

This Business Plan extract contains information in relation to the delivery of the Council's following strategic priority.

Safer Halton

To ensure safe and secure neighbourhood environments, with attractive, safe surroundings, good quality local amenities, and the ability of people to enjoy life where they live.

Key Developments

Community Safety

Anti- Social Behaviour

Reducing Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) continues to be a key priority for the communities of Halton. The introduction of the ASB, Crime and Policing Act in October 2014 has seen a change in the way partner agencies work together to share information, co-ordinate activities and ensure that a victim centred approach is delivered. Key developments include:-

1. The introduction of the Public Space Protection Order.
2. Increased submissions to the Crown Prosecution Services for Criminal Behaviour Orders.
3. Weekly problem solving and information sharing meetings with housing partners and Cheshire Police (Runcorn and Widnes Local Policing Units).
4. Increased number of applications for Closure Orders to properties.
5. Increased number of information Sharing applications regarding mental health, drugs, alcohol, housing, social care, risk and harm etc.
6. Improved identification of ASB repeat callers (victims) and hotspots locations.
7. A Co-ordinated partnership response to problem areas and seasonal demands (School Summer Holidays, Halloween and Bonfire) and trends (Off Road bikes, Social media).
8. Increased community participation in addressing the root causes of ASB.
9. Increased use of police dispersal powers to provide intelligence of those persons likely to cause ASB.
10. More visibility and education in schools around the dangers and consequences of fires, missiles, legal highs, stranger danger.

Making Public and Private spaces safer.

1. The Licensing Team check compliance of licensing objectives across all "on" and "off" licensed premises and local businesses to promote a safe and responsible business environment (Streetsafe and Community Alcohol Project).
2. Take robust action against premises and their managers where licensing objectives are not met or where there is a rise in alcohol and/or drug related crime and ASB.
3. The reduction in the supply of alcohol to under 18's.
4. Continue to support Pubwatch and Street Pastors.

5. Management and control of the 24hr / 365 day public space CCTV and Radio control room. This includes over 140 cameras, police radio, shop and pubwatch radios. The system is operated by professional security licensed and vetted operators.
6. Identification of derelict and dangerous buildings. Working with building control and the police to ensure owners are informed and made safe.
7. Increased co-operation with development control, housing providers and architects to “Design Out Crime and ASB” in proposed new developments. This includes the regeneration of Murdishaw and 4 Secured By Design developments.
8. Increased use of environmental measures (barriers) to prevent the use of Off Road motor bikes.
9. Better liaison with local Councillors and the Community Development Team to build up social capital, community participation and environmental alterations.
10. Closer working relationships with the Open Spaces team and Waste Management to tackle environmental ASB.

Protecting Vulnerable Persons

1. Deliver and support interventions relating to the Halton Domestic Abuse Forum and Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Strategy.
2. Monitor and evaluate the performance of the Domestic Abuse commissioned service, Changing Lives. This includes the refuge provision and the community based service
3. Work with Police and Changing Lives to ensure immediate support for victims. To have oversight of the new pilot project in Halton, this involves a joint agency (Independent Domestic Violence Advocate IDVA and Police officer) response to domestic incidents.
4. Work more closely with Operation Relentless and the new I-CART team (Team Around the Family) to reduce reoffending of Serial Domestic Abuse perpetrators.
5. Attend professionals meetings with Mental Health, Drug and Alcohol Services, Housing and Working Together teams to reduce Anti-Social Behaviour and Public Order.
6. Identify Young Persons most at risk from Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) or Organised Crime (Drugs) and ensuring effective sharing of intelligence, information and action to remove those risks.
7. Providing mediation and ASB support to those victims most at risk. This includes support and advice on pre, during and post court proceedings.

Offender Management

1. A team of officers tackle prolific offenders and now includes low level sex offenders. The officers regularly assess the risks of their cohort; this incorporates a balance of active risk management, enforcement and rehabilitation.
2. Operation Relentless (now called I-DAT) will manage a cohort of Domestic Abuse perpetrators.

Medical and Community Harm from Alcohol¹

Alcohol harm reduction continues to be a priority area within the Health and Wellbeing action plan. An alcohol harm reduction strategy for Halton has been developed. The strategy sets out actions across the life course to reduce alcohol related harm and reduce hospital admissions.

¹ Alcohol reduction is shared with the Council’s Health Priority

Good progress is being made towards implementing the Halton alcohol strategy action plan. Key activity includes:

- Developing a coordinated alcohol awareness campaign plan.
- Delivery of alcohol education within local school settings (Healthitude, R U Different, Amy Winehouse Foundation, Cheshire Police, Alcohol education Trust, wellbeing web magazine).
- Ensuring the early identification and support of those drinking above recommended levels through training key staff members in alcohol identification and brief advice (alcohol IBA).
- Reviewing alcohol treatment pathways
- Working closely with colleagues from licensing, the community safety team, trading standards and Cheshire Police to ensure that the local licensing policy supports the alcohol harm reduction agenda, promoting more responsible approaches to the sale of alcohol (e.g. promotion of Arc Angel and the local pub watch schemes within Halton), promoting a diverse night-time economy.
- Working to influence government policy and initiatives around alcohol: 50p minimum unit price for alcohol, restrictions of all alcohol marketing, public health as a fifth licensing objective.
- The 'please stop drinking mummy' campaign ran from February to June 2015, and is still ongoing through social media and websites. The campaign has been well received with good traffic to sites, and positive feedback from midwives that helped them to discuss drinking habits with pregnant women.
- A Halton Alcohol Inquiry was held at Halton Brook Community Centre to increase knowledge of alcohol related harm within local communities and develop community led responses.

Traffic and Risk & Emergency Planning/Health & Safety

Emergency Planning

There are currently nine top tier COMAH sites within the Borough, that require emergency off site plans which need to be tested every three years. The new site is Emerald Kalama which is located Bennets Lane, Widnes and is due to a change in quantities of specified chemicals on site.

Emerging Issues

Community Safety Team

Political

- In May, 2016 a new Police Crime Commissioner was appointed to Cheshire Constabulary. One of the first major tasks for David Keane will be to develop his Police & Crime Plan and his intention is to publish this in the Autumn. This will be a 5 year plan and will set out his policing and crime priorities.
- The PCC receives policing grants from the Home Office, various grants from the Department for Communities and Local Government and the local precept. Funding opportunities and commissioned services will be part of the PCC's overall plan to make Cheshire safer.
- Cheshire Fire and Rescue are co-locating with Cheshire Police in Clemonds Hey (Police HQ).

Technology

- Cheshire Police are looking at major projects around a new emergency services network. This will include technology that allows officers and staff to work remotely whilst accessing secure case management systems (Niche).
- Collaborations with regional Police Forces around case management systems.
- Drone CCTV cameras (Public Order and Off Road bikes) and Body Worn cameras (hate Crime) are being piloted.
- Hate Crime body worn cameras are now being piloted in Halton.

Environment

- The new "Project road / Bridge" may impact on travelling criminality. The implementation of a toll/fee may see police receiving an increase in Theft or Cloning of Motor Vehicles (Number Plates) to avoid payment. Additionally, organised criminals may be less reluctant to travel over the new bridge to commit cross border crime due to the use of tolls and Automatic Number Plate Recognition.
- The White House development in Runcorn will see the development of over 448 1 and 2 bed - suites. Construction will commence in the 4th quarter of 2016. Due to the shortage of social housing for 1 and 2 beds in Halton, this location will be popular for private social landlords and those that are on the housing waiting list. Unfortunately, Halton has experience of large social housing projects in this ward/area (Southgate development in the 1970's) and due to the large concentration of mixed tenures (private buyers and rented) we will undoubtedly see a significant demand on calls for service.

Legislation

New Coercive Laws (Domestic Abuse) – December 2015

The government's new coercive or controlling behaviour offence will mean victims who experience the type of behaviour that stops short of serious physical violence, but amounts to extreme psychological

and emotional abuse, can bring their perpetrators to justice. The offence will carry a maximum of 5 years' imprisonment, a fine or both.

Appendix 1

Objectives, Milestones and Measures

Service Objective: PH 04²	Reduction in the Harm from Alcohol: Working with key partners, frontline professionals, and local community to address the health and social impact of alcohol misuse.		
Key Milestone(s) (18 / 19)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Work in partnership to reducing the number of young people (under 18) being admitted to hospital due to alcohol ▪ Raise awareness within the local community of safe drinking recommendations and local alcohol support services through delivering alcohol awareness campaigns, alcohol health education events across the borough and ensuring key staff are trained in alcohol identification and brief advice (alcohol IBA) ▪ Ensure those identified as having an alcohol misuse problem can access effective alcohol treatment services and recovery support. 		
Responsible Officer:	Simon Bell / Dr Elspeth Anwar - Public Health	Linked Indicators:	N / A

Service Objective: PH05	To ensure safe and more secure neighbourhoods – Anti-Social Behaviour		
Key Milestone(s) (18 / 19)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Report quarterly to the Safer Halton Partnership – ASB. ▪ Through Problem Solving Groups, namely 1) Partnership Tasking and Coordination (location hotspots), 2) Multi Agency Meetings (ASB perpetrators and Victims) the 3) Alcohol Enforcement Licensing group, partnership agencies will develop responsive and robust plans to ensure the right resources are in the right place at the right time and with the right actions. All ASB tools and powers, including licensing laws will be robustly sanctioned to make Halton safer. ▪ Work with Cheshire Police and Housing providers via the weekly beat management process to bring offenders to justice, whilst taking swift action against tenants and home owners. ▪ Development of Individual Support Plans for each ASB victim and/ or witness. ▪ To undertake community engagement events and surgeries to identify the communities local concerns. This will be reported back on quarterly Blue Lamp reports. ▪ Co-ordination and delivery of the summer Schools Out campaign and Operation Treacle. ▪ To deliver education inputs, called “Cop Stars” in Yr5 and 6 primary schools. 		

² This objective contributes to and is shared with Council’s Health Priority

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To deliver timely and relevant education/warning/ consequences talks to pupils in high schools in the Borough. ▪ To work with the Planning Department and developers to ensure large scale developments incorporate crime prevention thorough environmental design measures. 		
Responsible Officer:	Mike Andrews	Linked Indicators:	N / A

Service Objective: PH06	Making Public and Private Spaces safer		
Key Milestone(s) (18 / 19)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Report quarterly to the Safer Halton Partnership – Alcohol Licensing (Alcohol fuelled violence in Public Places) ▪ Delivery of Operation Staysafe to ensure young persons are safe from alcohol and NPS ▪ To monitor daily occurrences in licensed premises and take appropriate action in accordance with the Licensing Legislation. ▪ To develop joint operations with Cheshire Police (drugs dogs etc), Trading Standards and UKBA following intelligence reports and information. ▪ To provide weekly briefing and tasking. ▪ To support Trading Standards on the Community Alcohol Project and Test Purchase operations. ▪ Report quarterly to the Safer Halton Partnership - CCTV ▪ To ensure information and intelligence is regularly used to enhance the effectiveness of the CCTV and radio communications system. ▪ To provide “best” evidence to the police and legal officials. ▪ To ensure the system is fit for purpose, cost effective and complies with Data Protection and Human Rights principles, specifically “The right to a private life” and “The right to a fair trial”. 		
Responsible Officer:	Mike Andrews / Bill Seabury	Linked Indicators:	N / A

Service Objective:			
Key Milestone(s) (18 / 19)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Report quarterly to the Safer Halton Partnership – Domestic Abuse ▪ To work in partnership with the Halton Domestic Abuse Forum and deliver support interventions ▪ To monitor and evaluate the commissioned service, namely Changing Lives, including the refuge provision, IDVA's and case management system. ▪ Work with the new I-CART and I-DAT team. ▪ To ensure Operation Enhance and Relentless work effectively and information is shared in a quick and accurate manner thus protecting those most at risk. ▪ Report quarterly to the Safer Halton Partnership – Hate Crime ▪ To identify hate Crime victims and ensure proper and effective measures are in place to prevent repeat incidents or offences i.e body worn cameras, support plans. ▪ To work with diverse communities and build confidence and support networks. 		
Responsible Officer:	Mike Andrews/ Sarah Ashcroft	Linked Indicators:	N / A

Service Objective: PPT 06	Service Objective Description		
Key Milestone(s) (18 / 19)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To ensure that at least one exercise is carried out each financial to test the COMAH plans March 2018. 		
Responsible Officer:	Divisional Manager – Traffic, Risk & Emergency Planning/H&S	Linked Indicators:	N / A

Ref	Description	16/17 Actual	17/18 Target	17/18 Actual	18/19 Target
CE LI 12	No. of reported ASB incidents				
CE LI 13	No. of Criminal Behaviour Orders and Civil injunctions				
CE LI 14	No. of Closure Orders				
CE LI 15	No. of Acceptable Behaviour Contracts and Discussions.				
CE LI 16	No. of Community Triggers or Calls for Action (Councillor / MP)				
CE LI 17	No. of Public Space Protection Orders and breaches				
CE LI 18	No. of Information Sharing requests to support housing legislation (possession orders, risk assessments etc)				
CE LI 19	No. of ASB victims and support plans.				
CE LI 20	No. of referrals to problem solving group.				
CE LI 21	No. of MAM and Partnership T&C referrals				
CE LI 22	No. of dispersals				
CE LI 23	No. of “You Said We Did” initiatives including no. of community consultations.				
CE LI 24	No. of education programmes – school talks (Prevention)				
CE LI 25	No. of Secured By Design Design out Crime and environmental measures (Prevention)				
CE LI 26	Diversions Activities (Prevention)				
CE LI 27	ASB communication messages – Social Media (Prevention)				
CE LI 28	No of off road bikes seized (intelligence reports)				
CE LI 29	Alcohol fuelled violence in and/or relating to licensed premises (not bookmarked).				

Ref	Description	16/17 Actual	17/18 Target	17/18 Actual	18/19 Target
CE LI 30	No of licensing reviews.				
CE LI 31	No. of operations and results.				
CE LI 32	No. of closure orders and dispersals.				
CE LI 33	Street pastors report – hours of patrols, bottles removed and persons engaged with.				
CE LI 34	No. of occurrences caught on camera (ROOF)				
CE LI 35	No of occurrences released (evidence on disk) to police and legal teams.				
CE LI 36	No of Domestic Abuse incidents				
CE LI 37	No. of Domestic Abuse incidents (violence with injury)				
CE LI 38	No. of offenders on DVPO`s.				
CE LI 39	No. of victims being supported.				
CE LI 40	No of offenders engaging in I-DAT service				
CE LI 41	No of Hate Crimes				
CE LI 42	No of offenders brought to justice				
CE LI 43	No. of victims engaging with support.				