

**REPORT TO:** Safer Policy and Performance Board

**DATE:** 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Strategic Director Enterprise, Community & Resources

**PORTFOLIO:** Community Safety

**SUBJECT:** Registered Social Landlords (RSL's) provision for Community Safety Issues

**WARDS:** Borough wide

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 The Chair has invited our key Registered Social Landlords (RSL) to the meeting so that they can update the board on the positive work that they are doing in partnership with the Police and Council to make Halton safer.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That**

- 1) **the report be noted; and**
- 2) **the Board consider the information presented and raise any questions of interest or points of clarification following the presentation.**

## **3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 3.1 Anti-social behaviour is a broad term used to describe the day-to-day incidents of crime, nuisance and disorder that make many people's lives a misery – from litter and vandalism, to public drunkenness or aggressive dogs, to noisy or abusive neighbours. Such a wide range of behaviours means that responsibility for dealing with anti-social behaviour is shared between a number of agencies, particularly the police, councils and social landlords.
- 3.2 Social landlords (local housing authorities and private registered providers of social housing/housing associations) have a number of powers at their disposal to deal with tenants who exhibit anti-social behaviour (ASB). These powers, in particular those of local authorities, were extended and strengthened by the 1996 Housing Act; the 2003 Anti-social Behaviour Act; and the 2004 Housing Act. New provisions are contained in the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 which gained Royal Assent on 13 March 2014. Most of the ASB provisions in the Act came into force on 20 October 2014.
- 3.3 As part of the Safer Halton Partnership we deliver a multi-agency response to various issues including:

- Repeat and Vulnerable Victims
- Drug, Alcohol and Mental Health ASB
- Local Community ASB – Off Road Bikes, Vandalism etc
- Partnership Solutions – Information Sharing, Housing legislation, Intelligence, Joint Operations etc

3.4 RSL's have a key role in dealing with these issues insofar as they affect their tenants. Representatives for the RSL's will be in attendance to explain their approach to Members.

#### **4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 None identified.

#### **5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 None identified.

#### **6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

##### **6.1 Children and Young People in Halton**

The Community Safety Service as a universal service impacts on the health, safety and well-being of young people.

##### **6.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton**

None identified.

##### **6.3 A Healthy Halton**

The Community Safety Service as a universal service impacts on the Health, safety and well-being of the residents of Halton.

##### **6.4 A Safer Halton**

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##### **6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal**

None identified.

#### **7.0 RISK ANALYSIS**

None identified.

#### **8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

None identified.

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

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