



# Safer Halton **PARTNERSHIP**

a member of the Halton Strategic Partnership

## Action Points From 28<sup>th</sup> September 2016

### Present:

David Parr	HBC (Chief Executive) : Chair
Cllr Dave Cargill	HBC (Community Safety Portfolio Holder)
Cllr Dave Thompson	HBC (Police and Crime Panel)
Alan Fairclough	Cheshire Constabulary
Danielle Whitwell	National Probation Service
Deana Perchard	HBC Trading Standards
Elsbeth Anwar	HBC (Public Health)
Gareth Jones	Youth Offending Service
Greg Sharples	Faith Representative
John Bucknall	HBC (Childrens Services)
Karen Taylor	CRC (Probation)
Mark Harvey	Halton Housing Trust
Martin Cleworth	Cheshire Constabulary (for part of meeting)
Mike Andrews	HBC (Community Safety Manager)
Neil Ellwood	Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
Richard Rees	Cheshire Constabulary
Shélah Semoff	HBC (Partnership Officer)

1) **Welcome and Introductions**

**Action**

2) **Apologies**

L McVay, S Bell, C Patino

3) **Minutes of the Last Meeting and Matters Arising**

Minutes of 11<sup>th</sup> May 2016 agreed.

4) **Task Group Updates:**

- a) Quarterly Alcohol : Report noted – good lessons learned from CAP pilot which will be rolled out (multi agency approach working with young people) – consumption nationally has increased with shift in where people drink and access to cheap alcohol – need to do more work with off licenses picking up messages around harm – DG commented on success of CAP after attending event – well received by public but bad weather washed signs (chalk on the ground) away – but these will be redrawn using the stencils.
- b) Crime, Anti-Social Behaviour and Partnership Tasking : Report noted – some discussion about different recording methods and the need to ensure Elected Members get the message that Police are active and dealing with issues – piece of work to review and refresh how Blue Lamps are shared – MA to speak to Comms

**MA**

team about positive messages – RR mentioned Police Now scheme – recruitment underway for 9 new staff (but not response officers) – with areas of responsibility for them such as “engagement” and trying to solve those engrained issues that are a problem in some areas – paper re: new staff (5 in Runcorn and 4 in Widnes) to be brought back to future meeting.

MA/RR

- c) Domestic Abuse : Report noted – refuge working well for males and females – awaiting evaluation of Enhance pilot and pushing out lessons learned across Cheshire – discussions underway to push forward action plan to develop Cheshire as the first White Ribbon County – Group supported this piece of work.
- d) Substance Misuse : Report noted – service has been recommissioned with same provided but with different name – partnership working is a large of activity – small increase in under 18’s presenting but reflects national trend; Recovery Walk went exceptionally well - with huge Thank You to Halton and staff at Stadium – walk organisers say it was the most successful in 5 years; increase in Drug Related Deaths – reflect national trend – mainly older long term users now experiencing detrimental related health issues; Drug Alert Notification – need to ensure right people get the information.
- e) Licensing : Report noted – discussions took place around Cheshire Police’s consultation to stop Arc Angel and replace with new scheme Best Bar None - it was felt that engagement had been difficult in other parts of Cheshire and a fresh approach to the work and to the branding would produce better results – ensuring there are integrated links to the Street Safe work around wider ASB and night-time economy issues; increase in pubs failing to pay fees as they are struggling in current climate and this is impacting on night-time economy.

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5) **Police and Crime Commissioner**

Police and Crime Plan is out for consultation and holds no surprises re: funding and grants – members were encouraged to comment – it was felt that the plan reflected known challenges.

6) **Police and Crime Panel**

New PCC presented Annual Plan which was from outgoing PCC – one area of discussion was ability of Constabularies to record their own categories of Hate Crime – in Nottingham they now record harassment against women for example – good use of flexibility; looking at increasing the number of locations that broadcast the Panel’s webcast.

7) **Serious Organised Crime**

New government regulation that each LA is duty bound to have an SOC Panel – Halton’s has met 3 times looking at 2 families. This is a collective partnership approach, with membership of the group changing depending on issues being looked at. Papers are shared via a secure website, and whilst the SHP may get updates from time to time, papers will not be shared due to confidentiality.

**Additional Agenda Item : Hate Crime Annual Figures**

Quarterly figures produced – it was agreed that a contextual report was needed to fully understand the figures.

MA

8) **Lilycross Planning Application for Change of Use  
Cllr Thompson declared an interest and left room**

DP have a quick update concerning the above change of use application that had been submitted to the Council. RR explained that a Community Impact Assessment was running with links into the CST, which was helping to understand current tensions, which were low at the moment. However it was envisaged that these would rise closer to the decision being made. NE suggested that Cheshire Cares should be engaged and involved in the developing work.

SS

9) **Information Items**  
All information items noted.

10) **AOB**  
1) GW mentioned that the Taylor Review of Youth Justice, which had been commissioned by Michael Gove, was done but with the Prime Minister before publication. GW will keep the SHP informed. **GW**

11) **Date and Time of Next Meeting**  
23<sup>rd</sup> November @ 10:00 am Boardroom, Widnes Municipal Buildings

Agreed As A True And Accurate Record on 23rd November 2016