

**Minutes of MAPS Topic Group**  
**Held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2009 at 3.30pm**  
**Civic Suite, Runcorn Town Hall**

**Present:** Cllr John Stockton (Chair), Cllr Pamela Wallace, Cllr Ged Philbin, Cllr Marie Wright, Cllr Sue Edge, Alex Villiers, Howard Cockcroft, Cllr Colin Rowan, Cllr Linda Redhead, Mike Andrews, Alex Villiers, Howard Cockcroft

Item	Details	Action
1	<b>Apologies:</b> Cllr Shaun Osborne	
2	<b>Minutes of meeting 14<sup>th</sup> April 2009</b> Accepted as a true record.	
3	<p><b>Responses to questions/issues on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2009</b></p> <p>➤ <b>The Social Landlords do not appear to be a part of MAPS. They do, however, have significant issues around ASB and homelessness. Who scrutinises the Social Landlords?</b></p> <p>They are part of the ASB group, the housing group also sit on the Safer Halton Partnership. Halton Housing Trust (HHT) are seconding a member of staff for 12 months into the Community Safety Team.</p> <p>There was support for a register of private landlords, and a plea for consistency of approach by the Social Landlords and between HHT's Area Managers. Re-location from other authorities was a problem and members wondered what changes could be made via the Accredited Landlord scheme.</p> <p>➤ <b>What is the progress on the Licensing Officer?</b></p> <p>There had been delays due to issues over the grading of the post. These had now been resolved, short-listing had been done, and interviews were scheduled for 24<sup>th</sup> June 2009. The post is funded by the PCT for 2 years.</p> <p>The 'non-alcoholic pubs' initiative for young people was noted. Members asked for a future report, assessing its value and effect.</p> <p>➤ <b>What are the links with the Fire Service?</b></p> <p>They are part of the Performance Management Team. There are also regular meetings with Station Managers. They could not commit a dedicated member of staff, but links are excellent.</p> <p>➤ <b>Where is the strategic thinking taking place?</b></p> <p>The 'thinking hierarchy' is represented below.</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Task Groups aligned to LAA's</p> <p>↓</p> <p>Mike Andrews/Simon Blackwell</p> <p>↓</p> <p>Strategic Performance Management Group</p> </div>	



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- **There is a need for a contacts list to guide people as to whom to approach, for what.**

A contacts list for Members will be drawn up following the move to the new offices.

- **Where is the public face of Community Safety, e.g. promotion of Community Watch Schemes?**

There are a number of different schemes. The community groups co-ordinator had been asked to pull these all together and begin a re-launch of the schemes.

Promotion via Area Forums was to be encouraged. The new Community Crime fighter scheme was noted. LSP's communications officer will liaise with Community Safety Team on general promotional issues.

- **Good progress had been made on restorative justice schemes, but information on them was not widely known.**

There are already 3,500 hours of restorative justice in Halton, but this needs to be more targeted. The Probation Service are trying to improve links with media. It was noted that under 18's can't wear 'uniform'.

- **How is performance measured?**

Through the Strategic Performance Management Group and the Safer Halton Partnership. There are to be regular monitoring reports on the LAA going to the Safer Halton PPB.

**4 Future work of the Topic Team**

It was suggested that there was a general need for information session and guidance notes re: the particular areas of activity of the Community Safety Team. There was a need to understand what 'levels of evidence' was required to address local issues, particularly in relation to anti-social behaviour and alleygates.

Stephen Timporley to be invited to the next meeting to consider issues re: the Social Landlords.

The Police to be invited to the next meeting to consider the Policing Pledge.