

Safer Policy & Performance Board Priority Based Report

Reporting Period: Quarter 4 – 1st January to 31st March 2015

1.0 Introduction

This report provides an overview of issues and progress against key service area objectives and milestones and performance targets during the fourth 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:

COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT

Community Safety

A report on Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) was presented to Executive Board. The power to issue PSPOs was created through the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 and gives councils and the police special provisions (e.g. place restrictions/prohibitions on specific behaviours) to tackle and prevent incidents of ASB. Unlike previous orders, PSPOs can contain more than one restriction, meaning that a single PSPO can deal with a wider range of unacceptable behaviour. Breaching a PSPO could result in a written warning, a Fixed Penalty Notice of up to £100 or prosecution and a fine of up to £1,000. Council and Police officers have been collaborating to develop the process for issuing PSPOs and will use them to enhance their ability to address ASB in identified 'hot spot' areas.

POLICY, PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION

Traffic and Risk & Emergency Planning/Health & Safety

Traffic Management: During the past year Halton BC has now become a full member of the Cheshire Road Safety Group (CRSG) that looks after the Safety Cameras within the

Borough. Four cameras within the Borough have been converted to digital operation. Due to the construction of the Mersey Gateway the cameras on the expressway system have not been converted as the traffic patterns and speeds will change so their need will need to be re-assessed.

Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS): A project is underway to link all the Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) within the LCR Combined Authority area. Initially, there will be no change but ultimately this will allow the sharing of resources, such as Variable Message Signs (VMS), by all authorities. This will also be important for the Mersey Gateway and the Mersey Tunnels to assist in dealing with incidents.

COMMISSIONING & COMPLEX CARE

There are no key developments to report for Commissioning and Complex Care.

PREVENTION AND ASSESSMENT

There are no key developments to report for Prevention and Assessment.

PUBLIC HEALTH

There are no key developments to report for Public Health.

3.0 Emerging Issues

PUBLIC HEALTH

Alcohol Awareness: Good progress has been made related to reducing Under 18 alcohol admission rates locally. Alcohol health education sessions are being delivered in all local schools. Uptake remains good for HPV vaccination latest data for 2013/14 shows uptake of all 3 doses at 90.9%, above target and slightly higher than the England average. Tier 2 mental health services for children and young people have been commissioned and the service has just started.

POLICY, PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION

Traffic and Risk & Emergency Planning/Health & Safety

Street Lighting: It has been agreed to convert a number of street lights within residential areas to LED operation over the next three years. A joint bid was made to the Highways Maintenance Challenge Fund with St Helens and Sefton Councils to convert the lights on high speed roads to LED operation but this was unsuccessful.

The conversion to LED operation reduces our overall costs (energy and operating costs) as the lamps do not need changing as frequently. This will be important if as it will allow us to continue to provide more street lighting across the Borough.

Emergency Planning: Due to changes in legislation, it is likely that the number of sites requiring off site emergency plans under the Control of Major Accident Hazards (COMAH), there are currently five sites within Halton requiring these plans.

Network Management: Construction of the Mersey Gateway is underway and beginning to impact on the road network. This will increase particularly on the Widnes side as Ditton roundabout is re-modelled to a signalised junction and Watkinson Way is removed between Ashley Way and the Silver Jubilee Bridge. This is impacting on service delivery and staff resources that are required to co-ordinate the works to minimise the impact on the Borough.

Intelligent transport Systems (ITS): Initial discussions are taking place between the six authorities within the LCR Combined Authority to have a joint ITS maintenance contract, with a target start date of 1 April 2017. This goes some way to meeting of the initial aims of the Combined Authority, which is to seek efficiencies through joint procurement exercises.

COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT

There are no emerging issues to report for Community and Environment.

COMMISSIONING & COMPLEX CARE

There are no emerging issues to report for Commissioning and Complex Care.

PREVENTION AND ASSESSMENT

There are no emerging issues to report for Prevention and Assessment.

4.0 Risk Control Measures

Risk control forms an integral part of the Council's Business Planning and performance monitoring arrangements. As such Directorate Risk Registers were updated in tandem with the development of the suite of 2014/15 Directorate Business Plans.

Progress concerning the implementation of all Directorate high-risk mitigation measures was reported in Quarter 2 and Risk Registers are currently being reviewed for 2015/16 in tandem with the development of next year's Directorate Business Plans.

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	Q4 Progress
CCC1	Conduct a review of Domestic Violence Services to ensure services continue to meet the needs of Halton residents	

Supporting Commentary

CCC1 Domestic Violence

This has now been completed with the commencement of the new Halton Domestic Abuse service on 1st July 2014.

Key Performance Indicators



None applicable to Safer Halton priorities

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 4	Current Progress	Direction of Travel
<u>PA 3</u>	Percentage of VAA Assessments completed within 28 days (Previously PCS15) (Previously PA5 [12/13], PA8 [11/12])	87.69%	85%	86.8%		

Supporting Commentary









PA 3 Percentage of VAA Assessments completed within 28 days: Target has been achieved.

COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT

Key objectives and milestones

None applicable to Safer Halton priorities.

Key Performance Indicators

Ref	Description	Actual 2013/14	Target 2014/15	Quarter 4	Current Progress	Direction of Travel
<u>CE LI 13</u>	Residual household waste per household	624 Kgs	650 kgs	534 kgs		
<u>CE LI 14</u>	Household waste recycled and composted	38.53%	40%	48.0%		
<u>CE LI 16</u>	Municipal waste land filled	57.17%	60%	14.9%		
<u>CE LI 18</u>	Improved Local Biodiversity – Active Management of Local Sites	50.94%	54%	56%		

Supporting Commentary


CE LI 13 Residual household waste per household: This is an estimated figure but indications are that this target has been met.

CE LI 14 Household waste recycled and composted: This is an estimated figure but indications are that this target has been significantly exceeded.

CE LI 16 Municipal waste land filled: This is an estimated figure but indications are that this target has been significantly exceeded.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Key objectives and milestones



Ref	Milestones	Q4 Progress
PH04	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. March 2015	

Supporting Commentary

PH 04 Alcohol Harm Reduction: An alcohol harm reduction strategy for Halton has been developed. The strategy was developed in partnership with colleagues from health, social care, education, voluntary sector, police and the community safety team. The strategy sets out actions across the life course to reduce alcohol related harm and reduce hospital admissions. Good progress has been made related to reducing Under 18 admission rates locally. Key activity includes:

- Alcohol health education sessions are being delivered in all local schools.
- Community outreach work continues to educate young people about alcohol, offer advice and support and promote alcohol free local activities for young people.
- Running a local awareness campaign around the dangers of drinking alcohol during pregnancy.
- Training key staff (midwives, health visitors, early year's staff, staff working with children and young people) in the early identification and support of those who misuse alcohol.

Key Performance Indicators

Ref	Description	Actual 2013/14	Target 2014/15	Quarter 4	Current Progress	Direction of Travel
PH LI 004 (SCS HH 1)	Admissions which are wholly attributable to alcohol AAF=1, rate per 100,000 population	947.5 (2013/14)	1,038	916.2 (Q3 2014/15)		

Supporting Commentary

PH LI 04 Alcohol admissions: The number of admissions which are wholly attributable to alcohol saw a reduction in Q3 2014/15 and is now lower than the 2013/14 rate.

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

Statement from the Financial Management Team

The Council's 2014/15 year-end accounts are currently being finalised. The year-end position for each Department will therefore be made available via the Intranet by 30th June 2015.




APPENDIX 2 – Explanation of Symbols

Symbols are used in the following manner:

Progress		<u>Objective</u>	<u>Performance Indicator</u>
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 performance is better as compared to the same period last year.
Amber		Indicates that performance is the same as compared to the same period last year.
Red		Indicates that performance is worse as compared to the same period last year.
N/A		Indicates that the measure cannot be compared to the same period last year.