

REPORT TO: Safer Halton PPB

DATE: 18th September 2007

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director – Health and Community

SUBJECT: Our Community, Your Say. A national consultation on the new drugs strategy

WARDS: Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To advise the Safer Halton Policy & Performance Board of the national consultation on Our Community, Your Say.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That

- (1) The PPB notes and comments on the report
- (2) The PPB participates in the consultation exercise

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Nine years on from the launch of the original National Drug Strategy, the Government is looking to review its approach to this issue. Our Community, Your Say is a national consultation exercise that will take place over the summer and autumn of 2007. The consultation focuses on clearly identifying outcomes and improvements in the areas of; better intervention and education for young people and families, better public information, improved treatment and social care, reducing drug related crime and anti-social behaviour and greater, more visible disruption of drug supplies. The consultation also seeks views on current delivery structures and what more can be done to mainstream responsibility for drugs.

The Children & Young Peoples Alliance, through the preventative services mini-Trust, will be consulting with stakeholders over the young peoples aspects of the new strategy. The DAAT will consult with stakeholders over the remaining areas of the new strategy.

The proposed timetable is as follows;

- Documentation circulated to key stakeholders by 31st August.
- Comments returned to DAAT by 28th September
- Partnership response circulated to stakeholders by 12th October
- Partnership submission to Home Office by 19th October

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

N/a

5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

N/a

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Children and Young People in Halton

6.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton

6.3 A Healthy Halton

6.4 A Safer Halton

6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

N/a

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

N/a

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

N/a.

(NB ONLY INCLUDE 9.0, 10.0 AND 11.0 BELOW IF THE REPORT RELATES TO A KEY DECISION INCLUDED ON THE FORWARD PLAN)

9.0 REASON(S) FOR DECISION

10.0 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

11.0 IMPLEMENTATION DATE

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

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Place of Inspection

Contact Officer

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