

Minutes of extended Meeting of Anti-Social Behaviour Topic Group

Held on Wednesday 20th December 2006 at 5pm

Runcorn Town Hall, Civic Suite

Present: Cllr John Stockton (Chair), Cllr Pamela Wallace, Cllr Geoffrey Swift, Cllr Linda Redhead, Alex Villiers, Clare Myring, Cllr Martha Lloyd-Jones, Andy Williams, Howard Cockcroft, Christine Frazer, Jonathan Horsfall

Item	Details	Action
1	<p>Apologies Steve Eastwood, Dwayne Johnson, Cllr Margaret Ratcliffe, Inspector Andy Ross</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of meeting of 22 November 2006 and matters arising Cllr Ged Philbin included on circulation list. A number of Cllrs unable to attend, to be included on future Special ASB meetings. No matters arising.</p>	
3	<p>Halton s 2006 Protocol for Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Clare Myring – (Anti Social Behaviour Co-ordinator) gave presentation regarding current situation in Halton.</p> <p>Introduced protocol to help practitioners.</p> <p>National definition adopted for anti-social behaviour “acting in a manners that caused or was likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress or has caused or is likely to cause (such)”.</p> <p>In a wide-ranging discussion the following major points emerged: -</p> <p>Need to be pro-active in stopping people having to leave their properties; on injunction costs £8-9k on average.</p> <p>Tool-kit being established for partners/social landlords to use.</p> <p>Need to collect more data re: fly-tipping, abandoned cars, graffiti, etc.</p> <p>First draft of ASB strategy to be complete by 15 January 2007.</p> <p>Need to encourage all partners to participate in Multi-Agency Meetings.</p> <p>There were good relationships with RSL’s, but strategies need to cover those areas where no social landlords operate.</p> <p>Recognition that much was happening already to combat anti-social behaviour, with good partnership working.</p>	
4	<p>Timeline for Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy Timeline for ASB Strategy tabled. Major consultation event scheduled for 12th February 2007. Report to Executive Board on 15th March 2007.</p> <p>As part of process: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4-page summary to be produced for wide distribution. 	

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5	<p>Multi Agency Problem Solving Teams – proposed way forward</p> <p>Need to establish what is right for Halton. The West Lancs model is good, but does it fit “our” needs.</p> <p>Core issues need to be established (i.e. what is strategic and what is operational) Amongst all partners who does what?</p> <p>Halton already has Multi-Agency meetings. What do we need to add to these?</p> <p>Meeting agreed that a research exercise, carried out by Policy Unit, would be helpful to evaluate the different options available and the potential associated costs. Research to be completed by end of January 2007.</p> <p>Use of mediation services by RSL’s noted. Could this be a pooled resource?</p> <p>Possibility of ‘Respect’ funding for clinical psychologist post to support families noted.</p>	
6	<p>Next Steps</p> <p>Research approved, to include mapping of existing services.</p> <p>Data from Neighbourhood Management Surveys to be considered.</p> <p>Small Topic Group to meet before end of January 07 to consider draft ASB Strategy.</p>	
7	<p>Any other Business</p> <p>CCTV now operative 24/7, through contract with Remploy. 40 cameras currently operative. Meeting would appreciate a definitive position statement on where we are up to re: CCTV and what are the Councils future intentions.</p>	