

REPORT TO: Safer Policy & Performance Board

DATE: 11 June 2013

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, Communities

PORTFOLIO: Community Safety

SUBJECT: Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC)
Update

WARDS: Borough Wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To update members of the Safer Policy and Performance Board on the newly elected Police and Crime Commissioner.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the verbal report be received and noted.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 The Policing & Social Responsibility Act 2011 contained legislation which shifts the decision-making on the strategic management of policing to elected Police and Crime Commissioners in England

3.2 The first elections of Police and Crime Commissioners took place on the 15 November 2012. The new PCC officially took office on the 22nd November 2012.

3.3 The conservative candidate John Dwyer was duly elected as the Police Crime Commissioner for Cheshire. He received a total of 48,591 votes. The turnout of voters in Cheshire was 14.08%, which equated to 111,335 papers counted.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The policy implications of the review relate primarily to the Safer Halton priority as set out below, however this is a cross cutting work area which has wider implications on other areas of council business.

5.0 RISK ANALYSIS

5.1 The future funding implications for non mainstreamed services may seriously impact on the Local Authorities delivery of community safety services and safeguarding issues. Further Briefings will be provided as we receive notification of the final changes to legislation.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Children and Young People in Halton

The work of the Community Safety Team links very closely with that of the council's Children's' and Enterprise Directorate and the Youth Offending Team. They provide a valuable role in addressing anti social behaviour and promoting positive behaviour by young people.

6.1 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton

The Community Safety Team work closely with the Probation service and YOT, supporting offenders to change their behaviour and to access training and employment opportunities.

6.2 A Healthy Halton

Addressing anti-social behaviour and crime is the key function of the Community Safety Team and without this work it is likely that both will increase having a significant impact on resident's health.

6.3 A Safer Halton

Should funding for community safety no longer be available, there will be an impact on crime and anti-social behaviour with both likely to rise, having a negative impact on residents quality of life.

6.4 Environment and Regeneration

If anti-social behaviour and crime are not fully addressed in Halton this is likely to lead to a deterioration in the quality of the environment and a corresponding reduction in confidence of the public and business in the borough.

6.5 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

None.

7.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

7.1 There are no background papers under the meaning of the Act.