

SAFER HALTON PARTNERSHIP

At a meeting of the Safer Halton Partnership Tuesday, 12 May 2009 in the Civic Suite, Town Hall, Runcorn

Present	S. Blackwell	Cheshire Police
	D. Cargill	Police Authority
	L. Cleworth	DAAT
	A. Collins	Police Authority
	C. Edwards	Cheshire Probation
	S. Henshaw	Cheshire Fire & Rescue Service
	D. Johnson	HBC Health and Community
	A. Jones	Committee Services
	G. Jones	Youth Offending Team
	J. Manley	Cheshire Police
	N. Mannion	Neighbourhood Management
	C. Myring	Community Safety
	N. Oldham JP	Bench Chairman, Halton Magistrates Court
	D. Parr	Chief Executive
	N. Sharpe	HHT

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SHP44 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

David Parr welcomed everybody to the meeting and introductions were made.

SHP45 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Paul Boyce – Specialist Services C&YP, Steve Eastwood – Drug Action Team, Micheal Andrews – Community Safety, Gary Finchett – Cheshire Police, Christine Frazer – Riverside Housing, Debbie Houghton – Performance & Policy and Cllr Marie Wright.

SHP46 MINUTES - SHP 24.02.09

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2009 were agreed as a correct record.

SHP47 MINUTES - SPECIAL SHP 12.03.09

The minutes of the special Safer Halton Partnership meeting held on 12 March 2009, were agreed as a correct record.

SHP48 ALCOHOL ENFORCEMENT TASK GROUP

The Partnership received a presentation from Inspector Simon Blackwell and Superintendent Jed Manley of Cheshire Police entitled "Licensing Enforcement within Halton – Presentation to the SHP".

In brief the presentation included the following:

- Background information on Halton's night time economies, licensing enforcement statistics, statistics on alcohol related hospital admissions and statistics on alcohol related violent incidents;
- How to tackle the problem and increase understanding of alcohol as a causation factor in crime and disorder;
- The recent developments and partnership responses including the recruitment of a Police Alcohol Enforcement Officer and Local Authority Enforcement Officer and the improved partnership working (CST/Fire/HBC Licensing/Consumer Protection etc).
- Overview of the ARPA Campaign (Dec 08 – March 09) a successful CDRP bid securing £25,000 for partnership preventative/enforcement activity within Halton (highest within Cheshire) and delivery of the associated action plan;
- Overview of the Op's Ford/Cleo Enforcement Campaign (Jan 09 – March 09) which was a dedicated Police led, partnership supported weekend operations in Widnes and Runcorn. Operating every weekend until 4am conducting licensing checks and high visibility hotspot patrolling to deter under age drinking/alcohol related violence;
- Statistics of violent crime volumes and alcohol related violent crime volumes in Runcorn and Widnes town centres in 2008;
- Examples of positive Partnership licensing action such as the 'Roll Inn Motel' which had been closed down and 'Breeze Bar' which had its licence revoked; and
- Challenges for the future. The Licensing Enforcement Task Group is always looking for support and future partners are welcome.

The 'Halton Night Time Economy Plan' was also distributed to members for information.

Some positive feedback had been received from traders in Widnes and they were impressed with the activity of the PCSO's and have expressed an interest in investing more money into CCTV's and more PO's.

It was announced that Halton Community Safety are to test a programme that includes the cooperation of supermarkets, shops and off licences in relation to the sale of alcohol. A paper will be added to the next meeting of the Partnership.

SHP49 TASK GROUP UPDATES

Arising from the task group updates the following was noted:

Partnership Tasking & Co-ordination – David Parr conveyed his thanks to Simon and his team for the good work.

Drugs – The treatment plan submission for 09/10 had been approved by the National Treatment Agency. The performance of drug service providers continued to be below target. The DAAT had commissioned a 12 month pilot abstinence based service, TTP counselling to be co-located at Ashley House and a new holistic living therapy service had also been commissioned, commencing in May 2009. A paper on the Halton DAT Stimulant Campaign 2009 was passed to the group for information.

Domestic Abuse – HHT are commissioning domestic abuse training for their staff, an agreement had been made with the DAT whereby frontline drug and alcohol staff will also be attending this training. The figures for the completion of the performance data would be forwarded to members after the meeting.

Neighbourhood Management – Members commented that the progress with Castlefields was encouraging.

Engagement & Liveability – The remit of the Task Group had been reviewed and the 'Terms of Reference' were attached to the report with the revised heading 'Engagement, Cohesion and Liveability Task Group'. Any comments would be welcome, please e-mail to Nick Mannion.

Anti Social Behaviour – Public perception of ASB is always

negative and the latest figures showing improvements should be published.

RESOLVED: That the Task Group Updates be noted.

SHP50 YOUTH CRIME ACTION PLAN

The Partnership received a report which informed of the Youth Crime Action Plan (YCAP) funding allocation. A copy of a letter received from the Department for Children, Schools and Families at the Ministry of Justice confirming the funding, was attached for information.

The group was informed that in July 2008 central Government published the Youth Crime Action Plan which sets out a comprehensive package of measures to prevent and tackle youth crime through a triple-track approach of tough enforcement, non negotiable support and prevention.

At the heart of this action plans was a recognition that the factors which contribute to offending behaviour also contribute to many other poor outcomes for young people. If we tackle these we would prevent youth crime and cut re-offending, but also deliver improvements in wider outcomes for children and young people.

It was explained that certain areas across the country had been selected for a more intense package, Halton being one of them. These areas had been selected on the basis of a ranking of deprivation, youth crime and perceptions of youth anti-social behaviour. There is up to £700,000 available to Halton over the next two years (209-11) with at least half of this being allocated to 'Developing Family Intervention Projects' and 'Implementation of the 'think family' reforms'.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) The Partnership notes the report and comments on the findings; and
- 2) The Partnership supports the development of an action plan to address the issues raised in the report.

SHP51 SAFEGUARDING VULNERABLE ADULTS

The group received a report from the Strategic Director – Health and Community, updating the Partnership on key issues and progression of the agenda for the

protection of vulnerable adults in Halton.

The report listed the key issues since the last report to the Partnership on 24 February 2009.

RESOLVED: That the Partnership notes and comments of the report's content.

SHP52 SSP RISK ASSESSMENT MANAGEMENT REPORT

The Partnership received a report to inform members of the Safer Halton SSP of the work required to ensure the Halton Strategic Partnership's Risk Register is completed in line with the approved Improvement Plan.

The Draft Partnership Risk Management Register was attached as appendix A. The Members of the Safer Halton SSP were asked to ensure that Partnership Risk Register is considered at their meeting, with a complete Register returned to the Board for endorsement at its next meeting on 20th May 2009. It was agreed that the SHP Chairs would meet to discuss this.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) SSP Members note the process endorsed by the Halton Strategic Partnership Board to ensure completion of the Partnership's Risk Management Register; and
- 2) Review the Risk Register for Safer Halton and ensure the update is completed.

SHP53 PROPOSED 'CONTEST' (COUNTER TERRORISM STRATEGY) BOARD FOR HALTON & WARRINGTON BOROUGH COUNCILS & THE CHESHIRE CONSTABULARY

The Partnership received a report from the Strategic Director – Health and Community on the proposed CONTEST (Counter Terrorism Strategy) Board for Halton and Warrington Borough Councils and the Cheshire Constabulary. Appended to the report was the 'Halton and Warrington Borough Councils and Cheshire Constabulary CONTEST Board' draft Terms of Reference.

The report highlighted how the CDRP/Safer Partnership Board should address counter terrorism. It further explained that CONTEST is the Governments cross-

departmental long term Counter Terrorism strategy and consists of four thematic workstreams: Pursue, Prevent, Protect and Prepare. Guidance had been issued to Constabularies and Local Authorities which recommend that local areas address issues surrounding countering terrorism. It was recommended that in the medium term that localities develop effective strategies.

All agreed that they were happy with the document. Anna Collins would report back to the Partnership with a name to represent the Police Authority within the work streams.

SHP54 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

PROPOSAL FOR MULTI AGENCY ENGAGEMENT MAPPING EXERCISE

The Partnership received a paper from Anna Collins entitled 'Proposal for Multi Agency Engagement Mapping Exercise'.

It is proposed to conduct a multi-agency exercise in mapping engagement activity across public services with the ultimate aim of developing a shared resource to allow planning of engagement activity to drive opportunities for joint working.

Comprehensive Area Assessments would require us all to demonstrate that we had benchmarked our approach to involving the public in the development of services to reduce crime and disorder, that we had identified the gaps and had joined up plans to close them, ultimately leading to increased confidence and satisfaction and improved outcomes for the public.

The ultimate product of the work would be to develop a shared resource across public service providers to manage engagement activity and to support a multi-agency engagement strategy.

Local Strategic Partnerships were already working in this area to develop and inform Sustainable Community Strategies and public services also had a requirement to develop and consult the public about our equality schemes.

The Local Criminal Justice Board had identified a need for closer partnership working or order to increase understanding of and confidence in the criminal justice system and had demonstrated commitment to working with

established partnerships in this area.

The idea had been presented to the Police and is now tabled at this meeting to encourage input from other partners so that the project would be a joint effort and avoid any duplication of activity.

David Parr would speak to Shelah Semhoff in the first instance to discuss who could participate.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY

As some targets were not achievable, the audit figures would be circulated to the Police for comments.

Meeting ended at 3.55 p.m.