

SAFER HALTON PARTNERSHIP

At a meeting of the Safer Halton Partnership Monday, 18 February 2013 The Board Room - Municipal Building, Widnes

Present	M. Andrews	Community Safety
	S. Boycott	Cheshire Police
	D. Cargill	Executive Board Portfolio Holder – Community Safety
	L. Crane	Integrated Youth Support Service
	J. Davidson	Cheshire Probation Service
	N. Ellwood	Communities & Partnership Officer (PCC)
	D. Houghton	HBC Policy and Partnerships
	A. Jones	Democratic Services
	G. Jones	Youth Offending Team
	A. McNamara	Commissioning
	D. Parr	Chief Executive
	A. Waller	Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service
	J. Williams	Learning Disability, Autism and Transition

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SHP58 WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

The Partnership Members were welcomed to the meeting and introductions were made around the table.

It was noted that since the introduction of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), Councillor D Cargill would attend in his capacity as the Executive Board portfolio holder for Community Safety.

Mr Neil Ellwood was introduced to the Group and would represent the PCC in his capacity as their Communities and Partnership Officer.

SHP59 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Noel Sharpe, Dwayne Johnson, Hazel Coen, Linda Smallthwaite, Dave Gordon, Councillor Osborne, Paul McWade and Collette Walsh.

SHP60 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 20 November 2012 were agreed as a correct record.

An update on the Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service

Integrated Risk Management Plan was provided by Alex Waller.

The fire authority met on 13 February 2012 and agreed changes across the whole of Cheshire. The local implications for Halton were as follows:

- The introduction of a blanket 10 minute response standard for all life risk incidents;
- The start of riding with four riders on two pump stations;
- A new station to be built at Penketh with two fire engines;
- Removal of the second fire engine at Widnes;
- The second fire engine at Runcorn was to remain but will change from wholetime to on call crewing.

SHP61 INSPIRING FAMILIES

Lorraine Crane – Divisional Manager and Commissioner - Integrated Youth Support Service, presented the 'Inspiring Families' programme to the Partnership Members.

Further to the statement made in 2010 by the Prime Minister, it was the Government's intention to ensure that 120,000 troubled families were 'turned around' by 2015.

Troubled Families were defined as being in households that:

- Were involved in crime and anti-social behaviour;
- Had children not in school;
- Had an adult on out of work benefits;
- Caused high costs to the public purse; and
- Had experienced domestic abuse and alcohol abuse.

She explained that 'Inspiring Families' programme was owned by the Halton Local Strategic Partnership. It was a 3 year programme which would identify 375 families to develop and implement delivery models – which had been agreed as a 'scale' up of the intensive Family Work Service.

Lorraine outlined the principles of the programme and advised which officers would support and develop the programme. She further presented the costs incurred presently by these families and what savings could be made over the next 3 years with the implementation of the programme. The performance measures were provided and examples given of performance monitoring.

RESOLVED: That the presentation be received and noted.

SHP62 TASK GROUP UPDATES

The Partnership received updates from the following Task Groups:

- a) Alcohol Harm Reduction Group – This has been renamed and would include the prevention side as well from now on. Joint operations with UKBA had been carried out in October and December 2012; new venues from The Hive had been recruited for ArcAngel with more expected in the near future; street pastors would be launched by the end of April and it was hoped that they would operate in Runcorn soon after.
- b) Quarterly Alcohol Update – At the end of November 2012: *Alcohol Attributable Admissions* were fewer than expected and significantly less than both the target and the number of admissions at the same time the previous year and, *Wholly Alcohol Attributable Admissions* were fewer than expected and significantly less than the number of admissions at the same time on the previous year.
- c) Anti-Social Behaviour – Total ASB numbers had increased this quarter by 6%. Although Runcorn was down by 11%, Widnes had increased by 24% when compared with the same period last year. Youth ASB reflected the same pattern with a 17% reduction in Runcorn and a 72% increase in Widnes. It was hoped that the reinstatement of the Partnership Tasking Vehicle would help tasking this together with increased support from partners.
- d) Domestic Abuse – Fortnightly MARAC's were ongoing. Tracey Coffey - Operational Director, Children & Families Service would take role of Chair of the Halton Domestic Abuse Forum (HDAF).
- e) Drugs – Treatment and Prevention – Following a review of the service Ashley House had undergone a refurbishment to the ground and first floors and the opening hours had been extended on Monday and Tuesday evenings.
- f) Navigate Offender Management – New report format of four parts was noted: (1) conviction data/offending rates, pre during and post nomination (2) Nomination Source

(3) Pathways and (4) Change in Offending Behaviour.

- g) Hate Crime – It was the consensus that this was still under reported; this was despite the introduction of third party reporting centres. There were five unauthorised traveller encampments in Halton between September and December 2012. A government grant of £8,000 had been awarded for an additional site to be built, this would go to Executive Board for approval soon.
- h) Partnership Tasking and Coordination – Problem profiles were Bechers and Upton Green, Widnes, Gathurst Court, Widnes and Runcorn Hill Public Park and Stockham Close, Runcorn. The second Respect Week of the year *Operation Pistachio 5* took place and results of Halloween, Mischief Night and Bonfire Night were provided. School Liaison Officers would be interviewed and placed at Wade Deacon and Saints Peter and Paul.

SHP63 POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

Police & Crime Commissioner

An update on the newly elected Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) was provided to the Partnership.

It was reported that the PCC would exercise regional power and influence over the development and work of local Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) via various powers and duties.

For 2013-14 it was announced that there would be a new and unringfenced Community Safety Fund (CSF) which would be paid to PCCs. This CSF would replace the vast majority of existing drugs and crime funding provided by the Home Office. It had now been agreed by the PCC to passport this funding stream back to the Community Safety Teams (CSTs) under a strict SLA. The primary aim of the SLA would be to focus the funding on tackling and reducing anti-social behaviour. From 2014-15 onwards, the Home Office intends to roll CSF into the Police Main Grant.

It was noted that a Welcome Pack had been developed and delivered to the PCC which provided a quick and comprehensive guide to Halton to enable to PCC to understand Halton's needs and aspirations in respect of crime and community safety. It was hoped this would encourage the PCC to invest in Halton thereby maintaining and building on the progress made by the Police and the SHP to prevent crime, tackle crime and punish offenders.

Police & Crime Panel

Councillor Cargill announced that the Crime Panel had met for the first time on 8 February 2013. The Panel would consist of ten members, 5 Labour and 5 Conservative, and that two independent members were being sought, making a total of twelve. An application for a thirteenth member would be made to the Secretary of State.

It was noted that 'Police and Crime Panel' would be a standing item on the SHP agenda alongside Police and Crime Commissioner.

Attached at Appendix 1 for information was the 'Reciprocal duties and impact on Crime and Disorder' paper and Appendix 2 was the *PCC Welcome Pack* from the SHP.

REDOLVED: That the updates be noted.

SHP64 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

The following documents were provided for the information of the Partnership:

- a) Blue Lamp Report – Widnes
- b) Blue Lamp Report - Runcorn

Meeting ended at 11.40 a.m.