



Safer Halton **PARTNERSHIP**

a member of the Halton Strategic Partnership

Action Points From 21st February 2018

Present:

David Parr	HBC (Chief Executive) : Chair
Cllr Dave Cargill	HBC (Community Safety Portfolio Holder)
Chris Patino	HBC (Operational Director)
Gareth Jones	Youth Justices Services
John Bucknall	HBC (Children's – Commissioning)
John Davidson	National Probation Service
Lynsey McVay	Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service
Mark Harvey	Halton Housing Trust
Michelle Cotgreave	HBC (Principal Emergency Planning Officer)
Mike Andrews	HBC (Community Safety Manager)
Rev Lyn McIver	Faith Representative
Richard Rees	Cheshire Constabulary
Simon Pasonage	Cheshire Constabulary
Stuart Devereux	Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service
Shélah Semoff	HBC (Partnership Officer)

- 1) **Welcome and Introductions** **Action**
- 2) **Apologies**
Danielle Whitwell, Donna Yates, Karen Taylor, Karen McDonough, Lorraine Crane, Deana Perchard, Elspeth Anwar, Dave Thompson
- 3) **Minutes of the Last Meeting and Matters Arising**

Minutes of 18th October were agreed. The issue of contact with the PCC's Office was again raised (item 6). The Chair explained that the PCC was an important player and that improved communication would benefit both parties, particularly as this Partnership is the ideal forum for the PCC and his staff to understand what the priorities are in Halton. The Chair does have regular one-to-one meetings with the PCC, but felt the Partnership route supported a more collectively voice. The Chair will follow this up with the PCC.

DP
- 4) **Task Group Updates:**
 - a) Alcohol : Report noted – no major issues or concerns raised; harm reduction work ongoing – raising profile of work, especially in relation to schools as this is one of the STP priorities - piece of work ongoing across Merseyside and Cheshire looking at standardising processes; minimum pricing per unit back on the agenda with an event planned in June for Merseyside and Cheshire.
 - b) Crime, Anti-Social Behaviour and Partnership Tasking : Report noted – joint operation with HHT, HBC drug and mental health services, and Cheshire Police, just

- before Christmas resulted in six crack houses being closed; other joint activities being explored between Partners; DC suggested that the new arrangements for T&C meetings meant they were too far apart and it left the public feeling anxious and issues were allowed to get “cold” – he felt the monthly meetings needed to be reinstated however it was agreed that they put a huge drain on resources and there are other meetings in place where officers discussed the same issues – it was agreed that MA would ensure that DC was briefed on a monthly basis rather than have a separate meeting; it was also agreed that the Blue Lamp reports would be shared with all Elected Members (if they weren’t already) via the In-Touch newsletter; there has been a reduction in the number of incidents after using the anti-theft spray – the success in Halton has led to best practice sharing across Cheshire; Licensing section of report very informative – some issues raised around fake licenses used by young people and how good the quality was. **MA**
- c) Domestic Abuse : report noted – some discussion regarding the high numbers of BME service users when considering how low the ethnic population in Halton is – it was suggested a piece of work could be done with Umbrella Halton – need to look at a further report on Honour Based Violence; there are 68 serial perpetrators and Board Members discussed whether there should be a focus on these individuals – it was agreed that JD would do some work and look at the potential for a pan-Cheshire programme; LMCI mentioned that she has been supporting several women and felt that the Police were excellent in their response – it was agreed that MA/SA would invite LMCI to the DA Forum; Board Members were advised that there would be a DA campaign for the lead up and during the World Cup; a two year plan is being developed for the White Ribbon campaign – supported by the Safer Halton PPB. **SA**
- d) Substance Misuse : report noted – places along the Sankey Canal and Spike Island have been identified as hot spots for drug users; a plan is being developed with the Police and CGL to look at who is using their services – RR explained that the National Strategy on Drugs has ensured that CSPs have it as a priority and it should be linked to the local HWBB with measurable set outcomes. **JD**
- 5) **Prevent and Channel Panel**
Report set out a new way of working with revised timescales now looking at late Autumn before starting. If any Partners have comments – they should be returned to DP, but in principles everyone was happy to support new arrangements. **ALL**
- 6) **Police and Crime Commissioner**
Funding for next financial year was set out and it remains the same. The PCC has started to request regular reports on how and what the funding is being used to support. It was suggested that those same reports could come to the SHP. **DP/MA**
- 7) **Police and Crime Panel**
Information was noted and nothing of concern was raised.
- 8) **Serious Organised Crime**
Information items were noted.
- 9) **Information Items**
All information items noted - it was commented that the recent Trading Standards presentation to PPB was very good; some concerns raised that ASB fires seems to be increasing and that the Fire Service and Police have met to discuss the detail data – not yet a full clear picture and more work needs to be undertaken to link data,
- 10) **AOB**
DP wanted to thank the PCSOs for their involvement in the Refugee event the previous week where they had been a huge hit – this was helping to change the Refugee’s perception of

uniformed services/authorities; he also shared an update regarding Wilmere Lane with the owner, the Home Office and Serco looking to agree commercial terms but work was still on going to resolve the outstanding health related matters; a meeting as been organised to discuss community safety related issues in advance of the centre opening – fire service to be invited. **SS**

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

- 2nd May 2018 @ 10:00 : Ground Floor Boardroom, Municipal Buildings, Widnes

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