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Safer Policy and Performance Board

Tuesday, 13 June 2017 at 6.30 p.m.
Council Chamber, Runcorn Town Hall

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'David Walsh'.

Chief Executive

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Councillor Dave Thompson (Chair)	Labour
Councillor Norman Plumpton Walsh (Vice-Chair)	Labour
Councillor John Abbott	Labour
Councillor Sandra Baker	Labour
Councillor Susan Edge	Labour
Councillor John Gerrard	Labour
Councillor Valerie Hill	Labour
Councillor Peter Lloyd Jones	Labour
Councillor Kath Loftus	Labour
Councillor Shaun Osborne	Labour
Councillor Geoff Zygadlo	Labour

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The next meeting of the Board is on Tuesday, 12 September 2017

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IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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In accordance with the Health and Safety at Work Act the Council is required to notify those attending meetings of the fire evacuation procedures. A copy has previously been circulated to Members and instructions are located in all rooms within the Civic block.

SAFER POLICY AND PERFORMANCE BOARD

*At a meeting of the Safer Policy and Performance Board on Tuesday, 21 February 2017
at the Council Chamber, Runcorn Town Hall*

Present: Councillors Thompson (Chair), N. Plumpton Walsh (Vice-Chair), Abbott, S. Baker, V. Hill, P. Lloyd Jones, K. Loftus, Osborne and Zygadllo

Apologies for Absence: Councillor J Gerrard

Absence declared on Council business: Councillor Edge

Officers present: M. Andrews, A. Bailey, C. Patino, M. Cotgreave and G. Ferguson

Also in attendance: None

**ITEM DEALT WITH
UNDER DUTIES
EXERCISABLE BY THE BOARD**

SAF25 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair announced that Cheshire Constabulary had agreed a 1.99% increase in its policing precept.

With regard to future scrutiny visits by the Board, invitations to attend a future Widnes Rugby League fixture to observe safety measures on match days and to view the Police Custody Suite would be circulated to Members shortly.

SAF26 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8th November 2016 were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

Arising from the discussion it was noted that funding options for an additional Striker camera were being explored.

SAF27 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Board was advised that no public questions had been received.

Action

SAF28 SSP MINUTES

The minutes from previous Safer Halton Partnership (SHP) meetings held on 11th May 2016 and 28 September 2016 were presented to the Board for information.

SAF29 CHESHIRE CONSTABULARY ANNUAL REPORT AND UPDATE ON POLICE CRIME COMMISSIONERS PLAN 2016-21

The Board received a presentation on the Cheshire Constabulary for Halton Annual Report 2016 and the Police and Crime Commissioners (PCC) Police Plan 2016-21.

The PCC Plan 2016-21 for Cheshire set out:

- the four priorities the Chief Constable would deliver so that people felt safe in their homes and communities;
- the role of the Police and Crime Commissioner;
- consultation which had taken place to develop the plan with the community, partners and the Chief Constable;
- the vision for the next four years in which Cheshire would have a Constabulary focused on community policing, putting victims first;
- details of budget allocations, grants and funding;
- how working in partnership with local communities, other police services, public and private sector organisations would be crucial to the success of the Plan; and
- how success would be monitored.

A copy of the Plan could be viewed on the Cheshire Police and Crime Commissioner website.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

SAF30 EMERGENCY PLANNING

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, which provided an update on the work undertaken by the Emergency Planning Team during the last year.

Members received a presentation which highlighted the Teams key duties and responsibilities, statutory duties, the Civil Contingencies Act 2004, Control of Major Accident Hazard Regulations (COMAH) 2015, key plans in place to

ensure resilience within Halton, exercises that take place at COMAH sites in the Borough, implications for the Council of the Major Accident Hazard Pipeline (MAHP) Regulations 1996, details of Emergency Centres and work with partners.

In addition, the Team had responded to a number of major incidents in the previous 12 months, from incidents at Residential Care Homes, Silver Jubilee Bridge and major fires in the Borough.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

SAF31 COMMUNITY SAFETY VICTIM AND WITNESS SUPPORT SERVICE

The Board received a presentation from the Anti-Social Behaviour Victim and Witness Service, which was designed to deliver independent and confidential support to residents aged over 10 years who were experiencing nuisance and/or anti-social behaviour in Halton. The Service was part of the work of the Safer Halton Partnership Community Safety Team.

The presentation outlined how the Service received referrals, carried out assessments and agreed and reviewed a Support Plan.

It was noted that since June 2008 the service had:

- received 622 referrals for support;
- provided advice to over 300 individuals;
- supported 30 individuals/families to secure more suitable accommodation;
- supported local policing units; and
- received recognition in 2009 in the House of Commons for good practice in supporting victims and witnesses.

RESOLVED: That

1. the presentation be circulated to all Members for information; and
2. options be explored for the Anti-Social Behaviour Victim and Witness Support Officer to attend Ward Surgery meetings, to raise awareness of the Service with Registered Social Landlords and to develop a Service referral form for use by Members.

SAF32 ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, which provided an update on:

- The Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Strategy 2016-19 – 4 priorities;
- The Partnership Processes – Information Sharing and Problem Solving Groups;
- ASB interventions (Tools and Powers);
- The positive work being carried out in partnership with the Police, Council, Registered Social Landlords (including Private), Mental Health Services, Youth Offending, Education etc to make Halton safer.

RESOLVED: That the Board note the

1. Strategy and 4 Priorities:-
 - a. Repeat and Vulnerable Victims
 - b. Drug and Alcohol ASB
 - c. Local Community ASB
 - d. Partnership Solutions

2. referral process for Partnership Problem Solving :-
 - a. Partnership Tasking and Co-ordination Meeting (monthly)
 - b. Multi-Agency-Meeting (MAM)
 - c. Information Sharing Forms; and

3. further reports be submitted to a future meeting of the Board on Organised Crime Groups and crime statistics/trends in the Borough.

SAF33 WHITE RIBBON CAMPAIGN

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, which provided an update on the progress made towards achieving the White Ribbon Local Authority Award for Halton. The principles of the award were that local authorities should express a commitment to involving men in anti-violence against women groups and produce a preliminary action plan on how this commitment would be achieved. The White Ribbon Team would work with the Authority on the development of the action plan and it was proposed that the Community Safety Manager, supported by the local Domestic Abuse Coordinator, would act as a liaison point to oversee implementation.

RESOLVED: That

1. the Board's continuing support for the progress made towards achieving the White Ribbon Local Authority Award for Halton be noted; and
2. whilst the focus of the White Ribbon Campaign is involving men in anti-violence against women groups, the Board recognised that domestic violence against a man or woman is unacceptable.

SAF34 NIGHT TIME ECONOMY VISIT UPDATE

The Board considered an update report on the recent scrutiny visit on 16th December 2016, to view the positive work that was being carried out, in partnership with the Police and the Council to make Halton night time economy safer. The visit was designed for Members to experience first-hand the work that the Community Safety Team carried out in Halton's night time economy in conjunction with the Police Service and Licensee's.

Members visited a variety of different licensed premises as part of a multi-agency team and assessed any issues that were encountered. A question and answer session was held at the end of the evening with a designated premises supervisor.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

Meeting ended at 8.45 p.m.

REPORT TO: Safer Policy & Performance Board

DATE: 13th June 2017

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources

SUBJECT: Public Question Time

WARD(s): Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To consider any questions submitted by the Public in accordance with Standing Order 34(9).
- 1.2 Details of any questions received will be circulated at the meeting.

2.0 RECOMMENDED: That any questions received be dealt with.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 Standing Order 34(9) states that Public Questions shall be dealt with as follows:-

- (i) A total of 30 minutes will be allocated for dealing with questions from members of the public who are residents of the Borough, to ask questions at meetings of the Policy and Performance Boards.
- (ii) Members of the public can ask questions on any matter relating to the agenda.
- (iii) Members of the public can ask questions. Written notice of questions must be given by 4.00 pm on the working day prior to the date of the meeting to the Committee Services Manager. At any one meeting no person/organisation may submit more than one question.
- (iv) One supplementary question (relating to the original question) may be asked by the questioner, which may or may not be answered at the meeting.
- (v) The Chair or proper officer may reject a question if it:-
 - Is not about a matter for which the local authority has a responsibility or which affects the Borough;
 - Is defamatory, frivolous, offensive, abusive or racist;
 - Is substantially the same as a question which has been put at a meeting of the Council in the past six months; or

- Requires the disclosure of confidential or exempt information.
- (vi) In the interests of natural justice, public questions cannot relate to a planning or licensing application or to any matter which is not dealt with in the public part of a meeting.
- (vii) The Chairperson will ask for people to indicate that they wish to ask a question.
- (viii) **PLEASE NOTE** that the maximum amount of time each questioner will be allowed is 3 minutes.
- (ix) If you do not receive a response at the meeting, a Council Officer will ask for your name and address and make sure that you receive a written response.

Please bear in mind that public question time lasts for a maximum of 30 minutes. To help in making the most of this opportunity to speak:-

- Please keep your questions as concise as possible.
- Please do not repeat or make statements on earlier questions as this reduces the time available for other issues to be raised.
- Please note public question time is not intended for debate – issues raised will be responded to either at the meeting or in writing at a later date.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

None.

5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

None.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 **Children and Young People in Halton** - none.

6.2 **Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton** - none.

6.3 **A Healthy Halton** – none.

6.4 **A Safer Halton** – none.

6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal** – none.

7.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

7.1 None.

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

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

REPORT TO: Safer Policy and Performance Board

DATE: 13th June 2017

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director – Enterprise, Community and Resources

PORTFOLIO: Community Safety

SUBJECT: White Ribbon Campaign

WARDS: Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To update the Policy and Performance Board on progress on the current White Ribbon Campaign (WRC) and to outline the process for the Council to seek Corporate status for the borough.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That

- 1) **the Executive Board be recommended to support an application being made by the Council to obtain White Ribbon corporate status; 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 Every year three million women and girls experience rape, domestic violence, forced marriage, stalking, sexual exploitation and trafficking, female genital mutilation (FGM) or honour crimes in the UK. There are clear connections between violence against women and social problems such as child poverty, social exclusion and homelessness and the vast majority of violence against women is perpetrated by men.
- 3.2 More specifically, violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence are also significant problems at a national and local level. Whilst there is significant partnership working ongoing to target domestic abuse and violence against women, such as the Specialist Domestic Violence Court, third party reporting and early intervention work with families, clearly there remains a need to raise further awareness of the issues associated with domestic abuse and violence against women and girls.

- 3.3 The principles of the award are that local authorities should express a commitment to involving men in anti-VAWG (Violence Against Women and Girls) and produce a preliminary action plan on how this commitment will be achieved.

The action plan should be aimed at reducing incidents of violence against women such as discrimination, harassment or victimisation and fostering good community relations. It should also have a specific White Ribbon emphasis of increasing male participation in anti-VAWG events and strategies as well as raising awareness and the profile of these issues amongst men.

- 3.4 The WRC team will work with the authority on the development of an action plan, providing feedback and suggestions as necessary. The authority should appoint a senior individual to act as a liaison point with the WRC and to oversee implementation. It is suggested that the senior, nominated officer for Halton is the Council's Community Safety Manager, supported by the local Domestic Abuse Coordinator.

4.0 WHITE RIBBON PLEDGE ACTION PLAN

- 4.1 The action plan will need to set out how we will:

- Involve and educate men and boys in an anti-VAWG strategy and encourage men and boys to sign the WRC pledge “never to commit, condone, or remain silent about men's violence against women in all its forms.”
- Identify White Ribbon ‘ambassadors’ within the Council and partner organisations.
- Raise awareness and provide training on VAWG within the Council, incorporating the VAWG message into Council informational and promotional materials where appropriate.
- Deliver events to promote the Council's anti-VAWG commitment, by organising and supporting local activities to assert the unacceptability of VAWG. Examples include:
- White Ribbon's “These heels are made for walking” and “These hands are not for hurting!” events, demonstrating solidarity with anti-VAW Campaigns as well as work with sports teams or music venues.
- Football, rugby and other sporting events to raise awareness with young People in innovative ways.

- Involve the local community in our WR campaign through a variety of venues and facilities including Libraries, Schools, Sport clubs, gyms, Social Landlords etc. and by encouraging other organisations and clubs to sign up for the White Ribbon award and sponsor special events e.g. White Ribbon Cup tournament.
- Involve local businesses as partners with substantial resources and contacts through which anti-VAWG can be promoted.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The policy implications of the review relate primarily to the Safer Halton priority. However this is a cross cutting work area which has wider implications on other areas of council business.

6.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are limited financial implications in achieving White Ribbon status. There is an annual cost of £400 for achieving and maintaining the award, which can be met from within existing Council and partnership budgets.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

7.1 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.

7.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton

None

7.3 A Healthy Halton

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

7.4 A Safer Halton

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

7.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

None

8.0 RISK ANALYSIS

None

9.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

None at present

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

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

REPORT TO: Safer Policy and Performance Board

DATE: 13th June 2017

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director – Enterprise, Community and Resources

PORTFOLIO: Community Safety

SUBJECT: Anti Social Behaviour (ASB)

WARDS Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 The Chair has invited members of the ASB (Community Safety Team) to the meeting so that they can update the board on:-

- The ASB Strategy 2016-2019.
- The Partnership Processes – Information Sharing and Problem Solving Groups.
- ASB interventions (Tools and Powers).
- The positive work that they are doing in partnership with the Police, Council, Registered Social Landlords (incl. Private), Mental Health Services, Youth Offending, Education etc to make Halton safer.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that

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

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 ASB Strategy - 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 (including drugs) 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.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Children and Young People in Halton

The ASB Service impacts on the health, safety and well-being of young people. Young persons involved in ASB and Crime will be discussed at the MAM and young persons involved in Child Criminal Exploitation (links to Organised Crime) will be identified and referred to ICART.

The ASB Supervisor attends the Self-neglect triage meeting. Information is shared between groups to ensure appropriate safeguarding and welfare measures are in place.

6.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton

None.

6.3 A Healthy Halton

The ASB Service impacts on the Health, safety and well-being of the residents of Halton.

6.4 A Safer Halton

The ASB Service reports to the Safer Halton Partnership on a quarterly basis.

6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

None

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

None

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

None

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.

Halton Community Safety Team

ASB Partnership Working Processes

Mike Andrews
Community Safety and CCTV Manager
0151-511-6721.

ASB Strategy – Roles and Responsibilities



- Case manage perpetrators of ASB – youth and adult
- Monitor and address repeat callers of ASB
- Manage vulnerable victims of ASB – risk assess , agree action plans and review
- Identify repeat ASB locations and address with partner agencies
- Partnership Problem Solving Meetings

1. Partnership Tasking and Co-Ordination (Once a month) Community / Location problem



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Montgomery Road, Widnes

FORM C: Pre T&C and T&C Assessments

Part two

Tasking and Coordination (T&C) (to be completed by The Chair of T & C Meeting only)
Tasking and Coordination meetings should be used as an avenue to agree / amend or make new suggestions in addition to those noted within Pre T & C (Form C part 1). If after discussion/consultation at T&C, form C is to be amended, please record agreed actions in Form C part 2 below and archive part 1 for audit purposes.

Aims and objectives (please summarise from the problems identified and link to LAA targets noted in the initial problem profile sheet)

A Peer Group calling themselves D1 are causing ASB around the Montgomery Road area, Nazareth House Lane and public open space adjacent to St Michael's Golf Course, Widnes. The group comprise of approximately 15 young males from the ages of 12 up to 20. The occurrences range from low level ASB, i.e. graffiti on the footpath, water bombs up to more serious incidents of violence and nuisance motorbikes.



RIVERSIDE - Montgomery
Please attached CF & R Stats

CF & R Stats -
Riverside Ward (9.9.1)

MA distributed ASB Figures for member's information.

Deliberate Fire Data - 12.8.14

Deliberate Fire Data -
12.8.14.pdf

New Actions - 8.7.14 - Summer (seasonal rise in Youth ASB - D1)

Following Public Meetings (HHT) / Cllr Wallace (Area Forum Meeting and letter) / NPU activity on D1

1. EVIDENCE GATHERING

1.1 A Public meeting has been arranged and will take place at 1.00pm on Thursday 17th July 2014 at St Michael's Club, Widnes.	9.7.14	HHT	Daz Moreland	Over 18 members of the public attended professionals included, HHT / Police / CST / Fire and Cllrs. The public were encouraged to support agencies in statement taking. Closed.
1.2 CC to trawl 6 months of incidents in relation to D1/Hotspot areas with a view to ASBO's being issued.	9.7.14	NPU Widnes	PCSO Chris Carr	All of the D1 members together with occurrences have been documented by CC/MA. This report has been sent to Police Intel for further analysis, i.e. Facebook accounts/Social media. Closed.
1.3 AR to collate historical fire data over the three hotspot areas.	9.7.14 12.8.14	Cheshire Fire & Rescue	Andy Royle	13 x small fires since May 2104 in this area compared to 6 x in Hale, 7 x in Hough Green. Fire Data given to SH to distribute on the profile. Closed.
1.4 HQ Intelligence Unit requested to complete a full profile of the D1 Group	9.7.14 9.12.14	Cheshire Constabulary	Rachel Kibble-White/Widnes Hub	The initial profile re D1 has now been completed and is being updated frequently as a result of the ongoing investigation. The D1 group were put through an Organised Crime Matrix (to see if they fit this criteria) they do not fit the criteria however they have been classified as an Urban Street Gang (could be subject of Gang Injunctions in the future). This is ongoing as it has to be updated from week to week as a result of Operation Marista. Closed.

2. REASSURANCE WITHIN THE COMMUNITY

2.1 Circulate the letter from HHT regarding the public meeting to take place on 17.7.14 to all members for information.	9.7.14	CST	Sandra Harding	Attached to the minutes for the information of members Closed.
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2. Multi Agency Meeting (Once a month) – Person focused Victims and Perpetrators



Referral Form ASB MAM

Send to: ASB Administrator – Sandra.harding@cheshire.pnn.police.uk

Name and contact details of organisation and referrer:

We request a case conference at the multi agency meeting (MAM) to discuss the ASB issues of this application in respect of the following person:

Name: Sex

Address:

Date of Birth:

School:

Household make up:.... ..

Outline of the problem (Give brief summary of relevant incident(s). Continue on separate sheet if necessary).

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Other Agencies involved to date (with named contacts)

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What support has been offered to the Community / Residents? (Please list)

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Victim / witness details (name, address – Owner Occupier/RSL/Private Tenant and brief details of issues)



FORM A: REQUEST FOR PERSONAL INFORMATION

I am requesting personal information or sensitive personal information under the Data Protection Act 1998 about:

Our Ref:	
Surname	
All previous surnames:	
Also known as:	
Forenames:	

Place of Birth:		Date of Birth:	
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Full Present Address:	
Postcode:	
Previous Address:	
Post Code:	

The information I require is:

I confirm that the personal or sensitive personal information is required for the following purpose:

Failure to provide the information will result in:

Signed:		Date:	7.1.15
Name:		Rank/Title:	
Tel No:		Mobile No:	
E-mail:		Fax:	
Organisation:			

New information received on subject submitted via 5 x 5 x 5 system into Cheshire Police intelligence system? YES / NO delete as appropriate

Signed:		Date:	
Name:		Rank/Title:	

FORM B: RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

RESTRICTED

Does the Provision of information fulfil a Policing Purpose*	Yes *		No
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Protecting Life and Property*	
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Preserving Order*	*
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Preventing the Commission of Offences*	*
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Bringing Offenders to Justice*	
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Any Duty/Responsibility arising from Common Statute Law*	
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Decision to Provide Information*	Yes	*	No
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Signed:		Date:	
Name:		Rank/Title:	

Subject

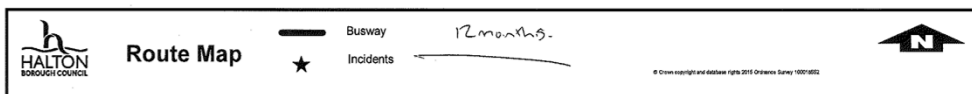
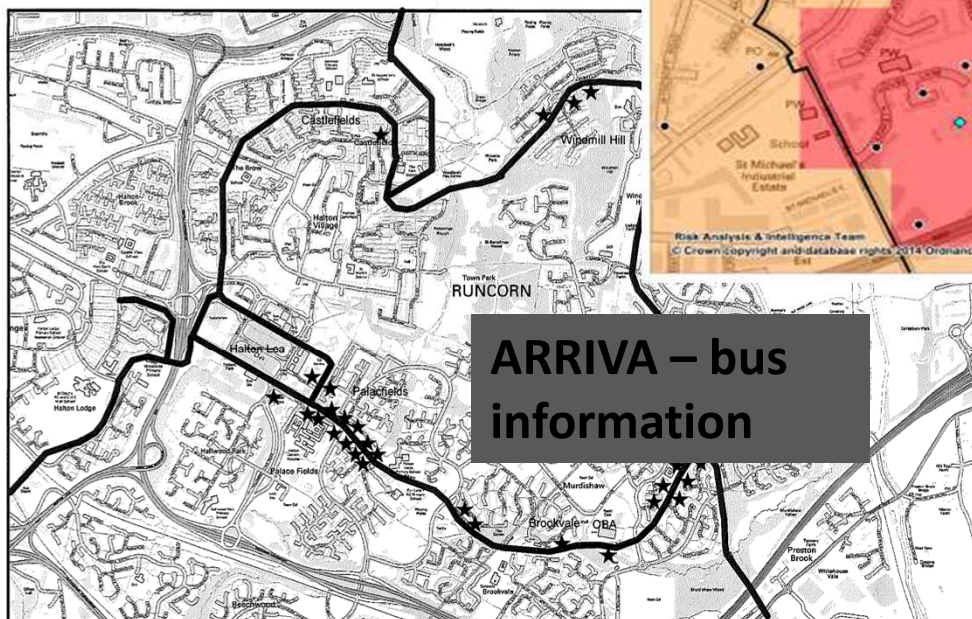
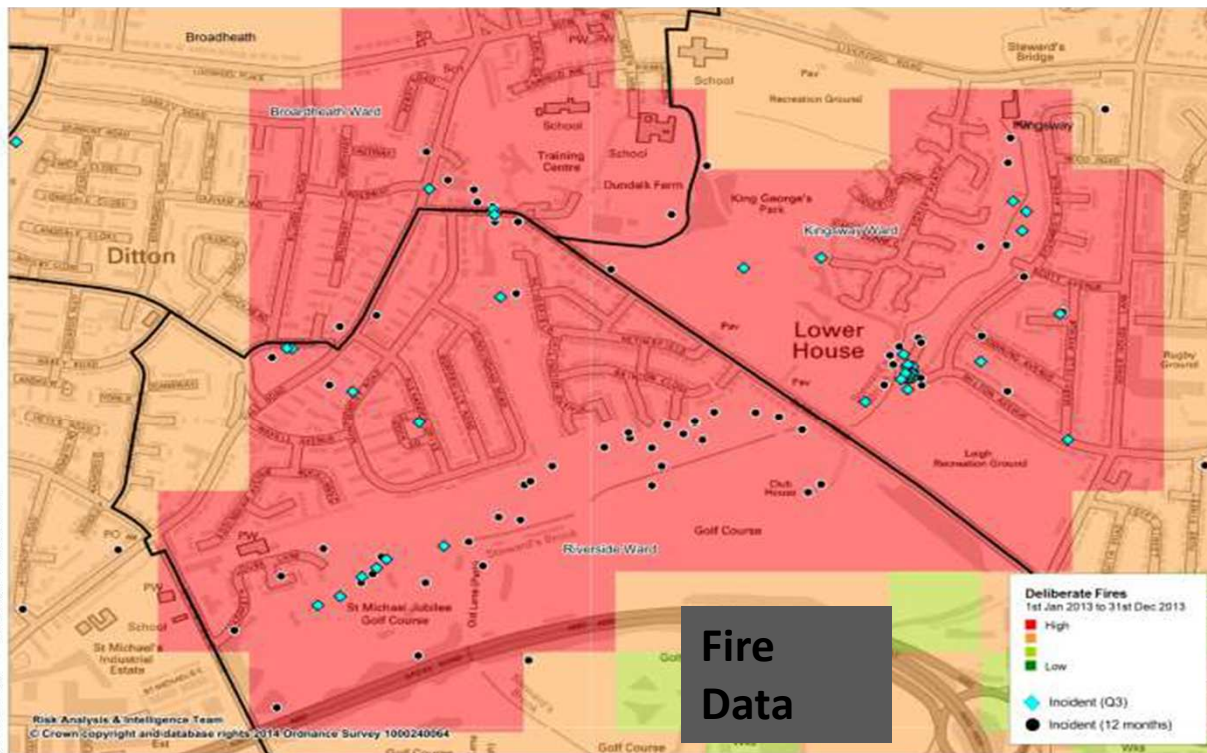
Surname:		Forenames:	
Date of Birth:		Place of Birth:	

Information Provided: (complete or attach as appropriate/reason for refusal to provide)

Date Provided	
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Council - CCTV





Safer Halton PARTNERSHIP
 a member of the Halton Strategic Partnership

“Reality – ASB is a mixed bag of crime, disorder and their precursors (Only 28% of ASB is reported to police)” – Importance of scanning partner’s data..

Halton Community Safety Team

ASB, Partnership Working

Mike Andrews
Community Safety and CCTV Manager
0151-511-6721.

REPORT TO:	Safer Policy and Performance Board
DATE:	13 th June 2017
REPORTING OFFICER:	Strategic Director – Enterprise, Community and Resources
PORTFOLIO:	Community Safety
SUBJECT:	Cheshire Fire and Rescue Annual Report
WARDS:	Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To consider the Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service Annual report for Halton 2016-17, and to receive an update on the Integrated Risk Management Plan 2017-18 (IRMP).

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 Consultation on the Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service (CFRS) draft Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) for 2017/18 is now underway and will last until Tuesday 3rd January 2017. During this time the Service will consult with the public, key partners and stakeholders and members of staff.

The draft 2017/18 Plan outlines a second review of the CFRS emergency response functions to reflect risk and demand up to 2020. This follows on from the first programme of change that the Service began in 2013 and has seen the building of four new fire stations at Alsager, Penketh and Powey Lane near Chester, as well the fire station and safety centre at Lymm. There have also been several changes to the way in which the Service staffs its stations.

Proposals within the second emergency response review and the wider draft Plan include:

- Cheshire Fire Authority's proposal to increase its share of council tax by 1.99% in 2017/18.
- Proposals to review the duty systems at Birchwood, Macclesfield, Penketh and Wilmslow fire stations.
- Move from three hydraulic platforms to two across the Service.
- Introduce an additional fire engine at Crewe and Ellesmere Port fire stations, staffed during weekdays.
- Rolling out the pilot programme to respond to cardiac arrests alongside North West Ambulance Service.
- Delivering 'Safe and Well' visits to 40,000 households to provide health information as well as fire safety advice.
- Developing a new policy to reduce the number of attendances to false alarms caused by automatic fire alarm systems.
- Promoting the need to install sprinkler systems in new schools.

3.2 A presentation of the Plan will be made to Members of the Board.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

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

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 **None**

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

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6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

None.

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

None.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

None.

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.

REPORT TO: Safer Policy and Performance Board

DATE: 13th June 2017

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director – Enterprise, Community and Resources

PORTFOLIO: Community Safety

SUBJECT: Organised Criminal Gang Board

WARDS: Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To consider a verbal report in relation to the Council's response to Organised Criminal Gangs and in relation to the Government Strategy on such matters.

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

ORGANISED CRIMINAL GROUPS (OCG)

The Serious and Organised Crime Strategy places significant emphasis on the importance of effective local partnerships. Strong multi-agency working is seen as key in dealing with such a threat.

To support this a partnership group, chaired by the Chief Executive of the Council, has been established to tackle organised crime groups in Halton (Operation Portfolio).

The aim of Operation Portfolio is to deliver an effective partnership response to the threat posed by serious crime and organised crime groups impacting on communities in the Borough.

The group has a number of key objectives which are highlighted below:

Objectives

- Identify and research the threat posed to local communities by serious and organised crime in Halton.
- Document the threat posed by serious crime, Organised Crime Groups, Urban Street Gangs, cross border criminality and thematic serious crime threats in a format which can be shared.
- Single or group 'Partnership Profiles' will be the information basis for assessment of specific individuals, Organised Crime Groups, Urban Street Gangs, or locations.
- Partnership Profiles will be produced by police for each meeting. Identify and establish a partnership group to use all available civil, criminal and legal powers to implement enforcement, disruption and safeguarding tactics to reduce the threat.

The group meets on a bi monthly basis and agrees a partnership action plan against a number of key nominals that have been identified by the partnership profiles. This group is now currently working on two profiles with Partners

This will now be a standing item on the Safer Halton Partnership agenda.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The policy implications of the review relate primarily to the Safer Halton priority. However this is a cross cutting work area which has wider implications on other areas of council business.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 **None.**

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

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

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

6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

None.

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

None.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

None.

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.

The 10 Criminality Types Considered for Organised Crime

The definition of organised crime¹ is serious crime planned, coordinated and conducted by people working together on a continuing basis. Their motivation is often, but not always, financial gain

The following information briefly describes the areas of criminality that Law Enforcement Agencies involved in identifying Organised Criminal Groups, consider in understanding the threat and risks posed to the public, communities, businesses and the UK infrastructure as a whole.

1. Commodity Importation, Counterfeiting or Illegal Supply

This criminality type includes illegal importation / exportation of foodstuffs, high value items and mass market items (e.g. DVD's clothing). Also included in this area are oil, alcohol and tobacco, counterfeit goods including Medicines / currency and firearms and ammunition inc CS sprays, stun guns and illegal imitation firearms. This also covers intellectual property.

2. Cyber Crime

This captures OCGs involvement in 'pure' cybercrime. 'Pure' cybercrimes are those that cannot be committed without a computer or similar device. Examples are; distributed denial of service attacks (DDOS), hacking (Network Intrusion) online databases using code injection vulnerabilities or the harvesting of bank details using Malware. Phishing (and similar methodologies) is also covered in this criminality as is Ransomware. Generally, an OCG is assessed to be involved in offences covered by the Computer Misuse Act.

3. Drug Activity

Drug activity criminality covers the illegal sourcing of and supply of Class A, B and C drugs including Steroids and New Psychoactive Substances.

4. Economic Crime

This includes a wide range of fraud including Advance Fee Fraud, Banking and Credit Fraud, Illegal Money Lending and various public sector frauds such as Excise Duty and Benefit Fraud.

5. Environmental Crime

The criminal category of Environmental Crime includes criminal activity that damages the environment, poses a threat to human life or harms endangered flora and fauna e.g. Illegal Waste Disposal and trafficking in endangered species or products of animal origin.

6. Organised Immigration Crime and Human Trafficking (not for sexual exploitation)

¹ Taken from the Serious and Organised Crime Strategy 2013 – HM Government

The criminality category includes offences involving coercion or deception of individuals, including trafficking for non-sexual purposes. Examples include Facilitation of illegal immigration, use of forged or counterfeit non travel documentation, trafficking to exploit states benefits and forced labour.

7. Organised Theft

This comprises of the theft of any commodity including cash obtained by non-fraudulent means including crimes such as armed robbery, distraction burglary, theft of motor vehicles (inc onward sale of stolen parts)

8. Sexual Offences

Sexual Offences and/or Exploitation includes Rape, Sexual Assault and Grooming and Human Trafficking for Sexual Exploitation. This area of criminality also covers the production or distribution of indecent material and prostitution.

9. Specialist Money Laundering

The specialist money laundering category encompasses the use of businesses and banking methodologies used to legitimise money derived from illegal means. Examples include Cash Based Businesses (inc. charities, hand car washes, restaurants etc); exploitation of bank accounts and retail banking products such as mortgages, use of money service business and computer/technology enabled money movement.

10. Violent Criminal Activity

This category includes the threat of violence or use of violence that has resulted in, or has the potential to result in physical and/or psychological injury. Criminal use of firearms is also considered in this criminality type.