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The Safer & Stronger Bucks Partnership Board

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Outline

1. How the Safer & Stronger Partnership works
2. Our Priorities
3. Achievements:
 - Successes
 - Use of the pooled fund
4. Challenges



How the Partnership works (1)

The Board

- History – CADEX decision 2004
- Statutory role since 2008
- Terms of Reference, key roles:
 - Leadership and Direction
 - Commissioning and Performance Management (including Area Based Grant)
 - Countywide Co-ordination
- Membership:
 - All statutory partners
 - Voluntary & Community Sector representative
 - Chaired by Thames Valley Police



How the Partnership works (2)

- BCC provides Secretariat
- Review of Governance arrangements
- Agenda structure – focus on LAA, Strategy and Performance
- Use of Workshop sessions
- Links to other groups eg:
 - Community Safety Partnerships
 - Community Cohesion and Equalities Forum
 - ...and to other Thematic Partnerships
- Co-ordinating Group (and other sub groups)



Our Priorities (1) – Safer Communities

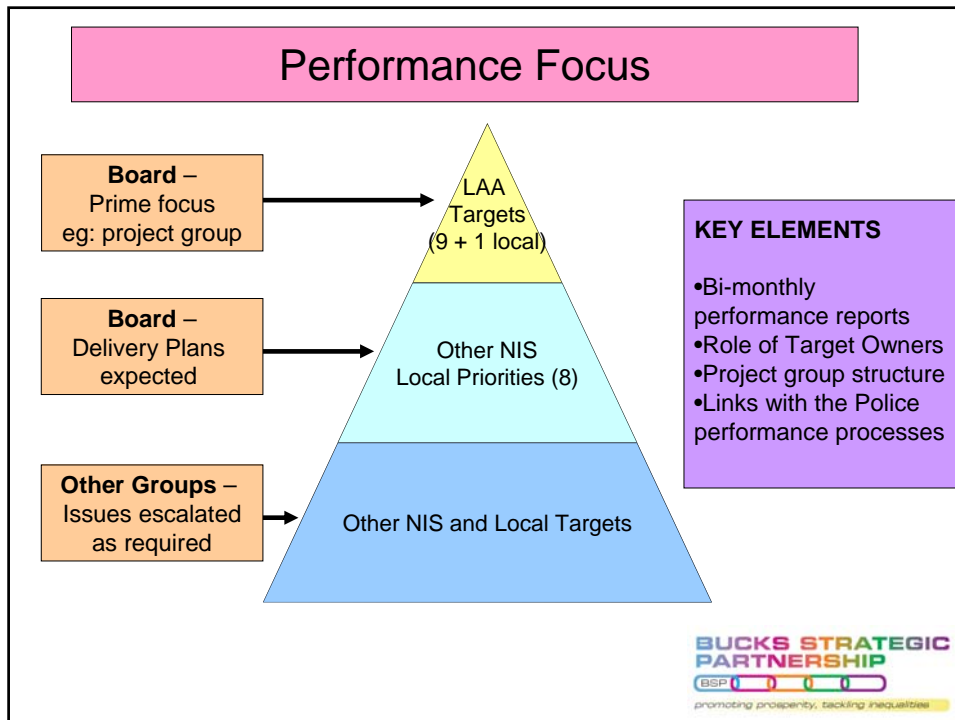
- **LAA – 5 National Indicators & 1 Local Indicator**
- **Local Priorities – 4 National Indicators**
- **Priority outcomes sought:**
 - Less serious acquisitive crime... particularly in the south
 - Increase public confidence we are tackling anti-social behaviour and crime... influencing perceptions
 - Reducing harm caused by substance misuse... more advice and treatment
 - Reducing reoffending... pathways out of crime



Our Priorities (2) – Stronger Communities

- **LAA – 4 National Indicators (NIS)**
- **Local Priorities – 4 National Indicators**
- **Priority outcomes sought:**
 - Increased community cohesion... more people get on
 - Thriving voluntary and community sector... more volunteers
 - More adults participating in sport... an Active Bucks
 - Increased community resilience... combating extremism
 - More people involved in local decisions... shaping local services
 - More activities for young people... less risk of harm





Achievements (1) - Successes

- Partnership Strategic Assessment
- Safer Bucks Plan
- Roll out of the Home Safety Check
- “I: on Bucks” information hub
- Strong Voluntary Sector engagement
- Approach to delivering targets:
 - Intelligence led eg: use of Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR)
 - Joint tasking eg: rapid local response to crime
 - Commissioning eg: extension of alcohol services

Achievements (2) Use of Pooled Fund

- Safer & Stronger Communities Fund:
 - Re-commissioning
 - Creation of headroom
- Outcomes for Home Safety Check:
 - *By end of Q4: 200 Home Safety checks completed per month*
 - *On track to roll out across whole county by 3 Sept 2009*
 - *Core HSC team recruited*
 - *Good partnership engagement in responding to identified needs*



Achievements (2) Use of Pooled Fund

- Outcomes for Adult Participation in Sport:
 - *£230k has been allocated to the Reactivate Bucks! Projects*
 - *Additional partnership funding secured from the CSP, BCC and PCT and a funding application submitted to Sport England – outcome imminent*
 - *Projects include 'Fit or Life' (activities for older people), 'Take to the streets', 'Community Challenge', 'Corporate Challenge' and Reactivate Marketing campaign eg: 'Reactivate Bucks Family Week' see www.buckssport.org/reactivate*
 - *All partners can help delivery and promote the project to target markets, especially the 'community challenge'*



Challenges (1) (stronger focus)

- **Outcome challenges:**
 - *Community cohesion & people getting on...* difficult to influence local views
 - *Public Confidence in tackling crime and ASB...* low score in Bucks, perception again
 - *Strong voluntary & community sector...* need for adequate and joined up statutory sector funding
 - *Impact assessments...* tailoring actions to different communities



Challenges (2) (stronger focus)

- **Partnership challenges:**
 - Balancing a county framework with local delivery
 - Ensuring sufficient focus on stronger priorities
 - Wide ranging issues, fast pace, communication!
 - Cross cutting nature of the outcomes – need greater integration around locality working



Summary

- Maturity of the partnership... it takes time
- Influencing perceptions... communication, communication, communication!
- Safer & stronger outcomes are a high priority in the community strategies
- CAA focus on safer communities... relative performance
- No “silver bullet”... need to do 100 things 1% better
- Stronger focus on preventative work and engaging residents

