

REPORT TO: Safer Policy and Performance Board

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources

DATE: 14th September 2021

PORTFOLIO: Community Safety

SUBJECT: Probation Service Integrated Offender Management Scheme National refresh

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To inform Board Members about current arrangements within the National Probation Service following a refresh of the Integrated Offender Management Scheme (IOM).
- 1.2 To inform Board Members of current arrangements in Halton to support the National Probation IOM scheme.
- 1.3 To inform Board Members of activity happening on a Pan-Cheshire footprint.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board considers the information presented and raises any questions of interest or points of clarification following the presentation

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 Neighbourhood crime includes burglary, robbery, theft from the person and vehicle theft. Offenders committing these offences usually do so repeatedly. Reducing neighbourhood crime and making our society safer is a priority for this government.
- 3.2 Integrated Offender Management (IOM) was introduced in 2009 to bring a cross-agency response to crime and reoffending threats faced by local communities. The aim was for the most prolific and problematic offenders to be prioritised and jointly managed by police, probation and other partner agencies.
- 3.3 In February 2020, Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Probation (HMIP) and Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) joint inspection found that IOM had 'lost its way'. The report highlighted the potential benefits of greater leadership from the centre, including improving clarity around the cohort focus for IOM and the nature of the work that should be involved. To address this, the Ministry of Justice

(MoJ) and Home Office (HO) have undertaken work to review current IOM practice, engaging with operational practitioners and reviewing the evidence base.

- 3.4 Neighbourhood crime IOM is an opportunity for probation leaders, Police and Crime Commissioners and Chief Constables to work together with other local leaders to reduce reoffending and make communities safer. From June 2021, probation reform and the creation of Regional Probation Directors will facilitate new ways for the police and probation to work together in this space. Particularly, Regional Probation Directors will need to work closely with Police and Crime Commissioners and Chief Constables to ensure that the use of IOM is a core component of local crime and policing plans. The success of this strategy will depend significantly on the strength of the partnership formed between local police and probation leaders, as well as the links they forge with other local agencies (including third sector organisations).
- 3.5 This report pulls together the different strands of activity across Halton and Cheshire, to show how we are meeting our responsibilities.

4.0 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 **None**

5.0 **IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

5.1 **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.

5.2 **Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton**

None

5.3 **Healthy Halton**

The Community Safety Service as a universal service impacts on the Health, safety and well-being of the residents of Halton.

5.4 **A Safer Halton**

The Community Safety Service as a universal service impacts on the Health, safety and well-being of the residents of Halton.

5.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**

None

6.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

None

7.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

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.