

SAFER HALTON PARTNERSHIP

At a meeting of the Safer Halton Partnership Tuesday, 15 May 2012 Civic Suite, Town Hall, Runcorn

Present	Cllr Osborne	HBC
	Cllr D. Cargill	Police Authority
	S. Eastwood	DAAT, Communities
	D. Houghton	HBC Policy and Partnerships
	C. Frazer	Riverside Housing
	M. Andrews	Community Safety
	P. McWade	Commissioning & Complex Care
	A. Jones	Democratic Services
	N. Sharpe	Halton Housing Trust
	R. Strachan	Cheshire Police
	D Gordon	Community Safety
	C. Walsh	Halton & ST Helens PCT
	J Davidson	Cheshire Probation
	H. Coen	Performance & Improvement
	A. Waller	Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service
	J Bucknall	Children's Provision & Organisation
	L Smallthwaite	Warrington & Halton Trading Standards

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SHP32 WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

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

SHP33 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from David Parr, Lorraine Crane, Dwayne Johnson and Gareth Jones.

SHP34 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 February 2012 were agreed as a correct record.

SHP 26 – Following a query regarding candidates for the post of PCC – these would be announced to the Partnership as soon as they were known.

SHP35 FINANCE REPORT - END OF YEAR SUMMARY

The Partnership received a report which provided a summary of the year end accounts of the Safer Halton

Partnership (SHP).

The Working Neighbourhoods Fund (WNF); (£448,000) and LPSA2 funding (£532,000) was allocated to the SHP by the Halton Strategic Partnership Board (HSPB) for 2011/12.

It was agreed at the SHP meeting on 15th February 2012 that £375,000 of this funding would be re-profiled. It was noted that due to cutbacks in expenditure in 2011/12, it was possible to increase this amount to £451,746.19. The projects allocated the funding for 2012-13 were listed in the report and had been allocated in accordance with the outcomes from the Community Safety Review.

It was noted that the £3,250 Vikings project was not part of the Community Safety Review and would be spent as agreed by the SHP on 15th February 2012.

It was reported that as the Review was now complete this would be presented to the Safer Halton Policy and Performance Board. On behalf of the Partnership, the Chair conveyed his thanks to the staff who contributed to the Community Safety Review.

RESOLVED: That the SHP:

1. Note the financial summary report for year end 2011/12; and
2. Note the amendments to the amounts of funding to be re-profiled, from that agreed by the SHP at their meeting on 15th February 2012.

SHP36 ALCOHOL STRATEGY 2012

Collette Walsh presented the key features and local implications of the new National Alcohol Strategy published March 2012.

Appended to the report was the *Proposed Strategic Aims for Halton 2012-2015*.

The strategy was described as '*a radical change in the approach which sought to turn the tide against irresponsible drinking*'. There was a recognition that the change would not happen overnight; however it was agreed that action was required now as alcohol related harm costs society £21 billion annually.

The summary report went onto explain the causes of irresponsible drinking, the required outcomes and how the strategy aimed to tackle irresponsible drinking. It was noted that the strategy included input from all stakeholder groups. Collette also advised the Partnership that HBC Management Team had requested more focus on children and young people so more consultation in this area was needed.

The Partnership discussed the strategy and raised issues around minimum pricing, binge drinking, changes to housing benefits payments and data sharing. The following points were also made:

- 1) Communicating the strategy to the public would be challenging so it was important that it was delivered effectively so that the people being targeted received the right message;
- 2) Reporting priorities for the Alcohol Tasking Group would be reviewed in their next meeting, using the Strategy for reference;
- 3) It was agreed that information sharing was crucial to the success of the Partnership in general, and that this should continue as much as possible;
- 4) It was suggested that a member from Collette's team be co-opted to join the licencing committee as input of this type would add value to the Committee;

RESOLVED: That

1. The Safer Halton Partnership (SHP) approves in principle the recommended actions for 2012-15 (Appendix A) as the basis of a comprehensive three year Alcohol Strategy for Halton;
2. Further prioritisation would be applied to the recommended actions to determine priority work streams for 2012-13; and
3. The work stream priorities for 2012-13 relate to preventing alcohol harm for children and young people and ensuring that young people have the information and support that they need to make healthy, informed, responsible choices.

SHP37 TASK GROUP UPDATES -

The group received the following updates:

- a) Alcohol Enforcement – This category would be renamed for the next agenda. The Licensing team had visited 377 licensed premises, made 32 alcohol related arrests in public places and issued 64 Section 27's. *Bank Chambers* was now fully reopened with revised licensing conditions although they had recently applied for a variation to this. Three venues were warned regarding the service of drunks, information was requested on the intervention carried out on the drunken people. The *Tricorn* had reopened at the end of March and to date there were no incidents reported.

There was no dedicated officer for under age alcohol sales now within the Trading Standards Team. Warrington were obliged to carry out 60 test purchases a year and the information obtained from this would be shared with Halton.

Community Safety staff was meeting tomorrow with the Widnes Vikings to discuss a joined up strategy for alcohol enforcement.

- b) Quarterly Alcohol Update – *Halton Residents Alcohol Hospital Admissions Date (April to December 2011-12)* was presented. The Alcohol Nursing Scheme being set up in Whiston Hospital was being concentrated on at the moment.

- c) Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) – Last quarter numbers rose by 3% due to youth ASB. Since the publishing of the agenda it had been established that this was due to 7 youths in the Riverside area that had been setting fires. Since they had been caught the figures had stabilised.

Councillor Osborne requested Community Safety officers to contact the respective Ward Councillors if ASB hotspots were identified so that they could offer assistance in the community.

- d) Crime Action Group – It was agreed that this category would become obsolete from the next meeting as it duplicated information presented in other areas.

Crime figures in general were down; domestic violence training had been provided for Registered Social Landlords (RSL's); respect weeks were planned later in

the year and *Mischief Night* will no longer be referred to as *Mischief Night*.

- e) Domestic Abuse – Away training days for staff had taken place on MARAC processes. A two week marketing and communication campaign to mark St Valentine's Day was a success. It was confirmed that funding for the DV Coordinator position was available for the next 12-18 months.
- f) Drugs – Treatment & Prevention – The handover to CRI had taken place and had gone very well, in 3 months they had cleared the alcohol waiting lists. A comprehensive learning package for front line staff was being rolled out over the next year. An emerging issue to note was the powerful role the internet was beginning to play with regards to the supply of licit and illicit drugs, these included human enhancement drugs and counterfeit medicines such as *Viagra*.
- g) Navigate Offender Management (Q3) – The NACRO worker's contract had terminated at the end of March but the YOT had placed one member of staff with them two days a week. A red/amber/green reporting system had been put in place. Overall there were good success rates at the moment including a 77% drop in repeat offending. It was noted that anyone could refer a candidate to offender management and a briefing session for Councillor Osborne would be arranged by Community Safety.
- h) Hate Crimes – This was the first report comprising of data collected since the review of the management of hate crimes/incidents and as a consequence the figures showed an increase in the number of hate crimes documented.
- i) Partnership Tasking & Coordination – Problem profiles highlighted were in Bechers and Upton Green in Widnes, Halton Brook, The Uplands, the Knoll and Halton Lodge in Runcorn. Key dates would be identified to promote Operation Staysafe in Schools.

SHP38 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION -

The following documents were provided to the Partnership for information:

- a) Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) Year End Progress Report – information on the progress in

achieving targets contained within the 2011-2016 SCS for Halton. It was noted that this information would be valuable for the new PCC coming in.

- b) Blue Lamp Reports – Runcorn & Widnes
- c) Safer Halton Policy Bulletin – March
- d) Safer Halton Policy Bulletin – April
- e) Big Lottery Funding for Windmill Hill – information on the funding and work currently being undertaken to progress this initiative.

SHP39 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Schedule of dates for the year 2012-13 would be as follows:

Date of Meeting	Time/Venue of Meeting
Tuesday 25 September 2012	2.00 pm, Civic Suite, Runcorn Town Hall
Tuesday 20 November 2012	2.00 pm, Civic Suite, Runcorn Town Hall
Monday 18 February 2013	10.00 am, Civic Suite, Runcorn Town Hall
Wednesday 15 May 2013	2.00 pm, Civic Suite, Runcorn Town Hall

Meeting ended at 3.48 p.m.