

SAFER HALTON PARTNERSHIP

At a meeting of the Safer Halton Partnership Tuesday, 11 May 2010 Civic Suite, Town Hall, Runcorn

Present	M. Andrews	
	S. Blackwell	Cheshire Police
	S. Boycott	Cheshire Police
	D. Cargill	
	A. Collins	Police Authority
	S. Eastwood	HBC Health and Community
	N. Goodwin	
	A. Graham	HBC Marketing and Communications
	D. Houghton	HBC Policy and Partnerships
	G. Jones	Youth Offending Team
	Osborne	
	N. Sharpe	Halton Housing Trust
	M. Simpson	
	K. Thornden	Cheshire Probation
	C. Walsh	Halton & ST Helens PCT
	L. Weston	Cheshire Immigration Team - UK Border Agency
	Wright	

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SHP1 WELCOME

Supt Sarah Boycott welcomed everybody to the meeting and introductions were made.

SHP2 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from David Parr, Dwayne Johnson, Rose Lyden, Nigel Moorhouse, Norman Oldham, Hitesh Patel and Richard Gorst.

SHP3 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES 230210

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd February 2010 were agreed subject to amendments in relation to SHP 25 which should have read that a six week intervention scheme and the initiative mentioned in paragraph 3 was yet to be implemented.

SHP4 LOCALITY WORKING

The Partnership was advised that the new arrangements with regard to locality working would entail

pre-agenda meetings with partners and organisations to discuss items for agenda, there would be three a year plus two strategic meetings per year.

There would be an annual review each year and assessments with key working objectives. Community Development staff had been allocated to each Locality Area Forum.

The Board discussed whether PCSOs would be in attendance, duplication issues in addition to the normal tasking and co-ordination process and that the correct people were invited to attend the pre meetings in relation to working at the partnership in individual areas. In order to meet the needs of each area there would be different approaches and external partners involved in the process.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted and participation be provided where possible.

SHP5 BYE-LAW ON MINIMUM PRICE OF ALCOHOL

The Partnership was updated on the proposal for a Bye-law on minimum price of alcohol as part of a wider campaign to impose a minimum unit price of .50p per unit for the sale of alcohol. It was noted that it had been to the Executive Board and an update would be provided at a future Partnership meeting.

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

SHP6 SAFE AND CONFIDENT NEIGHBOURHOODS

The Partnership was informed of the Safe and Confident Neighbourhoods Strategy which set out the roles of partnership working groups under the safer community remit. It was noted that the Partnership would still be known as the "Safer Halton Partnership".

SHP7 SAFEGUARDING VULNERABLE ADULTS

The Partnership considered a report regarding safeguarding vulnerable adults which provided an update on the key issues and progression of the agenda for Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults in Halton.

It was noted that there was a Care Quality Inspection scheduled for September,

Key issues regarding the inspection were outlined in

the report for information. The Partnership was advised that 26 Members had attended a course in Basic Awareness training, web links, text alerts and various communication methods had been established.

Appended to the report was a Safeguarding Adults Board flowchart which set out the structures within the Safeguarding Adults Board.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

SHP8 SAFER HALTON JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The Partnership received an update regarding the Safer Halton Partnership Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. A steering group had been set up to consider and analyse statistical data from various sources. Arising from the work of the steering group five priorities had been identified as follows:

- Anti-social behaviour;
- Alcohol miss-use and its impact on crime and communities;
- Tackling drug use;
- Safeguarding vulnerable adults and children; and
- Communication and community engagement.

It was noted that each section of the Partnership would look at their respective areas to identify information in order to make a positive impact on the priorities listed above.

Partners were asked to forward any comments regarding the priorities and structure to Debbie Houghton within 10 days.

Arising from the discussion it was noted that domestic violence had not been identified as a single priority, and the importance of this must remain high on the agenda. It was agreed that this should now be added as an additional priority within the JSNA.

The Partnership noted the report.

SHP9 TASK GROUP UPDATES

The Partnership considered the 4th quarter updates, in particular it was noted that:

- In relation to performance management the main priorities had been drafted. The emerging priorities set out the information and were used to inform the JSNA process and identify the key priorities for the work of the Partnership.
- In relation to drugs it was noted that performance was improving across the board and positive feedback had been received regarding treatment and planning. It was reported that 85% of the people were in treatment which supported the evidence including people from the Custody Suite. However, due to the success of the people in treatment the target would not be hit. However this was a good news story. It was further noted that, in relation to funding there would be some allocated for planned exits and as performance was positive, there may well be funds allocated;
- In relation to engagement cohesion and liveability it was noted that an exercise was being carried out in partnership regarding mini motorcycles where a crushing exercise took place involving 60 – 80 bikes. It was reported that there was some work being carried out linked closely with the use of the Council's CCTV cameras and more funding was required. The Halton Strategic Partnership Board had recently agreed to provide a small amount of funding to this need as CCTV played a big part in preventing, deterring and detecting crime;
- In relation to prolific and other offending teams it was reported that there were rehabilitation meetings and offenders were now in detox. The victims had met with groups and the scheme was on track; and
- With regard to reducing re-offending, the Partnership was informed that there were linkages for renewed strategy and a new duty to reduce re-offending and the integrated Offender Management System built upon PPO schemes within the overall framework in the LGA. It was further noted that there were two key focus points being identification of the cohort and targeting SO offenders. The

Partnership was informed that the top crime for re-offenders was shoplifting, criminal damage and then common assault. The Partnership was advised of the next steps in terms of combining probation and Police intelligence firstly would be infrastructure then co-ordination, administration and monitoring processes. Various models would be investigated and a mapping exercise of what would be required in terms of resources would be explored to take forward to future meetings.

RESOLVED: That the Task Group updates be noted.

SHP10 HATE CRIMES

The Partnership was informed that the final quarter of 2009/10 period had shown a further 21% reduction in the number of race/hate incidents reported to the Police.

It was further noted that a total of 9 race hate and 2 homophobic incidents reported. Of the 11 reported 8 were found to meet the Hate Crime criteria and the figures were broken down and detailed in the report for information. The Partnership raised concerns that although the reduction in the race hate incidents had reduced this could be due to victims not reporting offences. Victims could be encouraged and educated in order to report hate race crimes. The Partnership also discussed educating young people in terms of accepting other cultures and other people's ways of life.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

SHP11 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

The Partnership considered under items for information the Anti-Social Behaviour Executive Summary.

Meeting ended at 4.00 p.m.