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Safer Policy and Performance Board

Tuesday, 11 June 2019 at 6.30 p.m.
Council Chamber, Runcorn Town Hall

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Chief Executive

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Councillor Dave Thompson (Chair)	Labour
Councillor Norman Plumpton Walsh (Vice-Chair)	Labour
Councillor Sandra Baker	Labour
Councillor Ellen Cargill	Labour
Councillor Eddie Dourley	Labour
Councillor Valerie Hill	Labour
Councillor Peter Lloyd Jones	Labour
Councillor Kath Loftus	Labour
Councillor Geoffrey Logan	Labour
Councillor Margaret Ratcliffe	Liberal Democrats
Councillor Geoff Zygadlo	Labour

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The next meeting of the Board is on Tuesday, 10 September 2019

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IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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SAFER POLICY AND PERFORMANCE BOARD

*At a meeting of the Safer Policy and Performance Board on Tuesday, 19 February 2019
at the Council Chamber - Town Hall, Runcorn*

Present: Councillors Thompson (Chair), Baker, E. Cargill, Dourley, V. Hill,
P. Lloyd Jones, K. Loftus, Logan and Zygadlo

Apologies for Absence: Councillor N. Plumpton Walsh and G Stockton

Absence declared on Council business: None

Officers present: J. Unsworth, M. Andrews and G. Ferguson.

Also in attendance: Councillor D. Cargill under Standing Order 33. Three
members of the public, one member of the press and two representatives from
Cheshire Police.

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

	<i>Action</i>
SAF25 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS	
<p>The Chair announced that the Cheshire Police and Crime Panel had recently assisted with the appointment of the new Chief Constable and to set the precept for 2019/20.</p>	
SAF26 MINUTES	
<p>The Minutes of the meeting held on 20th November 2018 were taken as read and signed as a correct record.</p>	
SAF27 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME	
<p>It was confirmed that one public question had been received and would be submitted and addressed as part of Minute No 30.</p>	
SAF28 EMERGENCY PLANNING	
<p>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.</p>	

Members received a presentation which highlighted the teams statutory duties to comply with the following legislation:

- the Civil Contingencies Act 2004;
- Control of Major Accident Hazard Regulations (COMAH) 2015; and
- Major Accident Hazard Pipeline (MAHP) Regulations 1996

Members noted that key plans were in place to ensure resilience within Halton and were regularly tested. Full details of the exercises that took place at COMAH sites in the Borough, information on Emergency Centres and the work the Emergency Planning team carried out with partner agencies both within Cheshire and Cross-Border were discussed and noted.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

SAF29 MULTI AGENCY INITIATIVES KICKOFF

The Board considered a report which provided an update on recent initiatives the Council, the Police and other partners were doing to make Halton safer. In particular in response to the recent events in Runcorn and other trends that were emerging across the Borough (and Nationally) with regard to crime and violence against the person by young people.

In addition, Members were advised on KickOff@3, a national initiative set up to engage young people, using sport, music and funds for a range of charities that promote health and wellbeing in young people.

Arising from the discussion it was agreed that a further report would be brought to a future meeting on schemes such as the one in Glasgow; which had proven successful at reducing knife crime.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

SAF30 PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER - DOG CONTROL

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, which provided Members with the results of a public consultation exercise that was undertaken in respect of the Council's

proposal to introduce a new Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO). The Order would help tackle dog fouling and other forms of irresponsible dog ownership and the Board was requested to make recommendations to the Executive Board in that respect.

The new PSPO would be in the form of a single Order that would include the control measures contained within the existing Orders, as well as new requirements that those in control of dogs must comply with. The specified locations where some existing control measures applied would also be extended under the new PSPO.

Members noted that the proposed PSPO had been subject to a public consultation exercise which ran from 6th July to 28th September 2018. As a result, 922 responses were received and details of these, in respect of the following, were outlined in the report:

- Exclusion of dogs;
- Dogs on leads;
- Dog fouling;
- Restriction on the number of dogs walked at a time; and
- Fixed penalty notices.

In accordance with Standing Order No. 34 (9), a public question had been submitted to the Board.

Question – Helen Taylor

“Are the Board concerned that the reference to the Countryside and Rights Of Way Act (CROW) in the consultation may have affected the responses received by suggesting a legitimacy to the proposal regarding lead length that it does not warrant? CROW applies to “mountain, moors, Heath or down” and registered common land - it specifically does not apply to parks and gardens. Also the CROW restriction on lead length only relates to the period from 1 March to 31 July, but this has not been reflected in the PSPO.”

Response

In response, Mr Unsworth advised the Board that the Council’s proposals were that dogs should be kept on a lead under certain circumstances for the purposes of ensuring that owners had them under control in order to reduce the risk of the dog causing nuisance or injury to members of the public or other animals. In this context, referencing the

CROW Act was intended only as guidance and using the definition of a short lead contained within it was seen as a reasonable and sound basis for individuals to consider their response to the consultation. The CROW Act would not be used for the purposes of the proposed PSPO.

Ms Taylor submitted the following supplementary public question:

“90% of people use a 5 metre retractable lead for their dog which is a better experience for the dog than the proposed 2 metre lead. It is not just about the length of the lead to control the dog but about the competency of the person holding the lead.”

In response, Mr Unsworth advised that the proposal for a 2 metre lead for the dog only applied in specific circumstances where Officers believed extra control was needed by the person walking the dog.

Members discussed the ways in which the proposed PSPO would be enforced, the need for appropriate signage outlining the new restrictions, dog fouling and the disposal of dog faeces.

Following the responses to the public question provided by Mr Unsworth and the subsequent discussion that took place on this item, Members of the Board determined that the reference to the CROW Act in the consultation had not affected the responses received.

RESOLVED: That

1. a report be presented to the Executive Board recommending that a new Dog Control Public Spaces Protection Order be made containing the provisions set out within the report;
2. the Fixed Penalty Notice amount for breaching a Dog Control Public Spaces Protection Order be set at £100; and
3. the Fixed Penalty Notice amount for breaching a Dog Control Public Spaces Protection Order be reduced to £75 if paid within 10 days.

Strategic Director
Enterprise,
Community and
Resources

SAF31 TRANSFER OF CHANNEL COORDINATION FROM POLICE TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES

The Board considered a report of the Strategic

Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, which provided an update on the transfer of Channel and Prevent responsibilities from the Police to Local Authority responsibility. In 2016, the Home Office initiated the Dovetail pilot to assess the feasibility of transferring the resources and responsibility for administering the process and case management aspects of Channel from the Police to local authorities, trialled initially in nine areas.

It was noted that in addition to the nine local authority Dovetail sites already operational, the North West region would be going live in January 2019. All Supervisors and Channel Coordinator staff had been recruited and had received a five-day training package in November. The new staff would be based in Liverpool City Council, Manchester City Council and Blackburn with Darwen Council, responsible for Merseyside & Cheshire, Greater Manchester and Lancashire & Cumbria respectively.

With regard to training, the Prevent training team was to launch two new Prevent training products: a dedicated referral awareness eLearning package and a package that explained in depth the Channel process. They enable users to flexibly navigate their way through the content and gain greater insight, knowledge and skills to confidently carry out their functions to support people vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism.

It was agreed that representatives from the Channel Coordinator Team would be invited to a future meeting.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

SAF32 MODERN SLAVERY AND TRAFFICKING

The Board received an update report on the work to combat Modern Day Slavery (MDS) across Halton and Cheshire. In July 2018, the Safer Halton Partnership received a presentation from the Chair of the Cheshire Anti-Slavery Network (CASN), and following the group's discussion, there had been ongoing activity to ensure that Halton played its part, both within the Borough and across the Pan-Cheshire footprint. These included:-

- Halton were represented at the CASN, both strategically and operationally;
- Halton was providing support to the CASN, who had been asked by the Pan-Cheshire Protecting Vulnerable People Group to develop a Pan-Cheshire

MDS Charter, which all four local authorities would be asked to endorse;

- Officers were part of the task and finish group developing an Adult Pan-Cheshire Victim Pathway based on the Government model and similar to the one already in place for Children;
- Officers were developing a protocol between the Local Authority, Cheshire Police and the Social Landlords, which would formalise ways of working, sharing of information and confirmation of who provided what support during the victim's service journey;
- a Halton MDS group was in place which was used to share best practice, disseminate information and improve reporting systems for the National Referral Mechanism (NRM), including a better understanding of what happened to victims once they left the NRM; and
- A Single Point of Contact had been identified as the Housing Solutions Manager in the first instance, followed by the Community Safety Manager and the Partnership Officer.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

SAF33 UPDATE ON MULTI AGENCY WORK TO TACKLE OFF ROAD MOTORBIKES

The Board considered an update report from Officers from Cheshire Police regarding the multi-agency response to the illegal and anti-social use of off road motorcycles. Initiatives recently undertaken included:

- Operation Scrambler had been launched for the summer period to deal with illegal and anti-social use of off road motorcycles, mini motos and quad bikes. As part of this a new DNA spray was used which was funded by the Council, Halton Housing Trust and the Halton Community Safety team;
- A UK week of action ran from Monday 27 August to Sunday 2 September aimed at reducing the number of serious and fatal collisions involving motorcyclists;
- Officers were stopping and engaging with motorcyclists who committed moving traffic offences such as speeding and dangerous riding as well as anti-social offences such as excessive noise. They

would also be encouraging motorcyclists to enhance their skills, knowledge and check their person protective equipment; and

- In addition to motorcyclists, Officers would be targeting all road users who endangered the lives of themselves and others.

Members noted that from August to the present time 36 off road motorcycles had been seized by Police Officers in Runcorn. Arising from the discussion, a Member highlighted problems with off road motorcyclists using the footbridge between Beechwood and Hallwood Park and it was agreed that possible solutions to stop those motorcycles accessing the bridge should be explored.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

Meeting ended at 8.22 p.m.

REPORT TO: Safer Policy & Performance Board

DATE: 11th June 2019

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 Chair 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: 11th June 2019
REPORTING OFFICER: Chief Executive
SUBJECT: Specialist Strategic Partnership minutes
WARD(s): Boroughwide

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

The Minutes from the last Safer Halton Partnership meeting, which are subject to approval at the next meeting of the Safer Halton Partnership, are attached for consideration.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the minutes be noted.

3.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

3.1 None.

4.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

5.1 Children and Young People in Halton

None.

5.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton

None.

5.3 A Healthy Halton

None.

5.4 A Safer Halton

None.

5.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

None.

6.0 RISK ANALYSIS

6.1 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.



Safer Halton **PARTNERSHIP**

a member of the Halton Strategic Partnership

Action Points From 17th October 2018

Present:

David Parr	HBC (Chief Executive) : Chair
Cllr Dave Cargill	HBC (Community Safety Portfolio Holder)
Cllr Dave Thompson	HBC (Community Safety PPB Chair)
Ben McCrorie	Office of the PCC
Chris Patino	HBC (Operational Director)
Donna Wells	Addaction
Gareth Jones	Youth Justice Services
Helen Clegg	Cheshire Constabulary
John Bucknall	HBC (Childrens Commissioning)
Mike Andrews	HBC (Community Safety Manager)
Patricia Preston	HBC (Housing Solutions)
Richard Rees	Cheshire Constabulary
Sarah Holmes	Cheshire Community Rehabilitation Company (Probation)
Sarah Johnson-Griffiths	HBC (Public Health)
Shirley Corcoran	Halton Housing Trust
Simon Bell	HBC (Public Health)
Simon Parsonage	Cheshire Constabulary
Shélah Semoff	HBC (Partnership Officer)

1) **Welcome and Introductions** **Action**

2) **Apologies**
E Anwar, M Cotgreave, Rev L McIver, D Perchard, J Davidson, M Clark, G Jones

3) **Minutes of the Last Meeting and Matters Arising**
Minutes from 18th July 2018 agreed as a true and accord record.

4) **Presentation on Pan-Cheshire Missing From Home and Care, and Exploitation Service**

The group received a presentation (attached) from Donna Well, Addaction Service Manager, regarding the above service which:-

- Works across all of the four local authority areas;
- Governance Arrangements/Clear pathways and clear links with Cheshire Constabulary;
- Offers a coordinated response including return interviews and information sharing;
- A specialist service to children and young people experiencing or at risk of exploitation; and
- Builds upon the learning and knowledge.

Commented [SS1]:

There was a brief discussion regarding ongoing work, still in it's infancy in Halton, with Everton in the Community. Further information will be brought back to the group at a later date.

MA/SP

DP and Cllr Cargill agreed that other elected members needed to be briefed regarding these areas of work and would look to do this at some point in the future.

DP

The group also requested a further report on the Complex Safeguarding Model being delivered.

JB

The group discussed wider vulnerability criteria and the work ongoing across to Cheshire to develop victim pathways.

5) **Task Group Updates:**

- a) **Alcohol** : report noted – still the drug of choice for young people with an increase showing, however it's lower than in previous years - continuing work on a minimum price per unit across the Liverpool City Region, led by M Carney from Sefton – overall data shows a downward trend.
- b) **Crime, Anti-Social Behaviour and Partnership Tasking** : report noted – there is a data lag, but generally there is a downward trend although there has been serious knife crime incidents, with activity ongoing to look at hot spots – Cheshire Police have a new public contact system, the first in the Country but it will take time to embed and the issue of data is as challengingly internally as it is for external Partners – it was noted that at the last Safer Halton PPB there was a presentation from the Border Agency showing the vast amounts of cuts they are facing, and in the Northwest, they've now picked up North Wales.
- c) **Domestic Abuse** : report noted – data has highlighted some areas of concern, such as low reporting levels for BME and disabled victims – funding has been sourced to continue project Enhanced until March 2019 which will ensure it fits with pan Cheshire timescales – Enhanced evaluation sheet to be recirculated (attached) – comment was passed regarding low numbers in Halton can make data look worse than it is and it would be helpful to have data presented in such a way as to make informed decisions.
- d) **Substance Misuse** : report noted – admissions to hospital for young people aged between 15 and 24 is still higher for Halton than the averages for the North West and England although there does seem to be a general reduction in the number of admissions - prison in-reach links are established with a number of the local prisons in the North West area - during the quarter there were a total of 244 parents/guardians within structured treatment - Halton has commissioned Liverpool John Moore University to monitor drug related deaths across the local authority area and part of the new system will be recording the details of any deaths which are labelled as drug related by the coroner and also any deaths of individuals in treatment with local drug treatment provider (so the cause may not be drug related but we will be still interested to know what it is).

6) **Prevent and Channel Panel**

Information regarding the implementation of the new Dovetail arrangements was shared, including details about recruitment, governance, future training and soft

launch early 2019. Cheshire is further along in redesigning existing services to fit the new arrangements. Discussions centred on whether any additional resources would be needed if responsibilities were being transferred from the Police to local authorities. It was felt current provision would be sufficient if managed appropriately.

7) **Police and Crime Commissioner**

Information was shared with the group about the Victim Grant Fund which had seen four projects funded :-

1. **NSPCC - Hear and Now Project** - early help service for children aged 4 to 18 who have not made a disclosure of sexual abuse, but meet defined eligibility criteria which indicate that abuse may have taken place;
2. **Addaction - Stay safe (Pan Cheshire)** - support for young people in Cheshire to stay safe and reduce their risk of becoming victims of criminal and/or sexual exploitation;
3. **Remedi – Got Your Back** - works with young people who have been victimised, regardless of whether they have reported it to the police or not and aims to encourage young people to come forward and access young person friendly support, which responds to their individual needs; and
4. **Warrington Youth Club - Positive Life Skills** – dedicated support for disabled young people aged 13-19 who have been victims of disability hate crime.

8) **Police and Crime Panel**

Cllr Thompson reported back that a confirmation appointment hearing was held for the new Finance Manager. The Panel also dealt with eight complaints during the period of 01-01-17 to 31-08-18, with a pattern often showing of certain types of complaints. The Panel was looking to review the process.

9) **Serious Organised Crime**

New arrangements were being put in place for this task group to pick up issues relating to County Lines and Criminal Exploitation with some focus on high risk young people. A small pilot project of activities was in place working on engagement and distraction, with a multi-agency partnership approach, feeding into a sub-group. Partners were requested to share any information they might have from other networks or forums. If any Partner wished to attend the sub-group, they should speak to DP. There was ongoing monitoring of a number of SOG activity which was confidential and not shared at the SHP meeting.

ALL

10) **Information Items**

All information items noted

11) **AOB**

No issues were raised.

12) **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

- 20th February 2019 : 10:00 : Ground Floor Boardroom, Municipal Buildings, Widnes



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Action Points From 19th February 2019

Present:

David Parr	HBC (Chief Executive) : Chair
Cllr Dave Cargill	HBC (Community Safety Portfolio Holder)
Chris Patino	HBC (Operational Director)
Gareth Jones	Youth Justice Services
Hayley Dooley	DWP/JCP Partnership Manager
Mike Clark	Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service
Mike Andrews	HBC (Community Safety Manager)
John Davidson	National Probation Service
Michelle Cotgreave	HBC (Principal Emergency Planning Officer)
Deana Perchard	HBC Trading Standards
Patricia Preston	HBC (Housing Solutions)
Richard Rees	Cheshire Constabulary
Lisa Gill	Remedi
Sarah Johnson-Griffiths	HBC (Public Health)
S Morris	Halton Housing Trust
Simon Bell	HBC (Public Health)
Simon Parsonage	Cheshire Constabulary
Shélah Semoff	HBC (Partnership Officer)

1) **Welcome and Introductions** **Action**

2) **Apologies**

J Bucknall, S Holmes, B McCrorie, Rev L McIver,

3) **Minutes of the Last Meeting and Matters Arising**

Minutes from 17th October 2018 agreed as a true and accord record.

4) **Presentation : Remedi – Got Your Back**

Lisa Gill gave a presentation about the PCC funded project called “Got Your Back”. The project works with young people who have been victimised, regardless of whether they have reported it to the police or not and aims to encourage young people to come forward and access young person friendly support, which responds to their individual needs (presentation attached).

It was important to note that referrals could be supported if affected by crime but not reported it.

It was agreed that DP, with the support of the SHP, would work with LG to engage the PCC about the possibility of funding a video to promote the project, working with young people to make it.

DP

GJ offered YOT support to engage with the project.

LG/GJ

The Board requested a six month update.

LG/SS

5) **Task Group Updates:**

- a) **Alcohol** : report noted – Nationally, there has been a fall in the numbers of people in treatment for alcohol problems in England in the past few years, and Public Health England (PHE) have conducted an enquiry into this matter, and suggest that this fall has occurred in the context of high levels of unmet need, with an estimated 4 in 5 alcohol-dependent adults not accessing alcohol treatment; In November, the Cheshire and Merseyside Health and Care Partnership: Alcohol Prevention Working Group produced a list of 5 measures that it proposed would support the reduction of the harm from alcohol across Cheshire and Merseyside. Work is ongoing to take these forward; Work is still underway through the establishment of the MUP Northern Coalition to consider the role and function of a local policy for the minimum unit price for alcohol,
- b) **Crime, Anti-Social Behaviour and Partnership Tasking** : report noted – still ongoing issues related to data collection – being followed up outside meeting; issues with off road scramblers in Runcorn, with targeted actions including seizing bikes and use of striker cameras; some positive relationship building ongoing with premises – still a few issues with alcohol but it's not the problem it used to be, especially street drinking or amongst young people.
- c) **Domestic Abuse** : report noted – due to system changes, data not available for this meeting; update on Enhanced Complex Accommodation Project (ECAP) - a year into delivery they are just seeing the tip of the iceberg, with key housing agencies, specialist service providers and the police referring over 80 complex cases this year so far; during December 2018, Halton Borough Council supported a local Christmas Domestic Abuse Appeal, requesting Christmas items that could be used as gifts for children and victims currently in receipt of services from our commissioned provider Changing Lives - needless to say, the support from Halton for this appeal was outstanding, far beyond what was envisaged, everyone residing within Refuge benefitted from the campaign as well as a number of children affected by domestic abuse living within our communities.
- d) **Substance Misuse** : report noted – work on going to look at parental support and links to various projects and services, with partnership working making a difference – working together to help clients make more informed choices; There is a need to review criminal justice pathways to ensure accessibility to support for those who are within the criminal justice system requiring substance misuse support – JD/SS to discuss further outside meeting; following the publication of recent statistics, there is a need to review levels of opioid prescribing across Halton and look at what measures can be put in place to support a reduction in opioid use.

6) **AsOne2 – Getting to Know Your Community Project**

The Board received a report outlining a community cohesion project using DNA, and were told that the funding was in place to run the project in Halton. Board Members were asked to support the project and nominate potential delegates.

ALL

7) **Prevent and Channel Panel**

The Northwest is the first area to roll out new arrangements, with statutory responsibilities sitting with local authorities rather than the police. Security checks still sit with Police but then local authority takes the lead. Soft launch ongoing with formal launch next month, which will include training and raising awareness of new processes.

8) **Police and Crime Commissioner**

New Chief Constable appointment – Darren Martland; it was noted that the next PCC elections will be May next year.

9) **Police and Crime Panel**

Panel currently undertaking a Budget review – precept increase of £24 being sought – roughly 40 police officers and 7 PCSOs.

10) **Serious Organised Crime**

Joint working is continuing to target country lines and organised gangs – details won't be shared at SHP – but DP willingly to speak to any partners that feel they may have something to add to the discussions; DP has recently spoken at a Home Office event on these issues, and they are keen to look at potential future funding schemes and a statutory duty to cooperate to combat serious organised crime. The joint working across Halton, Cheshire and Merseyside has been recognised as best practice in working collectively.

11) **Modern Day Slavery and Human Trafficking**

The Board received a report outlining details relating to local activity currently ongoing to raise awareness of the above issues, development of a Cheshire victim pathway and MDS Charter.

12) **Information Items**

All items noted.

13) **AOB**

No issues were raised.

14) **Date and Time of Next SHP Meeting**

1st May 2019 : 10:00 : Ground Floor Boardroom, Municipal Buildings, Widnes

REPORT TO:	Safer Policy and Performance Board
DATE:	11 th June 2019
REPORTING OFFICER:	Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community & Resources
PORTFOLIO:	Community Safety
SUBJECT:	Petition concerning Anti-Social Behaviour at Upton Rocks Park
WARD(S)	Borough-wide

1.0 **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 To make the Board aware of a petition that was submitted by a resident of Ascot Gardens, Widnes in April 2019. The petition asks for robust action to be taken around the anti-social behaviour that residents are experiencing in Upton Rocks Park. The petition was supplied by 67 residents of Ascot Gardens.

2.0 **RECOMMENDATION: That:**

- i) **The petition be noted; and**
- ii) **The Board consider and discuss the information presented and raise any questions of interest or points of clarification following the presentation.**

3.0 **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 3.1 The petition submitted by the residents referred to and gave evidence of action by “a minority of youth who are causing mayhem and unhappiness in the area”. The petitioners made reference to a recent meeting that had taken place between representatives of the Council, the Police and local residents. Discussions took place at that meeting about efforts that were being made to deter and prevent the anti-social behaviour in the area and the petition present details of the type of experiences local residents had witnessed.
- 3.2 What follows in this report are details of the action that have or will be undertaken by the Council and its partners in order to ensure that such incidents are avoided in the future. The Ward Councillors are very aware of the issues involved and have been working with the residents and police to address the issue identified by the petitioners.

4.0 **ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN**

- 4.1 Problem solving measures previously implemented at the location have included hedge cutting in the park and surrounding areas, an ASB (Anti-Social Behaviour) Camera installed in the park, increased police activity and meetings with local elected members and the community. Local authority monitored CCTV coverage has been improved on the carpark (shop area). A further prototype camera was installed within the park area at the beginning of May.
- 4.2 Overt and covert Police resources continue to be deployed at weekends and school holidays where resources allow. Dispersal powers are regularly authorised and utilised by Police to target those causing or encouraging anti-social behaviour. Widnes Beat team will continue working on this issue with partners and the local community.
- 4.3 Work continues with the Fire service and partner agencies to reduce the number of deliberate fires. The community has been asked to support this by securing their bins where they cannot easily be accessed, to reduce opportunity of the bins being targeted.
- 4.4 As a reassurance measure, a Community Knife Sweep and litter pick was held at Upton Rocks Park on 16th February. Local residents, Councillors and partners attended the event and articles recovered during the sweep included a knife and a small quantity of other articles that could be used as improvised weapons.
- 4.5 There is an established escalation process for those identified as involved in ASB. In addition to dispersal powers, home visits are conducted to speak with parents and highlight the issues their children have been involved in. Consideration is given to arrest, prosecution and the use of orders where necessary to manage those who persist in this behaviour.
- 4.6 Over the last six months, an appeal has been made for Home-Watch Coordinators. The PCSO has now secured an increase in volunteers to six accredited schemes. This provides an additional means of community surveillance and importantly an alternative means of communication with local residents.
- 4.7 '*Operation Sanction*', has been introduced as part of the safeguarding and policing response in order to address the issue of youths engaging in poor behaviour at the location, exploring potential issues with alcohol/drugs/nitrous oxide and a lack of parental supervision. The Operation runs on Friday evenings and involves other agencies such as fire, schools and outreach workers. In addition to challenging and dealing with those engaged in ASB, the Operation also aims to improve intelligence on those attending the area and identify the minority who engage in criminal behaviour.

- 4.8 Meetings continue between partners including Police, Local authority, Local Councillors, Fire and other supporting agencies as well as community representatives. The meetings provided an opportunity to discuss the work being done and direct areas for continued action. The latest meeting was on 23rd April 2019.
- 4.9 An environmental survey to review the design and layout of the park and surrounding areas has recently been conducted by the Local Authority and partners to identify opportunities for reducing the likelihood of anti-social behavior. Improved LED lighting and landscape works will be undertaken. Fencing/closing off the park was considered but deemed not feasible.
- 4.10 Liaison has taken place with taxi companies and local authority licensing in relation to the use of taxis by youths accessing the area. British Transport Police are also supporting in identifying if any youths are travelling from outside of the area using the rail network.
- 4.11 The Schools Officer continues to work with schools to educate and raise awareness around anti-social behaviour and the impact on the local community. *For more information see @CheshireSSYP on Twitter.*
- 4.12 A number of opportunities for long term youth engagement are being explored to provide sustainable resources / places where the youths can go. Working is continuing with the local community to identify volunteers and to provide ideas for youth engagement and diversion as well as exploring opportunity to enhance the local communities use of the park at affected times.
- 4.13 The support of the local community is essential in securing long-term sustainable improvement for the area. Parents are being encouraged to talk with their children to understand where they are going in the evenings, encourage them to behave responsibly and not to place themselves in a position where they become involved with this type of behaviour or become vulnerable due to the behaviour of others. Those directly responsible for engaging in criminal behaviour are thankfully in the minority, but anyone with information about offences committed in the area are being encouraged to contact the Police.

5.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 None identified.

6.0 **RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 Policing, Local Authority resources and funding are limited, however the location will remain a priority and the Police and Local Authority

will continue to work closely with partners and the community to ensure long term measures are in place to reduce the number of incidents being experienced.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

7.1 Children & Young People in Halton

The safety and wellbeing of children and young people is an important priority as is ensuring that there are activities available for young people to take part in.

7.2 Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton

None identified.

7.3 A Healthy Halton

None identified.

7.4 A Safer Halton

A key priority for the Council is to provide a safe environment for those who live and visit the Borough. The Council, through the Community Safety Partnership is committed to deliver on this priority.

7.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

None identified.

8.0 RISK ANALYSIS

8.1 None identified.

9.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

9.1 None identified.

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

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

REPORT TO:	Safer Policy and Performance Board
DATE:	11 th June 2019
REPORTING OFFICER:	Strategic Director – Enterprise, Community and Resources
PORTFOLIO:	Community Safety
SUBJECT:	Community Safety Victim and Witness Support Service
WARDS:	Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To consider the presentation from the Victim and Witness Support Service and receive an update on the newly published Victim Commissioners Report 2019

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 The Anti-Social Behaviour Victim and Witness Service is designed to deliver independent and confidential support to residents aged over 10 years who are experiencing nuisance and/or anti-social behavior in Halton. The service is part of the work of the Safer Halton Partnership Community Safety Team.
- 3.2 The ASB Victim and Witness Support Service has now have provided support to a thousand victims and their families. Since receiving acclaim for best practice in Parliament back in 2009 the service has continued to provide the 3 distinct levels of support to victims and witnesses of nuisance and anti-social behaviour.

Level One: If you have been a victim or a witness of anti-social behaviour the service can help you to feel safer in your home.

Level Two: if you have been affected by crime or anti-social behaviour the service can help you to talk about it and agree how to deal with the particular incident and its consequences. It can also help you to find other support for examples counselling.

Level Three: The service will take care of your case offering advice and information, one to one visits, telephone contact, evidence gathering equipment where needed, attendance at court and other hearings and after court visits.

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.

REPORT TO:	Safer Policy and Performance Board
DATE:	11 th June 2019
REPORTING OFFICER:	Strategic Director – Enterprise, Community and Resources
PORTFOLIO:	Community Safety
SUBJECT:	Crucial Crew Project Update
WARDS:	Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To update the Board on the positive work that the Council is doing in partnership with the Police and other local organisations to make Halton safer, in particular the “Crucial Crew” Project.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That

- 1) **the report be noted; and**
- 2) **The Board consider the information contained in the presentation and support the proposed update to the project and raise any questions of interest or points of clarification following the presentation.**

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 Crucial Crew is a 2 week long activity held at Halton Stadium. Traditionally each year in February and March all year 5 pupils attend from Halton schools, (on average 1600 students) at this location to learn safety messages delivered by various department’s from Halton Borough Council, Cheshire Police and Cheshire Fire and Rescue.

The “hands on” safety scenes teach young people about important issues that are often overlooked by the curriculum, including teaching the recovery position, online safety, arson and stop drop and roll, road safety, hidden sugars in foods and mindfulness, amongst other important issues.

The children are involved in seven scenarios provided by partners from Halton Borough Council’s Road Safety Team, experts in travel / personal safety, Health Improvement Team, Fire Service, Police, School Health Nursing Team and Safeguarding Children’s Board.

Funding initially came from Halton Safeguarding Board, Safer Halton Partnership, Halton Unison and Crimebeat, which enabled the event to take place and was organised by Halton Borough Council's Road Safety Team.

As a result of reducing resources it is becoming increasingly difficult to keep this valuable work going. However, the Council and its partners believe that it is important to provide these vital safety measures to local children. In all the time running Crucial Crew the project has funded the cost of transport to the Stadium for all the schools who wish to take part.

3.2 Helpfully, a new facility is now available in Lymm called Safety Central, which members may have heard of or visited. Safety Central is a state-of-the-art safety and life skills education centre at the junction of the M6 and M56 near Lymm. Safety Central represents a £4m investment in keeping the people of Cheshire, Halton and Warrington safe from accidents and avoidable harm. It is the first centre of its kind in the country, blending an operational fire station and training facility with a unique visitor experience.

3.3 Safety Quest is a one-day experience where all Halton pupils would learn so many different safety messages.

Cheshire Fire Authority, the elected body which is accountable, is funding the running costs of Safety Central, enabling Cheshire East, Cheshire West and Chester, Halton and Warrington schools to visit for FREE. All schools need to do is arrange transport to and from the centre, which is easily accessible to most of the county in under an hour.

3.4 The Crucial Crew Team see the benefits from using this specifically designed learning facility to change the location of Crucial Crew and use this facility above. The partnership is currently working hard to identify funding for the transport cost so that all year 5 children can attend over a 5 week period during the year.

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 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.

REPORT TO: Safer Policy and Performance Board

DATE: 11 June 2019

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director – Enterprise,
Community and Resources

PORTFOLIO: Community Safety

SUBJECT: Annual Report 2018/19

WARDS: Borough Wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To receive the Annual Report of the Safer Policy and Performance Board for 2018/19, to comment in respect of the same and to make any changes considered appropriate.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the report be approved.

3.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

3.1 None at this stage.

4.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None at this stage.

5.0 RISK ANALYSIS

5.1 N/A.

6.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

6.1 N/A.

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

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None.

**ANNUAL REPORT
SAFEER HALTON POLICY AND PERFORMANCE BOARD
APRIL 2018 – APRIL 2019**



Councillor Dave
Thompson
Chairman

Creating a 'Safer Halton' remains a key priority for the Council and its partners and empowers confidence in our residents and visitors that they are supported and protected from harm.

The Safer Halton Policy and Performance Board is focussed on meeting the needs of our communities to help keep them safe and it seeks to explore and anticipate emerging issues.

I am satisfied that we have considered, responded to, and reported on the main issues affecting Halton but also explored new areas that have not previously been scrutinised such as our considering of Childhood Criminal Exploitation. Concern for the welfare of children and young people have in fact been continuing theme this year the importance of which was brought home to us when knife crime resulted in the loss of life of 18 year old Eddie O'Rourke.

I thank my colleagues who sit on the Board for their contributions to the work of the PPB and to those officers and guests who presented to the Board. We have been extremely fortunate to have excellent support and reporting from our officers. In particular, to Chris Patino and Mike Andrews for their briefings and organising of reports.

Finally, I want to make clear that Halton is a relatively safe place to live, visit and work due to the combined efforts of the Council and its many partners and that commitment will be just as robust in the year ahead.

Councillor Dave Thompson
Chairman, Safer Halton Policy and Performance Board

MEMBERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITIES

During the municipal year 2018-19 the Board comprised of 11 elected members:
Councillors Thompson (Chair)
Cllr Plumpton-Walsh (Vice-Chair),
Cllr Sandra Baker
Cllr Ellen Cargill
Cllr Eddie Dourley
Cllr Valerie Hill
Cllr Peter Lloyd-Jones
Cllr Kath Loftus

Cllr Geoffrey Logan
Cllr Gareth Stockton
Cllr Geoff Zygadlo

The Safer Halton Policy and Performance Board is responsible for scrutinising performance and formulating policy in relation to Community Safety, Channel and Prevent activities, Domestic Abuse, Safeguarding Adults, Environmental Health and the Safer Halton Partnership. The Board is also represented on the Safer Halton Partnership and Cheshire Police & Crime Panel.

The board also reviewed White Ribbon as a topic this year and has helped review an action plan which will see the Council secure corporate White Ribbon status.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

The full Board met 4 times during the year.

The programme of activity for the Board over the 2018/19 period. The boards work programme covered the scrutiny of relevant Executive Board decisions relevant to the Boards business, scrutinising the performance of the Safer Halton Partnership and relevant partners under the Crime and Disorder Act, together with monitoring performance against these service plans. Covers the following:

SAFER HALTON PARTNERSHIP

The Board continue to monitor and note the actions of the Partnership, ensuring that significant agenda items are brought to PPB for scrutiny. Feedback from the Board is, in turn, made to the Partnership via my attendance at Partnership meetings. Where necessary we pick up on issues at the Partnership for added review and scrutiny at the PPB.

CHESHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

The Board received regular updates on the Police and Crime Panel, including taking the opportunity to comment on the Police and Crime Commissioners Annual Report.

Since 2010 the Cheshire police budget has endured over £60 million of cutbacks in government funding, which means the force is spending about 37% less on policing, in real terms, than it was nine years ago. According to national figures, there are 135 fewer Cheshire police officers now than in 2010. Another £12 million of savings is expected over the next 2 years meaning close attention is required to be spent on how the force is shaped and changes over the coming years.

The Police & Crime Commissioner has a productive working relationship with the Council and a new Chief Constable has recently been appointed with whom we hope to contain good relations.

SUMMARY OF WORK AND ISSUES IN 2018/19

Police and Crime Commissioner

The Police & Crime Plan 2016-21 for Cheshire sets the priorities which the new Chief Constable, will deliver so that people feel safe in their homes and communities and sets out David Keane's (the Police & Crime Commissioners) commitment to listen to people and involve them in reviewing policing priorities.

Environmental Crime

The Board scrutinised an update report from Cheshire Police regarding the multi-agency response to the illegal and anti-social use of off road motorcycles.

Initiatives recently undertaken included:

Operation Scrambler had been launched for the summer period to deal with illegal and anti-social use of off road motorcycles, mini moto's and quad bikes. As part of this a new DNA spray was used which was funded by the Council, Halton Housing and the Halton Community Safety team;

A UK week of action ran from Monday 27th August to Sunday 2nd September 2018 aimed at reducing the number of serious and fatal collisions involving motorcyclists.

Officers were stopping and engaging with motorcyclists who committed moving traffic offences such as speeding and dangerous riding as well as anti-social offences such as excessive noise. They would also be encouraging motorcyclists to enhance their skills, knowledge and check their person protective equipment; and in addition to motorcyclists, Officers would be targeting all road users who endangered the lives of themselves and others.

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.

ASB Victim and Witness 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.

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 (incl Private), Mental Health Services, Youth Offending, Education etc to make Halton safer.

Border Agency Partnership Operations

The Board considered a report from Mr J. Mckibbin who outlined to Members the work the North West Border Agency carried out in Halton. The Border Force has a law enforcement command within the Home Office, the Border Force secured the border and promoted national prosperity by facilitating the legitimate movement of individuals and goods, whilst preventing those that would cause harm from entering the UK. This was achieved through the immigration and customs checks carried out at ports and airports. Border Force officers worked at 140 sea and air ports across the UK and overseas and their responsibilities included:

checking the immigration status of people arriving in and departing the UK;
searching baggage, vehicles and cargo for illicit goods or illegal immigrants;
patrolling the UK coastline and searching vessels; gathering intelligence; and
alerting the police and security services to people of interest

Members noted that the priorities for the Border Force were to:

Deter and prevent individuals and goods that would harm the national interests from entering the UK, facilitate the legitimate movement of individuals and trade to and from the UK; protect and collect customs revenues for trade crossing the border; provide excellent service to customers; and provide demonstrable effectiveness, efficiency and value for money

On behalf of the Board, the Chair agreed to write to both local MP's to highlight the cuts to Home Office services in Halton and the potential further reductions in service.

Cheshire Fire and Rescue

The Board considered the details of the Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service Annual report for Halton 2017-18, and received an update on the Integrated Risk Management Plan 2017-18 (IRMP).

On behalf of Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service, Stuart Devereux attended the meeting and outlined the Service performance in Halton during the past year and compared the different type of incidents attended to previous year performance. The Board noted:

A new Fire Chief had been recently appointed;
The increase in recruitment of apprentice Fire Fighters in Cheshire;
Details on the Fire Station Build Programme and the current Fire Service Property Enhanced Programme;
Information on the blue light collaboration;
The outcome of the staff survey and Information on the diverse nature of the safe and well visits carried out in the borough.

Organised Crime Gang - Childhood Criminal Exploitation

The Board endorsed a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, which presented Halton's response to Organised Criminal Gangs and the Government Strategy to tackle County Lines and Childhood Criminal Exploitation. The Serious and Organised Crime Strategy placed significant emphasis on the importance of effective local partnerships. To support this, a partnership group had been established, chaired by the Chief Executive to tackle organised crime groups in Halton (Operation Portfolio). The key objectives of the partnership group were outlined in the report.

Donna Wells from Young Addaction, was also in attendance to provide a presentation which highlighted the work by the service to deliver The Criminal Exploitation Project – Risk and Resilience. This was a project which aimed to prevent children being drawn into criminal activities by older criminals and gangs. Approximately 40 young people had taken part in the project delivered to groups and one to one and included support from the Amy Winehouse Foundation and Gangs Line. It was noted that feedback from those children and parents who had been involved in the project had been positive.

Alcohol and Substance Misuse

The Board received an update report and a presentation on the work carried out across the partnership in the Borough to tackle alcohol and substance misuse. In addition, the Board noted work involving the establishment of the Cheshire and Merseyside Five Year Forward View Alcohol Board and the Drink Less Enjoy More Campaign across Cheshire and Merseyside.

Public Space Protection Order- Dog Control

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, which provided Members with the results of a public consultation exercise that was undertaken in respect of the Council's proposal to introduce a new Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO). The Order would help tackle dog fouling and other forms of irresponsible dog ownership and the Board was requested to make recommendations to the Executive Board in that respect.

The new PSPO would be in the form of a single Order that would include the control measures contained within the existing Orders, as well as new requirements that those in control of dogs must comply with. The specified locations where some existing control measures applied would also be extended under the new PSPO.

Members noted that the proposed PSPO had been subject to a public consultation exercise which ran from 6th July to 28th September 2018. As a result, 922 responses were received and details of these, in respect of the following, were outlined in the report:

- Exclusion of dogs;
- Dogs on leads;
- Dog fouling;
- Restriction on the number of dogs walked at a time; and Fixed penalty notices.

Schools and Education

The Board received a presentation from PC Jane Tetlow which provided Members with an oversight into the role of the Youth Engagement Officer, Safer Schools Partnership. Halton had two Officers and the Youth Engagement Officer for Widnes, PC Jane Tetlow, was in attendance and provided examples of her work to support educational establishments, staff, pupils and the community locally.

Members noted that the Safer Schools & Young Person's Partnership also involved multi-agency working and fostering positive relationships between the schools and police service. One of the main roles of the Partnership was to provide the young people of Cheshire, Halton and Warrington with the relevant tools to facilitate self-awareness and self-insight. This would enable them to make informed decisions to avoid becoming offenders or victims of crime.

Night time economy

The board scrutinised a detailed report on the positive work that is being carried out in partnership with the Police and Council to make Halton night time economy safer.

The report provided information on the numerous partnership visits that have been undertaken with Immigration enforcement, Cheshire Special Constabulary, Cheshire Police Drugs Dog and Trading Standards and will continue to work closely with all departments.

The Board were pleased to see the results from the above operations have resulted in five arrests for Immigration offences, two being deported and two arrested for drug related offences.

Manchester Port Authority

The board considered details of the work of the Manchester Port Authority particularly in relation to Halton.

On behalf of Manchester Port Health Authority (MPHA), Andrea Smith, Steve Seddon and Councillor Morley attended the meeting and provided the Board with an overview of the role of the Authority. MPHA was the local authority for the Manchester Ship Canal and River Weaver including the ports of Eastham, Ellesmere, Manisty, Standlow, Ince, Weston, Runcorn, Partington, Irlam and Salford. The Authority was responsible for a wide range of public health controls including:

- Ship sanitation inspections and certificates;
- Food standards, food safety and water quality (ships and land);
- Infectious disease control;
- Environmental protection;
- Pest control;
- Smoke free legislation;
- Emergency planning; and
- Import controls for high risk products of non-animal origin.

On behalf of the Board, the Chair thanked the MPHA for their informative presentation and invited those Board Members who wished to attend a Boarding Inspection of shipping at Runcorn Docks to contact him and he would arrange this with the Authority.