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Safer Policy and Performance Board

Tuesday, 21 February 2017 at 6.30 p.m.
Council Chamber, Runcorn Town Hall

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Chief Executive

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Councillor Dave Thompson (Chairman)	Labour
Councillor John Abbott	Labour
Councillor Norman Plumpton Walsh (Vice-Chair)	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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The next meeting of the Board is on Date Not Specified

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IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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SAFER POLICY AND PERFORMANCE BOARD

*At a meeting of the Safer Policy and Performance Board on Tuesday, 8 November 2016
at the Council Chamber, Runcorn Town Hall*

Present: Councillors Thompson (Chair), N. Plumpton Walsh (Vice-Chair), Abbott, S. Baker, V. Hill, P. Lloyd Jones, K. Loftus, Osborne and Zygadllo

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Edge and J Gerrard

Absence declared on Council business: None

Officers present: J. Unsworth, M. Andrews, G. Ferguson, C. Patino and P. Thompson

Also in attendance: Councillors Nelson and D. Cargill and L. McVay, Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service and J. Wilson, Community Safety Team

**ITEM DEALT WITH
UNDER DUTIES
EXERCISABLE BY THE BOARD**

	<i>Action</i>
SAF17 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS	
<p>The Chair announced that Topic Group visits to the Cheshire Custody Suite were planned on 30th November and 1st December 2016. The Community Safety Manager would email Members with details so that they could respond with their interest.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RESOLVED: That the announcements be noted.</p>	
SAF18 MINUTES	
<p>The Minutes of the meeting held on 13th September 2016 were taken as read and signed as a correct record.</p>	
SAF19 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME	
<p>The Board was advised that no public questions had been received.</p>	
SAF20 CCTV PROVISION IN HALTON	
<p>The Board received an update report on Halton's</p>	

current provision of public space CCTV, mobile camera system, public address function and an update of the Commissioner of Surveillance Code of Practice. The public space CCTV was based in the Council's CCTV suite and Officers currently provided a 24 hour, 7 days per week service, monitoring the Council's CCTV cameras. They were also in direct contact with Cheshire Constabulary by monitoring the police airwaves radio system. The system could provide live images to the police central control room as well as recordings and statements in the form of evidence packs. They were also responsible for monitoring the town link (retailers) two-way radio system and the Night net system (night time economy).

Arising from the discussion, the Board agreed that Officers should investigate the opportunity of purchasing an additional Striker camera and explore the possibility of how this may be funded.

RESOLVED: That

1. the report be noted; and
2. Officers investigate the opportunity of purchasing an additional Striker camera and explore the possibility of how this may be funded.

Strategic Director
Enterprise.
Community and
Resources

SAF21 CHESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE ANNUAL REPORT

The Board considered a report from Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service presenting the Annual Report for Halton 2016 and an update on Integrated Risk Management Plan for 2017-18 (IRMP). Consultation on the draft IRMP for 2017/18 was underway and would continue until the 3rd January 2017. During this time the Service would consult with the public, key partners and stakeholders and members of staff.

Proposals within the second emergency response review and wider draft plan included:-

- Cheshire Fire Authority's proposal to increase its share of Council Tax by 1.99% in 2017/18;
- To review the duty systems at Birchwood, Macclesfield, Penketh and Wilmslow fire stations;
- Move from three hydraulic platforms to two across the Service;
- Introduction of an additional fire engine at Crewe and Ellesmere Port fire stations, staffed during weekdays;
- Rolling out the pilot programme to respond to cardiac

- arrests alongside North West Ambulance Service;
- Delivering “Safe and Well” visits to 40,000 households to provide health information as well as fire safety advice;
- A new policy to reduce the number of attendances to false alarms caused by automatic fire alarm systems; and
- Promoting the need to install sprinkler systems in new schools.

On behalf of Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service, Lynsey McVay attended the meeting and outlined her role, the Service performance in Halton during the past three years, type of incidents attended and areas the Service would focus on for 2016/17.

Arising from the discussion, the Board requested additional information on the number of Fire Service inspections at the East Lane buildings in Runcorn.

RESOLVED: That the Board

1. note the range of fire safety and prevention programmes aimed at keeping Halton safe;
2. record our continuing appreciation for the work of Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service; and
3. receive the Annual Report 2016.

SAF22 COUNTERFEIT/ILLICIT GOODS AND TRADING STANDARDS

The Board received a presentation from Mr Thompson, Trading Standards Officer, which identified the issues related to counterfeit/illicit goods and illustrated the work of trading standards when dealing with criminality across Halton. The report highlighted:-

- Illicit (smuggled) goods i.e. tobacco imported into the UK illegally and thereby breaching taxation legislation;
- Legislative Duty to Enforce;
- What were counterfeit and illicit goods;
- Information on the Victims of counterfeit/illicit goods;
- The types of counterfeiters involved, essentially a three tier system in place which included local criminals, regional criminals and serious organised crime groups (UK/international); and
- The role of Halton Trading Standards and recent

cases in the Halton area.

On behalf of the Board the Chair, thanked Mr Thompson for his informative presentation and the success the Team had achieved in 2016.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

SAF23 WHITE RIBBON CAMPAIGN

The Board considered a report which provided details on the White Ribbon Campaign and outlined the process for the Council to seek corporate status for the Borough. The principles of the award were that local authorities should express a commitment to involving men in Anti-Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) and produce a preliminary action plan on how this commitment would be achieved. The action plan should be aimed at reducing incidents of violence against women such as discrimination, harassment or victimisation and fostering good community relations. It should also have a specific White Ribbon emphasis of increasing male participation in anti-VAW events and strategies as well as raising awareness and the profiles of these issues amongst men.

It was reported that the White Ribbon Campaign Team would work with the Authority on the development of an action plan, providing feedback and suggestions as necessary. It was proposed that the Community Safety Manager, supported by the local Domestic Abuse Co-ordinator, would be appointed to act as a liaison point with the White Ribbon Campaign and to oversee its implementation.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

SAF24 MISCHIEF NIGHT AND BONFIRE NIGHT

The Board received an update on activities and initiatives delivered to reduce incidents of anti-social behaviour and unauthorised fires on mischief night and in the period up to bonfire night in 2016. The Board noted that the bonfire removal initiative was carried out by a local contractor and they responded to 11 requests from the Council and Police Officers. It was anticipated that due to Bonfire night falling on a weekend, and with good weather conditions, there would be a high level of calls/incidents; however this was not the case.

On behalf of the Board the Chair, congratulated all

those involved in Operation Treacle for their significant work and the success they had achieved in 2016.

RESOLVED: That the presentation be received.

Meeting ended at 8.40 p.m.

REPORT TO: Safer Policy & Performance Board

DATE: 21st February 2017

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 and Performance Board
DATE: 21st February 2017
REPORTING OFFICER: Chief Executive
SUBJECT: Specialist Strategic Partnership minutes
WARD(s): Boroughwide

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

The Minutes from the last Safer Halton Partnership meeting, which are subject to approval at the next meeting of the Safer Halton Partnership, are attached for consideration.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the minutes be noted.

3.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

3.1 None.

4.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

5.1 Children and Young People in Halton

None.

5.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton

None.

5.3 A Healthy Halton

None.

5.4 A Safer Halton

None.

5.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

None.

6.0 RISK ANALYSIS

6.1 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.



Safer Halton **PARTNERSHIP**

a member of the Halton Strategic Partnership

Action Points From 11th May 2016

Present:

David Parr	HBC (Chief Executive) : Chair
Cllr Dave Cargill	HBC (Community Safety Portfolio Holder)
Cllr Dave Thompson	HBC (Police and Crime Panel)
Elsbeth Anwar	HBC (Public Health)
Mike Andrews	HBC (Community Safety Manager)
Simon Bell	HBC (Commissioning)
Neil Ellwood	Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
Mark Harvey	Halton Housing Trust
Deana Perchard	HBC Trading Standards
Chris Patino	HBC (Operational Director with Lead Responsibility)
Karen Taylor	CRC (Probation)
Lynsey McVay	Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service

In attendance

Shélah Semoff	Halton Borough Council (Partnership Officer)
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| 1) | Welcome and Introductions | Action |
| 2) | Apologies | |
| | D Whitwell | |
| 3) | Minutes of the Last Meeting and Matters Arising | MA/SS |
| | Minutes of 10 th February 2016 agreed. Crime profiles to be circulated. | |
| 4) | Task Group Updates: | |
| | a) Quarterly Alcohol : Report noted - review of Arc Angel being taken forward - some discussion around how we get additional premises to join the scheme - most of Halton's are and are keen to get involved – but how do we reach those that aren't? Action has been taken across some problem pubs – some worries regarding upcoming UEFA 2016. DT impressed by activity in local establishments re: age checking. | |
| | b) Crime, Anti-Social Behaviour and Partnership Tasking : Report noted – there are 2 additional Sticker Cameras for use in Halton. Question was asked regarding data and differentiating between perpetrators and victims, i.e. 1 perpetrator and 20 victims? Difficulty would be that information at that level would mean identifying both parties – data does look at repeats – offer from CFRS regarding use of drone – MA and LMcV to speak outside meeting to look at taking this forward for particular | MA/LMcV |

serious incidents – need to consider relevant policies and procedures.

- c) Domestic Abuse : Report noted – Operation Enhance pilot going well – sustainability of project to be reviewed once pilot finished – DT keen to see Cheshire become first county to gain White Ribbon status as a whole – DP to take to meeting with CSP cvhairs and PCC (if they continue under new PCC) or to raise independently if needs be – Everton and Liverpool Ladies keen to support initiative. DP
- d) Substance Misuse : Report noted – Figures in report are interim – finals will be ready for next meeting – Recovery Walk staff have been very impressed by the offers of help and support from CP and relevant staff – very positive experience
- e) Licensing : Report noted

5) **Police and Crime Commissioner**

New Labour PCC elected (David Keane) – he will want to set his own agenda and areas awaiting further details – uncertainly if budgets will be affected - DP has emailed and invited him to meet Halton politicians – “Welcome Pack” has been set to him with specific Halton data and information regarding how “we” operate as a Partnership with sub-groups etc.

6) **Police and Crime Panel**

Last meeting was cancelled at short notice due to purdah.

7) **Serious Organised Crime**

Discussion revolved around what data should be shared due to issues of confidentiality – as these minutes are available via FOIs - but the sub group is currently looking at several individuals.

Additional Agenda Item : Hate Crime Annual Figures

Group considered data supplied by Cheshire Constabulary – there was a request to look at repeats – both victims and perpetrators – group also agreed to receive quarterly figures – under reporting still impacting on data provided – annual figures helpful when identifying some trends and spikes. MA/SS

8) **Governance Review**

Group informed of review being undertaken by Strategic Partnership – need to ask ourselves are we adding value? Are there colleagues/organisations that members work with that should be part of the group? All to consider and share with SS. ALL

9) **Information Items**

All information items noted.

10) **AOB**

- 1) DT noted that 25% of police forces use drones and evidence can be used for prosecutions and not thrown out – we need to innovate and start to use them as an everyday tool.
- 2) DP has received an update on current Terror Threat across Halton and Cheshire – this remains high, but not imminent – risks are small – DP to receive regular updates every quarter and he will share with appropriate colleagues as when required. DP

11) **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

28th September @ 10:00 am Boardroom, Widnes Municipal Buildings



Safer Halton **PARTNERSHIP**

a member of the Halton Strategic Partnership

Action Points From 28th 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 11th 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.

SB

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**
23rd November @ 10:00 am Boardroom, Widnes Municipal Buildings

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

REPORT TO:	Safer Policy and Performance Board
DATE:	21 st February 2017
REPORTING OFFICER:	Strategic Director – Enterprise, Community and Resources
PORTFOLIO:	Community Safety
SUBJECT:	Cheshire Constabulary Annual Report and Update on Police Crime Commissioners Plan 2016-21
WARDS:	Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To consider the Annual report from Cheshire Constabulary for Halton 2016 and consider the Police Crime and Commissioners(PCC) Police Plan 2016-21

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 The Board have a scrutiny function to review Cheshire Constabulary on an annual basis.
- 3.2 The Police & Crime Plan 2016-21 for Cheshire is a Plan for all of Cheshire. It sets the priorities which Simon Byrne, the Chief Constable, will deliver so that people feel safe in their homes and communities and sets out the PCC's commitment to be your voice in policing in Cheshire. In developing the Plan, he has consulted with the community as well as speaking to partners and listening to the Chief Constable on the emerging policing threats for our county.

The Plan sets out a vision for the next four years in which Cheshire will have a Constabulary focused on community policing, putting victim's first. The legacy will be a police service fit for the future which is connected with, based within and accessible to local communities – real neighbourhood policing.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The policy implications of the review relate primarily to the Safer Halton priority. However this is a cross cutting work area which has wider implications on other areas of council business.

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.

REPORT TO:	Safer Policy Performance Board
DATE:	21 st February 2017
REPORTING OFFICER:	Strategic Director Enterprise, Community & Resources
PORTFOLIO:	Community Safety
SUBJECT:	Emergency Planning
WARDS:	Boroughwide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To update the Policy & Performance Board on the work undertaken by the Emergency Planning team during the last year. This will be actioned annually in future.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the report be noted.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 Background

3.1 Risk & Emergency Planning is a team within the Enterprise, Community & Resources Directorate. The team consists of a Principal Emergency Planning Officer and two Emergency Planning Officers.

3.2 Emergency Planning Team - Key Duties and Responsibilities

The Emergency Planning Team has a number of key duties and responsibilities, which are:

1. To assist with the preparation, review and exercising of the Council's contingency plans for the provision of services during and following a Major Incident or Major Incident Standby and / or emergencies, including arranging and conducting de-briefs following incidents.
2. To assist with the preparation, review and exercising of the Council's plans required by statutory legislation (e.g. Control of Major Accident Hazard (COMAH) Regulations, Major Accident Hazard Pipelines (MAHP)) and other plans as required.
3. To liaise with External Organisations (Category 1 & 2 Responders) including emergency services, Health & Safety Executive (HSE), voluntary organisations, etc.), Members, and other Council Departments on functions covered by the Emergency Planning Team.
4. To assist with updating the Corporate and Directorate Business Continuity Plans, where appropriate including testing and exercising.
5. To arrange and present seminars and exercises for the Council and other relevant organisations to improve and refine the Council's response.
6. To ensure records of emergency planning training and exercises, involving the Council are maintained.

7. To provide specialist technical advice to the Council and other Council Departments, participating in senior level multi-discipline officer working groups, both internal and external.
8. To promote Business Continuity to local businesses.
9. To ensure the public information strategy is established and maintained before, during and after incidents in line with the Cheshire Resilience Forum (CRF) Media Plan.
10. To be part of the Council's on-call duty rota for response to Major Incident and Major Incident standby and to act as Staff Officer (if required) or as a member of the Council's emergency response team.
11. To support the working of the Cheshire Resilience Forum (CRF), attend Management Group meetings, act as Capability Leads, undertake Risk Assessment and Chair Groups when required.

These duties are governed under Key Legislation and Statutory Duties. These will be discussed in the next section of this report.

3.3 STATUTORY DUTIES:

Halton Borough Council, as a Local Authority, has a 'statutory duty' to comply with the following legislation:

- Civil Contingencies Act (CCA) 2004
- Control of Major Accident Hazard Regulations (COMAH) 2015
- Major Accident Hazard Pipelines (MAHP) 1996

Therefore, the Emergency Planning team are governed by this Legislation to ensure Borough of Halton is resilient.

3.3.1 Civil Contingencies Act 2004

Under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004, the Council has a duty to ensure the resilience of the Council's response to an emergency situation. Part: 1 of the Act is designed to deal with preparations by local responders for localised emergencies, such as risk of serious damage to human welfare or the environment. Part: 2 is designed for use in very serious emergencies, which affect a larger geographical area.

3.3.2 The Act divides local responders into 2 categories, imposing a different set of duties on each. Category: 1 organisations are at the core of the response to most emergencies (e.g. Emergency Services, Local Authorities, NHS bodies).

3.3.3 As a Category: 1 responder, Halton Borough Council is subject to the full set of 'civil protection statutory duties' and is required to:

- Assess the risk of emergencies occurring and use this to inform contingency planning;
- Put in place Emergency Plans;
- Put in place Business Continuity Management (BCM) arrangements;
- Put in place arrangements to make information available to the public regarding civil protection matters and maintain arrangements to 'warn, inform and advise' the public in the event of an emergency;

- Share information with other local responders to enhance co-ordination;
- Co-operate with other local responders to enhance co-ordination and efficiency;
- Provide advice and assistance to businesses and voluntary organisations regarding Business Continuity Management.

3.3.4 Category: 2 organisations (e.g. Health & Safety Executive, Transport and Utility Companies) are 'co-operating bodies' that are less likely to be involved in the heart of planning work, however, will be heavily involved in incidents that affect their sector.

3.4 Planning for Local Risks

3.4.1 In line with the CCA, Halton Borough Council have a number of Emergency Plans with the aim of ensuring resilience is in place to protect, minimise the effects and reassure the community of Halton; limiting the consequences of a Major Incident / Major Incident Standby within the Borough.

3.4.2 Emergency Planning have prepared a number of key plans to ensure resilience within the Borough of Halton, which are regularly updated and tested.

3.4.3 The CCA identifies two pieces of legislation that relate to Major Accident Hazards at *industrial establishments*, Control of Major Accident Hazards Regulations (COMAH) and to *hazardous pipelines* (Major Accident Hazard Pipelines) (MAHP).

3.5 Control of Major Accident Hazard Regulations (COMAH) 2015

3.5.1 COMAH applies mainly to the chemical industry, but also to some storage activities, explosives and nuclear sites and other industries, where a threshold quantity of dangerous substances identified in the Regulations are kept or used.

3.5.2 The COMAH Regulations requires Halton Borough Council, as a Local Authority, to prepare adequate emergency plans to deal with the off-site consequences of possible major accidents at 'Upper Tier' sites and should review and where necessary revise them. They must also test them at specified intervals at least once every three years.

3.5.3 The Seveso Directives are the main EU legislation dealing specifically with the control of on-shore major accident hazards involving dangerous substances. The Seveso III Directive came into force on 1 June 2015, replacing the Seveso II Directive.

3.5.4 The COMAH Regulations 2015, Regulation: 9, places eight industrial sites within Halton as 'Upper Tier' sites. Each of these sites requires an 'external emergency plan' to be in produced and exercised / tested at least once every three years.

3.5.5 The Runcorn Site COMAH Operators is the 'umbrella terminology' which is used to capture the six operators based on the original ICI site, which is based in Weston Point, Runcorn. This name has been agreed by The Competent Authority (HSE and The Environment Agency), the Operators and Halton Borough Council.

3.5.6 Below is a list of 'Upper Tier COMAH sites' in Halton:

'Upper Tier' - Runcorn sites

Runcorn COMAH Operators include:

- INOVYN ChlorVinyls Ltd
- INEOS Enterprises Ltd
- VYNOVA Runcorn Ltd
- Runcorn Membrane Chlorine Plant (MCP) Ltd
- Packed Chlorine Limited and
- Mexichem Fluor Limited

'Upper Tier' - Widnes sites

- Univar Ltd, Pickerings Road, Halebank, Widnes
- ICoNiChem Widnes Ltd, Moss Bank Road, Widnes (Originally Shepherds site)

3.6 COMAH Compliance

- 3.6.1 COMAH Regulations requires all 'Upper Tier' COMAH sites to produce and submit a 'Safety Report' to the Competent Authority and this is reviewed every 5 years by them.
- 3.6.2 These sites are also responsible for producing a Major Accident Prevention Policy (MAPP), which focuses on major accident hazards and details the Safety Management System, which will include the quantities of dangerous substances which are present or likely to be present.
- 3.6.3 All 'Upper Tier' COMAH sites are required to produce both an 'Internal' and 'External' Emergency COMAH Plan. The 'Internal' Plan is produced by the operator and the 'External' Plan is produced in partnership between Halton Borough Council and the Operator(s). All External Plans have been updated in the past 12 months to reflect changes at the site(s) and also in line with the new Cheshire Resilience Forum (CRF) COMAH Template.

3.7 Exercises / Validation

- 3.7.1 Due to the complexity and interconnectivity of the six operators at the Runcorn COMAH site, the External COMAH Plan is tested on an annual basis. This is a recommendation by the Competent Authority and has been implemented for a number of years.
- 3.7.2 Both the Univar and ICoNiChem 'External COMAH Plans' are tested every three years. This is in line and in agreement with the Cheshire Resilience Forum (CRF) 3-year cycle.
- 3.7.3 The number of 'Upper Tier' COMAH Sites within Halton effectively means the team is planning, exercising or amending a COMAH plan at least on an annual basis.

3.8 Lower Tier COMAH Sites

3.8.1 Halton Borough Council has no statutory duty for 'Lower Tier' COMAH sites. However, these sites remain governed under COMAH Regulations and are required to produce a Safety Report, an 'Internal COMAH Plan' and a MAPP. There is also an annual inspection from Cheshire Fire & Rescue Service. All dates of these inspections are circulated to the Emergency Planning Team.

3.8.2 Until recently Halton had three 'Lower Tier' COMAH sites:

- APPH Ltd
- Syntor Ltd and
- Emerald Kalama Chemical Ltd

3.8.3 HSE recently notified Halton of the change in COMAH status for the APPH site. This site is no longer regulated under COMAH. Due to the reduced thresholds of a particular substance at APPH Ltd site, which is based at Pembroke Court, Manor Park, Runcorn, which was regulated under COMAH Regulations, this site is now a non-COMAH site.

3.9 Cross Border Sites

3.9.1 Halton has one cross border COMAH risk. Vertellus Specialities UK Ltd (formerly Pentagon Chemicals). The site is an 'Upper Tier' COMAH site and is based in Lower Road, Halewood, but has a 'Widnes' postcode. This is Merseyside's largest COMAH risk in their area. The Public Information Zone for this site includes Univar Ltd. Therefore, this site has the potential, in the most extreme circumstances, to have a 'domino' effect to Univar. This means a 'major accident' at the Vertellus site, has the potential to cause a 'major accident' at Univar.

3.10 Major Accident Hazard Pipeline (MAHP) Regulations 1996

3.10.1 The Major Accident Hazard Pipeline (MAHP) Regulations 1996, governs all high pressure natural gas supply transmission and distribution network within the Borough of Halton. These substances are known collectively as dangerous fluids, as defined in Schedule 2 of the Major Accident Pipeline Safety Regulations (1996).

3.10.2 Major Accident Hazard Pipeline Emergency means an occurrence i.e. an explosion, fire or breach of a Major Accident Hazard Pipeline. This is further defined as a Mobile Cloudburst - an incident involving a release of chemicals or toxic substances at any location (usually during transportation) i.e. highways, railways, ships and pipelines and not relating to a specific site i.e. COMAH site.

3.10.3 Halton Borough Council, as the Local Authority has a statutory duty to work with the pipeline operators who have MAHP infrastructure in the area and partners to produce a MAHP Multi-Agency Plan. Consultations have taken place with pipeline operators, Emergency Services, NHS England, Public Health England, HSE and with members of the public via their Elected Members.

3.10.4 The plan for the Borough of Halton has been updated in the past 12 months and was produced in accordance with the legal obligations placed on Halton under the Regulations. The plan has also been updated in line with the new CRF Template.

3.10.5 Under the Regulations there is no specific duty on Local Authorities to test the plan but exercises may be carried out as part of duties under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004. However, it was agreed between Halton, Warrington and Cheshire in partnership with all MAHP Operators across Cheshire to exercise and validate the MAHP Template. This table top exercise took place November 2016. A report has been produced with actions listed to be taken forward.

3.11 Public Reassurance

3.11.1 The 'Community' / Public Information Zone (PIZ) are consulted regarding a COMAH site which is in close proximity to their home / business. This consultation process includes a 'Safety Letter' and 'Information Card' which is circulated, at least every 5 years, and includes actions to be taken in the event of a major incident. This information is also posted on the HBC Website.

<http://www4.halton.gov.uk/Pages/health/Emergency-Planning.aspx>

Halton also leads and host the Cheshire Resilience Website, where up to date information on risks and resilience work is posted for Cheshire.

<http://cheshireresilience.org.uk/>

As part of the community reassurance, the team have worked, with the local parish councils and schools, where appropriate, with the aim of raising awareness regarding a COMAH Site in their area

3.12 Emergency Centres

3.12.1 Local Authority Emergency Centres

In the event of a major incident / major incident standby, Halton has 2 Local Authority Emergency Centres, one is based at Municipal Building and one is based Runcorn Town Hall. All equipment and plans are checked and updated appropriately each month.

3.12.2 Emergency Rest Centres

In the event of a major incident / major incident standby, where people are required to be evacuated and taken to a place of safety. Halton has 10 designated rest centres throughout the Borough. These establishments and rest centre boxes are checked on a quarterly basis or before a major event.

3.13 Working with Cheshire Resilience Forum

3.13.1 Halton as part of the resilience forum works with partner agencies, such as Cheshire Police, Cheshire Fire & Rescue Service, NWAS and Health Organisations. The aim and objectives of the Cheshire Resilience is to prepare for, respond to and recover from any emergency.

- 3.13.2 The forum brings together local emergency services, National Health Service and local authorities, plus other agencies that can help to prepare and respond to any event. Under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 every part of the United Kingdom is required to establish a Local Resilience Forum, which is a multi-agency group covering a policing area that share information and resources, and respond together to an incident. Cheshire Resilience will not offer immediate information in the event of an emergency. The aim is to work together to protect the community and make Cheshire the best prepared place for any emergency.
- 3.13.3 The forum works towards the National Risk Register, where risks are assessed at a Cheshire level and risks assessed at a local level and where appropriate work programme.

<http://www.cheshirefire.gov.uk/Assets/1/CRF-CRR-Public-April-2014.pdf>

3.14 Working with Partners

Halton continues to work with partner agencies as part of exercise planning, training and validation exercises, both within Cheshire and Cross-Border. For example, Halton attend and umpire COMAH and Nuclear Power Exercises. Also, attending cross border exercises in Merseyside. Halton are also a member of the Liverpool John Lennon Airport Emergency Planning Group and are part of the exercise planning group for their next 'major live' exercise which is scheduled to take place March 2017.

3.15 Internal Resilience

- 3.15.1 Work to developing SharePoint and Emergency Planning Portal via the intranet with the aim to ensure emergency planning documents, Business Continuity Plans, Training Programmes and dates are easily accessible for Emergency Responders. Following the Elections, the section holds an annual Elected Members Training session.
- 3.15.2 Halton has recently formed a Corporate Resilience Group and it had its first meeting in December. The aim of the group is to ensure Halton has resilience it has an agreed group membership and terms of reference.

3.16 Joint Emergency Services Interoperability Programme (JESIP) PRINCIPLES

- 3.16.1 The aim of JESIP is primarily to improve the way Police, Fire & Rescue and Ambulance services work together when responding to major multi-agency incidents.
- 3.16.2 Halton have attended a JESIP workshop and are implementing the JESIP procedures and practices into the emergency planning work i.e. working with the 'blue lights' capturing information regarding incidents via the **METHANE** message (as shown below), updated the Major Incident Forms which HBC Contact Centre / Out of Hours Team use when recording the major incident / major incident standby via the 'blue lights' call. Please see Appendix: 1.

3.17 Major Incidents in Halton

The team has responded to a number of 'major incidents' in the past 12 months, from incidents at Residential Care Homes, Silver Jubilee Bridge and major fires within the Borough. To ensure there is resilience when planning, responding and recovering from incidents, Cheshire use Resilience Direct as an 'emergency planning platform.' To ensure that learning is captured following all incidents, a structured debrief will take place, where areas of good practice, areas of development and actions generated from the incident are recorded. A report is produced from the debrief to agree the work to be carried out to improve future responses to incidents.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Children and Young People in Halton -

There are no direct implications on the Council's 'Children and Young People in Halton' priority

6.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton -

There are no direct implications on the Council's 'Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton' priority.

6.3 A Healthy Halton -

There are no direct implications on the Council's 'A Healthy Halton' priority

6.4 A Safer Halton

There are no direct implications on the Council's 'A Safer Halton' priority

6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal -

There are no direct implications on the Council's 'Halton's Urban Renewal' priority

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS -

No full risk assessment is required

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES -

None

9.0 KEY DECISIONS ON THE FORWARD PLAN

These proposals do not constitute a key decision and are not included in the Forward Plan

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

None under the meaning of the Act.

Joint Emergency Services Interoperability Programme (JESIP) PRINCIPLES**'METHANE' MESSAGE**

M	Major Incident / Major Incident Standby - Declared
E	Exact Location
T	Type of Incident
H	Hazards present or suspected
A	Access – route
N	Number, type, severity of casualties
E	Emergency services present and those required

REPORT TO: Safer Policy and Performance Board

DATE: 21st February 2017

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director – Enterprise, Community and Resources

PORTFOLIO: Community Safety

SUBJECT: Community Safety Victim and Witness Support Service

WARDS: Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To consider the presentation from the Victim and witness support service.

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 The Anti-Social Behaviour Victim and Witness Service is designed to deliver independent and confidential support to residents aged over 10 years who are experiencing nuisance and/or anti-social behavior in Halton. The service is part of the work of the Safer Halton Partnership Community Safety Team

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The policy implications of the review relate primarily to the Safer Halton priority. However this is a cross cutting work area which has wider implications on other areas of council business.

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.



The Anti-Social Behaviour Victim and Witness Support Service

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Officer

Service aims, objectives and activities

The Anti-Social Behaviour Victim and Witness Service is designed to deliver independent and confidential support to residents aged over 10 years who are experiencing nuisance and/or anti-social behaviour. We make sure the support we offer you suits your needs

Assessing need

Once the referral is received and the health and safety checks are undertaken a comprehensive assessment is carried out at the property or away from the property if the victim/witness requests this

A Support Plan is agreed including actions for the victim/witness to complete

The support plan is reviewed and updated every 6 weeks or sooner if the risk harm has increased

Levels of support

We can offer three levels of support to victims and witnesses of anti-social behaviour.

Level One:

If you've been the victim of or a witness to anti-social behaviour, we can help you to feel safer in your own home.

In conjunction with the Crime Reduction Advisor, we will offer practical support that will help you to feel more secure in your property. This can include:

- ▶ Free home safety check
- ▶ Advice on crime prevention measures
- ▶ Panic alarms
- ▶ Advice on fitting additional door/window locks

Levels of support continued:

▶ **Level Two:**

If you have been affected by crime or anti-social behaviour, we can help you to talk about it and agree how to deal with the particular incident and its consequences. We can also help you to find other support services including:

Mediation/Arbitration (I am a trained mediator)

- ▶ Restorative Justice
- ▶ Counselling
- ▶ Youth Services
- ▶ Adult and Social Care Services

Explaining what happened may be difficult especially crimes that are sensitive to you. I am trained and experienced in dealing with sensitive cases.

Levels of support continued:

Level Three:

Our Anti-Social Behaviour Victim and Witness Support Officer will take care of your case and offer help including:

- ▶ • Advice and Information
- ▶ • Direct one to one visits
- ▶ • Telephone contact
- ▶ • Evidence gathering equipment where needed
- ▶ • Help with filling out diary sheets
- ▶ • Attendance at court and other hearings
- ▶ • After courts visits

I will keep in contact with you for an agreed period after the court hearing and help to outline what can be done to combat any similar anti-social behaviour problems.

Benefits/outcomes

Victims/Witnesses are better supported and perpetrators are effectively managed resulting in people feeling safer and increase in community cohesion

The mental/physical health and wellbeing of ASB victims and witnesses will be improved

ASB victims and witnesses will experience reduced social isolation and improved self-esteem

The service delivers these outcomes by:

- ▶ Building confidence to report issues and support vulnerable people to complete appropriate documentation such as diary sheets.
- ▶ Delivery of Mediation / early intervention advice on noise nuisance / neighbour disputes
- ▶ Appropriate referrals to other specialist agencies
- ▶ Development of self reliant skills to enable individuals to feel safe and be safe in their own homes and the community.
- ▶ Being the central point of contact for individuals offering updates and perpetrator action updates.
- ▶ Offering Support and advice on pre, during and post court proceedings.
- ▶ Encouraging referrals into the service from all professional partner /agencies
- ▶ Issuing appropriate literature to victims and witnesses
- ▶ Providing feedback in a timely fashion
- ▶ Canvassing the views of service users (Satisfaction Questionnaires)

Milestones:

Since the project went live in June 2008:

- ▶ Received 622 referrals for support
- ▶ Provided advice to over 300 individuals
- ▶ Supported 30 individuals/families to secure more suitable accommodation
- ▶ Supported local policing units in the successful eviction of perpetrators of nuisance and anti social behaviour and the closure of premises where nuisance and criminal behaviour threatens the safety and wellbeing of individuals and the wider community
- ▶ 2009 recognition in House of Commons for good practice in supporting victims and witnesses

Future development:

- ▶ Trailing attending councillor surgeries?

REPORT TO: Safer Policy and Performance Board

DATE: 21 February, 2017

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director – Enterprise, Community and Resources

PORTFOLIO: Community Safety

SUBJECT: Anti Social Behaviour

WARDS Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The Chair has invited members of the ASB (Community Safety Team) to the meeting so that they can update the board on:-
- a. The ASB Strategy 2016-2019 – 4 priorities (see below a-d)
 - b. The Partnership Processes – Information Sharing and Problem Solving Groups.
 - c. ASB interventions (Tools and Powers)
 - d. The positive work that they are doing in partnership with the Police, Council, Registered Social Landlords (incl. Private), Mental Health Services, Youth Offending, Education etc to make Halton safer.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the Board note the

- 1) **Strategy and 4 Priorities:-**
 - a. **Repeat and Vulnerable Victims**
 - b. **Drug and Alcohol ASB**
 - c. **Local Community ASB**
 - d. **Partnership Solutions**
- 2) **Referral process for Partnership Problem Solving :-**
 - a. **Partnership Tasking and Co-ordination Meeting (monthly)**
 - b. **Multi-Agency-Meeting (MAM)**
 - c. **Information Sharing Forms**
- 3) **consider the information presented and raise any questions of interest or points of clarification following the presentation.**

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 ASB Strategy - 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 (including drugs) 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 Partnership Tasking and Co-ordination referral form (Problem locations) (Includes the process for the two CCTV Stryker redeployment cameras).

3.3 Multi Agency Meeting (MAM) Person Profile

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 ASB Service impacts on the health, safety and well-being of young people. Young persons involved in ASB and Crime will be discussed at the MAM and young persons involved in Child Criminal Exploitation (links to Organised Crime) will be identified and referred to ICART.

The ASB Supervisor attends the Self-neglect triage meeting. Information is shared between groups to ensure appropriate safeguarding and welfare measures are in place.

6.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton

None.

6.3 A Healthy Halton

The ASB Service impacts on the Health, safety and well-being of the residents of Halton.

6.4 A Safer Halton

The ASB Service reports to the Safer Halton Partnership on a quarterly basis.

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.

REPORT TO:	Safer Policy and Performance Board
DATE:	21 February 2017
REPORTING OFFICER:	Strategic Director – Enterprise, Community and Resources
PORTFOLIO:	Community Safety
SUBJECT:	White Ribbon Campaign
WARDS:	Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To update the Scrutiny Board on the progress made towards achieving the White Ribbon Local Authority Award for Halton.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That

- 1) **the update 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 Every year three million women and girls experience rape, domestic violence, forced marriage, stalking, sexual exploitation and trafficking, female genital mutilation (FGM) or honour crimes in the UK. There are clear connections between violence against women and social problems such as child poverty, social exclusion and homelessness and the vast majority of violence against women is perpetrated by men.
- 3.2 More specifically, violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence are also significant problems at a national and local level. Whilst there is significant partnership working ongoing to target domestic abuse and violence against women, such as the Specialist Domestic Violence Court, third party reporting and early intervention work with families, clearly there remains a need to raise further awareness of the issues associated with domestic abuse and violence against women and girls.
- 3.3 The principles of the award are that local authorities should express a commitment to involving men in anti-VAWG and produce a preliminary action plan on how this commitment will be achieved.

The action plan should be aimed at reducing incidents of violence against women such as discrimination, harassment or victimisation and fostering good community relations. It should also have a specific White Ribbon emphasis of increasing male participation in anti-VAW events and strategies as well as raising awareness and the profile of these issues amongst men.

- 3.4 The WRC team will work with the authority on the development of an action plan, providing feedback and suggestions as necessary. The authority should appoint a senior individual to act as a liaison point with the WRC and to oversee implementation. It is suggested that the senior, nominated officer for Halton is the Council's Community Safety Manager, supported by the local Domestic Abuse Coordinator.

4.0 WHITE RIBBON PLEDGE ACTION PLAN

- 4.1 The action plan will need to set out how we will:

- Involve and educate men and boys in an anti-VAWG strategy and encourage men and boys to sign the WRC pledge “never to commit, condone, or remain silent about men's violence against women in all its forms.”
- Identify White Ribbon ‘ambassadors’ within the Council and partner organisations.
- Raise awareness and provide training on VAWG within the Council, incorporating the VAWG message into Council informational and promotional materials where appropriate.
- Deliver events to promote the Council’s anti-VAWG commitment, by organising and supporting local activities to assert the unacceptability of VAWG. Examples include:
 - White Ribbon’s “These heels are made for walking” and “These hands are not for hurting!” events, demonstrating solidarity with anti-VAW
 - campaigns as well as work with sports teams or music venues
 - Football, rugby and other sporting events to raise awareness with young
 - People in innovative ways.
- Involve the local community in our WR campaign through a variety of venues and facilities including Libraries, Schools, Sport clubs, gyms, Social Landlords etc. and by encouraging other

organisations and clubs to sign up for the White Ribbon award and sponsor special events e.g. White Ribbon Cup tournament.

- Involve local businesses as partners with substantial resources and contacts through which anti-VAWG can be promoted.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The policy implications of the review relate primarily to the Safer Halton priority. However this is a cross cutting work area which has wider implications on other areas of council business.

6.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are limited financial implications in achieving White Ribbon status. There is an annual cost of £400 for achieving and maintaining the award, which can be met from within existing Council and partnership budgets.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

7.1 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.

7.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton

None

7.3 A Healthy Halton

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

7.4 A Safer Halton

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

7.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

None

8.0 RISK ANALYSIS

None

9.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

None at present

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

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

REPORT TO:	Safer Policy and Performance Board
DATE:	21st February 2017
REPORTING OFFICER:	Strategic Director – Enterprise, Community and Resources
PORTFOLIO:	Community Safety
SUBJECT:	Night Time Economy visit update
WARDS:	Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To update the board on the recent scrutiny visit to view the positive work that is being carried out in partnership with the Police and Council to make Halton night time economy 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 The visit was designed so the members could experience first-hand the work that the Community safety team carries out in Halton's night time economy in conjunction with the Police service and licensee's.

The visit was carried out on the 16th December 2016, in a maximum group of up to 6 people. A variety of different premises were visited with members being able to enter the properties as part of a multi-agency team and assess any issues that were encountered. The visits ended at approximately 1.30 am Saturday morning in Victoria Square

There was also a question and answer session held at the end of the evening with one of the premises and the designated premises supervisor.

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.