

## SAFER HALTON PARTNERSHIP

*At a meeting of the Safer Halton Partnership Tuesday, 15 November 2011 Civic Suite, Town Hall, Runcorn*

Present	D. Parr	Halton Borough Council
	Osborne	HBC
	D. Cargill	Police Authority
	S. Eastwood	DAAT, Communities
	D. Houghton	HBC Policy and Partnerships
	D. Parr	Chief Executive
	C. Frazer	Riverside Housing
	M. Andrews	Community Safety
	P. McWade	Commissioning & Complex Care
	L. Crane	Children's Organisation & Provision
	N. Sharpe	Halton Housing Trust
	Gordon	Community Safety
	M. Simpson	Democratic Services
	S. Semoff	Halton Strategic Partnership
	H. Coen	Halton Borough Council
	S. Henshaw	Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service
	C. Walsh	Halton & ST Helens PCT
	B. Kennett	Community Safety
	B. Raistrick	Cheshire Police
	S. Ashcroft	Halton Borough Council

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#### SHP16 WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

David Parr welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made around the table.

#### SHP17 APOLOGIES

Apologies have been received from G. Jones, A. Waller, R. Strachan and D. Johnson.

#### SHP18 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on 12 September 2011 were agreed as a correct record.

#### SHP19 HALTON ENHANCED PARTNERSHIP WORKING PROJECT PRESENTATION

The Partnership received an update from Bev Kennet, Community Safety which set out the process that was adopted for the enhanced partnership working project.

It was reported that the Halton Strategic Partnership Board (HSPB) approved the subjects which were anti-social behaviour, alcohol harm reduction and stronger local workforce. Three separate pieces of work had been carried out involving mapping the costs of services and analysing which elements of work delivered the best outcomes.

It was noted that that in order to make the necessary cuts in the future this provided better information regarding what was being gained from money currently spent and where it was spent.

It was further reported that in relation to anti social behaviour there had been a reduction of between 70% and 90%, intensive support was provided, issues were dealt with and people were signposted to the relevant agency.

The Partnership was advised that this could be used as a mechanism tool to map across all areas within the community safety team to determine which, if any areas could be cut and also discover which areas could get a better return for their money.

Members recognised the great results from this piece of work and the progress made with a view to rolling it out across other areas.

RESOLVED: That the update be noted.

#### SHP20 FEEDBACK FROM HATE CRIME / SAFEGUARDING AWARENESS RAISING EVENT

The Partnership received an update on the Safeguarding Activities and progression of the agenda for safeguarding 'vulnerable adults' in Halton. The report set out the Business Plan which included priorities and actions that were drawn up during the Halton's Learning Disabilities Partnership Board Business Planning Event.

It was reported that an E-learning course was being developed to provide training on Dignity in Care, the local Hate Crime Strategy and Action Plan had been reviewed to ensure content relating to safeguarding vulnerable adults and placements were being systematically monitored to ensure their safety.

It was further reported that events were held locally on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2011, which focussed on Hate Crime and Hate Crime incidents. More than 120 people attended the two half day events. The events provided case studies,

informed delegates of differences between hate crimes and hate incidents and the impact they had on victims. The sessions also covered the issue of elder harassment which it was reported was not one of the Home Office categories for hate crime, however it was an area of rising concern and would be dealt with via safeguarding adults.

The Partnership then watched a short DVD which showed real experiences from people who were victims of hate crime.

RESOLVED: That the report and presentation be noted.

## SHP21 COMMUNITY SAFETY REVIEW

The Partnership considered a report of the Strategic Director, Communities which provided a current review of community safety and set out the agreed terms of reference and the timescale.

It was reported that as a result of cessation of government grants and the current economic climate the community safety team would not be able to continue in its present format without an injection of funding to address the anticipated shortfall. The review was being jointly led by the police and the council.

The tasks of the project team, together with the project oversight, timescales, assumptions and deliverables were set out in the report for information.

The Partnership discussed the best way to look at community safety partnership funding streams, the challenge in moving forward, the need to prioritise and how to approach it. Members also commented on the desire to retain all services, however it was noted this would prove difficult due to the anticipated lack of funding for 2012 / 2013.

It was further noted that after this report had been to the Safer Policy and Performance Board, stakeholder views would be sought.

RESOLVED: That the terms of reference for the review be noted.

## SHP22 TASK GROUP UPDATES

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

- In relation to performance framework a proposed set of measures and targets for inclusion within the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) was brought to the attention of members. It was reported that the SCS was a central document for the Council and its partners that provided an evidenced-based framework through which actions and shared performance targets could be developed and communicated.

It was further noted that the previous SCS included targets which were also part of the Local Area Agreement, and in October 2010 the government announced the cessation of government performance of local authorities through LAAs. However the Council and its partners had agreed to maintain an effective performance management framework meeting the government's expectation that the Council will publish information. After extensive research, analysis and consultation a new SCS 2011-2016 was approved by Council on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2011.

Appended to the report for consideration was a target setting advice note and the Draft SCS Framework 2011-16 for Safer Halton Partnership Board.

The Board considered the proposed measures and annual targets for the period to 2016 in line with the SCS Delivery Plan for Safer Halton and recommended these for adoption. Authority was also delegated to the Chairs of the SSP to approve any outstanding measures, targets and further amendments submitted by Lead Officers for approval.

- In relation to Alcohol Enforcement a number of premises were ready to take on the archangel brand and a further 11 premises were interesting in taking the same approach;
- In respect of the alcohol performance update, over £300,000 had been granted for the liaison nursing scheme which would be implemented in Warrington and Whiston hospital. The group was also informed of Alcohol Awareness week which was also being advertised through sound bytes;

- In relation to Anti-Social Behaviour it was reported that the figures had reduced by 18.54% in comparison to the same quarter last year;
- In respect of Domestic Abuse the Halton Survivors had now been established and were making arrangements to deliver a Halton Survivors Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Conference which would be aimed at professionals and would be delivered on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2011;
- In relation to drugs it was noted that the number of individuals re-presenting within 6 months of discharge had significantly decreased with 93.7% of individuals sustaining their recovery as they did not re-present following discharge from treatment;
- For Partnership Tasking and Co-ordination it was reported that Operation Pistachio which ran on Mischief, Halloween and Bonfire Night was successful and resulted in a 14% reduction of deliberate fires plus a reduction of anti-social behaviour;
- Figures of repeat offenders had reduced in addition to figures for PPO which had reduced by 39.6%; and
- In relation to Hate Crimes it was reported that meetings were going to be held monthly in order to provide further scrutiny.

*Meeting ended at 4.20 p.m.*