

REPORT TO: Safer Policy and Performance Board

DATE: 19th February 2019

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director –Enterprise, Community and Resources

PORTFOLIO: Community Safety

SUBJECT: Update on multi agency work to tackle off road motorbikes

WARDS: Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To consider the update report from Cheshire Constabulary regarding the multi-agency response to the illegal and anti-social use of off road motorcycles.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the

- 1. report be noted; and**
- 2. Board consider the information presented and raise any questions of interest or points of clarification following the presentation.**

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 Operation Scrambler (Off Road Bikes)

Cheshire Police has relaunched Operation Scrambler for the forthcoming summer period. They will be utilizing various tactics to deal with the illegal and Anti-Social use of off road motorcycles, mini-motos and quad bikes within Halton.

As part of this operation they have access to a unique tool, which allows them to mark riders and trace them to the bikes at a later date. The new DNA spray will be a part of their battle against this anti-social and criminal activity. This Spray has been funded in partnership with Halton Borough Council, Halton Housing Trust and the Halton Community Safety Team.

In addition to this, there was a UK wide week of action which ran from Monday 27 August to Sunday 2 September and was aimed at reducing the number of serious and fatal collisions involving motorcyclists.

In Cheshire it's estimated that motorcyclists account for approximately 1% of all road users, yet last year they accounted for nearly a quarter of those killed on our roads. Of the 28 deaths on Cheshire's roads, six involved motorcyclists.

This operation is one of a number of measures that we are undertaking to tackle the issue. The operation is not about alienating the motorcycling community – it is about education and enforcement to help reduce the number of deaths on our roads.

As part of this operation officers will be stopping and engaging with motorcyclists who commit moving traffic offences such as speeding and dangerous riding as well as anti-social offences such as excessive noise.

Officers will also be targeting the use of illegal off road motorcycles, which pose as risk to the public using parks and recreational areas.

They will also be encouraging motorcyclists to enhance their skills, knowledge and check their personal protective equipment.

In addition to motorcyclists officers will also target all road users who endanger the lives of themselves and others.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The policy implications of the review relate primarily to the Safer Halton priority. However this is a cross cutting work area which has wider implications on other areas of council business.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 **None**

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Children and Young People in Halton

The Community Safety Service 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 Community Safety Service as a universal service impacts on the Health, safety and well-being of the residents of Halton.

6.4 A Safer Halton

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6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

None

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

None

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

None

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

9.1 There are no background papers under the meaning of the Act.