

Minutes of Special Meeting of Anti-Social Behaviour Topic Group

Held on Wednesday 22nd November 2006 at 5pm

Municipal Building CR2

Present: Cllr John Stockton (Chair), Cllr Pamela Wallace, Cllr Colin Rowan, Cllr Geoffrey Swift, Cllr Linda Redhead, Cllr Shaun Osborne, Andy Briggs, Inspector Andy Ross, Alex Villiers, Clare Myring, Steve Eastwood, Andy Williams Howard Cockcroft

Apologies: Cllr Sue Edge, Cllr Marie Wright, Cllr Martha Lloyd-Jones, Cllr Dave Thompson, Gareth Jones, Dwayne Johnson, Chris Frazer, Cllr Margaret Ratcliffe

Item	Details	Action
1	<p>The principle of the West Lancs Multi-Agency Problem Solving Team was considered. The meeting felt that the principle was sound, but needed to be made relevant to Halton. The following points were highlighted: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The focus should be on the strategic rather than operational. • We all had a collective responsibility to tackle the issue. • Initial concentration might be on enforcement, but we should not forget prevention and deterrents. • The principle of co-location should be to provide seamless communication. • Size of any co-located team needs to be manageable. • General feeling that a co-located site should not be a Police Station as some potential clients might be nervous of criminal justice agencies. 	
2	<p>The meeting considered in detail who might be part of co-located team. Partners were identified as either 'core' (i.e. those who would work closely with the core team, but not physically co-located). Link partners should have the opportunity to 'hot desk' from the core teams co-located office, and should establish robust communication links with the core team. The following groupings emerged: -</p> <p>Core: - Community Safety Police Fire YOT Probation Youth Service Co-ordinator</p> <p>Link: - PCT Consumer Affairs Environmental Health DAAT Mental Health Team/Social Care Housing/Homelessness</p>	
3	<p>Potential sites were considered for co-location. Costs were recognised as a factor, particularly ICT costs to move. Agreed to look at the viability of Church Street site.</p>	
4	<p>The meeting agreed that the concept of co-location needed some formal endorsement before individual partners could be approached. Debbie</p>	

	Houghton/Andy Williams were already tasked to produce a paper on the West Lancs model for the next meeting of the Safer Halton Partnership. It was felt that this could provide a basis for a report to the Safer Halton PPB, who could then make proposals to the Executive Board.	
5	Overall management structures remained an outstanding issue. The new Community Safety Co-ordinator would be tasked with considering these. CCTV cameras would be looked at separately as an issue. Cllr Philbin to be included in future mailings.	
6	Date and time of next meeting Wednesday 20 th December at 5.00pm at CR2, Runcorn Town Hall	