

Minutes of Extended Meeting of Anti-Social Behaviour Topic Group

Held on Wednesday 28th February 2007 at 5pm

Civic Suite, Runcorn Town Hall

Present: Cllr John Stockton (Chair), Cllr Pamela Wallace, Cllr Geoffrey Swift, Cllr Shaun Osborne, Cllr Marie Wright, Cllr Martha Lloyd-Jones, Cllr Ged Philbin, Inspector Andy Ross, Alex Villiers, Clare Myring, Howard Cockcroft, Les

Cllr Philbin thanked the Group and Chairman for the invite.

Item	Details	Action
1	Apologies: Cllr Linda Redhead, Cllr Sue Edge, Jonathan Horsfall	
2	<p>How Neighbourhood Management can help to tackle anti-social behaviour – Nick Mannion (Director)</p> <p>Nick and the team have 3 pilot neighbourhood management areas; central Widnes, Halton Lea and Castlefield/Windmill Hill wards, acknowledge different areas with different needs. The process is to see what is happening in the poorest communities, tackle causes and symptoms of ASB and listen to communities to help deliver objectives and build sustainable communities. Three main ASB areas identified are; large groups of young people at centres and shops, noise nuisance and young people consuming alcohol. The team have 125 people interested in signing up to work as Neighbourhood Champions; the role involves consulting with local residents. Some concerns raised if different areas have a wish list, and of what can and can't be achieved. Nick confirmed promises wouldn't be made for what can't be delivered. Cllr Wallace asked Nick to supply a list of residents for the areas. David Parr will be launching agenda item project in Councillors ward area and e-mailing to inform.</p> <p>Chair to discuss at a further ASB Topic Group meeting.</p>	HC
3 & 4	<p>Desktop research (handout distributed) – Les Unsworth</p> <p>MAPS model for Halton</p> <p>A questionnaire was devised to send to other Authorities to research MAPs areas. A MAPs team has common benefits, improved co-ordination of services and a level of commitment from agencies, but practical difficulties in getting all agencies committed as each has their own agenda and limited resources. A number of models were discussed, strategic MAPs teams; full operational MAPs teams. CM Various leaflets to be produced over the next few weeks, if you have x,y,z problems, with a few numbers on (24/7 basis). Group had concerns over numbers being given out if getting through to an answer machine, or if incorrect or sometimes no longer available. Respect from 2008 will have emergency 101 number that will give feedback, low level ASB and crime. Inspector Ross said with Halton already a lot in place in Community Safety, follow strategy, Multi-Agency Meetings, need to let people know what is already being done and in place. Would like to have a ASB caseworker to allow Clare to be more strategic. Group thought with most complaints, no feedback or no one ever gets back in touch. Cllr Osborne DAAT already working, suggested whatever replaced Safer Halton Partnership or LSP could steer the MAPs group. CM West Lancs ran on minimal funding £25,000, partners who came in gave Officers, co-location costs of IT. Cllr Wright thought a walk in building where people with an ASB issue could go and report. Inspector Ross One phone number to go to HDL for advice, funding 2 PCSO's could hold a weekly surgery at HDL. AV Clear</p>	

	<p>and simple reporting route needed. Chair Potential through Neighbourhood Management, scope for a different model. Caseworker to relieve pressure on Clare, plug what Authority does, existing processes contacting public to see what they would like to see.</p> <p>Chair agreed to produce a paper with Alex and Howard for next PPB meeting. The following agencies identified in minutes of meeting held on 22 November item 2 (distributed to all present), please contact if any further additions.</p> <p>Core: - Community Safety Police Fire YOT Probation Youth Service Co-ordinator</p> <p>Link: - PCT Consumer Affairs Environmental Health DAAT Mental Health Team/Social Care Housing/Homelessness</p> <p>Inspector Ross invited all to ½ day open days at the Community Safety offices and apologised for not doing so in the past.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>AR</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Any other Business None.</p>	
<p>6</p>	<p>Date and time of next meeting To be arranged.</p>	