



Safer Halton **PARTNERSHIP**

a member of the Halton Strategic Partnership

Action Points From 19th July 2017

Present:

David Parr	HBC (Chief Executive) : Chair
Cllr Dave Cargill	HBC (Community Safety Portfolio Holder)
Cllr Dave Thompson	HBC (Community Safety PPB Chair)
Chris Patino	HBC (Operational Director)
Deana Perchard	HBC Trading Standards
Elsbeth Anwar	HBC (Public Health)
Gareth Jones	Youth Justices Services
Greg Sharples	Faith Representative
John Boswell	Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service
John Davidson	National Probation Service
Karen Taylor	CRC (Probation)
Kevin Bennett	Cheshire Constabulary
Lorraine Crane	HBC (Children's Services)
Mark Antrobus	Cheshire Police (Community Safety Team)
Mark Bushnell	Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service
Mark Harvey	Halton Housing Trust
Matthew Young	Halton's Youth Cabinet
Michelle Cotgreave	HBC (Principal Emergency Planning Officer)
Mike Andrews	HBC (Community Safety Manager)
Patricia Preston	HBC (Housing Solutions Manager)
Phil McClure	Addaction
Rhiannon Knower	Refugee Action
Richard Rees	Cheshire Constabulary
Shélah Semoff	HBC (Partnership Officer)

- 1) **Welcome and Introductions** **Action**
- 2) **Apologies**
Danielle Whitwell, Lynsey McVay
- 3) **Minutes of the Last Meeting and Matters Arising**

Minutes of 5th May were agreed.
- 4) **Task Group Updates:**
 - a) Alcohol : Report noted – no major issues or concerns raised.
 - b) Crime, Anti-Social Behaviour and Partnership Tasking : Report noted – some discussion about data integrity took place with some work ongoing around processes

and what data is actual recorded - it was noted that officers working within LPUs don't feel that's there been a spike of any kind – question was asked about whether new offences were included such as mobile phones (to be checked) – it was also noted that whilst there was a slight increase in household break-in – this category now included sheds, which people use to hold some expensive items such as bikes; comment was made that the “moveable feast” meant it was hard to have confidence in the figures; reports from summer campaigns were good – discussion around mopeds – if Police are notified they will try and send out officers if possible with tracker spray – but members of the community need to report – suggested that the Blue Lamp reports could be shared across a wider footprint to show how the Police act on information.

- c) Domestic Abuse : Report noted – again data collection was an issue with incidents being recorded under different categories in some constabulary areas, whilst others recorded all incidents under DA – Halton does appear to have reduced recorded incidents – additional analysis of figures was requested – looking for trends across the last four years; the group agreed that it would like to see a Pan-Cheshire sign up to the White Ribbon campaign.
- d) Substance Misuse : Report noted – there was some discussion about the increase in service user deaths nationally – however it was noted that most of these were older, long term users and there was ongoing work to identify the true cause of death (drug use or a drug use related illness).
- e) Licensing : Report noted – no major issues or concerns raised.

5) **Youth Cabinet Updates**

Website being developed for resources around Hate Crime incidents, including support and reporting. Schools have been contacted, and MY has been asked to go and speak to students Ashley Special School. Social media work ongoing to raise awareness of the work done by the Youth Cabinet on it's various activities include the hate crime project and Halton Against Hate event on the 26th October. The Youth Cabinet are also doing work around challenging Islamophobia and Anti-Semitism. They want to raise awareness amongst young people to celebrate differences, and they are looking to develop the work around other faiths, disability and LGBTI issues.

6) **Asylum Seekers and Refugees in Halton – Update**

A discussion was held about issues raised by local residents, with the Police, who felt that their community safety concerns were not being addressed in relation to the proposed Initial Accommodation site at Wilmere Lane. The Police have produced a Community Impact report and will continue to hold regular meetings to ensure that residents' concerns are heard and the fear of crime is managed appropriately. David Parr assured partners that issues raised by residents with the local authority have been addressed and responded to, with most already being dealt with, which are on public record in the planning report (16th January 2017).

With regards to the Syrian Resettled Refugees, Partners were given an update regarding numbers in Halton and when the next arrivals are expected. Rhiannon Knowler gave some feedback from Refugee Action's resettlement work, including the neighbourly support which has been shown by Halton's residents. There was some concerns from the families regarding potential hate crime following incidents in Manchester and London, but so far this has not resulted in a massive increase of incidents. RK did raise the fact that is some areas Refugees are vulnerable to scams and some forms of exploitation.

7) **Police and Crime Commissioner**

Nothing of concern noted.

8) **Police and Crime Panel**

There is now a Deputy PCC and offices have moved to Warrington. Some concerns raised regarding reduction in budget for anti-terrorism activity when there is an increase in related incidents.

9) **Serious Organised Crime**

Cheshire Police reviewing what is classified as SOC and how they deal with it. SHP Members will be kept updated.

10) **Information Items**

All information items noted.

11) **AOB**

Gareth Jones shared information regarding a thematic inspection of services

Cllr Thompson raised the issue of tolls on the Mersey Gateway for emergency vehicles. He explained that there were several issues under discussion such as the difference between health service operational work and emergency service, and system in place may work for Fire Trucks but what about non-emergency activity? David Parr reassured Partners that the arrangements that were in place for the Mersey Tunnels would be replicated and for non-emergency crossings, staff would have to reclaim the costs as they would with other expenses. It was felt that the new bridge will improve response times as it allows for better connectivity across the Northwest.

12) **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

- 18th October @ 10:00 : Ground Floor Boardroom, Municipal Buildings, Widnes

Agreed As A True And Accurate Record 18th October 2017