

## **SAFER POLICY AND PERFORMANCE BOARD**

*At a meeting of the Safer Policy and Performance Board on Tuesday, 9 November 2021  
at the Council Chamber - Town Hall, Runcorn*

Present: Councillors V. Hill (Vice-Chair), Begg, Bevan, Bramwell, Carlin, Loftus,  
A. McInerney, Ratcliffe and Wall

Apologies for Absence: Councillors N. Plumpton Walsh and Baker

Absence declared on Council business: None

Officers present: M. Andrews and G. Ferguson

Also in attendance: K. Bendon – National Probation Service

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

		<i>Action</i>
SAF13	CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS	
	The Vice-Chair requested Members to forward topic ideas which they would like to be included for discussion as part of the Board's agenda for next year to either herself or the Lead Officer.	
SAF14	MINUTES	
	The Minutes of the meeting held on 14 September 2021 were taken as read and signed as a correct record.	
SAF15	PUBLIC QUESTION TIME	
	It was reported that no questions had been received.	
SAF16	PROBATION SERVICE INTEGRATED OFFENDER MANAGEMENT SCHEME NATIONAL REFRESH	
	The Board received a presentation from Kerri Bendon, from the National Probation Service, who provided the Board with a presentation on the current arrangements within the Service following a refresh of the Integrated Offender Management Scheme (IOM). IOM was introduced in 2009 to bring a cross-agency response to crime and	

reoffending threats faced by local communities. The aim was for the most prolific and problematic offenders to be prioritised and jointly managed by the police, probation and other partner agencies.

In February 2020, Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Probation (HMIP) and Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS) joint inspection found that IOM had 'lost its way'. The report highlighted the potential benefits of greater leadership from the centre, including improving clarity around the cohort focus for IOM and the nature of the work that should be involved. To address this, the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) and Home Office (HO) had undertaken work to review current IOM practice, engaging with operational practitioners and reviewing the evidence base.

From June 2021, probation reform and the creation of Regional Probation Directors would facilitate new ways for the police and probation to work together in this space.

The Board was advised on the current arrangements in Halton to support the National Probation IOM scheme and the activity taking place on a PAN-Cheshire footprint.

RESOLVED: That the Board notes the information presented.

#### SAF17 PROBATION SERVICE NORTH WEST UNPAID WORK SCHEME

The Board received a presentation from Kerri Bendon, from the National Probation Service (NPS), who provided the Board with a presentation on the current arrangements in relation to the unpaid work scheme, known as the 'Community Payback Scheme'. The presentation outlined to Members:

- The different strands of activity across Halton and Cheshire, highlighting how the partnership was meeting its responsibilities;
- An overview of the community payback scheme and the core principles which included: credible punishment, visible to the public, rehabilitation, public involvement (community nominations for projects), it should not replace paid employment; and the safety of staff, public and service user was paramount; and
- The type of community payback work undertaken in Cheshire.

Arising from the discussion around nominations for areas where community payback work could take place, it was agreed that any suggestions should be forwarded to Mike Andrews and he would feedback to the NPS.

RESOLVED: That the report and presentation be noted.

SAF18 THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY - NATIONAL PREVENTION PROGRAMME

This report was deferred until the next meeting.

*Meeting ended at 7.25 p.m.*