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Chairman

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“Safety, and people’s perception of being safe in all its form remain a major issue in Halton. The Board has, and will continue to focus its energy on making Halton residents feel safe. I would like to offer my sincere thanks to Board members who have worked hard to this end.

The Board has had a very challenging programme of monitoring, scrutiny, and policy development, because ‘Safer Halton’ is a truly cross-cutting agenda. I believe it is making a considerable contribution to improving the way the Council and its partners work together to improve the quality of life in Halton. I thank everybody who has contributed to the work of the Board in 2008/09.”

Councillor Shaun Osborne
Chairman, Safer Halton Policy and Performance Board

MEMBERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITIES

During 2008/9 the Board comprised eleven Councillors – Councillors Osborne, Stockton, M Bradshaw, Edge, M Lloyd Jones, Morley, M Ratcliffe, Redhead, Rowan, Shepherd, Thompson.

The Board is responsible for scrutinising performance and formulating policy in relation to Community Safety and Drugs Team, Bereavement Services, Registration and Consumer Affairs, Risk and Emergency Planning, Environmental and Regulatory Services, Road Safety and Waste Management.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

The full Board met 5 times during the year. Special Board meetings considered budget implications for 2009/10 and provision of grave spaces.

The main initiatives of the Board’s work for 2008/09 are as follows: -

Community Safety

The Board continued its scrutiny and policy development role in this crucial area. The Family Intervention Project, Witness Support, Youth Crime and Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults were all considered by the PBB, with relevant recommendations made. Contributions were made to the formulation of Policing Objectives. The Board received a presentation on the excellent progress to achieving a Multi-Agency Problem Solving Team, an initiative the PPB had instigated in its previous Municipal Year. The Drug Treatment Plan was approved, and consideration was given to the provision of alcohol abuse services, an issue highlighted for attention in 2009/10.

Environmental and Regulatory Service Issues

The PPB monitored the performance of waste management, the implementation of a waste management strategy and re-cycling performance. The Board contributed to the Litter and Dog Fouling enforcement policy, and the implementation of the Fixed Penalty Notices Policy.

Road Safety

The major issues considered related to Road Traffic Collisions, Incidents of Objects being thrown from footbridges, and the performance of the Cheshire Safer Roads Partnership.

Bereavement Services/Consumer Protection/Registration Services

The PPB contributed to the development of new services relating to Civil Funerals and the Nationality Checking Service. Cemetery provision for 2015 and beyond was a major issue, with recommendations made to Executive Board for approval.

WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2008/09

The PPB proposed the following topics for the work programme for 2009/10: -

- Waste Management
- Cemetery Provision
- Enclosure of Footbridges
- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Domestic Abuse and violence relating to alcohol
- MAPS

Members of the Public are welcome at the meetings of the Board. If you would like to know where and when meetings are to be held or if you would like any more information about the Board or its work please contact Howard Cockcroft (0151 471 7461) or e-mail at Howard.cockcroft@halton.gov.uk