kirklees Council
Lee Hamilton	Safer Kirklees Manager, Kirklees Council
Cllr Naheed Mather	Labour, Dalton, Councillor
Cllr Mark Thompson	Conservative, Birstall and Birkenshaw, Councillor
Cllr Andrew Cooper	Green Party, Newsome, Councillor
James Griffiths	Kirklees District Commander (WYP)
Louise Fletcher	Head of Safeguarding Kirklees & Calderdale CCG

**Also, in Attendance:**

Chani Mortimer	Service Manager Domestic Abuse & Safeguarding P'ships
Chris Walsh	Safer Kirklees Manager, Kirklees Council
Gill Skelton	Business Support, Kirklees Council
Caroline Henderson	Partnerships Officer
Shebana Sadiq	Inclusive Communities Service Manager
Linda Johnson	Improvement & Relationship Manager
Vina Randhawa	Democracy Manager, Active Citizens & Places
Zara Benn-Town	Apprentice Business Support officer
Emma Dickens	Head of Communications and Engagement Locala
Caroline Henderson	Partnerships Officer

**Apologies:**

Amanda Evans	Service Director for Adult Social Care Operations
Emily Parry- Harries	Head of Public Health, Kirklees Council
Joanne Atkin	Probation Service Kirklees
Julie Kiddy	Victim Support
Mel Meggs	Director of Children's Services, Kirklees Council
Cllr Anthony Smith	Liberal Democrats, Lindley, Councillor
Cllr Steve Hall	Labour, Heckmondwike, Councillor
Iain Yates	Delivery Manager Policing and Crime (WYCA)

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**Item 2: Matters arising from Communities Board Papers 2nd March 2022 – Councillor Pattison**

- Cllr Pattison – Welcomed all to the first hybrid format Communities Partnership Board meeting and apologies were noted
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- **JR/LH to liaise with the legal team before raising a complaint with the CIC Regulator.**  
*Completed JR Updated – The regulator only investigates if the allegation related to fraud and whilst we have concerns about how the company is being run there is no evidence of fraud and therefore involvement from the regulator is unlikely*
  - **JG to liaise with JR and other partners to get indicator of measures and how we all contribute to them to update in March 2022**  
*Complete – On Today's Agenda*

- **Any further comments on the draft Communities Partnership Plan please forward to LH/JR**  
*Complete – On Today's Agenda*
- **LH & JR – Bring together a list of substantive agenda items for agreement at the next Communities Partnership Board meeting in June.**  
*Complete - Areas agreed Road Safety, Violence/VAWG and ASB, Substance misuse, Reducing reoffending inc young people. Cllr Andrew Cooper asked is Off road Biking could be discussed as part of Road Safety. It was suggested that this would be considered to be an ASB issue and would be discussed as part of this substantive item*
- **HB to share PowerPoint presentation (Overview of Violent Crime) to be distributed with the minutes.**  
*Complete - Circulated with papers of the meeting*
- **HB to share with EPH the statistics regarding take up of support services when offered to those brought into custody.**  
*Complete - Circulated with papers of the meeting*
- **All agreed Minutes of the last meeting as an accurate record**

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### **Item 3: Communities Partnership Plan – Jo Richmond/ Chris Walsh**

JR provided an overview / update on the Communities Partnership Plan, which is due to go to Scrutiny this month and will also go to Cabinet and full Council in due course. The plan is based on the Strategic Intelligence Assessment and has 4 priority theme areas which reflect those in the Mayors Crime Plan.

CW then gave an update on the Performance framework and the list of measures to be used to report back to the board, as per the document circulated with the papers of the meeting.

#### **Questions & Comments:**

Cllr AC – Reporting will increase as people begin to feel more confidence in making reports which conflicts with the outcome. How do we plan on dealing with this issue?

CW – We need to make sure that we have the data and insight to understand whether an increase in reports is due to improved confidence or an actual increase in incidents.

JR – Within the subgroups we focus on the measures and overlay this with what we know such as a national incident or after we have run a campaign. Most important is to have systems to get feedback from communities.

JG – The board should consider how we make sense of the data that comes to the board and how we share that learning with other boards and relevant places. This is for the board to do but also members of the board and this is an action that we need to be alert to.

Cllr MT – Commented on the way the statistics are gathered for Hate Crime and Domestic Violence as at a PCC meeting, he attended they stated that the figures are skewed due to the way it is reported across West Yorkshire.

Cllr CP – Asked if all agreed to sign off the Communities Partnership Plan – All agreed

#### **Actions:**

None

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### **Item 4: Domestic Abuse Strategy – Jo Richmond / Chani Mortimer**

Cllr CP Stated that the strategy has been to the board several times and it is here today for final review and sign off.

CM added that there has been minimal change since it last came to the board and that it has also been to Scrutiny Committee.

### **Questions & Comments:**

Cllr NM – Asked if the Strategy was aligned to that of the deputy mayor. CM – Advised that yes, they have been working closely with the mayor's office and it is also in line with the Governments Tackling Domestic Abuse plan and is closely matched to its priorities.

CM advised the document is to go to comms and a statement of support is also to be added.

Cllr Pattison asked all if they agreed to sign off the strategy- All agreed

### **Actions:**

None

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### **Item 5: Inclusive Communities Framework**

JR & JG gave an overview of the Inclusive Communities Framework (ICF) to the Communities Board and asked the board to approve the ICF and to recommend its adoption by the Council and Partner organisations.

The overview explained why we need an ICF and the guiding principles which underpin our approach to building an inclusive community. As part of the ICF there is also a toolkit which explains the Kirklees approach. The toolkit includes descriptors of each approach and why its important in developing inclusive communities, statements produced by partners, checklist questions to aid leadership and management discussions and references to other materials to support partners alignment. Within the presentation how impact is to be measured was explained and the next steps for the Framework were highlighted these include agreeing the final version so we can take it to the Health and Wellbeing Board and on-going consultation with partnership forums

JR explained that it will be an incremental change, but that the way we work with communities needs to change and asked the board to support this approach across the system

### **Questions and Comments:**

Cllr MT – Asked what does success look like?

JR – The issue is about measures, and the self-evaluation having an impact on the work that is being done. Success looks like programs of work and organisations overtime having improved their approaches around inclusion and that the outcome for communities is better. The Board needs to look at holistically and see that people are progressing and outcomes are better.

JG – Part of the difficulty in bringing about culture change is that the measures can be very specific, but the self-evaluation framework gives us a high-level tool to work with. What we have tried to do is wrap around other organisations policies and plans and apply the framework to how they deliver them.

Cllr CP – Ultimately the aim is that across Kirklees people feel safe, included, there would be cohesive communities where all feel they are treated fairly.

VR – Place Standard information may provide some base line data which will be helpful.

Cllr MT – We have data to start with so it would be possible to ask the same people the same questions in a few months' time to compare their responses. VR agreed.

All agreed for the ICF to go forward to the Health and Wellbeing board

### **Actions:**

None

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### **Item 6: What Unites and Divides us – Various Partners**

#### **What unites us and divides us – a Kirklees case study:**

**Areas of division** – LH gave an insight into key themes emerging from our community tensions monitoring and hate crime work. This includes looking at Global, International and Local issues that have led to tensions over recent years including Covid, the war in Ukraine and local protests such as

those at Batley Grammar School and about Road Safety concerns. Currently in Kirklees 70% of reported hate crime relates to race, with most hate incidents occurring in town centres. Since Covid there has also been a spike in neighbour related issues.

**Where we live** – VR provided the board with an overview of the work being undertaken to understand what unites and divides people in the places they live and how this informs action taken at a place level. Place working in Kirklees aims to:

- Work with and alongside citizens and partners in our local places
- Recognise and celebrate the unique identities of our local places, their assets and aspirations
- Engage with local people, recognising they are best placed to understand local challenges and strengths but might need some help from others to make things happen
- Use the Place Standard tool to engage local people through conversations in order to understand what matters in their local place

VR presented the board with the results of an engagement exercise undertaken to two contrasting areas of Kirklees (Shepley & Ravensthorpe) to understand key issues which unite and divide people.

**(IROKO)** – Linda Johnson provided an overview of the IROKO project in Kirklees. The Iroko project started out as an innovative eight-month community-led initiative that aimed to uncover inequalities that the Black African and Caribbean (BAC) community experience. The first phase of the project was delivered in partnership with the community who described their lived experiences, their challenges, and their strengths and identified the steps and actions they felt would bring about impactful change. This was led by Iroko ambassadors who used their local knowledge, lived experiences, and relationships to direct, guide, and facilitate community engagement. They were supported by Kirklees Council and Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion specialists Amber and Greene. The project ambassadors chose to name the project after the Iroko tree, a symbol of growth and healing found throughout West Africa. Due to its success, the community has agreed that the work must continue, and the community are now setting up a formal Iroko community group to support the BAC community. Iroko has made, and continues to make, a significant impact in our communities and has been recognised both nationally and internationally for its innovative and ground-breaking work

The Board were then posed the following questions:

- What do we understand to be the key issues that (unite) and divide communities?
- What works that we currently do?
- What else could we be doing?

### **Questions and Comments:**

JR – Both pieces of work are excellent and the connection between them and what happens within communities should make us consider how we taken an asset-based approach as place is very important to people.

Cllr NM – It seems we need to adopt a tailor-made approach to different areas as what will work in Ravensthorpe may not work elsewhere. Whatever is done in each area however needs to be done in partnership with others.

Cllr CP – This is where the ICF would be used so the approach can be adapted to all areas.

Cllr MT – Should it evolve through existing groups? With the Council's role being to support people to do this.

VR – Communities want to be part of the solution, but we need to get them involved from the outset.

**Actions:**

**Circulate the IROKO promotional video**

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**Item 7: Any Other Business – All**

**Proposals for National Review of Community Safety Partnerships**

CW asked all to read the briefing note regarding this that was circulated with the papers of the meeting

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**Close of meeting – Councillor C Pattison**

**THE NEXT MEETING:**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022 1:30pm – 3:30pm**

**Hybrid – Join on Teams or attend Meeting Room 1 Huddersfield Town Hall**