

REPORT TO: Safer Policy and Performance Board
DATE: 20th January 2015
REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director – Communities
PORTFOLIO: Community Safety
SUBJECT: Cheshire Constabulary PCSO Blue Lamp Reports
WARDS: Borough Wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To update the Safer Halton Policy and performance Board on the work of the Halton based Police Community Support Officers

2.0 **RECOMMENDATION:** That the presentation be received and noted.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 PCSOs were introduced under the Policing Reform Act of 2002 to increase the police presence on the streets, provide reassurance to the public and free up the time of regular police officers. Now fundamentally embedded within neighbourhood teams, the focus of PCSOs has been on engagement rather than enforcement

3.2 Police Community Support Officers in Cheshire work at the heart of Neighbourhood Policing Teams, providing a visible and reassuring presence on the streets, working with the community to help tackle the menace of anti-social behaviour.

3.3 PCSOs roles differ according to the needs of the local community, but they usually patrol a beat and interact with the public, while also offering assistance to police officers at crime scenes and major events.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None

5.0 RISK ANALYSIS

5.1 None

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 **Children and Young People in Halton**

The Constabulary 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 Constabulary as a universal service impacts on the health, safety and well-being of Halton residents.

6.4 A Safer Halton

The work of the Community Safety team and Cheshire Constabulary will have positive benefits for the communities of Halton.

6.5 Environment and Regeneration

None

7.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

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.