

**REPORT TO:** Safer Policy and Performance Board

**DATE:** 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Strategic Director – Enterprise, Community and Resources

**PORTFOLIO:** Community Safety

**SUBJECT:** Multi Agency initiatives Kickoff@3

**WARDS:** Borough wide

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 To update the Board on the positive work that the Council is doing in partnership with the Police to make Halton safer, in particular a new national scheme called **Kickoff@3**.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the**

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

## **3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 3.1 Following recent events in Runcorn and other trends that are emerging across the Borough (and Nationally) with regard to crime and violence against the person by young people, Halton has established a multi-agency response to what is clearly becoming a significant concern for our communities.
- 3.2 The purpose of this response is to help us have a better understanding of the current picture in Halton in respect of knife crime and violence against the person, especially that being perpetrated by young people.

It will also help to inform members of what the Police, the Council and other partners are doing to tackle this issue and provide community reassurance, as well as to explore what others are doing elsewhere in addressing similar issues by reviewing best practice nationally.

A key part of this work is to Identify what the community and community representatives can do individually and collectively to help tackle this issue.

### 3.3 Some key actions have emerged as a priority for this work, namely

- To develop a structured approach
- To address the current culture that carrying a weapon is acceptable
- To educate and raise awareness that carrying a weapon is not acceptable
- To educate and raise awareness about staying safe
- To develop a programme of measures to deliver a long term and sustainable approach
- To engage with the community.

## 4.0 WHAT IS KickOff@3?

KickOff@3 is a collaborative initiative set up by passionate men who wish to engage young people, using sport, music and other imaginative ideas to spread awareness.

KickOff@3 was created by Michael Wallace and Ashley Levien.

Michael Wallace is a serving Police Officer who works in Community and Youth Engagement and is passionate about supporting youth and community initiatives.

He understands how important connections and relationships are with vulnerable young people, and that sports can provide stability they might not get elsewhere.

Ashley Levien runs Suberbos Community which is a social inclusion organisation that delivers free initiatives in the London Borough of Barnet. Ashley also volunteers in the community, mentoring youths and contributing to charity work. Ashley has dedicated his professional career, and much of his time outside to support young people in getting involved in activities which they see the benefit of for the rest of their lives.

The project engages with young people through the medium of sports and music and raises awareness and funds for a range of charities that promote health and well-being in young people.

### 4.0 KickOff@3 Scheme aims

- Raising awareness of the different charitable needs
- Youth Engagement – ‘Breaking down barriers through sport’
- Social responsibility – KickOff@3 feel passionately about giving back to the community
- Positive collaboration – The RSA report 2015 stated that the police could not do it all and needed more innovative ways to work more effectively with partners and communities

- Engaging with those who are 'harder to reach' – Non-police branding will be more appealing to those who would not ordinarily attend an event hosted by their local police. Allows a 'softer badge' similar to how the Prince's Trust works with the police.

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## **5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

**5.1 None**

## **6.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

**6.1.1 None**

## **7.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

### **7.1 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.

### **7.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton**

**None**

### **7.3 A Healthy Halton**

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

### **7.4 A Safer Halton**

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

### **7.5 Halton's Urban Renewal**

**None**

## **8.0 RISK ANALYSIS**

**None**

## **9.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

**None**

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

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