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## Safer Policy and Performance Board

Tuesday, 19 November 2019 at 6.30 p.m.  
Council Chamber, Runcorn Town Hall

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**Chief Executive**

### **BOARD MEMBERSHIP**

Councillor Dave Thompson (Chair)	Labour
Councillor Norman Plumpton Walsh (Vice-Chair)	Labour
Councillor Sandra Baker	Labour
Councillor Ellen Cargill	Labour
Councillor Eddie Dourley	Labour
Councillor Valerie Hill	Labour
Councillor Peter Lloyd Jones	Labour
Councillor Kath Loftus	Labour
Councillor Geoffrey Logan	Labour
Councillor Margaret Ratcliffe	Liberal Democrats
Councillor Geoff Zygadlo	Labour

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*The next meeting of the Board is on Tuesday, 11 February 2020*

**ITEMS TO BE DEALT WITH  
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, 10 September 2019 at the Council Chamber, Runcorn Town Hall*

Present: Councillors Thompson (Chair), N. Plumpton Walsh (Vice-Chair), K. Loftus, Logan, Ratcliffe and Zygadlo

Apologies for Absence: Councillor Baker, E. Cargill, Dourley, V. Hill and P. Lloyd Jones

Absence declared on Council business: None

Officers present: M. Andrews, C. Patino, S. Bell, S. Burrows and G. Ferguson

Also in attendance: Councillor D. Cargill under Standing Order 33. Two representatives from Cheshire Police.

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

	<i>Action</i>
SAF9 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS	
<p>The Chair announced that he had recently been appointed as Vice Chair of the Cheshire Police and Crime Panel.</p>	
SAF10 MINUTES	
<p>The Minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2019 were taken as read and signed as a correct record.</p>	
SAF11 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME	
<p>It was reported that no questions had been received</p>	
SAF12 MULTI AGENCY INITIATIVES TO TACKLE KNIFE CRIME	
<p>The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, which updated the Board on the positive work that key partners were doing in partnership with the Police and Local Authority to make Halton safer. Following recent events in Runcorn, Widnes and trends that were emerging across the country</p>	

with regard to knife crime and violence against the person by young people, Halton had established a multi agency response to what was becoming a significant concern for our communities. The purpose of this response was to have a better understanding of the current picture in Halton in respect of knife crime and violence against the person, especially that being perpetrated by young people.

The Board received a presentation from Cheshire Police outlining their response to tackling weapons. Members were advised on:

- the knife related offence recorded volumes during 2018/19 for the Cheshire Force and Runcorn area;
- Operation Abolish - Prepare;
- Operation Abolish – Pursue;
- Operation Abolish – Prevent;
- Operation Abolish – Protect;
- Community knife sweeps; and
- The work of the Tackling Weapons Working Group.

RESOLVED: The report be noted.

### SAF13 ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE MISUSE IN HALTON

The Board considered an update report on the work carried out to tackle alcohol and substance misuse across the partnership in the Borough. Members were presented with a number of indicators, which were used to monitor the extent of alcohol and substance misuse in Halton. The data presented highlighted the number of:

- Under 18 alcohol specific admission episodes;
- Hospital admissions for young people aged between 15 and 25 due to substance misuse;
- hospital admissions due to alcohol related conditions for adults;
- community treatment service referrals for alcohol;
- alcohol detoxification services referrals; and
- substance misuse referrals and outcomes.

The Board also received an update on emerging issues across the partnership which included:

- **Alcohol Care Teams** – Work was underway across Cheshire and Merseyside to develop an NHS response to the provision of hospital based alcohol care teams, as well as a local dashboard. This work was being overseen by the Health and Care Partnership who had identified alcohol as one of their

priority areas.

- **Treatment completions** - Services have performed consistently well with successful completions across all four cohorts of service users. To support those leaving services, CGL had developed additional support groups, some focusing on abstinence, as well as developing further peer support group, both in service and within the community.
- **Education and Employment** - This year service users had been supported to gain a total of 265 qualifications in a wide range of topics. 41 individuals had been supported into employment, with a 63% sustainment in jobs for over 6 months.
- **Blood Borne Viruses** - Cgl has completed 312 BBV testing after their triage in 2018/19 as opposed to 100 clients tested in 2018/17. Also this year, 4 individuals had commenced treatment, with 2 completing and 15 service users referred to hepatology for treatment.
- **The Recovery Café** - The recovery café continued to thrive and was a self-sufficient enterprise ran entirely by volunteers. Each week approx. 50 service users, friends and family members attended the café.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

#### SAF14 FOOD SAFETY AND STANDARDS SERVICE

The Board considered a report of the Director of Public Health which provided an update on the work of Halton's Food Safety and Standards Team, in particular the ongoing operation of the National Food Hygiene Rating Scheme and proposed changes to the law on allergen labelling. The report examined how well the food businesses in Halton were performing in relation to the National Food Hygiene Rating Scheme and new and developing issues with regard to Food Safety and Standards.

The Board was advised that the National Food Hygiene Rating Scheme was now an integral part of the good premises inspection programme. The Council had adopted the national scheme in 2011.

The Authority was still required by the Food Standards Agency to submit an annual service plan which included a detailed risk based inspection programme for all the Borough's food premises. Following an unannounced food hygiene inspection businesses were awarded a score from 0-6 based on the inspection findings. The score was available on the Food Standards Agency's website. Window stickers were also provided to enable the business to display

the score on the premises.

In practice, only those premises with the higher ratings of 3 and above voluntarily display their score. There was no current legal requirement in England for all businesses to display their score. The Food Standards Agency was committed to making the display of ratings in the UK mandatory, however this would require legislation to pass through UK Parliament. The Board agreed that a letter would be sent to both local Members of Parliament requesting that they call upon the Secretary of State to urge that mandatory food signage be displayed in all food premises in England.

RESOLVED: That

1. the report and the overall improvement in food hygiene standards be noted; and
2. a letter be sent to both local Members of Parliament requesting that they call upon the Secretary of State to urge that mandatory food signage be displayed in all food premises in England

*Meeting ended at 8.00 p.m.*

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

**DATE:** 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019

**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 Chair 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:** 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019  
**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 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019

### Present:

David Parr	HBC (Chief Executive) : Chair
Cllr Dave Cargill	HBC (Community Safety Portfolio Holder)
Chris Patino	HBC (Operational Director)
Ben McCrorie	Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
Andy Southcott	Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
Gareth Jones	Youth Justice Services
John Bucknall	HBC (Childrens Services – Commissioning)
Stuart Devereux	Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service
Mike Andrews	HBC (Community Safety Manager)
Lisa Jenkins	National Probation Service
Sarah Ashcroft	HBC (Domestic Abuse – for part of meeting)
Deana Perchard	HBC Trading Standards
Patricia Preston	HBC (Housing Solutions)
Laura Marler	Cheshire Constabulary
Sarah Johnson-Griffiths	HBC (Public Health)
Shirley Corcoran	Halton Housing Trust
Simon Bell	HBC (Public Health)
Simon Parsonage	Cheshire Constabulary
Shélah Semoff	HBC (Partnership Officer)

### 1) **Welcome and Introductions**

**Action**

### 2) **Apologies**

S Holmes, Rev L Mclver, D Keane, J Davidson, M Cotgreave, M Povall

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

Minutes from 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019 agreed as a true and accord record, bar one amendment on PCC item regarding the precept – it should read £24 and not 24%.

It was noted that the As4One DNA project would not be delivered in Halton due to capacity issues for the organisation.

Information was also shared with the Board that since the last meeting the PCC had decided not to continued funding the Cheshire Anti Slavery Network but that officers were looking at ways to support the network so that the cooperation and partnership working wouldn't be lost.

### 4) **Task Group Updates:**

a) **Alcohol** : report noted – bid for capital funding to Public Health England (PHE) has been successful, and is a partnership across Cheshire and

Merseyside led by CHAMPS to purchase five Fibroscan machines which will be used across the community to identify individuals with problematic drinking, the Fibroscans are used to scan the liver and are normally used in hospital settings. £406,000 has been raised and the machines will be used across the region, with local areas applying to use them in innovative community settings – work is still underway through the establishment of the Minimum Unit Pricing (MUP) Northern Coalition to consider the role and function of a local policy for the minimum unit price for alcohol. This work is now being led by David Parr, following the retirement of Margaret Carney and will now move to wider stakeholder engagement. A more detailed report to be brought back to the next meeting.

DP/SB

- b) **Crime, Anti-Social Behaviour and Partnership Tasking** : report noted - additional support given to Upton Rocks following several reported incidents, however Partners will ensure that other areas will not be left without resources – two project/funding proposals have been sent to the PCC for consideration – a wider discussion took place around provision for young people and links to ASB activity, this included information coming out of the ROC community meetings which suggested that the perception is that there is nothing for young people to do – there is currently an opportunity to review current provision as the contract is up for renewal early next year – DP agreed to raise the issue with the Strategic Director for Children’s Services – DP also agreed to liaise with the Council’s Planning Department around the issue of “designing out crime” and what changes could be incorporated into the planning process. SC commented that Halton Housing have re-established their Estate Walks with local partner agencies and these have proved very successful – looking at issues related to cutting hedges, lighting and fly tipping – DC requested a report on the progress of work undertaken by Everton in the Community and how this fits with the wider issues connected to ASB.

DP

DP

MA/SP

- c) **Domestic Abuse** : report noted – there was a discussion around the effectiveness of Protection Orders and the need for a proper evaluation - government has committed to introduce a Domestic Abuse Bill, which will provide a once-in-a-generation opportunity to transform the response to this terrible crime, and in March 2018, the Government set out legislative proposals for this landmark bill, alongside a package of practical action. Halton BC fed into the consultation, both completing the on-line consultation and with staff attending National events which sort the views from victims and survivors, support organisations and frontline professionals, to harness their knowledge and expertise. *The draft Bill will now be subject to pre-legislative scrutiny by a joint committee of both Houses of Parliament* – the Council’s Senior Management team have agreed to a new joint commissioning arrangement of Domestic Abuse Services in Halton, the new integrated service is to include the existing separate adult and children’s services. Furthermore within the new commission a provision for perpetrators is to be included. – with the support of the SHP, additional funding has been found to support the Enhance project until government funding kicks in later in the year.

- d) **Substance Misuse** : report noted – there is a national debate around how to support those clients with long term terminal health issues related to their substance misuse – with dedicated resources and effort there is the possibility to make Halton Hep C free and Partners are working together towards this goal – work is ongoing to implement the Medically Assisted Treatment toolkit to support individuals in titrating to the appropriate dose of medication to support their recovery goals. This will be a collaborative approach between operational and clinical teams at CGL, ensuring a holistic approach to treatment is adopted - following the publication of recent statistics, there is a need to review levels of opioid prescribing across Halton and look at what measures can be put in place to support a reduction in opioid use – JB

questioned if people were potentially re-entering services because they are pushed out of treatment too early and whether this issue is being reviewed. SB and JB to speak outside of meeting to look at this issue.

JB/SB

5) **Prevent and Channel Panel**

Dovetail arrangements have now been in place for two months with monthly Channel meetings looking at low level cases, mostly right wing tendencies – there is a national trend with activists targeting individuals on the Autism Spectrum as they potentially could be easier to radicalise, information was also shared about a national hub based in Manchester looking at vulnerable people with mental health issues, with the Counter Terrorism Team looking at a pilot to share data across wider Partners, it was agreed to share this with safeguarding colleagues – currently looking at one Contest Board for Cheshire and one for Merseyside with the potential of “super panels” in the future with these likely to be at a regional or national level – training package now in place and being rolled out with some mandatory for certain front line staff, and there is an expectation that referral will increase.

SS

6) **Police and Crime Commissioner**

There was general disappointment that the PCC has changed the funding arrangements with little engagement or consultation. The substance misuse funding remains ring-fenced however an element of the community safety funding has been top-sliced for a PCSO and the rest of the funding will have to be bid for, however as Halton already funds PCSOs across the patch it was suggested there were better ways to allocate the funding. It was acknowledged that the PCC is entitled to make his own funding decisions, however it was suggested that earlier consultation would have enabled a better case to be put forward on how to use the funding for local priorities as set by local Partners, as per previous arrangements. This was the same view reflected by other crime reduction partnerships across Cheshire,

DP wished to share this with the whole Board and get their support to engage the PCC on this matter, in conjunction with DT and DC.

DT/DC/DP

BM and AS explained the three current funding streams that sit with the PCC as follows:-

**Safer Communities Fund**

The Safer Communities Fund has been established to encourage local residents and communities to get involved in the prevention and reduction of crime and to allow community groups to bid for monies to help create safer communities across Cheshire. In order to facilitate a reasonable distribution of the Fund, applications will continue to be limited to a maximum of £5,000. There is no minimum level of funding. Applications must support crime prevention or reduction or the objectives within the Police and Crime Plan, must be located within Cheshire and must focus on local needs.

**Community Safety Fund**

The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 enables the Commissioner to award grants to organisations or groups that will support the achievement of community safety priorities in Cheshire. This is where funding for Community Safety Partnerships, the Youth Justice Service and Youth Engagement service amongst other projects / work is funded.

**MoJ Victims Grant**

Commissioners are responsible for commissioning local support services for victims of crime in line with the conditions set out by the Ministry of Justice. Since 2013, the Ministry of Justice has provided an annual grant to the Commissioner to enable services which best meet the needs of local victims and survivors of crime to be funded. Each grant has a set of conditions that governs the way the money is spent.

DP requested further information about current levels of PCC funding spent in Halton from all of the above funds, and how this relates – percentage wise – to the PCC’s overall funding and those resources allocated to other Cheshire local authorities.

**BMc/AS**

7) **Police and Crime Panel**

DT confirmed that the new precept has been accepted without concerns and the Panel has confirmed the appointment of the new Chief Constable, Darren Martland – who at a recent event mentioned Halton several times which was reassuring to hear. The Panel has also recently received an independent report into the PCC’s action against the former Chief Constable, and it was suggested that even though there was no “smoking gun”, few people would have handled the situation any differently than the PCC did.

8) **Serious Organised Crime**

The Board had received the current draft strategy and any comments should be sent to SS.

**ALL**

DP’s initial comments included that the strategy, as a high level strategic document, needed a more detailed action plan to sit under it, and partnership logos should be included to help provide the “Partnership” impact.

Work in ongoing to look at redesigning the Complex Safeguarding Model which will include newer thinking – in the past exploitation tended to be done by individuals quite close to the victim, even family members, whilst now the trend is that the initial relationship can be quite distant, but perpetrators are taking advantage of vulnerable people. The new model will also focus on prevention issues – how do you stop young people getting involved with criminality in the first place? A report will come to the Board at a later date in the future when the work is ready to be shared with wider Partners.

MA mentioned that he had put Halton forward to be involved in a pilot with the NCA looking at data sharing.

DP raised concerns regarding rogue traders who are currently targeting work that RSLs might be doing around roof repairs. SC will share the information with HH’s development team. Other RSLs have been contacted and this will be followed up.

9) **Information Items**

All items noted.

10) **AOB**

DC asked for an update around Modern Day Slavery ongoing work. DP reported the work that was being undertaken with the support of the Cheshire Anti Slavery

Network (mentioned under matters arising) and promised a written update to be shared with the Councillor as part of his regular briefings.

MA

Deana Perchard of HBC Trading Standards along with Georgina Griffiths and Ian Hampson of Cheshire Police have been chosen to receive the Chartered Trading Standards Institute (CTSI) Hero Award for the Best Consumer Protection Campaign, an incredibly varied campaign to raise awareness of loan sharks. All three will attend a special awards ceremony in London on Tuesday 25 June 2019.

For information, it's the individuals who receive the award rather than the Service or the organisation they represent.

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

**17<sup>th</sup> July 2019** : 10:00 : Ground Floor Boardroom, Municipal Buildings,  
Widnes

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# Safer Halton **PARTNERSHIP**

a member of the Halton Strategic Partnership

## Action Points From 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019

**Present:**

David Parr	HBC (Chief Executive) : Chair
Cllr Dave Cargill	HBC (Community Safety Portfolio Holder)
Cllr Dave Thompson	HBC (Community Safety PPB Chair)
Ben McCrorie	Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
Chris Patino	HBC (Operational Director)
Deana Perchard	HBC Trading Standards
Mike Andrews	HBC (Community Safety Manager)
Mike Clarke	Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service
Patricia Preston	HBC (Housing Solutions)
Samantha Atkinson	Halton CCG
Simon Bell	HBC (Public Health)
Simon Parsonage	Cheshire Constabulary
Shélah Semoff	HBC (Partnership Officer)

- 1) **Welcome and Introductions** **Action**
  
- 2) **Apologies**  
M Cotgreave, J Bucknall, J Davidson, S Johnson-Griffiths, L Mauler, S Holmes
  
- 3) **Minutes of the Last Meeting and Matters Arising**  
  
Minutes from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019 agreed with no changes.
  
- 4) **Task Group Updates:**
  - a) **Alcohol** : report noted – a discussion took place around OBA asking Addaction for additional sessions at the school on alcohol, this will be linked to a piece of work with Headteachers across the Borough, supported by coordinated partnership working, to look at trends; bid for capital funding to Public Health England (PHE) has been successful. The bid was a partnership across Cheshire and Merseyside led by CHAMPS to purchase five Fibroscan machines which will be used across the community to identify individuals with problematic drinking; more detailed report to be brought back to future meeting about minimum unit pricing. **SB**
  
  - b) **Crime, Anti-Social Behaviour and Partnership Tasking** : report noted – partners discussed ASB activity around Upton Rocks and how due to targeted activities there had been some displacement to other others, however partners were working closely with Merseyside Police to reduce the “ping pong” effect – it was noted that whilst there were a lot of activities for young people – this needed to be communicated in a better way and taken to those who weren’t engaging with services; recent problems in Runcorn with scramblers was highlighted – along with the Police running a publicity

campaign that included a crushed bike in the Shopping City; SP gave a short update on the work of Everton in the Community – awaiting the final outcomes and report.

- c) **Domestic Abuse** : report noted – it was noted that whilst there has been an increase in the figures, it was felt this was because of better reporting and record keeping around these reports; there is a new definition of domestic violence and abuse which states:  
Any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive or threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over who are or have been intimate partners or family members regardless of gender or sexuality.
- d) **Substance Misuse** : report noted – Halton Borough Council has commissioned John Moore’s University to convene an oversight panel to look into all drug related deaths in Halton. The panel utilises information from the specialist substance misuse service (CGL) and data from the Coroner’s office and considers case studies, trends and identifies learning opportunities; Implementation of the Medically Assisted Treatment toolkit to support individuals in titrating to the appropriate dose of medication to support their recovery goals. This will be a collaborative approach between operational and clinical teams at CGL, ensuring a holistic approach to treatment is adopted; Following the publication of recent statistics, there is a need to review levels of opioid prescribing across Halton and look at what measures can be put in place to support a reduction in opioid use.

5) **Prevent, Contest and Channel Panel**

Four individuals have been referred to the Panel in the last quarter; currently work is ongoing to look at a larger local panel due to the low numbers – perhaps combining with Warrington or/and Cheshire East and West; new guidance has been published which now sees an element of safeguarding coming under Counter Terrorism, with Police leading on wider Partnership involvement. SA shared information regarding training received by health care professionals.

6) **Police and Crime Commissioner**

BMcC reported that the recruitment to the PCC’s Youth Commission has just closed and dependant on time scales will bring a further report back to the SHP re: numbers of Halton young people involved and their work plan which its hoped will be influenced and supported by the SHP. It was noted that there is to be a conference on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Information was also shared regarding the PCC’s funding, following which it was agreed to arrange a task and finish group to look at wider opportunities for Community Safety funding. Board Members were asked to share any suggestions with SS.

**BMcM**

**CP/MA/SS**

**ALL**

7) **Police and Crime Panel**

DT shared information related to the statutory functions carried out by the Panel. There was a discussion around a current issue involving the wearing of an LGBT+ lanyard, which has resulted in an identified training need for Police and the sentiment that they should be seen to be impartial.

8) **Serious Organised Crime**

Information was shared regarding the Joint Targeted Area Inspection (JTAI) on Safeguarding Children in Cheshire. Final report isn’t available yet but key messages so seem to be positive.

9) **Information Items**

All items were noted.

10) **AOB**

DP informed the group that she was still looking to engage with the RSLs and other partners about a doorstep scam centered on cowboy roofers who were targeting vulnerable residents. It was suggested that via the Task and Finish Group and Beat Managers – the message could be given to PCSOs who would then be able to share the warning with people in their wards.

**MA/DP**

DP also informed the group that an ICAN warning had gone out over a fake website looking to take tolls for the Mersey Gateway.

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

**16<sup>th</sup> October 2019** : 10:00 : Ground Floor Boardroom, Municipal Buildings, Widnes

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<b>REPORT TO:</b>	Safer Policy & Performance Board
<b>DATE:</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> November 2019
<b>REPORTING OFFICER:</b>	Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community & Resources
<b>PORTFOLIO:</b>	Community Safety
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Widnes Local Policing Unit (LPU)
<b>WARD(S)</b>	Borough-wide

### 1.0 **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 To consider a presentation from Inspector Stokes outlining the work that is carried out in the Widnes Policing Unit.

### 2.0 **RECOMMENDATION: That:**

- i) **the report be noted; and**
- ii) **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 Inspector Becky Stokes who has recently taken over as the Inspector in charge of the Widnes LPU will make a presentation to the Board on the work carried out by that unit.

- 3.2 For Board Members information, the wards that comprise the Widnes LPU are:

- Appleton
- Birchfield
- Broadheath
- Ditton & Hale
- Farnworth
- Halton View
- Hough Green
- Kingsway
- Riverside

### 4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 There are no policy implications contained in this report

5.0 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 None.

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**

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

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**

None.

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	Safer Policy and Performance Board
<b>DATE:</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> November 2019
<b>REPORTING OFFICER:</b>	Strategic Director –Enterprise, Community and Resources
<b>PORTFOLIO:</b>	Community Safety
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	GLAA Presentation
<b>WARDS:</b>	Borough wide

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 To give the Board information about the Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority (GLAA), whose Head of Prevention, Paul Elms, will be attending the meeting to give a presentation about their work.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the report be noted.**

## **3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 3.1 The Modern Slavery Act 2015 introduced requirements for law enforcement agencies, working in partnership with other agencies, to pursue, disrupt and bring to justice those engaged in human trafficking and slavery, servitude and forced labour. It also introduced a range of measures to enhance the protection of victims.
- 3.2 The Act is designed to combat modern slavery in the UK and consolidates previous offences relating to trafficking and slavery. The act extends to England and Wales, and received Royal Assent and became law on 26 March 2015.
- 3.3 The GLAA works in partnership to protect vulnerable and exploited workers. They are a Non Departmental Public Body (NDPB) governed by an independent Board made up of a chair and six members, who were recruited for their respective knowledge, experience and skills.
- 3.4 Their role is to protect vulnerable and exploited workers. Through the intelligence they receive from their inspections, the public, industry and other government departments, they investigate reports of worker exploitation and illegal activity such as human trafficking, forced labour and illegal labour provision, as well as offences under the National Minimum Wage and Employment Agencies Acts.
- 3.5 They investigate all aspects of labour exploitation in England and Wales but also work with partner organisations such as the police, the National

Crime Agency and other government law enforcement agencies to target, dismantle and disrupt serious and organised crime across the UK.

#### **4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 None specifically identified.

#### **5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 **None specifically identified.**

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

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

None specifically identified.

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

None specifically identified.

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

None specifically identified.

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

None specifically identified.

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

None specifically identified.

#### **7.0 RISK ANALYSIS**

None specifically identified.

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

None specifically identified.

#### **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.

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<b>REPORTING OFFICER:</b>	Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources
<b>PORTFOLIO:</b>	Community Safety
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	The Cheshire and Warrington Traveller Team
<b>WARDS:</b>	Borough wide

### **1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 To receive a presentation from the Cheshire and Warrington Traveller team regarding the work that it carries out in the Borough Of Halton.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That 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 Cheshire and Warrington Traveller Team (CWTT) is hosted by Cheshire West and Chester Council and is based in Civic Way, Ellesmere Port. The team is managed by Dawn Taylor and the team is made up of Gypsy and Traveller Liaison Officers (GTLOs) from Cheshire West and Chester Council and Cheshire Police.

Council officers are Senior GTLO Kyler Ashcroft, who has responsibility for the management of the two Council sites, Lyndsey Eddleston, Tim Kingston and one other post currently vacant. Helen Crampton provides information support.

Cheshire Police are represented by PC Greg Thompson and one other post currently vacant.

- 3.2 Halton Borough Council (HBC) has a full time Gypsy and Traveller (GTLO Liaison Officer who is responsible for the day to day management of the G&T Service including the G&T sites (through the site warden x1 for both of HBC sites), unauthorised encampments, general enquires and complaints relating to G&T within Halton.
- 3.3 In practice, HBC has a number of duties and responsibilities which impact on the lives of Halton's population including Gypsies and



Travellers: education, public health, community safety, and equalities and social cohesion in all aspects of service provision.

3.4 Halton has three HBC owned and managed sites:-

- Widnes, Riverview - A permanent site offering 23 pitches
- Runcorn, Transit Site - A temporary stopping site with 14 pitches
- Runcorn, Canalside – A permanent site offering 12 pitches.

In addition to the HBC sites, there are additional sites all in Runcorn.

Private sites with planning permission are:-

- Runcorn, Bigfield Lodge
- Runcorn, Windmill Street

3.5 Whilst most encampments are managed within office hours with the officers making full use of Section 62 powers (direct the encampment to the HBC transit site) available to the police and HBC.

3.6 HBC and Cheshire Police devised a joint protocol to tackle illegal encampments, which was effective from 1st May 2017. The Protocol is in line with statutory guidance, national policy frameworks and best practice. Due consideration was given, with due regard to statutory obligations including the Human Rights Act 1998, the Equality Act 2010 and other government statutory guidance.

3.7 The Protocol covers Gypsies and Travellers and other Travelling ethnic groups who have a nomadic lifestyle for all or part of the year. The Protocol takes into consideration the fact that Halton Borough Council has provided a transit site (opened February 2009) within its ownership and management. The Protocol applies to all land which the Council either own or exercise rights or obligations over including highway land and public rights of way or with the agreement of the land owner, with regards to private land.

3.8 The purpose of this protocol 'unauthorised encampment' relates only to trespass by Gypsies and Travellers on land they do not own as opposed to 'unauthorised development', where Gypsies and Travellers are developing land they themselves own, or with the permission of the landowner, without the necessary planning permissions.

3.9 The Aim of this protocol is to ensure an effective, efficient, fair and consistent approach to the management of unauthorised encampments. It takes into account the reasonable needs and expectations of both the settled and Travelling communities; and enables the public sector partners to undertake their statutory responsibilities.

#### **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 identified.

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

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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.

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<b>REPORTING OFFICER:</b>	Strategic Director – Enterprise, Community and Resources
<b>PORTFOLIO:</b>	Community Safety
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	REMEDI “Got Your Back” Project Update
<b>WARDS:</b>	Borough wide

### **1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 To update the Board on the positive work that the organisation “REMEDI” is doing in partnership with the Local Authority, Police and other local organisations to make Halton safer, in particular the “Got Your Back” Project.

### **2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That**

- 1) **the report and presentation be noted; and**
- 2) **The Board consider the information contained in the presentation and support the proposed update to the project and raise any questions of interest or points of clarification following the presentation.**

### **3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 3.1 The Victims Services Cheshire website has been commissioned and funded by the Police & Crime Commissioner for Cheshire. It was developed to provide a single place for local and national information about the support, information and guidance available to victims of crime in Cheshire.

Halton & St Helens VCA, in partnership with CVS Cheshire East, Chester VA and Warrington VA have been supporting the creation of the online resource.

- 3.2 Remedi are a charity who provides a restorative justice and mediation service across Cheshire.

Restorative Justice brings those harmed by crime or conflict and those responsible for the harm into communication by looking for a positive way forward.

It provides victims with a chance to explain the impact of the offence and ask questions and it helps offenders to explain their actions and offer an apology.

- 3.3 Got Your Back is delivered by charity, Remedi, who also deliver restorative justice services throughout the whole of Cheshire. Remedi was one of four organisations which successfully bid to the Commissioner's Supporting Victims Fund, which funds projects which specifically support victims of crime under the age of 18.
- 3.4 "Got Your Back" offers support to victims of crime under the age of 18 in Halton whether they've reported the crime to the police or not. Referrals to the service come via the police and partner agencies and it also helps young people that reach out for support via social media.
- 3.5 Since the start of 2019, it has already supported 18 young people across Runcorn and Halton via bespoke one-to-one support sessions. The service works with young people to look at how they can put their experiences behind them. Together, a plan is formulated to establish who can support them. Some people may wish to feel safer or more confident since the crime against them happened. A regular review of progress is carried out to ensure that the young person is feeling more able to cope and recover.
- 3.6 One victim recently accessed the service as he felt vulnerable after being targeted by a group of youths. He told his Support Worker at the start of the sessions that his feeling of safety currently scored a 'two' on the scale of one to ten. However, after agreeing the plan and following the support, he now feels a seven.
- 3.7 Another priority for Got Your Back has been tackling hate crime in Halton. In just one month last year (July 2018), 108 hate crimes were reported by young people across Runcorn and Widnes. The team from Got Your Back has delivered hate crime workshops to more than 550 under 18s in the area. The workshops help young people understand what a hate crime is, what to do if they feel they have been a victim of a hate crime and how to report it.
- 3.8 The feedback from the sessions has been extremely positive with young people coming up with ideas how they can support someone who has experienced a hate crime and helping them understand the impact hate crime can have on the wider community.

#### **4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 None identified.

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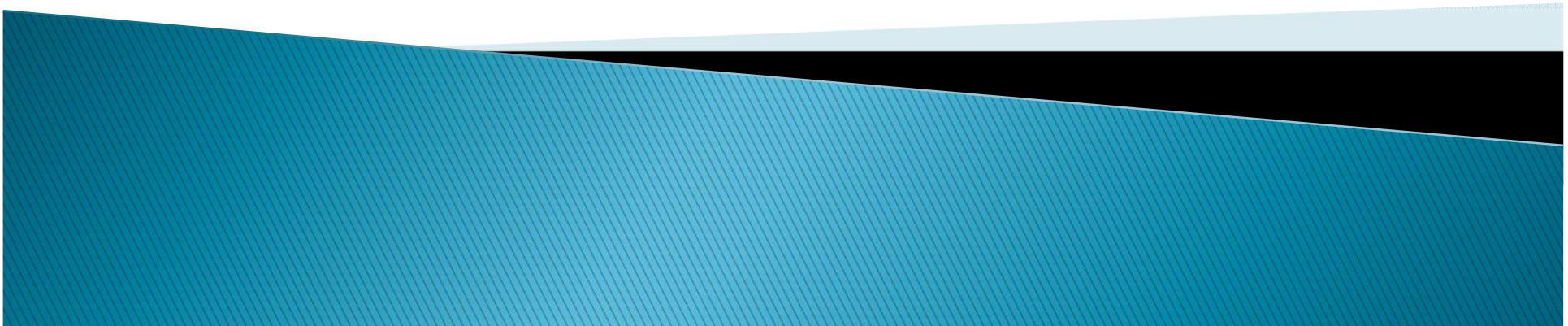
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# Halton Got Your Back

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# Overview of Service

- ▶ Remedi Commissioned by the PCC
- ▶ Supporting victims of crime under the age of 18
- ▶ Pilot programme in Halton
- ▶ Delivery of Hate Crime Workshops to 300 young people
- ▶ 1:1 face to face mentoring support
- ▶ Telephone / Signposting support



# Why Halton ?

- ▶ Evidence based from our Got Your Back service in Derbyshire, in their first year we received 626 referrals, 61 were self referrals
- ▶ We know that 108 young victims reported a crime in just one month in Halton in July 2018





# Staffing

- ▶ 1 x Manager overseeing contract
- ▶ 1 x 35 hour per week victim support worker
- ▶ 1 x 20 hour per week victim support worker
- ▶ 1 admin support based at RJ & Mediation Hub



# Level of Support

- ▶ Using a 1:1 bespoke mentoring support service either face to face or by telephone
- ▶ Adopting a “WITH” approach, carry out needs assessment, create support plan, create goals
- ▶ Measure success, evidence impact by scoring needs at beginning and end of intervention



# Service Update

- ▶ December / training induction for 2 new team members
- ▶ Live Referrals from January 2019
- ▶ 12 referrals received to date – 11 appropriate and allocated, 1 signposted to other support
- ▶ Hate Crime Workshops reaching 334 YP's



# Accessing our service

- ▶ Agency Referrals
- ▶ Police Briefings
- ▶ Self Referrals, via a variety of social media platforms



# Future Plans

- ▶ Engage with hard to reach Young People who are not in education or training.
- ▶ Work with partner agencies CSC, YJS, Addaction, Community Groups, LGBT groups, Housing etc to raise awareness and increase referrals
- ▶ Explore funding opportunities to create Halton / Cheshire Hate Crime Video
- ▶ Evidence success and roll out across Cheshire



# Questions



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