

SAFER HALTON PARTNERSHIP

At a meeting of the Safer Halton Partnership Tuesday, 10 May 2011 Civic Suite, Town Hall, Runcorn

Present	M. Andrews	Community Safety
	D. Cargill	Police Authority
	L. Crane	Children's Organisation & Provision
	S. Eastwood	DAAT, Communities
	C. Frazer	Riverside Housing
	D. Gordon	Community Safety
	D. Houghton	HBC Policy and Partnerships
	A. Jones	Democratic Services
	G. Jones	Youth Offending Team
	P. McWade	Commissioning & Complex Care
	Cllr Osborne	HBC
	D. Parr	Chief Executive
	R. Strachan	Cheshire Police
	C. Walsh	Halton & ST Helens PCT
	L. Weston	Cheshire Immigration Team - UK Border Agency
	K Taylor	Cheshire Probation

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SHP51 WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Richard Strachan welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made around the table.

Inspector David Gordon was introduced to the Partnership, who had replaced Inspector Simon Blackwell in the Community Safety Team.

SHP52 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Dwayne Johnson, Noel Sharpe and Anna Collins.

SHP53 MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on 15 February 2011, were agreed as a correct record. It was noted that Lorraine Crane had submitted her apologies in advance of the meeting.

SHP54 TASK GROUP UPDATES

The Partnership received detailed updates from each Task Group, highlighting the following:

a) Performance Management

Details were provided of progress for those indicators contained within the Sustainable Community Strategy for the period January to March 2011, and additional details were given on national indicators that were within the remit of the SHP, and outside of the SCS/LAA where the achievement of 2010-11 targets remained questionable. It was noted that a meeting was being held next week to discuss performance monitoring now the indicators had been removed.

b) Alcohol Enforcement

Every On Licence property was visited in February reminding and warning of the penalties for serving intoxicated people. Details of offending outlets would be passed to Lorraine Crane. It was noted that 'The Establishment' situation had abated and there was more cooperation recently from the management.

c) Quarterly Alcohol Update

Competitive tender process was underway for an integrated Substance Misuse Recovery Service in Halton. The anticipated service start date was 17 October 2011. Details were provided in the report on the development of 'Recovery Rooms' for people who have arrived at hospital with alcohol related conditions. The Alcohol Identification and Brief Advice strategy (IBA) was under development together with a training package for use within hospitals. Work was also being undertaken with The Fire Service to train staff in relation to IBA and to develop referral protocols for those identified as requiring further support.

Cllr Osborne raised concerns over illegal fly posting recently taking place in Widnes for alcohol services. This would be monitored by the Police.

d) Anti Social Behaviour (ASB)

The numbers for total ASB and youth ASB continue to reduce. The percentage of total crime relating to youth ASB had reduced significantly, the last quarter of 2010-11 had seen a drop to 26%.

e) Crime Action Group

Serious acquisitive crime had decreased by 3% although in relation to car crime: theft of motor vehicles and theft from motor vehicles was up.

- f) Domestic Abuse
The final version of the Domestic Abuse Strategy was available to partnership members upon request. Cllr Osborne noted that councillors had benefitted from the domestic abuse awareness training that was provided last year, and requested that it be repeated to include the new members and those who had missed it the first time. Partnership Members commented that this area should be prioritised for mainstream funding.
- g) Drugs
A shared learning day was being planned for June, between the Drug and Alcohol Services and Children's Services Team around the Family. The aim being to promote closer working relationships between the two services with the outcome of reducing the risks associated with parental substance misuse. Steve Eastwood would provide further details nearer the time and Councillors would be welcome to attend.
- h) Drugs Enforcement / Prevention
Following a blight of low purity heroin on the streets in Warrington, Runcorn and Widnes, intelligence was requested regarding when a change in purity occurred, so that this could be cascaded through the substance misuse services.
- i) Partnership Tasking & Coordination
Statistics relating to 'Operation Staysafe' were provided as were details of recent licensing operations, road side vehicle checks, the partnership tasking vehicle and driver engagement days.
- j) Prolific & Other Priority Offending
Funding had been secured for one year for the recruitment of a NACRO worker. Sue Brewen was already in post and based in Ashley House.
- k) Blue Lamp Report – Runcorn & Widnes
Seventeen cannabis farms were found in Halton in Q4.
- l) Hate Crimes
It was the general consensus of the group that disability hate crime seemed to be under reported. It was noted that there was some XRW activity reported in a local Widnes pub recently, this would be monitored.

SHP55 HATE CRIME STRATEGY & ACTION PLAN

The Partnership received a report from the Strategic Director – Communities, which presented the Draft Hate Crime Reduction Strategy and Action Plan for Halton.

Partnership Members were requested to contact Shelah Semoff directly if they had any comments on the content of the Strategy.

RESOLVED: That Members comment on the content of the Strategy prior to it being presented to the Council's Executive Board on 30 June 2011.

SHP56 SAFER HALTON FUNDING

The Partnership considered a report on the funding available for the Community safety work for the next two years, 2011-12 and 2012-13.

As the Working Neighbourhoods Fund and a number of other funding sources came to an end in March 2011, it had been necessary to make cuts in services and posts.

The report included a financial breakdown of £1,320,980 available for 2011-12; and £391,855 for 2012-13, the latter of which must be pass-ported through to the new Police and Crime Commissioner, so would not be in the control of the SHP.

It was noted that the Safer Halton Partnership would have to look for new and innovate ways that community safety could be delivered with much less money.

The Partnership commented that multi agency working had been crucial to the success of the Community Safety Partnership and that this should be maintained.

RESOLVED: That the report and funding available for community safety work for the next two years be noted.

SHP57 SAFEGUARDING ADULTS

The Partnership received Julie Hunt who presented a report updating them on key issues and progression of the agenda for safeguarding 'vulnerable adults' in Halton, since the previous report to the Partnership in September 2010.

It was reported that the Safeguarding Adults Board's

priorities and work plan had been reviewed and updated, incorporating recommendations arising from a Serious Case Review and the Adult Social Care Inspection, both conducted in 2010. The report went on to provide details of the progress that had been made on the work plan.

RESOLVED: That the partnership notes the contents of the report.

SHP58 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Police & Social Responsibility Bill - The Police and Social Responsibility Bill was attached for information of the Partnership members and made specific reference to issues directly related to Local Authorities. Police reforms would include the replacement of police authorities with directly elected Police and Crime Commissioners.

Domestic Homicide Reviews - Mike Andrews advised that a meeting would take place to discuss and review procedures for future incidents of Domestic Homicide and would revert to the Partnership with an update. This was instigated following the death of a victim in Widnes recently who was from outside the Borough.

SHP59 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Youth Offending team – Gareth Jones from the Halton and Warrington Youth Offending Team informed all that they had produced a DVD on restorative justice, which would be launched on 20th May 2011 by the Chair of the Justice Board. He would forward copies of this in due course.

It was noted that the Youth Offending Team had been relocated to the ground floor of the Community Safety Team's building in Unit 10 Turnstone Park, Widnes, with effect from 16 May 2011. They can be contacted on:

Tel: 0151 495 5840/1/2/3
Fax: 0151 495 5849

Meeting Schedule for 2011-12

Monday 12 September 2011 Runcorn Town Hall	9.30 am	Civic	Suite,
Tuesday 15 November 2011 Runcorn Town Hall	2.00 pm	Civic	Suite,
Wednesday 15 February 2012 Runcorn Town Hall	2.00 pm	Civic	Suite,

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Meeting ended at 4.15 p.m.