



**Safer Policy and Performance Board**

**Tuesday, 16 September 2014 at 6.30 p.m.  
Council Chamber, Runcorn Town Hall**

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**Chief Executive**

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IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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**REPORT TO:** Safer Policy & Performance Board

**DATE:** 16 September 2014

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Strategic Director, Corporate and Resources

**SUBJECT:** Public Question Time

**WARD(s):** Borough-wide

### **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To consider any questions submitted by the Public in accordance with Standing Order 34(9).

1.2 Details of any questions received will be circulated at the meeting.

### **2.0 RECOMMENDED: That any questions received be dealt with.**

### **3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 Standing Order 34(9) states that Public Questions shall be dealt with as follows:-

- (i) A total of 30 minutes will be allocated for dealing with questions from members of the public who are residents of the Borough, to ask questions at meetings of the Policy and Performance Boards.
- (ii) Members of the public can ask questions on any matter relating to the agenda.
- (iii) Members of the public can ask questions. Written notice of questions must be given by 4.00 pm on the working day prior to the date of the meeting to the Committee Services Manager. At any one meeting no person/organisation may submit more than one question.
- (iv) One supplementary question (relating to the original question) may be asked by the questioner, which may or may not be answered at the meeting.
- (v) The Chair or proper officer may reject a question if it:-
  - Is not about a matter for which the local authority has a responsibility or which affects the Borough;
  - Is defamatory, frivolous, offensive, abusive or racist;
  - Is substantially the same as a question which has been put at a meeting of the Council in the past six months; or
  - Requires the disclosure of confidential or exempt information.

- (vi) In the interests of natural justice, public questions cannot relate to a planning or licensing application or to any matter which is not dealt with in the public part of a meeting.
- (vii) The Chairperson will ask for people to indicate that they wish to ask a question.
- (viii) **PLEASE NOTE** that the maximum amount of time each questioner will be allowed is 3 minutes.
- (ix) If you do not receive a response at the meeting, a Council Officer will ask for your name and address and make sure that you receive a written response.

Please bear in mind that public question time lasts for a maximum of 30 minutes. To help in making the most of this opportunity to speak:-

- Please keep your questions as concise as possible.
- Please do not repeat or make statements on earlier questions as this reduces the time available for other issues to be raised.
- Please note public question time is not intended for debate – issues raised will be responded to either at the meeting or in writing at a later date.

#### **4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

None.

#### **5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

None.

#### **6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

6.1 **Children and Young People in Halton** - none.

6.2 **Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton** - none.

6.3 **A Healthy Halton** – none.

6.4 **A Safer Halton** – none.

6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal** – none.

#### **7.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

7.1 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.

**REPORT TO:** Safer Policy and Performance Board  
**DATE:** 16 September 2014  
**REPORTING OFFICER:** Chief Executive  
**SUBJECT:** Specialist Strategic Partnership minutes  
**WARD(s):** Boroughwide

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

The **draft** Minutes from the last Safer Halton Partnership meeting, which are subject to approval at the next meeting of the Safer Halton Partnership, are attached for consideration.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATION:** That the minutes be noted.

## **3.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 None.

## **4.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 None.

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

### **5.1 Children and Young People in Halton**

None.

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

None.

### **5.3 A Healthy Halton**

None.

### **5.4 A Safer Halton**

None.

### **5.5 Halton's Urban Renewal**

None.

**6.0 RISK ANALYSIS**

6.1 None.

**7.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

7.1 None.

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**SAFER HALTON PARTNERSHIP**

*At a meeting of the Safer Halton Partnership Wednesday, 14 May 2014 The Board Room - Municipal Building, Widnes*

Present	M. Andrews S. Bell K. Bennett D. Cargill J. Duff D. Gordon S. Henshaw A. Jones D. Parr C. Patino N. Sharpe E Sutton-Thompson J. Williams	Community Safety Public Health Cheshire Police Police Crime Panel Faith Representative Community Safety Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service Democratic Services Chief Executive Catering, Cleansing and Stadium Services Halton Housing Trust Policy & Performance, Communities  Commissioning - Learning Disability, Autism and Transition
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**SHP26 WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

David Parr welcomed everyone to the meeting and the following apologies were noted: Sarah Boycott (represented by Kevin Bennett), Lorraine Crane, Dwayne Johnson (represented by Chris Patino), Deana Perchard and Gareth Jones.

**SHP27 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING / MATTERS ARISING**

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a correct record.

**SHP28 ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR REFORMS**

Mike Andrews, Community Safety Manager, Halton Borough Council, presented the *Anti-Social Behaviour Reforms* to the Partnership.

Following a public consultation in 2011 which included practitioners and victims views, a White Paper was published in May 2012 titled '*Putting Victims First: More effective responses to anti-social behaviour*'.

The key points of the White Paper explained that the



current set of tools did not provide the flexibility that practitioners required to deal with ASB quickly and effectively. Additionally it stated that there needed to be more of a focus on the impact of ASB on victims (especially repeat or vulnerable victims). It also stated that victims were best supported when responses were quick and effective and that using the MARAC to drive a multi-agency approach to managing high risk cases was needed.

The reforms were initially presented at the National Community Safety Network in February 2013. The presentation went on to explain how the reforms would:

- Streamline the toolkit;
- Tackle problem individuals; and
- Tackle environmental ASB.

It also covered:

- Police powers to disperse – members discussed the ‘likely to commit’ scenario;
- Mandatory Possession;
- Empowering communities – members discussed ‘community trigger reviews’; and
- Empowering victims

It was noted that the legislation would be introduced as soon as possible but in the meantime the current powers would remain in force.

The presentation would be sent to members of the Partnership for information.

## SHP29 TASK GROUP UPDATES

The Partnership received the following Task Group Updates:

- a) Alcohol Harm Reduction Group – The Wine Bar, Barley Mow and Simms Cross had all received warnings last quarter. The Raj Tandoori had undergone a licencing operation with UKBA where it was discovered there were 9 illegal workers employed there; they had since had their licence revoked. A passive drug dog operation took place on 24 January resulting in individuals being arrested in three different venues for possession of Class A drugs and one with cannabis. The *Pub Watch* scheme’s first meeting in Runcorn was held at the Ferry Boat in April. No intelligence had been

Simon Bell  
Michael Andrews

received regarding potential for problems during the world cup; however it was commented that domestic violence repeat offenders would receive visits prior to this starting.

- b) Quarterly Alcohol Update – Under 18's admission numbers were dropping however numbers of females with liver disease was on the increase. Only 1/3 of referrals from the alcohol liaison nursing services at Whiston and Warrington actually attended their appointments. Social marketing aimed at schools in Halton was being prepared which would use a different approach to the one previously, using the positives of not drinking rather than the negatives of drinking.

Simon tabled the LAAA quarterly Progress report. It was noted that some of the objectives in the report were already being done in Halton. The action plan being developed would target the causes and culture of alcohol abuse and would focus on helping people to make better lifestyle choices. This would involve more work within the community working closely with RSL's, faith representatives, social workers and community workers etc.

Partners were requested to prioritise the alcohol agenda and provide feedback regarding the LAAA to Simon Bell. It was agreed that Simon and his colleague Elspeth Anwar would present an update on the LAAA at the next SHP meeting in September 2014.

- c) Anti-Social Behaviour – Year end data showed a 1.1% reduction overall on last year. It was commented that new data and intelligence around mini motos was available and would be reviewed by Police. Partners would be updated at the next meeting. Ops Mode and Partnership T&C were working on profiles associated with Dundalk Road, ASDA, Stewards Avenue and Liverpool Road.

Noted that Neighbourhood Resolution Panels had struggled to get referrals but the programme would still be rolled out. The Grange had been selected to receive a one off grant of £30,000 from the PCC for community projects. It was the people of the Grange Ward who would decide how the money was spent. It was commented that it would be helpful if the Partnership could receive a briefing on this

investment by the Commissioner at the next meeting.

- d) Domestic Abuse – The percentage of repeat victims remained fairly stable in Halton. The PCC had agreed to fund a one year pilot at Warrington Hospital whereby a qualified IDVA would be present at the hospital. Warrington Domestic Abuse Partnership would work in collaboration with Halton Domestic Abuse Forum.

The Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (DVDS) – ‘Clare’s Law’ was introduced by Cheshire Constabulary on 6 March 2014.

- e) Substance Misuse – Halton was first for effective engagement rate in the NW with 95% for problem drug users (PDU’s). For all drug users 18+, Halton had the highest engagement in the North West at 94%. These figures were improvements on last year’s 90% and 93% respectively. However Hep C positive tests had increased to 67% in quarter 3 of this year.

The Police had recently worked closely with CRI producing some positive results. It was noted that CRI management were encouraging a culture of integrated working.

- f) Partnership Tasking & Co-ordination – Overall crimes were down on quarter 3 but profile areas at Stewards Avenue / Dundalk Road remained busy, mainly with issues relating to off road motorcycles. Two respect weeks were planned in the summer during the school holidays, one in Runcorn and one in Widnes. Community Safety Officers reported that a presentation was made to the LSP regarding organised crime in Halton. It was suggested that a Halton multi-agency strategy should be developed alongside partnership groups that could be called upon following any serious crime activity.

- g) Hate Crimes & Community Tensions – Decreases in numbers were reported for quarter 4 with verbal abuse forming the most common complaint.

#### SHP30 POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

Mike Andrews advised that the PCC had agreed targets and funding for next year.

SHP31 POLICE & CRIME PANEL (PCP)

Dave Cargill, Chairman of the PCP, advised the Partnership that Mr Simon Byrne had now been appointed as the new Chief Constable for Cheshire who would take up his post in June.

The PCP had hosted an open day in Winsford on 11 April 2014 and the PCP members attended Police HQ in Winsford to observe the PCC on 30 April 2014.

The Police Crime Panel's Annual General Meeting would be held at the end of June 2014.

SHP32 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

The following documents were noted for information:

1. Widnes Blue Lamp Report;
2. Runcorn Blue Lamp Report;
3. Process Evaluation of the Neighbourhood Justice Panels; and
4. Briefing on Effective Responses to Women Offenders.

*Meeting ended at 11.53 a.m.*

**REPORT TO:** Safer Policy & Performance Board

**DATE:** 16 September 2014

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Strategic Director, Communities

**PORTFOLIO:** Community Safety

**SUBJECT:** Performance Management Reports, Quarter 1, 2014-15

**WARD(S)** Borough-wide

**1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 This Report describes the progress of key performance indicators, milestones and targets relating to Safer Halton in Quarter 1 of 2014-15. This includes a description of factors which are affecting the service.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the Policy and Performance Board**

- 1) Receive the Quarter 1 Priority Based report;**
- 2) Consider the progress and performance information and raise any questions or points for clarification; and**
- 3) Highlight any areas of interest or concern for reporting at future meetings of the Board.**

**3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 The Policy and Performance Board has a key role in monitoring and scrutinising the performance of the Council in delivering outcomes against its key community safety priorities. In line with the Council's performance framework, therefore, the Board has been provided with a thematic report which identifies the key issues in performance arising in Quarter 1 2014-15.

**4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 There are no policy implications associated with this Report.

**5.0 OTHER/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 There are no other implications associated with this Report.

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

6.1 **Children & Young People in Halton**

There are no implications for Children and Young People arising from this Report.

6.2 **Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton**

There are no implications for Employment, Learning and Skills arising from this Report.

6.3 **A Healthy Halton**

There are no specific implications for health arising from this Report.

6.4 **A Safer Halton**

The indicators presented in the thematic report relate specifically to the delivery of the priorities for a Safer Halton.

6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**

There are no implications for Urban Renewal arising from this Report.

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 Not applicable.

8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 There are no Equality and Diversity issues relating to this Report.

9.0 **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

9.1 None under the meaning of the Act.

## Safer Policy & Performance Board Priority Based Report

**Reporting Period:** Quarter 1 – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014

### 1.0 Introduction

This report provides an overview of issues and progress against key service area objectives and milestones and performance targets during the first quarter of 2014/15; for service areas within the remit of the Safer Policy and Performance Board.

The report has been structured by the following key priorities for Safer PPB, as identified in the Directorate and Corporate Plans:

- Community Safety
- Safeguarding and Dignity (including Consumer Protection and Substance Misuse)
- Domestic Violence
- Drugs & Alcohol
- Environmental Health
- Risk & Emergency Planning

The way in which the Red, Amber and Green, (RAG), symbols have been used to reflect progress to date is explained in Appendix 2 at the end of this report.

### 2.0 Key Developments

There have been a number of developments within the Directorate during the fourth quarter which include:

#### **COMMISSIONING AND COMPLEX CARE**

##### **Domestic Abuse**

Following the recent tender exercise, the new Halton Domestic Abuse service commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014 with the service being delivered by a new support provider, Changing Lives.

The remodelling work on the Refuge accommodation has now been completed and the service now provides 12 fully self-contained accommodation units which can also accommodate male victims of domestic abuse.

##### **Alcohol Strategy**

The Alcohol Strategy Steering Group has met regularly since the Alcohol Strategy workshop which took place in early January. A series of sub-groups reporting to the Alcohol Strategy Steering Group have also been meeting, with a focus on specific actions in accordance with a life-course approach. An initial outline draft of the Strategy has been developed and each chapter is structured in accordance with a life-course approach. Work on the development of the strategy and pathway will continue until the launch of the Strategy during Alcohol Awareness Week (mid November 2014).

## **COMMISSIONING AND COMPLEX CARE**

### **Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP)**

Halton joined the Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP) project in November 2013. The intention of MSP is to facilitate person-centred, outcomes-focused responses to adult safeguarding. Since the project commenced 24 cases have now been analysed and of these cases 96% of people involved felt that the investigation was conducted in such a way that they felt in control, informed and involved.

On-going work from this project to embed this approach into day to day practice will change the nature of the performance data and will provide Halton Safeguarding Adults Board with a better understanding of people's experiences and thus serve to influence and improve the delivery of safeguarding services in Halton.

As the project progresses, it is generally accepted alongside the 53 participating local authorities that outcome focused, person centred approaches must be integrated into safeguarding procedures if people are to be supported to live their lives with as much autonomy as possible. It is clear that seeking the person's own definition of a good outcome at the start of a safeguarding process, keeps professionals focused on a person centred approach and leads to better outcomes for the person and their family. As people achieve better outcomes, they are less likely to re-enter the system at a later date, being supported to stay independent for longer and encouraged to utilise their own skills, strengths and natural supports to build a safer future for themselves.

Halton has now achieved the Bronze level and is now working towards silver level in MSP. This involves taking learning from the pilot and embedding it into practice. Plans are to ensure that current safeguarding documentation is update /replaced to reflect learning from the project and social worker and managers implement the MSP approach in their day to day practice.

## **PUBLIC HEALTH**

### **Alcohol Harm Reduction**

Local Alcohol Action Area status gained. Development of an education campaign around alcohol and pregnancy. 100% of midwives, health visitors & early years staff trained in Information and Brief Advice (IBA). 100% of staff working with Children and Young People (CYP) trained in IBA. 100% of CYP in schools & the community provided with alcohol awareness education. Test sales related enforcement in place. Operation Staysafe in place. GP practices including nurses & Health Care Assistants trained in IBA. Reduction in the level of social disruption and harm due to alcohol consumption through Arc Angel, Pub Watch, street pastors and process of bench marking against Purple flag standards. Training for appropriate front-line Home Care professionals.



## **Suicide Prevention Strategy**

Work continues related to developing a suicide prevention strategy for Halton. The public health team have engaged with a wide range of stakeholders in this process and a task and finish group has been formed. The suicide prevention initiatives outlined within the strategy focus on increasing protective factors and reducing risk factors for suicide within Halton.

Key areas for action to prevent suicides include:

- Improving the mental health and wellbeing of Halton residents
- Promoting the early identification and support of people feeling suicidal
- Reducing the risk of suicide in known high risk groups
- Reducing access to the means of suicide
- Providing better information and support to those bereaved or affected by suicide
- Evaluating interventions, data collection and monitoring progress

## **Local Alcohol Action Area (LAAA)**

Halton is one of only twenty areas in the country to be awarded the status of being a "Local Alcohol Action Area" (LAAA). This award provides support from the Home Office and Public Health England during 2014 related to addressing the harm from alcohol across three areas – health, crime and anti-social behaviour, and diversifying the night time economy. Key partners have been involved from health and community safety and an action plan has been developed.

## **POLICY, PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION**

### **Traffic, Risk and Emergency Planning / H&S**

**Local Safety Schemes:** The programme of Local Safety Schemes for the current year is being developed. However a number of sites that need to be considered are affected by the Mersey Gateway, so work cannot be carried out at present.

**20mph Zones:** The next batch of 20 mph zones will be advertised shortly. Subject to no objections during the statutory consultation period, these will be implemented in the latter part of 2014

### **RUNCORN**

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Area</b>
Mersey	Ellesmere Street Area
Windmill Hill	Windmill Hill Estate (Excluding Main Roads)
Beechwood	Beechwood Estates Excluding Beechwood Avenue
Halton Lea	Palace Fields Estate Excluding Palace Fields Avenue

### **WIDNES**

Ward	Area
Hough Green	Cherry Sutton/Haddon Drive Estate
Riverside	Nazareth House Lane – Estate
Ditton	Oakfield Drive – Estate
Appleton	Millfield Road – Estate

**CCTV:** The CCTV cameras within Victoria Park are now monitored by the staff in the CCTV Control Room and are proving to be a useful addition. This will probably be even more so during the summer months.

**Permit Scheme:** The Authority has appointed a consultant to assist in the implementation of a permit scheme, which will increase our control of road works carried out by the Statutory Undertakers. It will be based on the Merseyside Authorities Permits Scheme, which has been developed by St Helens MBC. It is anticipated to be operational from September 2015.

**Street Lighting & Intelligent Traffic Systems (ITS):** The cost of energy is a continuing concern as the rates are increasing at a rate higher than inflation, so discussions are taking place to investigate funding to allow the install of LED lanterns to be accelerated. However in some areas the columns will need replacing too increasing the costs.

### **PREVENTION AND ASSESSMENT**

No Key Developments to report regarding Prevention and Assessment.

### **COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT**

#### **Waste Management**

##### **Interim Waste Treatment Services Contract**

All of Halton's kerbside collected residual waste is now being diverted from landfill. This follows the commencement of a Waste Treatment Services Contract which was awarded to WSR Recycling Limited; a local company based in Widnes. Residual waste is now taken to the WSR plant on Ditton Road in Widnes where it is bulked up and transported on for treatment outside of the borough. The new contractual arrangements, which will be in place until the commencement of the Merseyside and Halton Resource Recovery Contract 2016, will increase the Council's overall recycling performance and help deliver operational efficiencies.

### **3.0 Emerging Issues**

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH**

Halton needs to continue to focus on reducing the level of alcohol abuse amongst adults and young people and falls in the older population. A number of strategies and action

plans are either already in place or are currently being developed to address these issues: Alcohol Harm Reduction strategy and Falls Strategy.

### **COMMISSIONING AND COMPLEX CARE**

No Emerging Issues to report for Commissioning and Complex Care.

### **PREVENTION AND ASSESSMENT**

No Emerging Issues to report for Prevention and Assessment.

### **COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT**

#### **Changes to Waste Collection Services**

Changes to the Council's waste and recycling service are planned to come into effect in the autumn. The changes are being brought about as a result of the roll out of the Alternate Bin Collection (ABC) scheme to all suitable properties in the borough and will coincide with the complete redesign of existing collection schedules. The change is necessary for two reasons – to help protect the environment by encouraging more people to reduce their waste and recycle more, and to enable the Council to deliver a more efficient operation.

### **POLICY, PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION**

No Emerging Issues to report regarding Risk & Emergency Planning.

#### **4.0 Risk Control Measures**

Risk control forms an integral part of the Council's Business Planning and performance monitoring arrangements.

As such progress concerning the implementation of all high risk mitigation measures will be monitored in Quarter 2 and Quarter 4.

#### **5.0 Progress against high priority equality actions**

Equality issues continue to form a routine element of the Council's business planning and operational decision making processes. Additionally the Council must have evidence to demonstrate compliance with the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) which came into force in April 2011.


There have been no high priority equality actions identified in the quarter.

## 6.0 Performance Overview

The following information provides a synopsis of progress for both milestones and performance indicators across the key priorities that have been identified for Safer PPB, as stated in the Directorate and Corporate Plans.

### COMMISSIONING AND COMPLEX CARE

#### Key objectives and milestones

Ref	Milestones	Q1 Progress
<b>CCC1</b>	Conduct a review of Domestic Violence Services to ensure services continue to meet the needs of Halton residents	

### SUPPORTING COMMENTARY

#### **CCC 1 Conduct a review of Domestic Violence Services**



During a review of domestic violence services it was highlighted that the current refuge was not fit for purpose. Riverside ECGH secured funding to remodel the refuge into self-contained units, and the improvement work is underway. The first two phases have been completed and all first floor units are now fully self-contained. The remodelling is expected to be completed by May 2014, and will include improvement work to reception and communal areas.

### PREVENTION AND ASSESSMENT

#### Key objectives and milestones

None applicable to Safer Halton priorities.

#### Key Performance Indicators

Ref	Description	Actual 2013/14	Target 2014/15	Quarter 1	Current Progress	Direction of Travel
<b>PA 3</b>	Percentage of VAA Assessments completed within 28 days (Previously PCS15) (Previously PA5 [12/13], PA8 [11/12])	87.69%	85%	<b>82.7%</b>		











**SUPPORTING COMMENTARY**

**PA 3** Within the safeguarding unit we have been engaging well with the PPU and consequently the police are leading on a number of investigations and the system does not allow us to close down this work which is likely to be impacting on this target. In addition the CPS are also taking forward more cases for prosecution which will also create an impact. There are a small number also with the Coroners Court. We are actively monitoring this situation and we are also re-looking at paperwork and procedures to increase the performance.

**COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT****Key objectives and milestones**

None applicable to Safer Halton priorities.

**Key Performance Indicators**

Ref	Description	Actual 2012/13	Target 2013/14	Quarter 1	Current Progress	Direction of Travel
<b><u>CE LI 14</u></b>	Residual household waste per household	633 Kgs	700 kgs	624 Kgs		
<b><u>CE LI 15</u></b>	Household waste recycled and composted	37.30%	40%	38.53%		
<b><u>CE LI 16</u></b>	Municipal waste land filled	58%	60%	57.17%		
<b><u>CE LI 19</u></b>	Number of Green Flag Awards for Halton	12	12	12		
<b><u>CE LI 20</u></b>	Improved Local Biodiversity – Active Management of Local Sites	58.49%	54%	50.94%		

**SUPPORTING COMMENTARY****CE LI 14: Residual household waste per household:**

This is an estimated figure but indications are that this target has been met.

**CE LI 15: Household waste recycled and composted:**

This is an estimated figure but indications are that this target will be met. Despite an increase in recycling compared to 2012/13, performance is slightly short of this year's target. The new waste treatment services contract referred to in 'Key Developments' will ensure a significant increase in recycling performance in 2014/15.

**CE LI 16: Municipal waste land filled:**

This is an estimated figure but indications are that this target has been met.


**CE LI 19: Number of Green Flag Awards for Halton:**

The 12 Green Flag Award parks were awarded in July 2013.

**CE LI 20: Improved Local Biodiversity – Active Management of Local Sites:**

Although sites in the ownership of HBC have continued to improve some sites owned by third parties have not been actively managed during the period. This has resulted in a lower overall score.

**PUBLIC HEALTH****Key objectives and milestones**



Ref	Milestones	Q4 Progress
<b>PH04</b>	Implement the alcohol harm reduction plan working with a range of providers including schools, focusing on preventive interventions and behaviour change to target the following vulnerable groups – pregnant women, women with babies and young people under 16 years. <b>March 2015</b>	

**SUPPORTING COMMENTARY****Implement the Alcohol Harm Reduction Plan**

Good progress has been made related to reducing Under 18 admission rates locally. 100% of CYP in schools & the community provided with alcohol awareness education. The VRMZ mobile outreach bus and street based teams engage young people in hotspot areas 6 days a week and provide information, advice and guidance on alcohol to children and young people.

An education campaign around alcohol and pregnancy is currently being developed. 100% of midwives, health visitors & early years staff trained in Information and Brief Advice (IBA). 100% of staff working with Children and Young People (CYP) trained in IBA.

**Key Performance Indicators**

Ref	Description	Actual 2012/13	Target 2013/14	Quarter 1	Current Progress	Direction of Travel
PH LI 07 (SCS HH 1)	Admissions which are wholly attributable to alcohol AAF=1, rate per 100,000 population	868.6 (2012/13)	1,038	947.5 (2013/14)		

**SUPPORTING COMMENTARY**

**PH LI 07:** Comparison vs. 2012/13 rate. Reducing alcohol related hospital admissions remains a challenge. Locally in line with national and regional trends admissions wholly attributable to alcohol increased during 2013-14 when compared to 2012/13. Quarter 1 data for 2014 is not available until later this year.

Work is underway to develop an alcohol harm reduction strategy for Halton which will be launched during alcohol awareness week in November. A key aim of this strategy is to reduce the number of people drinking to harmful levels and reduce the rate of alcohol-related hospital admissions.

**POLICY, PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION**

**Key objectives and milestones**

None applicable under Safer Halton priorities.

**Key Performance Indicators**

None applicable under Safer Halton priorities.

## **APPENDIX 1 – Financial Statements**



## COMMISSIONING &amp; COMPLEX CARE DEPARTMENT

Revenue Budget as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014

	Annual Budget	Budget To Date	Actual To Date	Variance To Date (overspend)
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Employees	7,463	1,770	1,729	41
Premises	241	87	88	(1)
Supplies & Services	1,905	460	451	9
Carers Breaks	422	145	145	0
Transport	170	40	36	4
Contracts & SLAs	149	36	27	9
Payments To Providers	3,816	888	884	4
Emergency Duty Team	103	0	0	0
Other Agency Costs	521	128	132	(4)
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>14,790</b>	<b>3,554</b>	<b>3,492</b>	<b>62</b>
<b>Income</b>				
Sales & Rents Income	-221	-150	-138	(12)
Fees & Charges	-173	-25	-32	7
CCG Contribution To Service	-613	-186	-184	(2)
Reimbursements & Grant Income	-663	-55	-56	1
Transfer From Reserves	-870	0	0	0
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>-2,540</b>	<b>-416</b>	<b>-410</b>	<b>(6)</b>
<b>Net Operational Expenditure</b>	<b>12,250</b>	<b>3,138</b>	<b>3,082</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>Recharges</b>				
Premises Support	192	40	40	0
Transport	436	109	109	0
Central Support Services	1,685	421	421	0
Asset Charges	76	16	16	0
Internal Recharge Income	-1,685	0	0	0
<b>Net Total Recharges</b>	<b>704</b>	<b>586</b>	<b>586</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Net Departmental Total</b>	<b>12,954</b>	<b>3,724</b>	<b>3,668</b>	<b>56</b>

**Comments on the above figures:**

Net operational expenditure is £56,000 below budget profile at the end of the first quarter of the financial year.

Employee costs are currently £41,000 below budget profile. This results from vacant posts, specifically in relation to mental health and day services. These vacant posts are in the process of

being filled, and it is not anticipated the spend below budget profile will continue at this level for the remainder of the financial year.

Expenditure on Contracts and Service Level Agreements is projected to be £28,000 below budget at the year-end. This relates to savings made in payments to providers for the Bredon respite care contract.

Income is currently marginally below the target to date. There is an anticipated shortfall on rental income due to the intended refurbishment of a homeless facility. At this stage in the financial year it is anticipated that this shortfall can be met from over-achievements of income in other service areas, and savings from expenditure.

#### **Capital Projects as at 30th June 2014**

	2014/15 Capital Allocation £'000	Allocation To Date £'000	Actual Spend To Date £'000	Allocation Remaining £'000
ALD Bungalows	400	0	0	400
Grangeway Court	347	0	0	347
Section 256 Grant	56	0	0	56
Community Capacity Grant	351	0	0	351
<b>Total Spending</b>	<b>1,154</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,154</b>

## PREVENTION &amp; ASSESSMENT DEPARTMENT

**Revenue Budget as at 30th June 2014**

	Annual Budget	Budget To Date	Actual To Date	Variance To Date (underspend)
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Employees	6,558	1,567	1,535	32
Other Premises	63	11	12	(1)
Supplies & Services	400	21	24	(3)
Aids & Adaptations	113	6	13	(7)
Transport	5	1	1	0
Food Provision	28	6	6	0
Other Agency	23	3	2	1
	800	0	0	0
<b>Transfer to Reserves</b>	17,614	2,869	2,857	12
Contribution to Complex Care Pool				
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>25,604</b>	<b>4,484</b>	<b>4,450</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Income</b>				
Other Fees & Charges	-226	-56	-62	6
Reimbursements & Grant Income	-349	-10	-12	2
Transfer from Reserves	-2,185	0	0	0
Capital Salaries	-39	0	0	0
Government Grant Income	-155	0	0	0
CCG Contribution to Service	-442	-235	-235	0
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>-3,396</b>	<b>-301</b>	<b>-309</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Net Operational Expenditure</b>	<b>22,208</b>	<b>4,183</b>	<b>4,141</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>Recharges</b>				
Premises Support	221	55	55	0
Asset Charges	210	0	0	0
Central Support Services	1,980	472	472	0
Internal Recharge Income	-419	0	0	0
Transport Recharges	50	9	10	(1)
<b>Net Total Recharges</b>	<b>2,042</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>537</b>	<b>(1)</b>
<b>Net Departmental Total</b>	<b>24,250</b>	<b>4,719</b>	<b>4,678</b>	<b>41</b>

**Comments on the above figures:**

In overall terms, the Net Operational Expenditure for the first Quarter of the financial year is £41,000 under budget to date and £29,000 under the budgeted profile when excluding the Complex Care Pool.

Employee costs are currently showing £32,000 under budget profile. This is due to vacancies within the Department, in particular Care Management. Some of these vacancies are yet to be filled. If these vacancies remain unfilled, the current underspend will continue to increase beyond this level.

Supplies and Services expenditure to date is £3,000 over budget profile. This is mainly due to the increase in Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DOLs) assessment costs. (DOLs) assessments aim to make sure that people in care homes, hospitals and supported living are looked after in a way that does not inappropriately restrict their freedom.

Expenditure on Aids and Adaptations is £7,000 above budget profile in the first quarter and continues to be a pressure area as more people are supported within their own homes.

Overall, income has achieved the first quarter's target and this trend is expected to continue for rest of the financial year.

A detailed analysis of the Complex Care Pool is shown below:

### **Revenue Budget as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014**

	Annual Budget	Budget To Date	Actual To Date	Variance To Date (overspend)
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Intermediate Care Services	3,757	633	632	1
End of Life	192	61	61	0
CHC Assessment Team	255	0	0	0
Sub Acute	1,788	198	193	5
Joint Equipment Store	532	7	7	0
Intermediate Care Beds	596	149	149	0
Adult Care:				
Residential & Nursing Care	19,428	3,764	3,711	53
Domiciliary & Supported Living	10,590	1,698	1,674	24
Direct Payments	3,293	1,073	1,186	(113)
Day Care	457	80	72	8
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>40,888</b>	<b>7,663</b>	<b>7,685</b>	<b>(22)</b>
<b>Income</b>				
Residential & Nursing Income	-4,920	-838	-860	22
Community Care Income	-1,552	-239	-252	13
Direct Payments Income	-189	-47	-46	(1)
Other Income	-285	-285	-285	0
CCG Contribution to Pool	-12,784	-3,196	-3,196	0
Reablement & Section 256 Income	-3,544	-189	-189	0
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>-23,274</b>	<b>-4,794</b>	<b>-4,828</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Net Divisional Expenditure</b>	<b>17,614</b>	<b>2,869</b>	<b>2,857</b>	<b>12</b>

The overall net expenditure budget is £12,000 under budget at the end of the quarter.

Intermediate Care Services includes spend for the Therapy & Nursing Teams, Rapid Access Rehabilitation and Reablement. Spend is expected to remain within budget throughout the financial year

The number of clients in receipt of residential & nursing social care increased last year by 17% but from April this year it has decreased by 1%. The number of clients in receipt of domiciliary social care (including supported living) last year decreased by 8.8% and then from April this year it has increased by 1%.

The number of clients in receipt of a Direct Payment has substantially increased in the first quarter of the year and this is due to the renegotiation of the Domiciliary Care contracts, clients who were receiving domiciliary care have now opted to take a Direct Payment and new clients who have never received a package of care taking the option of a Direct Payment. The increase is expected to continue into the next quarter and this should result in a reduction in the numbers for domiciliary care.

Trends of expenditure and income will be scrutinised in detail throughout the year to ensure a balanced budget is achieved. Spend can be volatile and will fluctuate throughout the year, this is due to the number and value of new packages being approved and existing packages ceasing.

The budgets across health and social care have been realigned to reflect the expenditure and income in the previous year.

#### Capital Projects as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014

	2014/15 Capital Allocation £000	Allocation To Date £000	Actual Spend To Date £000	Allocation Remaining £000
Disabled Facilities Grant	500	50	26	474
Energy Promotion	12	0	0	12
Stair lifts (Adaptations Initiative)	200	50	31	169
RSL Adaptations (Joint Funding)	250	60	42	208
<b>Total Spending</b>	<b>962</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>863</b>

## PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

**Revenue Budget as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014**

	Annual Budget	Budget To Date	Actual To Date	Variance To Date (underspend)
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Employees	1,718	415	388	27
Supplies & Services	55	10	7	3
Other Agency	20	20	17	3
	5,779	849	843	6
<b>Contracts &amp; SLA's</b>				
Transfer to Reserves	707	0	0	0
	<b>8,279</b>	<b>1,294</b>	<b>1,255</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
Other Fees & Charges	-49	-12	-8	(4)
Sales Income	-26	-20	-19	(1)
Reimbursements & Grant Income	-3	0	0	0
Government Grant	-8,749	0	0	0
Transfer from Reserves	-200	0	0	0
	<b>-9,027</b>	<b>-32</b>	<b>-27</b>	<b>(5)</b>
<b>Total Income</b>				
<b>Net Operational Expenditure</b>	<b>-748</b>	<b>1,262</b>	<b>1,228</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Recharges</b>				
Premises Support	50	13	13	0
Central Support Services	2,135	115	115	0
Transport Recharges	25	2	2	0
<b>Net Total Recharges</b>	<b>2,210</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>1,462</b>	<b>1,392</b>	<b>1,358</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Net Departmental Total</b>				

**Comments on the above figures:**

In overall terms, the Net Operational Expenditure for the first quarter of the financial year is £34,000 under budget profile.

Employee costs are currently £27,000 under budget profile. This is due to savings being made on vacancies within the Department. Some of the vacant posts, specifically in relation to Trading Standards are in the process of being filled. Therefore, it is not anticipated that this variance will continue at this level for the remainder of the financial year.

## COMMUNITY &amp; ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

**Revenue Budget as at 30 June 2014**

	Annual Budget £'000	Budget To Date £'000	Actual to Date £'000	Variance To Date (overspend) £'000
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>				
Employees	12,249	3,026	3,036	(10)
Other Premises	1,459	535	507	28
Supplies & Services	1,546	462	439	23
Book Fund	192	58	57	1
Promotional	265	66	64	2
Other Hired Services	1,052	171	160	11
Food Provisions	706	167	164	3
School Meals Food	1,643	373	367	6
Transport	55	14	4	10
Other Agency Costs	676	89	87	2
Waste Disposal Contracts	5,012	76	80	(4)
Leisure Management Contract	1,437	349	390	(41)
Grants To Voluntary Organisations	333	116	111	5
Grant To Norton Priory	222	111	112	(1)
Capital Financing	19	0	0	0
<b>Total Spending</b>	<b>26,866</b>	<b>5,613</b>	<b>5,578</b>	<b>35</b>
<b><u>Income</u></b>				
Sales Income	-2,327	-600	-562	(38)
School Meals Sales	-2,368	-160	-173	13
Fees & Charges Income	-2,793	-677	-618	(59)
Rents Income	-127	-135	-149	14
Government Grant Income	-31	-5	-5	0
Reimbursements & Other Grant Income	-444	-27	-31	4
Schools SLA Income	-82	-71	-68	(3)
Internal Fees Income	-110	-21	-32	11
School Meals Other Income	-2,165	-15	-50	35
Meals On Wheels	-192	-40	-38	(2)
Catering Fees	-226	-43	-29	(14)
Capital Salaries	-53	-13	-13	0
Transfers From Reserves	-27	0	0	0
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>-10,945</b>	<b>-1,807</b>	<b>-1,768</b>	<b>(39)</b>
<b>Net Controllable Expenditure</b>	<b>15,921</b>	<b>3,806</b>	<b>3,810</b>	<b>(4)</b>
<b><u>Recharges</u></b>				
Premises Support	2,048	547	547	0
Transport Recharges	2,393	155	173	(18)
Departmental Support Services	9	0	0	0
Central Support Services	3,149	844	844	0
Asset Charges	3,197	0	0	0
HBC Support Costs Income	-356	-356	-356	0
<b>Net Total Recharges</b>	<b>10,440</b>	<b>1,190</b>	<b>1,208</b>	<b>(18)</b>
<b>Net Departmental Total</b>	<b>26,361</b>	<b>4,996</b>	<b>5,018</b>	<b>(22)</b>

**Comments on the above figures:**

The net budget is £22,000 over budget profile at the end of the first quarter of 2014/15.

Staffing expenditure is over budget profile by £10,000 for the first quarter of the year. This is primarily due to the quarterly target for premium pay of £14,100. There has been some spending on agency staffing in Open Spaces to cover absences and vacancies although this spend is not expected to continue.

Other Premises and Supplies & Services expenditures are collectively currently £51,000 under budget to date. The main reasons are due to lower spend on rates across the division and lower than expected spend in the quarter on landscaping works and equipment within school meals. It is likely that landscaping works and equipment budgets will be spent later in the year.

The Leisure Management contract is £41,000 over budget profile. If spend continues at the same rate the full year effect is likely to be in the region of £160,000 over budget. Last financial year the contract was £81,000 overspent, however £32,000 reserves were used to partially offset this.

Sales and Fees & Charges across the Department are currently underachieving and will continue to be a pressure this year. In particular stadium sales and trade waste income is still less than anticipated but the underachievement is less than previous years due to the target having been reduced.

The majority of invoices relating to waste disposal for the quarter have not yet been received so close monitoring will be undertaken throughout the next quarter to ascertain an accurate position moving forward.

**Capital Projects as at 30 June 2014**

	2014/15 Capital Allocation £'000	Allocation To Date £'000	Actual Spend To Date £'000	Allocation Remaining £'000
Stadium Minor Works	30	7	1	29
Widnes Recreation Site	2,515	630	630	1,885
Open Spaces Schemes	189	108	108	81
Children's Playground Equipment	79	1	1	78
Upton Improvements	63	0	0	63
Crow Wood Play Area	13	0	0	13
Runcorn Hill Park	311	153	153	158
Runcorn Cemetery Extension	9	0	0	9
Cremators Widnes Crematorium	396	1	1	395
Landfill Tax Credit Schemes	340	14	14	326
Litter Bins	20	0	0	20
<b>Total Spending</b>	<b>3,965</b>	<b>914</b>	<b>908</b>	<b>3,057</b>



## POLICY, PLANNING &amp; TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

**Revenue Budget as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014**

	Annual Budget	Budget To Date	Actual To Date	Variance To Date (overspend)
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Employees	4,810	1,163	1,161	2
Other Premises	205	53	44	9
Hired & Contracted Services	433	118	110	8
Supplies & Services	314	89	89	0
Street Lighting	1,914	276	277	(1)
Highways Maintenance	2,383	1,002	1,000	2
Bridges	96	8	3	5
Fleet Transport	1,385	244	238	6
Lease Car Contracts	516	301	301	0
Bus Support – Halton Hopper Tickets	177	70	70	0
Bus Support	541	89	83	6
Out of Borough Transport	51	4	3	1
Finance Charges	406	169	171	(2)
Grants to Voluntary Organisations	68	34	34	0
NRA Levy	58	15	15	0
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>13,357</b>	<b>3,635</b>	<b>3,599</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Income</b>				
Sales	-253	-116	-125	9
Planning Fees	-506	-102	-98	(4)
Building Control Fees	-186	-62	-68	6
Other Fees & Charges	-845	-203	-207	4
Rents	-8	0	0	0
Grants & Reimbursements	-523	-211	-211	0
Efficiency Savings	-60	0	0	0
School SLAs	-39	0	0	0
Recharge to Capital	-312	0	0	0
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>-2,732</b>	<b>-694</b>	<b>-709</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Net Controllable Expenditure</b>	<b>10,625</b>	<b>2,941</b>	<b>2,890</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>Recharges</b>				
Premises Support	528	229	229	0
Transport Recharges	596	59	59	0
Asset Charges	7,946	0	0	0
Central Support Recharges	2,385	596	596	0
Departmental Support	-432	-108	-108	0

Recharges Income				
Support Recharges Income – Transport	-2,884	-248	-248	0
Support Recharges Income – Non Transport	-2,385	-337	-337	0
<b>Net Total Recharges</b>	<b>5,754</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Net Departmental Total</b>	<b>16,379</b>	<b>3,132</b>	<b>3,081</b>	<b>51</b>

**Comments on the above figures:**

In overall terms revenue spending at the end of quarter 1 is below budget profile. This is due to a number of expenditure and income budget areas.




Other Premises is below budget to date mainly due to lower than expected utility bills and lower than expected NNDR for Lower House Lane Depot within the Logistics division.

Planning fees are currently below budget for quarter 1 but are expected to match budgeted income by year end. Building control income is currently above budget due to higher than expected site inspections on large developments. This favourable variance is expected to continue throughout the year.

At this stage of the year it is anticipated that overall spend will be within the Departmental budget at the financial year-end.




## APPENDIX 2 – Explanation of Symbols

Symbols are used in the following manner:

Progress		<b><u>Objective</u></b>	<b><u>Performance Indicator</u></b>
Green		Indicates that the <u>objective is on course to be achieved</u> within the appropriate timeframe.	<i>Indicates that the annual target <u>is on course to be achieved</u>.</i>
Amber		Indicates that it is <u>uncertain or too early to say at this stage</u> , whether the milestone/objective will be achieved within the appropriate timeframe.	<i>Indicates that it is <u>uncertain or too early to say at this stage</u> whether the annual target is on course to be achieved.</i>
Red		Indicates that it is <u>highly likely or certain</u> that the objective will not be achieved within the appropriate timeframe.	<i>Indicates that the target <u>will not be achieved</u> unless there is an intervention or remedial action taken.</i>

### Direction of Travel Indicator

Where possible performance measures will also identify a direction of travel using the following convention

Green		Indicates that <b>performance is better</b> as compared to the same period last year.
Amber		Indicates that <b>performance is the same</b> as compared to the same period last year.
Red		Indicates that <b>performance is worse</b> as compared to the same period last year.
N/A		Indicates that the measure cannot be compared to the same period last year.

**REPORT TO:** Safer Policy and Performance Board

**DATE:** 16 September 2014

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Strategic Director - Communities

**PORTFOLIO:** Community Safety

**SUBJECT:** Mischief Night

**WARD(S):** Borough-wide

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To receive a verbal update on the planning and proposed operation of initiatives being delivered to reduce incidents of anti-social behaviour and unauthorised fires on mischief night and in the period up to bonfire night.

**2. RECOMMENDATION: That the Policy & Performance Board receive and comment upon the verbal update.**

**3. SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 3.1 Each year, the Safer Halton Partnership delivers a number of activities to reduce incidents of unauthorised bonfires and other forms of anti-social behaviour during the period covering 'Mischief Night' and 'Bonfire Night'. This includes preventative measures, diversionary activity and the 'Bonfire Removal Initiative' which sets out to improve community safety by removing unauthorised and uncontrolled bonfires before they are ignited, and which has been successfully operating in Halton since 1999. As part of the Partnership's efforts to reduce environmental nuisance and anti-social behaviour during this period, education and community safety messages are delivered across the borough, and information is directly delivered to households in known 'hot spot' areas.
- 3.2 Members will receive a verbal update on the success of initiatives in 2013 as well as information on the planning of activities for 2014.

**4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 There are no policy implications associated with this report.

**5. OTHER/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Financial and resources implications will be included in the verbal report presented to Members at the Board meeting.

## **6. IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

### **6.1 Children and Young People in Halton**

No direct impact

### **6.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton**

No direct impact

### **6.3 A Healthy Halton**

Reducing the risk of nuisance, crime and harm potentially associated with anti-social behaviour and unauthorised bonfires shall have an overall beneficial effect on wellbeing.

### **6.4 A Safer Halton**

The Bonfire Removal Initiative and other preventative measures contribute towards the Council's strategy for improving environmental standards and reducing environmental crime. This will help improve public safety and have a positive impact upon the Safer Halton Priority.

### **6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal**

The Bonfire Removal Initiative and other preventative measures will contribute towards the 'Cleaner, Greener, Safer' agenda and help to protect public open spaces, keeping them safe and clear of debris and fires.

## **7. RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 If initiatives were not put in place the risks of harm to the public and damage to the local environment would be significantly increased.

7.2 All Partner organisations are responsible for their risk assessments and briefings. The Community safety Team and Police will carry out joint briefings which include full risk assessments.

## **8. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 There are no equality or diversity issues as a result of this report.

### **9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

9.1 There are no background papers within the meaning of the Act.

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	Safer Policy & Performance Board
<b>DATE:</b>	16 September 2014
<b>REPORTING OFFICER:</b>	Strategic Director, Communities
<b>PORTFOLIO:</b>	Community Safety
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Presentation: Anti-Social Behaviour Update
<b>WARD(S)</b>	Borough-wide

### 1.0 **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

To provide a verbal report to the Safer Policy and Performance Board following the Anti-Social Behaviour reforms.

### 2.0 **RECOMMENDATION: That the report be noted.**

### 3.0 **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 To provide an update on the work of the progress of the Anti-Social Behaviour reforms.

### 4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 No policy implications.

### 5.0 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 No financial implications.

### 6.0 **IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

#### 6.1 **Children and Young People in Halton**

Anti-social behaviour impacts on the health, safety and well-being of people in the Borough.

#### 6.2 **Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton**

None identified.

#### 6.3 **A Healthy Halton**

Fundamental to ensuring the health and safety of people in the Borough.

6.4 **A Safer Halton**

Fundamental to the overall long-term safety of people.

6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**

None identified.

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 None identified.

8.0 **EQUALITY & DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 There are no Equality and Diversity issues associated with this report.

9.0 **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

None under the meaning of the Act.

**REPORT TO:** Safer Policy & Performance Board

**DATE:** 16 September 2014

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Simon Bell Public Health Commissioning Manager

**PORTFOLIO:** Public Health – Policy and Resources

**SUBJECT:** LAAA Quarterly Progress Report  
QUARTER 2

**WARD(S)** Borough-wide

1.0 **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 To provide the LAAA quarterly progress to the Safer Policy and Performance Board.

2.0 **RECOMMENDATION: That the Board is asked to receive this report and note its contents.**

3.0 **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 Halton has been named as one of only 20 Local Alcohol Action Areas (LAAA) as part of a project to tackle the harmful and expensive effects of excessive alcohol consumption. In a scheme established by the Home Office, Halton will be supported in a bid to reduce the damage caused by alcohol to people's health and to local neighbourhoods.

3.2 The Local Alcohol Action Area scheme will seek to bring together local action in three key areas – reducing the impact of alcohol on people's health, stimulating and supporting the night time economy and reducing the impact of alcohol on crime and anti-social behaviour. Each action area will receive support and expertise from the Home Office, the Department of Health and Public Health England and will be encouraged to learn from other areas and build upon the hard work of local people and organisations.

3.3 The purpose of the enclosed Quarterly return is to provide members and partners with an update on the progress of activity to develop the Local Alcohol Action Area in Halton. (Please see Appendix A – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter LAAA Return, and Appendix B – LAAA Action Plan).

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 The Local Alcohol Action Area (LAAA) status enables the Local Authority to learn from best practice across the Country and will inform and influence the development of the new Halton Alcohol Strategy (2014) which is currently in development.



The project is expected to directly contribute to a reduction in alcohol harm and child development, both of which are priorities within Halton's Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

## 5.0 **OTHER/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 There are no additional financial implications of the LAAA at this moment. Additional resources in the form of advice, guidance and support have been made available in terms of Home Office and Public Health England support.

## 6.0 **IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

### 6.1 **Children & Young People in Halton**

Halton's health and wellbeing priorities for children (through a targeted reduction in the both the harm to health and also the impact of alcohol on crime and antisocial behaviour) will be met in part through participation in the Local Alcohol Action Area programme.

### 6.2 **Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton**

The programme aims to encourage healthy behaviours amongst Halton residents which will lead to better health and wellbeing outcomes and contribute towards employability.

### 6.3 **A Healthy Halton**

The project is expected to have a direct positive impact on the health and wellbeing of residents by focusing on the harm to health that alcohol causes.

### 6.4 **A Safer Halton**

The project is expected to have a direct positive impact on the health and wellbeing of residents by focusing on a reduction in crime and antisocial behaviour that can arise from the misuse of alcohol.

### 6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**

The project is expected to have a direct positive impact on the night-time economy in Halton with a focus on the diversification away from alcohol based activity.

## 7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 Participation in the LAAA programme enables the Local Authority to utilise best practice from around the Country. Each individual element (where relevant) will be risk assessed to understand the impact on local services, resources and people.

There are a number of opportunities open to Halton as a result of the high profile that participation in this programme will bring, as well as the chance to make positive improvements to the lives of local people.

**8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 Any equality and diversity issues particularly around cultural issues will be explored with the programme prior to commencement of any activity.

**9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

<b>Document</b>	<b>Place of Inspection</b>	<b>Contact Officer</b>
APPENDIX A – 2nd QTR LAAA Return  APPENDIX B - LAAA Action Plan Update	Enclosed or via  Halton Town Hall	Simon Bell  <a href="mailto:Simon.bell@halton.gov.uk">Simon.bell@halton.gov.uk</a>  0151 511 6736

## LAAA Quarterly Progress Report

Please complete this form electronically, and return to [LAAAs@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:LAAAs@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk).

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<b>Reporting period:</b>	Q2 - April 14 – June 14		
<b>Aims: (delete as needed)</b>	Crime	Health	Diversification

<b>Please list the key milestones due in this reporting period</b>	<b>Progress towards each milestone</b>	<b>RAG status of progress</b>
To transform the relationship the people of Halton have with alcohol	We have commissioned Our Life to start a local conversation around alcohol – using an Inquiry approach based on the citizen's jury model of community engagement. This will commence in September	<b>green</b>
Increase awareness of the effects of alcohol on the unborn child	We have developed a social marketing campaign aimed at women of childbearing age to raise awareness of alcohol abstinence in pregnancy and foetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASD). This is currently being market tested. To be rolled out in Q3/ 4.	<b>green</b>
Support young people within Halton to delay onset of drinking, and reduce binge drinking	We have commissioned R U Different to deliver a school based social norms campaign around alcohol. This will commence in September.	<b>green</b>
Development of clear referral pathways across the life course	Work has commenced on Developing patient pathways in line with NICE guidance	<b>amber – need to ensure completed within timescales</b>
Ensure local licensing policy supports alcohol harm reduction agenda	Attended Drink Wise event and have completed self-assessment framework, next step is to use the tool to review and update SOLP in line with best practice.	<b>amber – need to ensure all partners engage with SOLP review process</b>
Reduction in underage drinking and associated anti-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Joint alcohol</li> </ul>	<b>Amber – Need to</b>

social behaviour	<p>reduction message aimed at young people has been developed (Agreed by HBC, Young Addaction, HIT, Police)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A task and finish group has been established to ensure the effective implementation of Operation Stay Safe</li> <li>• Need to further develop work around prevention of under-age sales restorative justice approach to underage sales</li> </ul>	<b>maintain progress to ensure all actions completed within timescales.</b>
Work with licensed premises to adopt more responsible approaches to the sale of alcohol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual has been identified from a licensed premise in Runcorn to act as lead for Runcorn Pub watch scheme</li> <li>• Attended Drink Wise event on Ipswich model Reduce the Strength campaign. Task and finish group has been established to consider if this scheme would work in Halton or how this could be adapted.</li> </ul>	<b>Amber – work ongoing, Need to maintain progress to ensure all actions completed within timescales</b>
Prevention of alcohol related domestic violence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A task and finish group has been established to review pathways to support for both victims and perpetrators of domestic violence</li> </ul>	<b>Amber - work ongoing, Need to maintain progress to ensure all actions completed within timescales</b>
Create a more diverse and vibrant night-time economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Benchmarking against purple flag standards has commenced.</li> </ul>	<b>Amber – work ongoing, Need to maintain progress to ensure all actions completed within timescales</b>
<b>If your area is exploring ways to develop local data, evidence and processes to inform how alcohol health harms might be taken into account in future for local CIPs, please complete the section below. <i>N.B. Any activities must fall within the current parameters of the Licensing Act 2003.</i></b>		
<b>Key milestones</b>	<b>Progress towards</b>	<b>RAG status of</b>

	each milestone	progress
Review of local licensing policy to be conducted supported by Drinkwise.	Self-assessment framework completed. Next step is to use this tool to review SOLP with relevant partners.	<b>amber - need to ensure all partners engage with SOLP review process</b>
		(red/amber/green)
		(red/amber/green)
<b>Please describe any changes to your plan, objectives or milestones and the reasons for them</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We have volunteered to pilot PHE available data tool. This tool is intended to support responsible authorities, in particular (but not exclusively) local authority public health teams to play an active role in influencing alcohol harms through the licensing process. We will be attending the event in August related to use of the tool.</li> <li>Local discussions related to data collection in A+E (Cardiff Model) – this was not included within our original action plan but could potentially be explored as part of the LAAA work.</li> </ul>		
<b>Please briefly highlight any challenges and how you are planning to overcome them</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintaining engagement of all key partners – Regular communication and updates, LAAA activity being linked into local alcohol harm reduction strategy work.</li> <li>The utilisation of resources to ensure activities are affordable, high quality and make a significant impact. Many of the proposed activities have not attracted any additional resource and must be delivered through existing funding arrangements.</li> </ul>		
<b>What will your priorities be over the next quarter? Please list these with reference to a milestone/completion date for each.</b>		
Please see Halton's Local Alcohol Action Area (LAAA) action plan for full details of agreed activity during Q3 +Q4 (Attached)		
<b>Are you confident that your area is on track to deliver reductions in alcohol-related harms, and/or improve diversity of the night time economy as part of this project? Please indicate using the appropriate RAG status.</b>		
<b>RAG status</b>	<b>Comments</b>	
(red/amber/green)	Amber – Good progress has been made so however there is a need to maintain momentum.	
<b>Any additional comments</b>		
During the second quarter we have focussed on building on first quarter activity, establishing leads and support groups for each action. We have also ensured that all work was done under the oversight and guidance of the development of the wider alcohol strategy and action plan for Halton.		

## Local Alcohol Action Area (LAAA) Action plan

Halton has been named as one of only 20 Local Alcohol Action Areas (LAAA) as part of a project to tackle the harmful and expensive effects of excessive alcohol consumption. This plan outlines the agreed actions across three key areas – reducing alcohol-related health harms, reducing alcohol-related crime and disorder and creating a more diverse and vibrant night time economy.

	Objective	Actions	Timescales (Jan 2014 –Jan 2015)	Lead	Outcomes (How will we know we have been successful?)
1	To transform the relationship the people of Halton have with alcohol	A. Start a community conversation around alcohol – using an Inquiry approach based on the citizen's jury model of community engagement.	Q1+Q2 – development and planning Q3 – Delivery of Inquiry approach Q4 - Evaluation	Public Health/ Our Life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase knowledge of participants of alcohol related harm within local communities</li> <li>• Development of community led recommendations for change</li> <li>• Increase in number of participants who feel engaged and that they can inform local decision making processes</li> </ul>
<b>Reducing alcohol-related health harms</b>					
2	Increase awareness of the effects of alcohol on the unborn child	B. Develop a social marketing campaign aimed at women of childbearing age to raise awareness of alcohol abstinence in pregnancy and foetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASD).	Q1 – insight work Q2 +3 - development of campaign and market testing Q4 – Launch and evaluation	Public Health/ Health improvement team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase in knowledge of safe drinking during pregnancy</li> </ul>

3	Support young people within Halton to delay onset of drinking, and reduce binge drinking	C. Development of a school based social norms campaign around alcohol	Q1 +2 – Develop service specification Q3+4 –commence delivery in schools (Note programme will run over school year Sept – July, therefore full evaluation will not be available until Summer 2015)	Public Health/ R U Different	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shift in perceptions of young people related to alcohol consumption</li> <li>• Reduction in the number of young people who state that they binge drink (Trading Standards North West survey)</li> </ul>
4	Development of clear referral pathways across the life course	D. Develop patient pathways in line with NICE guidance E. Development of a robust data sharing protocols	Q2 +3 – Pathways review Q4 -data sharing protocol development	PH supported by CRI, ALNs, HIT, Acute Trusts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pathways developed and shared between agencies</li> <li>• Data sharing protocols in place</li> </ul>
5	Ensure local licensing policy supports alcohol harm reduction agenda	F. Review statement of licensing policy	Q2 +3 – Complete Drink Wise self-assessment tool, raise awareness of need to review policy Q4 – Review policy	Public health supported by community safety team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SOLP reviewed and revised in line with best practice</li> </ul>
<b>Reducing alcohol-related crime and disorder</b>					
6	Reduction in underage drinking and associated anti-social behaviour	G. Development of joint alcohol reduction messages aimed at young people	Q2+3 – Development of messages Q4 - Launch	Public health supported by Community safety team, Cheshire Police, Trading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shift in perceptions of young people related to alcohol consumption</li> </ul>
		H. Ensure the effective implementation of Operation Stay Safe	Q2 – task and finish group to be		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evidence of effective partnership working to</li> </ul>

			established	standards, health improvement team, Young Addaction	deliver programme
		I. Explore the added value of Community Alcohol Partnerships	Q1 – Invite CAP to alcohol steering meeting		
		J. Prevention of under-age sales – proof of age scheme, restorative justice approach to underage sales	Q2 – task and finish group to be established Q4 – Recommendations		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To be developed</li> </ul>
7	Work with licensed premises to adopt more responsible approaches to the sale of alcohol	K. Further development and strengthening of local Pub watch	Q1-4 Focus on development of Runcorn Pub watch scheme	Community safety team, Cheshire Police, supported by public health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase in number of pubs signed up to scheme</li> </ul>
		L. Further development and strengthening of Best bar none scheme	Q1-4		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase in number of pubs signed up to scheme</li> </ul>
		M. Explore the possibility of voluntary agreements related to sales of high strength alcohol (Ipswich model)	Q2 - task and finish group to be established Q4 – Recommendations		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plan towards developing voluntary agreements locally</li> </ul>
8	Prevention of alcohol related domestic violence	N. Review current activity and identify and implement best practice	Q2 - task and finish group to be established Q4 – Recommendations and actions agreed	Community safety team, Cheshire Police supported by public health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve pathways to support for alcohol for both victims (including family support) and perpetrators of domestic violence.</li> <li>Monitor referrals to alcohol treatment services</li> </ul>



Creating a more diverse and vibrant night time economy					
9	Create a more diverse and vibrant night-time economy	O. Begin process of benchmarking against Purple Flag standards	Q2 - begin process of benchmarking Q4 – Recommendations and actions agreed	Community safety team, Cheshire Police, community development team supported by public health	• Benchmarking against standards complete and recommendations made for action
		P. Explore possibility of developing night time events in Halton which are non-alcohol based (Night markets, pop-up cinema, events).			

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**REPORT TO:** Safer Policy & Performance Board

**DATE:** 16 September 2014

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Strategic Director, Communities

**PORTFOLIO:** Community Safety

**SUBJECT:** Presentation: Community Safety Inspectors Update

**WARD(S)** Borough-wide

**1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

To provide a verbal report on the Community Safety Inspectors Update to the Safer Policy and Performance Board.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the report be noted;**

**3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 To provide an update on the work of the Community Safety Inspector.

**4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 No policy implications.

**5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 No financial implications.

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

**6.1 Children and Young People in Halton**

None identified.

**6.2 Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton**

None identified.

**6.3 A Healthy Halton**

None identified.

**6.4 A Safer Halton**

None identified.

6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**

None identified.

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 None identified.

8.0 **EQUALITY & DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 There are no Equality and Diversity issues associated with this report.

9.0 **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

None under the meaning of the Act.

**REPORT TO:** Safer Halton Policy and Performance Board  
**DATE:** 16 September 2014  
**REPORTING OFFICER:** Michael Andrews  
**SUBJECT:** Domestic Abuse Consultation Document  
**WARDS:** Borough Wide

### **1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 To update the Policy and Performance Board on the proposal to strengthen the law on domestic abuse to offer better protection to victims.

### **2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That**

- (1) The report be received and noted; and**
- (2) The Policy and Performance Board raises any issues to be included in the response to the consultation.**

### **3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 3.1 A new Home Office consultation published on the 20<sup>th</sup> August 2014 seeks views on whether the current law on domestic abuse needs to be strengthened to offer better protection to victims. It is specifically focused on whether a specific offence that captures patterns of coercive and controlling behavior in intimate relationships should be created.

#### **3.2 Should the current law be strengthened?**

There are arguments for and against making a specific domestic abuse offence.

At present, there is no specific offence of domestic abuse outlining that coercive and controlling behaviour in intimate relationships is criminal. These behaviours are captured in stalking and harassment legislation, but this does not explicitly apply to intimate relationships.

Some experts have argued that this means the law is ambiguous and perpetrators of domestic abuse are committing criminal acts but not being brought to justice.

- 3.3 Coercive and controlling behaviour have been brought within the non-statutory Government definition of domestic abuse:

***“any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive, threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over who are, or have been, intimate partners or family members regardless of gender or sexuality.”***

**Controlling behaviour** has been defined by government as ‘a range of acts designed to make a person subordinate and/or dependent by isolating them from sources of support, exploiting their resources and capacities for personal gain, depriving them of the means needed for independence, resistance and escape and regulating their everyday behaviour.’

**Coercive behaviour** has been defined as ‘an act or a pattern of acts of assault, threats, humiliation and intimidation or other abuse that is used to harm, punish, or frighten their victim.’

- 3.4 The question the consultation asks is whether the law needs to be strengthened by creating a specific offence making it clear that coercive and controlling behaviours perpetrated in an intimate relationship to control someone or cause them fear are criminal?

There is said to be no need for greater clarity around violent behaviours, which are effectively criminalised through existing offences. However non-violent behaviours are criminalised through legislation that is not explicitly applicable to intimate relationships.

Victims of domestic abuse often fear the consequences of reporting their abuse for their families and even their perpetrators. Accessing the criminal justice system can be intimidating, particularly where a victim is likely to remain emotionally involved with their perpetrator.

- 3.5 Creating a new offence may also be seen as duplicating existing legislation relating to stalking and harassment, and distracting frontline agencies from the fundamental operational changes that are urgently needed to use the existing framework effectively.

Conversely, the HMIC report on domestic abuse makes it clear that the police fail to see domestic abuse, particularly in its non-violent form, as a serious crime. Acts that are clearly criminal are not referred for prosecution and arrest rate varies widely. Creating a specific offence of domestic abuse may send a clear, consistent message to frontline agencies that non-violent control in an intimate relationship is criminal. Explicitly capturing this in legislation may also help victims identify the behaviour they are suffering as wrong and encourage them to report it, and cause perpetrators to rethink their controlling behaviour.

The closing date for responses is 15 October 2014.

#### **4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 Any changes to the current legislation following the consultation period will need to be incorporated into our current policy and practices.

#### **5.0 RISK ANALYSIS**

- 5.1 None associated with this report .

#### **6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

- 6.1 Children and Young People in Halton

At this stage there are no current implications

- 6.2 **Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton**

None

- 6.3 **A Healthy Halton**

At this stage there are no current implications

- 6.4 **A Safer Halton**

This consultation may lead to new criminal offences being created which will help to improve the way local partners deal with Domestic Abuse in Halton

- 6.5 **Urban Renewal**

None

#### **7.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY**

None

#### **8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

- 8.1 Everyone's Business: Improving the Police Response to Domestic Abuse.

<http://www.hmic.gov.uk/publication/improving-the-police-response-to-domestic-abuse/>

8.2 Strengthening the Law on Domestic Abuse: A consultation

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/344674/Strengthening\\_the\\_law\\_on\\_Domestic\\_Abuse\\_-\\_A\\_Consultation\\_WEB.PDF](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/344674/Strengthening_the_law_on_Domestic_Abuse_-_A_Consultation_WEB.PDF)