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Safer Policy and Performance Board

Tuesday, 20 November 2018 at 6.30 p.m.
Council Chamber - Town Hall, Runcorn

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Chief Executive

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Councillor Dave Thompson (Chair)	Labour
Councillor Norman Plumpton Walsh (Vice-Chair)	Labour
Councillor Sandra Baker	Labour
Councillor Ellen Cargill	Labour
Councillor Eddie Dourley	Labour
Councillor Valerie Hill	Labour
Councillor Peter Lloyd Jones	Labour
Councillor Kath Loftus	Labour
Councillor Geoffrey Logan	Labour
Councillor Gareth Stockton	Liberal Democrat
Councillor Geoff Zygadlo	Labour

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The next meeting of the Board is on Tuesday, 19 February 2019

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IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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In accordance with the Health and Safety at Work Act the Council is required to notify those attending meetings of the fire evacuation procedures. A copy has previously been circulated to Members and instructions are located in all rooms within the Civic block.

SAFER POLICY AND PERFORMANCE BOARD

At a meeting of the Safer Policy and Performance Board on Tuesday, 11 September 2018 at the Council Chamber - Town Hall, Runcorn

Present: Councillors Thompson (Chair), Baker, E. Cargill, V. Hill, P. Lloyd Jones, K. Loftus, Logan, G. Stockton and Zygadlo

Apologies for Absence: Councillor N. Plumpton Walsh

Absence declared on Council business: None

Officers present: M. Andrews, C. Patino and G. Ferguson

Also in attendance: Councillors D. Cargill and Morley and J. Mckibbin (Home Office), S. Seddon and A. Smith (Manchester Port Health Authority)

**ITEM DEALT WITH
UNDER DUTIES
EXERCISABLE BY THE BOARD**

	<i>Action</i>
SAF9 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS	
<p>The Chair announced that a working party meeting was needed to finalise the Council's White Ribbon submission. It was agreed that this would be held on 10th October 2018.</p> <p>Members received an update on a recent fatal stabbing in Runcorn. It was noted that two persons had been charged with murder and remanded into custody. Councillor D. Cargill, David Parr and other Council Officers would be attending a joint agency meeting tomorrow.</p>	
SAF10 MINUTES	
<p>The Minutes of the meeting held on 12th June 2018 were taken as read and signed as a correct record.</p>	
SAF11 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME	
<p>It was reported that no questions had been received.</p>	
SAF12 SSP MINUTES	
<p>The minutes from the previous Safer Halton</p>	

Partnership (SHP) meeting held on 2nd May 2018 were presented to the Board for information.

SAF13 NORTH WEST AMBULANCE SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT

The report was deferred until a future meeting date.

SAF14 HOME OFFICE BORDER AGENCY

The Board received a presentation from Mr J. Mckibbin who outlined to Members the work of the North West Border Agency carried out in Halton. The Border Force was a law enforcement command within the Home Office. Border Force secured the border and promoted national prosperity by facilitating the legitimate movement of individuals and goods, whilst preventing those that would cause harm from entering the UK. This was achieved through the immigration and customs checks carried out at ports and airports. Border Force officers worked at 140 sea and air ports across the UK and overseas and their responsibilities included:

- checking the immigration status of people arriving in and departing the UK;
- searching baggage, vehicles and cargo for illicit goods or illegal immigrants;
- patrolling the UK coastline and searching vessels;
- gathering intelligence; and
- alerting the police and security services to people of interest

Members noted that the priorities for the Border Force were to:

- deter and prevent individuals and goods that would harm the national interests from entering the UK;
- facilitate the legitimate movement of individuals and trade to and from the UK;
- protect and collect customs revenues for trade crossing the border;
- provide excellent service to customers; and
- provide demonstrable effectiveness, efficiency and value for money

On behalf of the Board, the Chair agreed to write to both local MP's to highlight the cuts to Home Office services in Halton and the potential further reductions in service.

RESOLVED: That the presentation be noted and the Chair thanked Mr Mckibbin for his informative presentation.

SAF15 TRANSFER OF CHANNEL COORDINATION FROM POLICE TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES

The Board considered a report by the Director Enterprise, Community and Resources, which outlined the transfer of Channel and Prevent responsibilities from the Police to local authorities' responsibility. The Prevent Strategy had been reviewed and revised in line with the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015. The Act placed a duty on specified authorities requiring them to have due regard to preventing people from being drawn into terrorism. It also established a statutory responsibility for every local authority to ensure they had an identified panel to assess the vulnerability of identified individuals and put in place support plans, known as 'Channel Panels'.

Since the establishment of the Channel Programme the responsibility for assessment and case management had been held by the Police. However, in line with a broader aim to position all Prevent activity closer to local communities and forging a stronger link with local authority safeguarding activities, the Home Office had indicated their desire to transfer many responsibilities from the Police to local authorities.

In 2016, the Home Office initiated the 'Dovetail' pilot to assess the feasibility of transferring the resources and responsibility for administering the process and case management aspects of Channel from the police to local authorities, trialled initially in nine areas. The evaluation of the pilot was broadly positive and the decision of the Home Office was to extend the transfer of functions from the police to local authorities in more areas on a regional basis, commencing in the North West. The intention was to implement a regional model with funding being provided by the Home Office to resource the assessment of referrals and management of cases by Local Authority Channel Coordinators.

An initial consultation meeting was held in October 2017 with Channel Panel Chairs and other local authority representatives on the options on the allocation of Coordinators in the region, based on current referral and case activity, and the expectations on local authorities to manage and recruit to these nationally defined roles. For the Merseyside and Cheshire part of the region a preferred option of a 'Three-Hub Model' was identified on the day by the local authority representatives in attendance. Consequently, discussion was held on possible

management arrangements and the expectation of hosting by one local authority in the area. It was considered that, due to the level of existing resource and understanding already in place on Prevent and Channel, Liverpool City Council was best positioned to host these new roles, subject to clarity of hosting requirements, funding provision and service level arrangements across the wider area.

It was noted that work was currently being progressed to draw up job descriptions, finalise funding and for the Office for Security and Counter Terrorism to confirm the preferred model.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

SAF16 MANCHESTER PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

On behalf of Manchester Port Health Authority (MPHA), Andrea Smith, Steve Seddon and Councillor Morley attended the meeting and provided the Board with an overview of the role of the Authority. MPHA was the local authority for the Manchester Ship Canal and River Weaver including the ports of Eastham, Ellesmere, Manisty, Standlow, Ince, Weston, Runcorn, Partington, Irlam and Salford. The Authority was responsible for a wide range of public health controls including:

- Ship sanitation inspections and certificates;
- Food standards, food safety and water quality (ships and land);
- Infectious disease control;
- Environmental protection;
- Pest control;
- Smoke free legislation;
- Emergency planning; and
- Import controls for high risk products of non-animal origin.

On behalf of the Board, the Chair thanked the MPHA for their informative presentation and invited those Board Members who wished to attend a Boarding Inspection of shipping at Runcorn Docks to contact him and he would arrange this with the Authority.

RESOLVED: That the presentation be noted.

Meeting ended at 7.45 p.m.

REPORT TO: Safer Policy & Performance Board

DATE: 20th November 2018

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources

SUBJECT: Public Question Time

WARD(s): Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To consider any questions submitted by the Public in accordance with Standing Order 34(9).
- 1.2 Details of any questions received will be circulated at the meeting.

2.0 RECOMMENDED: That any questions received be dealt with.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 Standing Order 34(9) states that Public Questions shall be dealt with as follows:-

- (i) A total of 30 minutes will be allocated for dealing with questions from members of the public who are residents of the Borough, to ask questions at meetings of the Policy and Performance Boards.
- (ii) Members of the public can ask questions on any matter relating to the agenda.
- (iii) Members of the public can ask questions. Written notice of questions must be given by 4.00 pm on the working day prior to the date of the meeting to the Committee Services Manager. At any one meeting no person/organisation may submit more than one question.
- (iv) One supplementary question (relating to the original question) may be asked by the questioner, which may or may not be answered at the meeting.
- (v) The Chair or proper officer may reject a question if it:-
 - Is not about a matter for which the local authority has a responsibility or which affects the Borough;
 - Is defamatory, frivolous, offensive, abusive or racist;
 - Is substantially the same as a question which has been put at a meeting of the Council in the past six months; or

- Requires the disclosure of confidential or exempt information.
- (vi) In the interests of natural justice, public questions cannot relate to a planning or licensing application or to any matter which is not dealt with in the public part of a meeting.
- (vii) The Chair will ask for people to indicate that they wish to ask a question.
- (viii) **PLEASE NOTE** that the maximum amount of time each questioner will be allowed is 3 minutes.
- (ix) If you do not receive a response at the meeting, a Council Officer will ask for your name and address and make sure that you receive a written response.

Please bear in mind that public question time lasts for a maximum of 30 minutes. To help in making the most of this opportunity to speak:-

- Please keep your questions as concise as possible.
- Please do not repeat or make statements on earlier questions as this reduces the time available for other issues to be raised.
- Please note public question time is not intended for debate – issues raised will be responded to either at the meeting or in writing at a later date.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

None.

5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

None.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 **Children and Young People in Halton** - none.

6.2 **Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton** - none.

6.3 **A Healthy Halton** – none.

6.4 **A Safer Halton** – none.

6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal** – none.

7.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

7.1 None.

8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

8.1 There are no background papers under the meaning of the Act.

REPORT TO:	Safer Policy and Performance Board
DATE:	20 th November 2018
REPORTING OFFICER:	Strategic Director –Enterprise, Community and Resources
PORTFOLIO:	Community Safety
SUBJECT:	Northwest Ambulance Service Annual Report
WARDS:	Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To consider the report from Cheshire Ambulance Service presenting the Annual report for Halton 2017-18.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That

- 1) **the report be noted; and**
- 2) **the Board consider the information presented and raise any questions of interest or points of clarification following the presentation.**

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 The Board reviews the performance of the Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service on an annual basis. Representatives from the Ambulance Trust will be at the meeting.
- 3.2 The North West Ambulance Service (NWAS) NHS Trust was established on 1 July 2006, by the merger of ambulance trusts from Greater Manchester, Cheshire and Merseyside, Cumbria and Lancashire. The Trust currently employs over 6,000 staff.

The Trust Headquarters is in Bolton, and there are four area offices serving the communities of Cheshire and Merseyside (Liverpool), Cumbria and Lancashire (Broughton near Preston and Salkeld Hall, Carlisle) and Greater Manchester (Bury). There are 109 ambulance stations distributed across the region, three emergency operations centres, one support centre, two patient transport service control centres, and two HART buildings (one being shared with Merseyside Fire & Rescue). The Trust operates around 1,000 vehicles on both emergency and non-emergency operations. In addition to this the Trust

also provides, along with Urgent Care and OOH partners, the NHS 111 Service for the North West Region. Operating from five sites across the North West, in Greater Manchester, Merseyside and Lancashire and Cumbria.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The policy implications of the review relate primarily to the Safer Halton priority. However this is a cross cutting work area which has wider implications on other areas of council business.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 **None**

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Children and Young People in Halton

The Community Safety Service as a universal service impacts on the health, safety and well-being of young people.

6.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton

None

6.3 A Healthy Halton

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6.4 A Safer Halton

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6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

None

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

None

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

None

9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

9.1 There are no background papers under the meaning of the Act.

REPORT TO:	Safer Policy and Performance Board
DATE:	20 th November 2018
REPORTING OFFICER:	Strategic Director – Enterprise, Community and Resources
PORTFOLIO:	Community Safety
SUBJECT:	Cheshire Police Integrated Anti Stalking Unit (IASU)
WARDS:	Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To consider the report from the Cheshire Police Integrated Anti-Stalking Unit regarding the work that it carries out in Halton.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That

- 1) **the report be noted; and**
- 2) **the Board consider the information presented and raise any questions of interest or points of clarification following the presentation.**

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 A specialist unit aimed at protecting victims of stalking and managing perpetrators has been launched in Cheshire. Representatives from the Unit will attend the meeting.

Only the second in the country and the first of its kind in the North West the Integrated Anti-Stalking Unit is being run by Cheshire Police in partnership with North West Boroughs Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust and the Suzy Lamplugh Trust.

All agencies are working together to help stalking victims and the risk caused to them by perpetrators through a range of interventions.

The unit will operate from a base in Warrington and will initially focus on those affected by stalking in the Warrington and Halton areas.

It will involve an experienced and dedicated team of police officers and mental health professionals and outreach workers along with victim advocates who provide practical support, safety planning and advice for stalking victims regardless of whether the stalker's identity is known.

The team of specialists will assess each stalking allegation on a case-by-case basis before deciding on a suitable method of intervention.

The team will be able to discuss the best course of action and provide expert advice on whether psychological interventions, social support or legal sanctions are needed. The unit will offer victims one-to-one support while working closely with the perpetrator to ultimately manage the risk of further harm to the victim and the wider community.

In addition, the unit will identify perpetrators who could be suitable for therapeutic interventions, if clinically indicated or be referred to mental health, alcohol and drug support services. The team will also decide whether the case should be automatically put into the criminal justice system.

The unit will include a Detective Constable, Consultant Forensic Psychologist, Unit Manager, two outreach workers, an Independent Stalking Advocacy Caseworker and a Support Officer (administrator). It is being funded over two years through the Police Transformation Fund.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The policy implications of the review relate primarily to the Safer Halton priority. However this is a cross cutting work area which has wider implications on other areas of council business.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 **None**

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

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6.4 A Safer Halton

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6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

None

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

None

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

None

9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

9.1 There are no background papers under the meaning of the Act.

REPORT TO:	Safer Policy and Performance Board
DATE:	20 th November 2018
REPORTING OFFICER:	Strategic Director – Enterprise, Community and Resources
PORTFOLIO:	Community Safety
SUBJECT:	Multi Agency initiatives to tackle Knife Crime
WARDS:	Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The Chair has invited our key partners to the meeting so that they can update the board on the positive work that they are doing in partnership with the Police and Council to make Halton safer.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That

- 1) **the report be noted; and**
- 2) **the Board consider the information presented and raise any questions of interest or points of clarification following the presentation.**

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 Following recent events in Runcorn and other trends that are emerging across the Borough (and Nationally) with regard to knife crime and violence against the person by young people, Halton has established a multi-agency response to what is clearly becoming a significant issue for our communities.

- 3.2 The purpose of this response is to help us have a better understanding of the current picture in Halton in respect of knife crime and violence against the person, especially that being perpetrated by young people.

It will also help to inform the Board of what the Police, the Council and other partners are doing to tackle this issue and provide community reassurance, as well as to explore what others are doing elsewhere in addressing similar issues by reviewing best practice nationally.

A key part of this work is to identify what the community and community representatives can do individually and collectively to help tackle this issue.

3.3 A couple of key actions have emerged as a priority for this work, namely

- To develop a structured approach
- To address the current culture that carrying a weapon is acceptable
- To educate and raise awareness that carrying a weapon is not acceptable
- To educate and raise awareness about staying safe
- To develop a Programme of Measures to deliver a long term and sustainable approach
- To engage with the community, they need to own the solution and our organisations need to offer support.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

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6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

None

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

None

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

None

9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

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REPORT TO:	Safer Policy and Performance Board
DATE:	20 November 2018
REPORTING OFFICER:	Strategic Director –Enterprise, Community and Resources
PORTFOLIO:	Community Safety
SUBJECT:	Update on multi agency work to tackle off-road motorbikes
WARDS:	Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To consider the update report from Cheshire Constabulary regarding the multi-agency response to the illegal and anti-social use of off road motorcycles.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That

- 1) **the report be noted; and**
- 2) **the Board consider the information presented and raise any questions of interest or points of clarification following the presentation.**

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 Operation Scrambler (Off Road Bikes)

Cheshire Police has relaunched Operation Scrambler for the summer period. They will be utilizing various tactics to deal with the illegal and Anti-Social use of off road motorcycles, mini-motos and quad bikes within Halton.

As part of this operation they have access to a unique tool, which allows them to mark riders and trace them to the bikes at a later date. The new DNA spray will be a part of their battle against this anti-social and criminal activity. This Spray has been funded in partnership with Halton Borough Council, Halton Housing trust and the Halton Community safety team.

In addition to this, there was a UK wide week of action which ran from Monday 27 August to Sunday 2 September and was aimed at reducing the number of serious and fatal collisions involving motorcyclists.

In Cheshire it's estimated that motorcyclist account for approximately 1% of all road users, yet last year they accounted for nearly a quarter of those killed on our roads. Of the 28 deaths on our roads, six involved motorcyclists.

This operation is one of a number of measures which are being undertaken to tackle the issue. The operation is not about alienating the motorcycling community – it is about education and enforcement to help reduce the number of deaths on our roads.

As part of this operation officers will be stopping and engaging with motorcyclists who commit moving traffic offences such as speeding and dangerous riding as well as anti-social offences such as excessive noise.

Officers will also be targeting the use of illegal off road motorcycles, which pose as risk to the public using parks and recreational areas.

They will also be encouraging motorcyclists to enhance their skills, knowledge and check their personal protective equipment.

In addition to motorcyclists officers will also target all road users who endanger the lives of themselves and others.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The policy implications of the review relate primarily to the Safer Halton priority. However this is a cross cutting work area which has wider implications on other areas of council business.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 **None**

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

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6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

None

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

None

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

None

9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

9.1 There are no background papers under the meaning of the Act.

REPORT TO: Safer Policy and Performance Board

DATE: 20th November 2018

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director – Enterprise, Community and Resources

PORTFOLIO: Community Safety

SUBJECT: White Ribbon Campaign

WARDS: Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To update the Board on the progress on the current scheme and to outline the proposed action plan to achieve White Ribbon Status.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That

- 1) **the report and action plan (appendix 1) be noted; and**
- 2) **the Board consider the information presented and raise any questions of interest or points of clarification following the presentation.**

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 Every year three million women and girls experience rape, domestic violence, forced marriage, stalking, sexual exploitation and trafficking, female genital mutilation (FGM) or honour crimes in the UK. There are clear connections between violence against women and social problems such as child poverty, social exclusion and homelessness and the vast majority of violence against women is perpetrated by men.
- 3.2 More specifically, violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence are also significant problems at a national and local level. Whilst there is significant partnership working ongoing to target domestic abuse and violence against women, such as the Specialist Domestic Violence Court, third party reporting and early intervention work with families, clearly there remains a need to raise further awareness of the issues associated with domestic abuse and violence against women and girls.
- 3.3 The principles of the award are that local authorities should express a commitment to involving men in anti-VAWG and produce a preliminary action plan on how this commitment will be achieved.

The action plan should be aimed at reducing incidents of violence against women such as discrimination, harassment or victimisation and

fostering good community relations. It should also have a specific White Ribbon emphasis of increasing male participation in anti-VAW events and strategies as well as raising awareness and the profile of these issues amongst men.

- 3.4 The WRC team will work with the authority on the development of an action plan, providing feedback and suggestions as necessary. The authority should appoint a senior individual to act as a liaison point with the WRC and to oversee implementation. It is suggested that the senior, nominated officer for Halton is the Council's Community Safety Manager, supported by the local Domestic Abuse Coordinator.

4.0 WHITE RIBBON PLEDGE ACTION PLAN

4.1 The action plan will need to set out how we will:

- Involve and educate men and boys in an anti-VAWG strategy and encourage men and boys to sign the WRC pledge “never to commit, condone, or remain silent about men's violence against women in all its forms.”
- Identify White Ribbon ‘ambassadors’ within the Council and partner organisations.
- Raise awareness and provide training on VAWG within the Council, incorporating the VAWG message into Council informational and promotional materials where appropriate.
- Deliver events to promote the Council's anti-VAWG commitment, by organising and supporting local activities to assert the unacceptability of VAWG. Examples include:
 - ❖ White Ribbon's “These heels are made for walking” and “These hands are not for hurting!” events, demonstrating solidarity with anti-VAW.
 - ❖ Campaigns as well as work with sports teams or music venues.
 - ❖ Football, rugby and other sporting events to raise awareness with young people in innovative ways.
- Involve the local community in our WR campaign through a variety of venues and facilities including Libraries, Schools, Sport clubs, gyms, Social Landlords etc. and by encouraging other organisations and clubs to sign up for the White Ribbon award and sponsor special events e.g. White Ribbon Cup tournament.
- Involve local businesses as partners with substantial resources and contacts through which anti-VAWG can be promoted.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The policy implications of the review relate primarily to the Safer Halton priority. However this is a cross cutting work area which has wider implications on other areas of council business.

6.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are limited financial implications in achieving White Ribbon status. There is an annual cost of £400 for achieving and maintaining the award, which can be met from within existing Council and partnership budgets.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

7.1 Children and Young People in Halton

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7.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

None

8.0 RISK ANALYSIS

None

9.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

None at present

**10.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

10.1 There are no background papers under the meaning of the Act.



White Ribbon Councils Award Action Plan

B Please note that this action plan is a template, designed to guide you in constructing an anti-Violence Against Women & Girls (VAWG) campaign targeted at men and boys. We have included some additional activities at the end of the document which are not essential but signify good practice. We will assess the award on the evidence of work completed and/or the inclusion of clear targets to show that the essential criteria (actions 1-5) can be achieved. Guide notes are provided below to assist you in completing the plan.

Actions	Activities planned for next 2 years (including intended completion dates)	Evidence (what will show activities have been completed ?)	Lead officer	Date completed	Planned outcomes	Outcomes achieved Yes / No	Council comments	WRC comments
1. Management/ Leadership								
Appoint Senior officer responsible for leading activities and liaising with WRC UK.	<p>Safer PPB to designate a lead officer.</p> <p>There are established links between Adult Social Care, Children's Services and</p>	An identified officer.	Chris Patino	13 th June 2017	To have a designated point of contact to ensure that the action plan is delivered.	YES	Mike Andrews – Community Safety Manager has been identified as the lead officer relating to HBC achieving the White Ribbon Council Awards Action Plan.	



White Ribbon Councils Award Action Plan

	respective Adult and Children's Safeguarding Boards							
Set up system for monitoring progress. Report back to WRC UK end Year 1 – resubmit actions for Year 2	Update reports to be monitored and critically reviewed at Safer PPB. Halton Domestic Abuse Forum is the oversight groups for matters relating to domestic abuse and sexual violence in Halton.	Activities and actions will be monitored and recorded at PPB Quarterly reports relating to action plans reflecting local activity linked to the local strategy.	Mike Andrews	13 th June 2017	On-going progress of the implementation of White Ribbon Award status. Rolling review of action plans linked to local activity.	On-going	HBC have been supporting White Ribbon for a number of years now and has supported numerous events to raise the profile of the Campaign.	



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2. Domestic Abuse Strategy								
<p>Ensure there is a commissioning strategy in place that provides adequate housing and community support services for women & children experiencing/fleeing domestic violence.</p>	<p>The Halton Multi-Agency Domestic Abuse Strategy.</p> <p>Proposal to refresh the strategy later this year will reflect the revised Violence Against Women and Girls strategy. HDAF will take the lead in these developments.</p>	<p>Local needs assessments to be completed accessing all available information, data and evidence, service standards and intelligence from local providers with input from HBC; Health; CCG's; Police;</p>	<p>Tracy Coffey – Chair of HDAF and Sarah Ashcroft</p> <p>Tracy Coffey – Chair of HDAF and Sarah Ashcroft</p>	<p>2014-2017</p> <p>2018</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>New Halton Multi-Agency Domestic Abuse Strategy.</p>	<p>YES</p>	<p>HBC have recently recruited a specific complex dependency worker in addition to the core offer to support victims that due to a variety of reasons find it harder to engage in mainstream services this includes supported housing options beyond the traditional refuge model.</p>	



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	<p>Housing and the third sector.</p> <p>Further consultation with victim/survivor groups; local residents; perpetrators.</p> <p>Reflecting the community of Halton.</p> <p>Performance meeting regularly held with the local provider, SP development manager and DA</p>	<p>Specialist domestic abuse community support is locally commissioned</p>	<p>Kath Howarth/Sarah Ashcroft</p>	<p>On-going</p>	<p>Provider/commissioner ongoing review of the service support requirements and ability to challenge</p>	<p>YES</p>		
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	<p>Refuge provision is currently commissioned and is currently provided by Changing Lives.</p>	<p>Coordinator</p> <p>The continuation of this local lifeline available to victims of domestic abuse and their kin.</p>	<p>Kath Howarth/Sarah Ashcroft</p>	<p>On-going</p>	<p>and respond to emerging needs</p> <p>Regular review meeting with the provider to identify emerging risks and issues and review joint working arrangements.</p>	<p>YES</p>		
	<p>The Childrens domestic abuse service is currently</p>	<p>This service supports</p>	<p>Clare Hunt/Sarah Ashcroft</p>	<p>On-going</p>	<p>Regular review meeting with the provider to</p>	<p>YES</p>		



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	provided by Catch 22	children and young people who have been significantly impacted by domestic abuse, are subject to care plans			identify emerging risks and issues and review joint working arrangements.			
Ensure the local authority commission's education programmes about domestic abuse (including sexual violence, coercive control and consent) and healthy relationships that are directed towards boys within PHSE curriculum.	Responding to domestic abuse is a priority of the local safeguarding board	Healthy relationship focus in PHSE	Nicola Noon	Sept 2018	To have a focus in local schools, develop an recognition of what DA is and impact	No		
Implement a domestic abuse policy for all staff employed by the Local Authority (LA)	HBC have a staff DA Policy, it was last updated in 2013.	Ensure that the objectives and ethos of White Ribbon is	Sarah Ashcroft	Refresh date of DA policy to be agreed – Sept 2018	Updated version of the HBC DA Staff Policy	YES	HBC have had a DA policy for a number of years now to support staff members who have been exposed to abuse. HBC update all	



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		<p>reflected in the refresh of the HBC DA Policy</p>  <p>Domestic Abuse (Employee Related) P</p>					<p>policy's on a rolling programme.</p>	
<p>Ensure the LA training strategy includes domestic abuse awareness for all relevant frontline staff. Training also to include information on WRC - highlighting men's role in challenging VAWG.</p>	<p>HBC offers multi-agency domestic abuse training available to all front line staff. This includes domestic abuse awareness raising and DASH RIC/ MARAC training. As well as bespoke training to</p>	<p>Training programme to be reviewed and updated with HDAF / Children's Safeguarding and Adult Safeguarding Boards to identify and address gaps in training provision with a view to addressing these gaps</p>	<p>Sarah Ashcroft</p>	<p>November 2017</p>	<p>Refreshed training prospectus relating to domestic abuse and sexual violence</p>	<p>YES</p>	<p>Training is frequently reviewed, developed and updated regularly in to reflect any new legislation and local changes.</p> <p>Within the current offer there is specific reference to the White Ribbon Campaign and delegates are asked to support the campaign.</p>	



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	specialist teams responding to specific locally identified needs. Courses within the pathway explore gender within the context of domestic abuse. Central to the ethos of local training delivery is domestic abuse is everyone's business.	in the new training prospectus i.e Harmful Practises						
3. Ambassadors and Advocates								
Nominate at least 4 male ambassadors to	Suggestion s:	That they have	Mike Andrews	February 2018	A local focus on	No		



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take the actions of the campaign forward.	<p>Clr Cargill Clr Thompson CE David Parr Leader Polhill</p>	<p>completed and submitted the application forms</p>			<p>domestic abuse and commitment to the White Ribbon Campaign</p>			
Encourage all MALE staff to take the pledge.	<p>Develop an internal communication campaign that will highlight the aims of White Ribbon and encourage male staff members to make the pledge.</p>	<p>Develop a register that can be used to monitor who has signed up to the pledge.</p> <p>Use the 16 days of action as a vehicle to promote White Ribbon to staff, through the HBC intranet/</p>	<p>Mike Andrews/ Sarah Ashcroft</p>	<p>November 2018</p>	<p>By signing up the pledge, staff will be required to understand the key messages of the anti-Violence against Women & Girls campaign</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Links directly to the 16 days of action</p>	



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	<p>Senior officers will be invited to nominate themselves as a White Ribbon Ambassador.</p> <p>Local members will be informed of any local events in Halton</p>	<p>team meeting/ briefings and via in-house promotions .</p> <p>Elected members and senior staff invited to nominate themselves as 'White Ribbon ambassadors'.</p> <p>Ensure that local members receive notifications of relevant events and activity</p>						
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		within the locality.						
All Ambassadors and Advocates to become well informed about their role, and confident about what men and boys can do to challenge VAWG, through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - undertaking WRC online training - attending face-to-face training about WRC and men's role in challenging VAWG - reading WRC Ambassadors Guide 	Links to action above	Record of attendance at identified training opportunities; self-reporting of activities undertaken	Mike Andrews	September 2018	To have ambassadors who are committed to undertaking the key actions as identified	No	Identified local Ambassadors will be expected to undertake this action as part of their remit	
4. Communication Strategy								
Ensure the local authority's domestic abuse communication plan includes provision of information on VAWG & the services	A Domestic Abuse Communication Strategy has been adopted by	The DA Communications Strategy. A live website	Tracey Coffey		Victims, children, perpetrators friends and family	No	HBC are committed to the Pan-Cheshire communications strategy that is due to launch in March 2018.	



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<p>that are available in the community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Include guidance on reporting incidents of abuse. ii. Ensure publicity materials highlight WRC and displays clear messages directed towards MEN. 	<p>HBC as part of the Complex Dependency Pan-Cheshire work. There will be a dedicated website as well as physical publicity in a range of locations aimed at supporting victims; helping the public identify domestic abuse and highlight support services for victims, children</p>	<p>A range of physical publicity materials.</p>			<p>members know where to go to for help and support.</p>			
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	and perpetrators							
WRC commitment & logo to be displayed on letterheads & signage in a wide range of settings.	White Ribbon logo is displayed on a range of material we currently use in Halton to raise awareness of domestic abuse.	Achieve accreditation for the White Ribbon Campaign The White Ribbon is displayed on the bottom corner of all domestic abuse posters in Halton – see posters.	Sarah Ashcroft	13 th June 2017	To continue to use the White Ribbon as a symbol to raise awareness around the issue of domestic abuse. Display in high volume traffic areas	YES		
Make public your commitment to carrying out your WRC Action Plan, and encourage feedback from staff and local communities	HBC has historically issued a number of press releases to	Press release on 16 days and White Ribbon campaign	Sarah Ashcroft / HDAF / Communications team	For the 16 days of action in November 2018	Press release completed. Publicity using	NO	HBC supports a range of activities each year in support of the White Ribbon Campaign, including training events, workshops	



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about its effectiveness and possible future activities.	confirm their ongoing commitment to White Ribbon. HDAF to consider future activities	to be issues describing the strategic aims of the initiative and planned activity.					coffee mornings, lessons in local colleges and publicity stations within key buildings.	
5. Community Engagement								
Involve & encourage the local community in holding WRC awareness raising events – recommend a target of three per year.	HBC to work with local community groups to identify opportunities to hold event raising events	Each year different local groups have held events and made contribution to raising the White Ribbon Campaign profile	Mike Andrews / Sarah Ashcroft	2018	White Ribbon Campaign profile highlighted to local communities	Yes	Ongoing commitment	
Engage with local sports clubs, both amateur and professional, about how they can inform	HBC have been actively engaging	Various local clubs have been approached	Mike Andrews / Sarah Ashcroft	2017	Boys and men affiliated to local			



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<p>men about VAWG and encourage them to challenge it, and encourage at least two clubs to apply for WRC Sports Award.</p>	<p>with local sports clubs both professionally and amateur clubs across Halton</p>	<p>and specific sessions relating to the principles of White Ribbon have been highlighted</p>			<p>rugby clubs both professional amateur as well as associates and supporters of the clubs have received specific and targeted information relating to the harms caused by domestic abuse</p>			
<p>Engage with local music venues about how they can inform men about VAWG and encourage</p>							<p>HBC to explore, there are no dedicated music venues in Halton.</p>	



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them to challenge it, and encourage at least two venues to apply for WRC Music Venue Award.								
Commemorate UN International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women – 25 th November.	Additional days are currently marked in various ways across the Borough including events, briefings, articles and HBC communications	Develop a calendar of relevant dates linked to planned activities and social media awareness raising strands to assist in raising awareness	Sarah Ashcroft	July 2018	A calendar of planned events /social media plan	No		
Commemorate White Ribbon Day on 25 th November	There has been historical programme of engagements activities to highlight	HBC will continue to support White Ribbon with commemorative events.	Sarah Ashcroft / HDAF	October 2018	White Ribbon Action Plan; supports by a social media campaign	YES – Annually		



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	White Ribbon including coffee mornings, conference , sporting related events				and DA Strategy			
Commemorate 16 Days of Action between the 25 th November & 10 th December.	HBC supports the 16 days of action with a number of engagement events and activities to raise domestic abuse awareness	HBC will continue to support the 16 days of action with a wide range of local events and activities which will aim to engage with the diverse communities of Halton	Sarah Ashcroft /HDAF	December 2017	White Ribbon Action Plan	YES – Annually		
6. Additional Actions								



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<p>Work towards setting a zero limit on sex establishment venues</p>	<p>HBC considers each application on its own merit.</p>	<p>HBC accept that sex establishment venues form a legitimate part of the leisure and entertainment industry however, at present HBC does not have any sex establishment venues that have successfully fulfilled the criteria in order to operate within this locality.</p>	<p>Mike Andrews</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>	<p>People who frequent Halton feel safe - where they live, work and spend their leisure time.</p> <p>HBC is committed to Community safety, helping communities to be and feel safe. It is important that any sex establishment venues do</p>	<p>YES</p>	<p>Through the establishment of separate complimentary licensing regime and policy, HBC recognise that there are special considerations to be had in the licensing of adult entertainments. These include the potential linkages between poorly run adult entertainments and organised crime (such as people trafficking, prostitution and touting); the negative impact overall on the community's sense of safety (particularly that of women) through fear of heightened criminal and disorderly behaviour, conduct amounting to nuisance and increases in lewd</p>	
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					not impact on people's ability to feel safe and be safe.		behaviour and sexual offences; and also the impact on local regeneration and development projects by way of the deterrent effect on visitors.	
Commission a perpetrator programme – RESPECT accredited or working towards accreditation scheme.						No	HBC would like to commission a specific perpetrator programme however, due to financial constraints this has been difficult. We are reviewing how we commission services in the next cycle.	
Commemorate additional dates - International Women's Day 8 th March; National Stalking Awareness Day 18 th April; International Day Against Homophobia & Transphobia 17 th May; Memory for Victims of Honour Based Violence 14 th July.	Develop a schedule of activity that can be used as a project plan to deliver a response on these key		Sarah Ashcroft					



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	identified dates.							
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Guide Notes

1. Management & Leadership

- i. Appointing a lead officer responsible for overseeing the actions will help the campaign gain momentum and achieve the activities planned.
- ii. Using the action plan to monitor progress will enable WRC UK to ensure the award scheme is being adhered to and will also enable the authority to evidence work undertaken.
- iii. Application for a further award will be assessed against the activities completed, and outcomes achieved, in the previous 2 years. This should be reported on in columns 1 and 2 – use a separate sheet if more space required.

2. Domestic Abuse Strategy

- i. As outlined above – it is recognized that in order for the White Ribbon Campaign (WRC) to be effective services to support those escaping abuse need to be in place. If we are to raise awareness of the problem, then support must be available to those who seek help.
- ii. Education is at the heart of the campaign. WRC believes that education that seeks to engage young men and boys in transformative learning is key to changing attitudes and behavior in future. We recommend that programs are commissioned that are directed towards boys and men and that this is reflected in the PHSE curriculum in schools.
- iii. Domestic Abuse Policy – as an employer the local authority needs to support its staff. Given the statistic that one in four women will experience abuse in her lifetime there will be a significant number of employees in need of support in the workplace.
- iv. Training – WRC recognize that local authorities will already have domestic abuse training programmes in place. We recommend that the programmes are fully supported and resourced, and that information about the WRC and the role men can play in challenging abuse be included in all training materials. WRC can deliver training to your staff, and provide materials about the campaign for handouts/e-learning etc.



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3. Ambassadors & Advocates

- i. We recommend at least 4 ambassadors lead on campaign activities. This will help reinforce the campaign message and enable men to identify with the message.
- ii. Pledge – taking the pledge is a first step in taking part in the campaign and is a good way of raising the profile and engaging men.
- iii. Ambassador Training and Guide. All Ambassadors should become well informed about their role, and confident about what men and boys can do to challenge VAWG. Where practical, WRC can offer an initial awareness-raising session for Ambassadors as part of the WRC Award launch event. We would expect all Ambassadors to attend this session. If this is not possible, they should make arrangements to be briefed by attending Ambassadors. All ambassadors should also undertake the 4 brief WRC online training modules (see www.whiteribboncampaign.co.uk/node/275), and face-to-face training about WRC and men's role in challenging VAWG. WRC can deliver this training, or provide materials about the campaign for handouts/e-learning etc. When Ambassador applications have been received, we send all Ambassadors our Ambassador Starter Pack.
- iv. Although our main focus is on supporting men and boys to take a stand about male violence against women and girls, we also welcome women as Advocates for the Campaign. Women can be very influential in encouraging men and boys to take a stand about male violence against women and girls. It is important that their role is well-supported too. Advocates are welcome at all our Ambassador training, and on request will be sent our Ambassador Guide.

4. Communication Strategy

- i. WRC's aim is to support and work alongside existing work taking place to support victims of abuse – in particular to provide accessible information for members of the community to report abuse and promote a coordinated community response.
- ii. In addition to promoting information on what support and help is available, we would like to see local authorities utilise publicity materials directed towards men so that they can be encouraged to take part in condemning violence against women. The aim of the campaign is to recruit male members of society to get involved in our work and feel that they can be part of the solution.



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- iii. LOGO – once you receive the award we suggest you demonstrate your commitment by displaying the logo on letterheads, signage, websites etc.
- iv. Set up a monitoring system to enable staff and local communities to feedback on their experience of the campaign so that you we can monitor its effectiveness.

5. Community Engagement

- i. Community events are an effective way of raising the profile of the campaign and reaching out to communities who may not engage with services or are hard to reach. We suggest aiming for three per year – one of which could coincide with 25th November. See resource sheets and information pack for Ambassadors for ideas on organizing events.
- ii. **Sports** – Sports venues and sporting events are a great way to raise the profile of the campaign and the issue of violence against women with men who are either taking part or as a spectator. WRC currently employs an Ambassador – Ikram Butt – he has a wealth of experience in the sporting world and can lead on recruiting and supporting sports clubs and venues to achieve our WRC Sports Award. If you would like to develop the sport activities as part of your actions please contact the office so that we can put you in contact with Ikram.
- iii. **Music Venues** – festivals, concerts, night clubs all provide great opportunities to engage men in the campaign and raise the profile of all forms of abuse. WRC works with venues and support them in becoming WRC accredited.
- iv. **White Ribbon Day 25th November** and UN International End Violence Against Women Day – this day is an extremely important day for the WRC as it shows the international reach of the campaign as thousands of people commemorate the day and organize events across the world to raise the profile of the campaign to end violence against women and girls. It provides a focal point for activities and is a great way to promote your work.
- v. **16 Days of Action** – 25th November until 10th December – the campaign runs from the 25th November which is UN International Day of Elimination of Violence against Women to 10th December – Human Rights Day. The campaign spans these days in order to highlight the link between violence against women and human rights. The 16 Days includes other significant dates such as Human Rights Defenders Day (29th November) and World Aids Day (1st December) and the anniversary of the Montreal Massacre (6th December – which was the event which precipitated the start of the White Ribbon Campaign in Canada where a student shot 6 female students).

6. Additional Actions



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Zero limit on sex establishments – Lap dancing clubs are currently licensed under the Licensing Act 2003. Critics have argued that this regime is too lax for controlling such venues and have called for them to be reclassified as “sex encounter establishments” under earlier (but still current) legislation. Following a consultation with local authorities and in response to widespread public concern at the proliferation of such clubs, the Government introduced the Policing and Crime Act 2009. As a result, from 6 April 2010, local authorities will be able to require all lap dancing clubs in their area, including existing venues, to apply for a sex establishment license if they want to continue to operate lawfully. Where the new provisions are adopted, local people will then be able to oppose an application for a lap dancing club on the basis that it would be inappropriate given the character of their local neighbourhood. For further information see the links below.

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