

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

**DATE:** 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Strategic Director – Enterprise, Community and Resources

**PORTFOLIO:** Community Safety

**SUBJECT:** Multi Agency initiatives to tackle Knife Crime

**WARDS:** Borough wide

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 The Chair has invited our key partners to the meeting so that they can update the board on the positive work that they are doing in partnership with the Police and Council to make Halton safer.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That**

- 1) **the report be noted; and**
- 2) **the Board consider the information presented and raise any questions of interest or points of clarification following the presentation.**

## **3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 Following recent events in Runcorn and other trends that are emerging across the Borough (and Nationally) with regard to knife crime and violence against the person by young people, Halton has established a multi-agency response to what is clearly becoming a significant issue for our communities.

3.2 The purpose of this response is to help us have a better understanding of the current picture in Halton in respect of knife crime and violence against the person, especially that being perpetrated by young people.

It will also help to inform the Board of what the Police, the Council and other partners are doing to tackle this issue and provide community reassurance, as well as to explore what others are doing elsewhere in addressing similar issues by reviewing best practice nationally.

A key part of this work is to identify what the community and community representatives can do individually and collectively to help tackle this issue.

3.3 A couple of key actions have emerged as a priority for this work, namely

- To develop a structured approach
- To address the current culture that carrying a weapon is acceptable
- To educate and raise awareness that carrying a weapon is not acceptable
- To educate and raise awareness about staying safe
- To develop a Programme of Measures to deliver a long term and sustainable approach
- To engage with the community, they need to own the solution and our organisations need to offer support.

#### **4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

**4.1 None**

#### **5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

**5.1 None**

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

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

The Community Safety Service as a universal service impacts on the health, safety and well-being of young people.

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

**None**

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

The Community Safety Service as a universal service impacts on the Health, safety and well-being of the residents of Halton.

##### **6.4 A Safer Halton**

The Community Safety Service as a universal service impacts on the Health, safety and well-being of the residents of Halton.

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

**None**

**7.0 RISK ANALYSIS**

**None**

**8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

**None**

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

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