

SAFER HALTON PARTNERSHIP

At a meeting of the Safer Halton Partnership Monday, 12 September 2011 Civic Suite, Town Hall, Runcorn

Present	M. Andrews	Community Safety
	D. Cargill	Police Authority
	D. Gordon	Community Safety
	D. Houghton	HBC Policy and Partnerships
	A. Jones	Democratic Services
	G. O'Rourke	Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service
	D. Parr	Chief Executive
	N. Sharpe	Halton Housing Trust
	R. Strachan	Cheshire Police
	C. Walsh	Halton & ST Helens PCT
	B. Raistrick	Cheshire Police
	B. Morris	Widnes Vikings
	S. Doore	Policy, HBC

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SHP1 WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

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

SHP2 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllr Osborne, Dwayne Johnson, Anna Hamilton, Steve Eastwood, Alan Graham, Lorraine Crane and Paul McWade.

SHP3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on 10 May 2011 were agreed as a correct record.

SHP4 VIKINGS PROJECT PRESENTATION

A presentation was given by Ben Morris, from the Valhalla Foundation, which was the charitable arm of the Widnes Vikings RLFC, on the Vikings Project funded by the Partnership.

He commented that the foundation delivered a wide range of community initiatives within Halton and the Greater Mersey region using programmes based upon health, education, sport participation and inclusion. The programmes applied to all members of the community regardless of age, ability, gender or religion.

They were noted as follows:

Health – ‘*Fit 4 Life*’, a community based health improvement programme for children and adults in Halton; and ‘*Live like a Viking*’, a school based Player Lifestyle Programme applicable to key stages 2-4 focusing on nutrition, exercise and drug and alcohol awareness.

Education – ‘*Study Buddy Programme*’, a secondary school programme which focused on the needs of pupils who sat on the C/D borderline of their studies. *Family Learning Programme*, a stadium based education programme where parents support their children in enhancing numeracy and literacy; and ‘*Step back in time with the Vikings*’ which was a primary school based programme focusing on the history behind the Vikings.

Sport Participation – *Community Rugby League*: coaching sessions for schools and community groups; *Rugby League Skills Award*: practical rugby league sessions for pupils with bronze, silver and gold awards; *Urban Multi Sports*: community multi sports programme providing open sessions using open green spaces; and *After School Club*: activities such as multi sports, rugby league coaching and touch rugby for pupils of all ages.

Inclusion – Programmes included ‘*Vikings against Bullying*’ and ‘*Anti Social Behaviour Prevention*’.

All community activities were delivered by skilled and experienced community coordinators along with first team stars and future stars from the youth teams.

RESOLVED: That the presentation be received.

SHP5 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY 2011-2015

A report was presented by Steve Doore to the Partnership which informed the group of the development and adoption of the Partnership’s Community Engagement Strategy and associated action plan.

It was reported that this was the second Community Engagement Strategy that the Halton Strategic Partnership (HSP) had developed. The purpose of the strategy was to build on the foundations created by the first strategy developed in 2005, to create a comprehensive partnership approach to community engagement.

The strategy had been developed over the past

twelve months with input from all partnership agencies and with significant resident involvement. A brief summary of its development was provided in the report, together with details of the full strategy and action plan.

The group discussed the strategy and the importance of this was agreed as it would strengthen the network of Partners and ultimately encourage and promote the more efficient use of existing resources, which in turn would provide a better service. Steve went on to request the Partnership's support for the Community Engagement Strategy and Action Plan.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) The Partnership notes the content of the report; and
- 2) The Partnership supports the Community Engagement Strategy and action plan.

SHP6 SAFER HALTON PARTNERSHIP - COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING UPDATE

Mike Andrews presented an update to the Partnership on this year's Safer Halton Partnership activity around communications and marketing.

He reported that the highlights from earlier in the year were '*Respect Week*' in Halton Castle Ward, '*Justice Seen Justice Done*' and press coverage which had more than doubled when compared to the same period last year, (from April to December 2010).

Since April 2011, communications activities had consisted of '*Victim and Witness Support Service*' publicity, the launch of '*Face Watch*', promoting Hate Crime reporting centres, publicising *Home Watch* and a further Respect Week in the Appleton Ward.

It was noted that upcoming activities would consist of Respect Weeks, one covering the Mischief Night, Halloween and Bonfire Night period and one in December focusing on car crime and burglary. Further work around hate crime was planned and work on the new HSPB website was underway.

The group commented that the Community Safety team had performed well in ensuring that Halton did not experience the same incidents of social unrest that occurred in other parts of the country recently. Further, it was

commented that the respect weeks were well received and thanks were given to the Community Safety team on behalf of the Partnership.

RESOLVED: That the report and comments made be noted.

SHP7 TASK GROUP UPDATES

The Partnership received detailed updates from each Task Group and the following was noted:

- a) Alcohol Enforcement – all alcohol related violent crime, criminal damage and ASB figures were down on the same period last year. The 'Dial a Drink' posters in Widnes had been removed by the owner.
- b) Quarterly Alcohol Update – Following approval on 22.09.11, the substance misuse treatment service was planned to commence on 01-01-12. Data showed that repeat A & E admissions were consistently presenting themselves.
- c) Anti Social Behaviour – Total ASB figures had reduced further from Q4 2010-11.
- d) Crime Action Group – The Halloween and Bonfire Night would be the next campaign and comments regarding cover between the hours of 6pm and 8pm were noted.
- e) Domestic Abuse – Funding issues for next year were still a concern. This would remain a priority for the Council.
- f) Drugs – Treatment and Prevention – A meeting would be held next week to discuss the needs assessment revisions. An increased trend in the growing of cannabis was noted, as was the increased use of ketamine in the Borough. Due to the loss of the DDU, it was noted that any future reporting in this area would be included on the Drugs report submitted by Steve Eastwood.
- g) Partnership Tasking & Coordination – ASB in Hallwood Park near to Roehampton Drive had increased.
- h) Navigate Offender Management – Both PPO's and RO's had seen reduced conviction rates during this quarter. Housing solutions for people released from prison was still an issue and noted.
- i) Hate Crimes – There was a change in the recording

process for hate crimes. Further to the two traveller incidents that required Sec 62 powers to be used, a note of thanks was conveyed to all involved.

SHP8 LOCAL ALCOHOL PROFILE FOR ENGLAND (LAPE) REPORT AND ANALYSIS 2011

The Local Alcohol Profile for England (LAPE) Report and Analysis 2011 was presented to the Partnership. Reference was made to the table on page 95 which showed data for 2011 according to indicators and whether they were ranked higher or lower than the national average for 2010.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

SHP9 ALCOHOL LIAISON NURSING SCHEME

Collette Walsh presented an update on the Alcohol Liaison Nursing Scheme. She commented that this was an initiative designed to pick out 'frequent attendees' to Accident and Emergency (A&E) with injuries / illnesses resulting from alcohol abuse. The nursing scheme would intervene and provide a package of care to the individual in the hope that their admissions to A&E would eventually stop. She also stated that a gap existed between these patients and community services, as it was obvious they were not being 'picked up' in the community. This Scheme would refer the patient by default to the required services within the community.

It was noted that although the scheme would be resource dependant initially, reducing admissions to A&E would reduce costs in the long run. The draft business case for the Scheme was in progress and would be presented to the Partnership when finalised.

RESOLVED: That the comments made be noted.

SHP10 UPDATE ON RE-COMMISSIONING OF INTEGRATED DRUG & ALCOHOL TREATMENT SERVICES

It was reported that the substance misuse treatment service contract award would be presented to Halton Council's Executive Board Sub Committee on 22 September for approval, with a commencement date for the service planned to start on 1 January 2012.

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

SHP11 2011 RESIDENTS SURVEY

The Partnership was presented with a draft Residents' Survey, which had been produced to replace the 'Place Survey'.

It was noted that this re-designed Halton Residents' survey would provide a comprehensive picture of what Halton residents thought about the Council, its partners and the services they delivered. The survey would take place in the Autumn and include 1200 households chosen at random. The results would be available in early 2012, the information of which would be shared with Partners.

RESOLVED: That the proposed survey be noted.

SHP12 ENHANCED PARTNERSHIP WORKING

A report introducing the Enhanced Partnership Working – Local Improvement Advisor (LIA) Project was presented to the Partnership.

It was reported that this project was externally funded by the North West Improvement and Efficiency Partnership, and was intended to assist the HSP in improving further how partner organisations shared information and worked together. Three key work themes would be looked at: a stronger labour force, reducing alcohol related harm and anti social behaviour.

The project would be completed in October, and the findings, emerging issues and recommendations would be discussed at the HSP Board away day in October.

RESOLVED: That the Partnership note the report.

SHP13 DRAFT FINANCE REPORT

The Partnership was presented with a report updating them on the new funding allocations and the progress of the proposed new changes to ASB legislation.

It was noted that so far there was no confirmation on the amount of funding Central Government would allocate for Community Safety, although it was expected to be significantly reduced.

The Council had prepared a business case for presentation to the new Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) who would ultimately be in control of the fund for

community safety. The Partnership agreed that there were three priorities for funding: PCSO's, Domestic Violence and the Partnership itself. Paul McWade would prepare a review to assess where the Partnership needs to go and would present at the next meeting.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

SHP14 DRAFT SAFER HALTON PERFORMANCE MEASURES

The Partnership received a revised draft set of performance measures for consideration. It was agreed that a performance management group would be set up to discuss this.

Debbie Houghton, Mike Andrews, Gus O'Rourke and Dave Gordon would convene at another time to take the matter forward.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) That the draft performance measures be considered by the Safer Halton Partnership (SHP) and any comments or amendments be put forward to the Performance Management Group;
- 2) The SHP Performance Management Group meet to consider any comments received from partners and report back with a revised draft and format for performance reports, to the next SHP meeting on 15th November 2011; and
- 3) Partners consider whether it would be appropriate to set targets for any agreed measures or whether it would be more appropriate to look at performance trends.

SHP15 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

The Partnership was provided with the following items for information:

1. Sustainable Community Strategy;
2. HSPB Governance Review;
3. HSPB Partnership Website;
4. Blue Lamp Reports; and
5. HBC Performance Management Reports Q1 – 2011-12

Meeting ended at 12.00 p.m.