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## Safer Policy and Performance Board

Tuesday, 13 September 2016 at 6.30 p.m.  
Council Chamber, Runcorn Town Hall

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**Chief Executive**

### **BOARD MEMBERSHIP**

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| Councillor Dave Thompson<br>(Chairman)           | Labour |
| Councillor Norman Plumpton Walsh<br>(Vice-Chair) | Labour |
| Councillor John Abbott                           | Labour |
| Councillor Susan Edge                            | Labour |
| Councillor John Gerrard                          | Labour |
| Councillor Sandra Baker                          | Labour |
| Councillor Valerie Hill                          | Labour |
| Councillor Geoff Zygadlo                         | Labour |
| Councillor Peter Lloyd Jones                     | Labour |
| Councillor Kath Loftus                           | Labour |
| Councillor Shaun Osborne                         | Labour |

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IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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

**DATE:** 13 September 2016

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community 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 & Performance Board

**DATE:** 13 September 2016

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Strategic Director Enterprise Community & Resources

**SUBJECT:** Annual Report 2015/16

**PORTFOLIO:** Resources

**WARDS:** Borough wide

### 1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

To receive the Annual Report of the Safer Policy and Performance Board for 2015/16, to comment in respect of the same, and to make any changes considered appropriate.

### 2.0 RECOMMENDED: That the report be approved.

### 3.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

None at this stage

### 4.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

None at this stage

### 5.0 RISK ANALYSIS

N/A

### 6.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

N/A

### 7.0 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> |
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| Overview and Scrutiny Toolkit | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Municipal Building | C. Patino              |

**ANNUAL REPORT  
SAFEER HALTON POLICY AND PERFORMANCE BOARD  
APRIL 2015 – MARCH 2016**



Councillor Dave  
Thompson  
Chairman

Creating a 'Safer Halton' remains a key priority for the Council and its partners and empowers confidence in our residents and visitors that they are supported and protected from harm.

The Safer Halton Policy and Performance Board remains focussed on meeting the needs of the community as well as exploring and anticipating emerging issues.

I am satisfied, as Chair of the Board that we have considered, responded to, and reported on the main issues affecting Halton and we have also focused on new areas that have not previously been scrutinised. We have challenged the use of Novel/New Psychoactive Substances (so called 'Legal Highs'), forming conclusions before even the government was advising of change. We have also examined this year the work by the Border Agency, RNLI, Port Health and other bodies that also contribute to our safety. The Board has also examined new areas of the work undertaken by Cheshire Police which pose emerging threats to Halton, including the control of dangerous dogs and counter terrorism.

'Chairman's Announcements' were added to the agenda this year to ensure that feedback could be provided to members on actions or issues discussed at the previous meeting.

I thank my colleagues who sit on the Board for their contributions and to those officers who presented to the Board for their through and thought-provoking input. In particular I wish best wishes to Cllr Lea who is standing down as Vice Chair and a member of the Council.

We have also been extremely fortunate to have excellent support and reporting from our officers and I would place on record my thanks to: Chris Patino, Mike Andrews, Jimmy Unsworth, Nicola Hallmark, Natalie Chase-Caffyn, Suzanne Shepherd, Janet Guy, Elspeth Anwar, Lyn Derbyshire, John Williams, Christine Lawley, Jackie Rogers; Peter Kenny, Gill Ferguson, Ann Jones and Bill Seabury.

**Councillor Dave Thompson**  
Chairman, Safer Halton Policy and Performance Board

## MEMBERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITIES

During the municipal year 2015-16 the Board comprised of 11 elected members: Councillors Thompson (Chair), Lea (Vice-Chair), Bradshaw, Edge, Gerrard, Gilligan, Hill, M. Lloyd-Jones, Nolan, Sinnott, and Zygadlo. I would like to extend our particular thanks to Cllr. Ratcliffe who sat on the Board prior to her defeat in the May 2015 elections.

The Board is responsible for scrutinising performance and formulating policy in relation to Community Safety, Domestic Abuse, Safeguarding Adults, Environmental Health and Safer Halton Partnership. The Board is also represented on the Cheshire Police & Crime Panel.

Topic Groups for 15/16:

- Novel/New Psychoactive Substances ('Legal Highs')

The board also agreed a programme of 'scrutiny visits' which are on-going at this time.

## REVIEW OF THE YEAR

The full Board met 4 times during the year.

The programme of activity for the Board over the 2015/16 period covers the following:

## OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

Mounting concerns over the rising trend in the use and abuse of Novel Psychoactive Substances (NPSs), led the PPB to form a scrutiny topic group. The group met monthly to review actions and initiatives aimed at both monitoring and alleviating the problem.

An early recommendation was taken to Executive Board to impose a ban of NPSs on all Council and premises.

Officers and partner agencies fed into the topic group in order to examine the usages and prevalence of NPSs within the Borough; the enforcement options available; and the activity and initiatives aimed at alleviate the issue, and in particular consideration of the welfare of young people across the community. It was noted that there was use of NPSs being made in the borough and that the Council had a role to play with other agencies in tackling this issue.

An amendment to the Statement of Licencing Policy (SOLP), incorporating a commitment for premises to manage drug misuse, was recognised as a key achievement in identifying and tackling the issue.

During a site visit to the Council's commissioned substance misuse service, CRI, the group were impressed by the outstanding work and wide spectrum of activity



taking place. Work includes education and deterrent programmes, through to support and wellbeing services.

The topic group found that the Council had at its disposal sufficient powers to act against any shop or premises selling NPSs and we had a means of influence to see actions being taken across local authority boundaries.

## COMMUNITY SAFETY

Community Safety remains a high priority for the Council.

Increased concerns around fraud, scams and counterfeiting, and the impact of this on residents, was highlighted in a report from **Trading Standards**. The service, transferred back to Halton in April 2014 from a joint service with Warrington, covers a vast array of activity aimed at protecting the community and its businesses as consumers – from giving advice through to prosecuting on behalf of victims. The services' Annual Report was noted and the Board particularly emphasized the most vulnerable members of the community and how the work of Trading Standards is critical to their protection. The work of our Trading Standards Officers was felt to be outstanding when set against the context of them having very limited resources.

At the June meeting the Board considered a presentation from Cheshire Police on **dangerous dogs**. Dangerous dogs were found to be an issue for Cheshire Police which most affected Halton. The trigger points for attacks were identified, including lack of castration of male dogs and PC Lennox gave an overview of the incident of both injury and deaths, and the cost to the NHS. The presentation included details of enforcement legislation used to tackle the issue and the community work undertaken to engage with dog owners. The Board noted some crucial issues for Halton, including that dogs were being trafficked through Halton. This matter was subsequently raised with the Police and Crime Commissioner as a concern for the Board.

The Council's adults' **substance misuse services** were the subject of a report delivered to the Board in June. The information presented covered a wide array of activity, feeding back on key intervention programmes and forward-thinking project work. The Board noted that the commissioned substance misuse service, CRI, had undergone a major premises change but had seen no interruption of service.

Additional input to the Board was made in relation to **NPSs**, and this supported the findings of the scrutiny review.

Drug use continued to be a focus of concern for the Board in 2015/16. The multi-agency approach taken in Halton was viewed to be highly successful in reducing drug offences, but also thefts, violence, criminal damage and other offences. The Council is also now equipped with new 'tools and powers' to tackle conduct in private lettings and this further supports actions against properties from which drug activity is noted.

The **Local Alcohol Action Area (LAAA)** project concluded its work and presented

its findings. Halton had been one of just 20 to be designated LAAA areas, underling the hard work undertaken in Halton. The Board praised the approaches taken and the achievements accomplished.

In November the Board received details of the education and prevention work of the **Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service**. As with all the early intervention work taking place across the borough, the multi-agency working practices shared with this service are proving successful. The report focussed not only on the reduction of deliberate fires but also on the service's responsibilities to ensure safety in our homes and on the roads.

Anti-social behaviour figures continue to be monitored through Safer PPB. More serious crime, and in particular the **Integrated Offender Management Scheme (Navigate)** was studied during a presentation in January. The service currently works with the 49 most prolific offenders. Navigate was viewed by the Board as an excellent programme managed by Cheshire Police that was delivering considerable success.

#### DOMESTIC ABUSE

The reports heard by the Board covered domestic abuse figures and actions. The ongoing work of the Domestic Abuse team within Community Safety continues to challenge the issues faced; educating and informing, reporting and scrutinizing and supporting and facilitating. The Board continue to commend the continued work undertaken to reduce incidence and support victims.

The Board has expressed a wish that the Council work to secure corporate 'White Ribbon' status.

#### SAFEGUARDING ADULTS

The Board retain an overview of the safeguarding of adults across Halton and received performance figures in respect of this.

A presentation was also received by **North West Ambulance Service**. The Board noted challenges relating to hospital transfers and were pleased with the 'first responder' scheme, working with volunteers across the region.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

The geography of Halton, and some of the issues this creates, was a running theme of the reports heard by the Board.

At our September meeting the Board received a presentation from the **Port Authority**. This was requested as part of our bid to widen agendas of the Safer PPB to ensure that members had a rounded picture of those issues impacting on the borough. The Manchester Port Health Authority gave a comprehensive overview of their role in environmental health, and in particular in relation to the transport of organic substances and the control of pests. It was felt that their work

at the Port of Runcorn was extremely important.

As part of our efforts to broaden the schedule of activity covered by the Board I further invited the **UK Visa and Immigration Service** to address Members. The presentation given covered the governance of the service, its main concerns and the work programmes aimed at alleviating illegal immigration. The work of the Service was deemed to be comprehensive and important but the Board were concerned that continuing austerity cuts by government would undermine the work of the service.

Local businesses have their part to play in the health of residents, and the borough's commercial food outlets were the focus of a report from the Director of Public Health. This gave the Board an understanding of the **Food Hygiene Rating system** and the Board resolved to lobby their MPs to request that signage be made mandatory in the windows/ entrances of all food establishments. Ministers responded through Derek Twigg MP and Graham Evans MP that the government would consider making signage compulsory in England as it already was in Wales.

The Council's plans to safeguard the welfare of residents during the **Mischief Night/Halloween** period and during **Bonfire Night (Operation Treacle)** are received annually, and feedback emphasised again that the proactive approach taken was successful.

The Board is open to receiving petitions from the public and to responding to public concerns. Residents of the **Royal Avenue** area of Widnes attended the January meeting to raise concerns in relation to the **Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA)** and anti-social behaviour that caused nuisance on site. The Board agreed that a group of members and officers instigate a working group with the involvement of the residents to examine actions that could be taken.

#### SAFER HALTON PARTNERSHIP

The Board continue to monitor and note the actions of the Partnership, ensuring that significant agenda items are brought to PPB for scrutiny. Feedback from the Board is, in turn, made to the Partnership via my attendance at Partnership meetings.

#### CHESHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

The Board received regular updates from the Police and Crime Panel, including taking the opportunity to comment on the **Police and Crime Commissioners Annual Report**.

A new operating model within Cheshire Police was introduced this year and the Board was pleased that two LPUs were formed in Halton and that beat and PCSOs were being allocated to wards. Overall, despite £38 million of cuts in government grant, policing in Halton was felt to be working well.

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| <b>REPORT TO:</b>         | Safer Policy & Performance Board                             |
| <b>DATE:</b>              | 13 <sup>th</sup> September 2016                              |
| <b>REPORTING OFFICER:</b> | Strategic Director<br>Enterprise, Community & Resources      |
| <b>PORTFOLIO:</b>         | Community Safety   |
| <b>SUBJECT:</b>           | Presentation: North West Ambulance Service<br>Annual Report. |
| <b>WARD(S)</b>            | Borough-wide   |

1.0 **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 To receive a presentation on the work of the North West Ambulance Service in Halton.

2.0 **RECOMMENDATION: That**

1. **Members receive the presentation; and**

2. **Members ask any questions about the Ambulance service as it operates in Halton.**

3.0 **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 The Safer PPB has a overview and scrutiny role for the emergency services as they operate in Halton.

3.2 The representatives from the Service will attend the meeting to update the Board on their performance in Halton.

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 None identified.

5.0 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 None identified.

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

6.1 **Children & Young People in Halton**

The Ambulance Service, as a universal service, impacts on the health, safety and wellbeing of young people.

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

None identified.

6.3 **A Healthy Halton**

Fundamental to ensuring those in need get appropriate and quick treatment.

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 AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 None identified.

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

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

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

**DATE:** 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Strategic Director  
Enterprise, Community & Resources

**PORTFOLIO:** Community Safety

**SUBJECT:** Halton's Community Alcohol Partnership Update

**WARD(S)** Borough-wide

**1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 To present to members an update of the work of the Halton Community Alcohol Partnership.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That**

- i) Members of the Safer PPB receive the report; and**
- ii) The Board consider if any further actions or support are required for the continued work of the Halton Community Alcohol Partnership (HCAP)**

**3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 Community Alcohol Partnerships encourage the collaboration of local agencies, communities and businesses to reduce alcohol consumption in young people and alcohol related anti-social behaviour.

3.2 The Halton Community Alcohol Partnership is made up of representatives from : local off licensed premises (Spar, Co-op and Asda), the Alcohol Education Trust, local Councillors, Halton Council (Trading Standards, Public Health, Licensing, Community Safety, Health Improvement Team and Community Development), Cheshire Police, Liverpool Housing Trust and Young Addaction.

3.3 Good progress has been made in reducing underage drinking in Halton with admissions to hospital for those aged under 18 having fallen significantly over recent years. Young people in Halton are drinking less and are drinking less often in groups in outside spaces and retailers and their staff are less likely to sell alcohol to under 18's than they did 5 years ago. However, young people report that they are being provided with alcohol from over 18s, including parents and there appears to have been an increase in the numbers

obtaining alcohol by asking adults, outside shops, to buy for them – “proxy purchasing”. Young people are also reporting that they are drinking at home/ friends’ houses/parties, rather than in public places.

- 3.4 There has also been a rise in the use of certain non-psychoactive substances such as nitrous oxide. Therefore there is a need to recognise that new approaches will be necessary to further reduce young people’s alcohol consumption and their access to alcohol and other substances. The CAP is an opportunity to bring partners together to build upon the progress we have made and come up with new ideas and actions to further reduce alcohol consumption and related anti-social behaviour by young people in Halton.

### 3.5 **Halton Community Action Partnership**

- 3.5.1 As a result of intelligence received from the police, Halton Council and Young Addaction about alcohol consumption and antisocial behaviour, Murdishaw was selected as an area within Halton in which to pilot a Community Alcohol Partnership. Murdishaw is also currently undergoing a phase of regeneration which was viewed by the partners as an opportunity to build on, improve and develop the partnership working which is being done already.

- 3.5.2 The HCAP has 6 objectives and actions which have been agreed by the partners in order to achieve those objectives, initially over a 12 month period. A HCAP workshop took place in May where a group of partners came together to come up with ideas for actions that could be quickly implemented to achieve the HCAP objectives. These ideas have now been incorporated into the HCAP action plan.

- 3.8 Actions to date include the following:

- 3.8.1 **Reducing proxy purchasing** – designing and displaying signs so that people know where to report proxy purchasing to. The retailers have asked for leaflets or cards which they can hand out to adults they suspect are buying alcohol for young people. These are being produced and paid for by Community Action Partnership (CAP) nationally. Using the proxy purchase stencil provided by CAP pavement signs are being placed in areas where proxy purchasing has been identified as an issue (for example outside the Co-op at The Ridgeway).

- 3.8.2 **Raising awareness of alcohol related harms:** Providing advice and education to parents and adults around alcohol and young people. 38% of 14 year olds and 42% of 15 year olds surveyed who drank alcohol, reported that they were given alcohol by their parents or guardian. This is also an opportunity to engage with parents around their own drinking habits.

3.8.3 **Diversionsary activities** – using the feedback from young people in the area, we will set up activities in the Murdishaw area for young people. They have reported back so far activities such as music, dance and mountain/dirt biking. CAP (national) will provide funding towards the organisation of such activities.

3.9 **Success Measures** - Baseline surveys of young people, businesses and local residents were undertaken in May/June/July 2016. We will then evaluate the partnership by undertaking repeat surveys in June/July.

#### 4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 None identified.

#### 5.0 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 None identified.

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

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

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

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

None identified.

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

None identified.

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

The Community Safety Service as a universal service impacts on the health, safety and wellbeing of the residents of Halton.

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

None identified.

#### 7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 None identified.

#### 8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 None identified.



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

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| <b>REPORT TO:</b>         | Safer Policy and Performance Board  |
| <b>DATE:</b>              | 13 <sup>th</sup> September 2016   |
| <b>REPORTING OFFICER:</b> | Strategic Director Enterprise, Community & Resources                      |
| <b>PORTFOLIO:</b>         | Community Safety  |
| <b>SUBJECT:</b>           | Registered Social Landlords (RSL's) provision for Community Safety Issues |
| <b>WARDS:</b>             | Borough wide  |

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 The Chair has invited our key Registered Social Landlords (RSL) 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 Anti-social behaviour is a broad term used to describe the day-to-day incidents of crime, nuisance and disorder that make many people's lives a misery – from litter and vandalism, to public drunkenness or aggressive dogs, to noisy or abusive neighbours. Such a wide range of behaviours means that responsibility for dealing with anti-social behaviour is shared between a number of agencies, particularly the police, councils and social landlords.
- 3.2 Social landlords (local housing authorities and private registered providers of social housing/housing associations) have a number of powers at their disposal to deal with tenants who exhibit anti-social behaviour (ASB). These powers, in particular those of local authorities, were extended and strengthened by the 1996 Housing Act; the 2003 Anti-social Behaviour Act; and the 2004 Housing Act. New provisions are contained in the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 which gained Royal Assent on 13 March 2014. Most of the ASB provisions in the Act came into force on 20 October 2014.
- 3.3 As part of the Safer Halton Partnership we deliver a multi-agency response to various issues including:

- Repeat and Vulnerable Victims
- Drug, Alcohol and Mental Health ASB
- Local Community ASB – Off Road Bikes, Vandalism etc
- Partnership Solutions – Information Sharing, Housing legislation, Intelligence, Joint Operations etc

3.4 RSL's have a key role in dealing with these issues insofar as they affect their tenants. Representatives for the RSL's will be in attendance to explain their approach to Members.

#### **4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 None identified.

#### **5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 None identified.

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

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

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

None identified.

##### **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**

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

None identified.

#### **7.0 RISK ANALYSIS**

None identified.

#### **8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

None identified.

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

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

**DATE:** 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Strategic Director  
Enterprise, Community & Resources

**PORTFOLIO:** Community Safety

**SUBJECT:** Safer PPB Bi-monthly Topic Group Visits

**WARD(S)** Borough-wide

**1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 To present to members at the Chairs request a list of Safer PPB topic areas that have been identified for scrutiny.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That**

- i) Members of the Safer PPB agree to participate in site visits; and**
- ii) The Board consider following the site visits if there is a need for any further detailed scrutiny topic groups.**

**3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 The purpose of these visits is to directly focus on seeing specific elements of safer activity in Halton.

3.2 The visits aim is to improve awareness and provide a direct 'on site' means of scrutiny with the potential to offer feedback to the various agencies.

3.3 The topic areas identified are

- Police Custody Suite
- Stay Safe
- Police Dog Operations
- Creamfields
- Match Day Operations – Select Security Stadium
- Night Time Economy

3.4 These visits will be Officer lead visits that will be 1-2 hours in duration.

3.5 A summary report on observations to be presented at a future Safer PPB meeting.

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 None identified.

5.0 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 None identified.

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6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**

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