



## Meeting Notes

### Safer Bristol

**12:30pm Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2008**

Present: Bill Streets GOSW, Helen Flyng Safer Bristol, Julie Howarth Safer Bristol  
Andrew Pope the Co-operative Group and Russ Martin FSB SW Business Crime  
Portfolio Lead.

This meeting was arranged to discuss crime hot spots in areas of Bristol and to explore initiatives to reduce crime in specific locations.

#### **Tackling Violent Crime Programme 08/09**

A bid had been prepared by Safer Bristol to the GOSW and Home Office for funding towards a piped music initiative in the centre to quell anti social behaviour and violent incidents, the bid was processed but was unsuccessful because it was felt that it did not tackle violence and was more anti social behaviour orientated, the bid will be realigned and include new evidence of this type of initiative and will also address further CCTV coverage in the harbour side area. The deadline for the bid is 18<sup>th</sup> August 2008.

#### **High Crime/WOE Partnership**

The FSB in partnership with Business Crime SW are working on a High Crime Model which is a pilot project with the West of England section of GOSW.

This work will form the part of the new strategy being taken forward by Russ Martin representing the FSB across the region; plans are underway to set up at least 3 sub regional business crime forums/centres all linked into Business Crime SW (BCSW). The first forum/centre will be in the West of England area, taking in Gloucestershire, Bristol, Bath and North East Somerset and Somerset. A BCSW meeting will take place early September to thrash out the details.

Other areas of work specific to the Bristol area include tackling violent crime especially incidents that affect the night time economy around the city centre, a meeting is being arranged with the inventor of the 'Mosquito' initiative to discuss these issues and to look at different ways crime may be prevented.

A paper is being produced to consider changes in open spaces that are flash points to violent incidents and anti social behaviour, temporary bollards have been used in one area improving safety, there have been suggestions of entertainment being provided in these areas such as a circus, Halloween events and other acts designed to encourage people to enjoy themselves and to reduce any potential anti social behaviour that can turn into violence.

This was the first time the FSB was represented at Safer Bristol; there will be future opportunities for FSB members in the Bristol and surrounding areas to get involved with local crime initiatives. More up dates will be made available.

Meeting finished at 15:00

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