



Safer Halton **PARTNERSHIP**

a member of the Halton Strategic Partnership

Action Points From 18th October 2017

Present:

David Parr	HBC (Chief Executive) : Chair
Cllr Dave Cargill	HBC (Community Safety Portfolio Holder)
Cllr Dave Thompson	HBC (Community Safety PPB Chair)
Chris Patino	HBC (Operational Director)
Deana Perchard	HBC Trading Standards
Dorothy Roberts	HBC (Children's Policy Officer)
Elsbeth Anwar	HBC (Public Health)
John Davidson	National Probation Service
Mark Harvey	Halton Housing Trust
Michelle Cotgreave	HBC (Principal Emergency Planning Officer)
Mike Andrews	HBC (Community Safety Manager)
Richard Rees	Cheshire Constabulary
Simon Bell	HBC (Public Health)
Simon Pasonage	Cheshire Constabulary
Stuart Devereux	Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service
Shélah Semoff	HBC (Partnership Officer)
Yvonne Smallman	Halton Speak Out (for part of meeting)
Mal Hampson	Halton Speak Out (for part of meeting)

1) **Welcome and Introductions**

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2) **Apologies**

Danielle Whitwell, Lynsey McVay, Donna Yates, Karen Taylor, Greg Sharples, Gareth Jones, Karen McDonough, Lorraine Crane,

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

Minutes of 19th July were agreed, with the inclusion of John Davison being present at meeting.

4) **Safe In Town Scheme Update**

Mal Hampson and Yvonne Smallman presented information to the Group regarding the above scheme. This included the latest update on premises and individuals signed up to the scheme, along with some of the softer outcomes such as anecdotal comments from clients about how they feel safer being signed up to the scheme, or they feel their loved ones are safer.

Board Members were supportive of the scheme and approved of the Community Safety

Manager's commitment to integrate the scheme into his team. Another meeting to be arranged to progress this piece of work. **MA/SS**

Members also suggested that Halton Speak Out should consider applying to the PCC's Community Fund again.

Presentation to be sent out with draft minutes. **SS**

5) **Task Group Updates:**

- a) Alcohol : Report noted – no major issues or concerns raised.
- b) Crime, Anti-Social Behaviour and Partnership Tasking : Report noted – this was a new style of report which now includes Licensing issues – DT did raise an issue regarding the consistency of door staff who then get to know regulars and relevant concerns – MA explained that when agency staff are used, the establishments don't always know who they will end up; The Royal has now changed Agency's and will try and use the same door staff; it was noted that clientele from Bar Bananas have moved to the Wellington which is now having similar problems however this is on the Licencing Officer's radar.
- c) Domestic Abuse : A downward trend was highlighted and this was felt partly due to the Enhanced scheme and the work with repeat offenders; rest of report noted and no major issues or concerns raised.
- d) Substance Misuse : The latest CGL internal report shows Halton has the 2nd highest engagement rate compared to their services delivered elsewhere in the Northwest, with report including user feedback and case studies; it was noted that Test on Arrest numbers were quite low – this has also been picked up by the Police, and they are working closely with CGL to look why this is the case; a future item for the SHP to look at the Drugs chapter of the JNSA. **SB/SS**

6) **Police and Crime Commissioner**

Nothing of concern noted, however the Chair has asked that the Community Safety Manager pick up the issue of lack of representation from the PCC's Office since their change over of staff. It was agreed that whilst everyone understands the pressures that colleagues around the table are under, a request will be made that if they are unable to attend, a paper will be submitted instead. **MA/SS**

7) **Police and Crime Panel**

DT explained that there is a drive at the moment to see a national panel, however he felt that a special interest group sitting within the LGA structures might be a better option; at the last meeting the PCC explained that Cheshire Constabulary has lost half of its armed force and was in an agreement with other Northwest areas to share resources – however this did raise some concerns with regards to the deployment of resources in an emergency situation such as a terrorist attack as recently seen – he was assured by RR that NW resources are pooled and allocated based on appropriate need and the Constabularies involved were not worried about being able to respond to any calls as resources could be called upon from across the Country if needs be – this included a national resource which could be airlifted in via helicopter if required.

8) **Serious Organised Crime**

A presentation was circulated which was given to the Protecting Vulnerable People's Forum on 5th October. This gave a detailed view of what SOC is and how it is dealt with by Cheshire Constabulary. It was noted that Halton has some good examples of

partnership working and that the excellent cameras on the new bridge would help monitoring cross county lines of criminal activity and hopefully leading to a similar situation as with the tunnels, i.e. criminals know not to use them due to the cameras.

9) **Channel Panel**

A short discussion took place around the arrangements for Channel Panels, with it being noted that there was one in each local authority area, with people being referred in and assessed by Panel members for their danger of being radicalised. MA explained that there was actually a consultation event with the Home Office taking place the day after the SHP meeting which might change how arrangements are currently managed. There is a suggestion potentially to have one panel per Constabulary area or even one for the Northwest. A further report will be brought back to the next meeting, and the Chair requested that Cllr Cargill be briefed following the consultation event.

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10) **Information Items**

All information items noted.

11) **AOB**

Officers were asked to ensure that the Blue Lamp reports were shared with Elected Members, as it was felt they were an excellent resource to ensure that residents know that the Police are doing.

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

- 21st February 2018 @ 10:00 : Ground Floor Boardroom, Municipal Buildings, Widnes

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