



Safe and Attractive Neighbourhoods Partnership 12th January 2005

Children's Services

Kath O'Dwyer from Halton Borough Council gave a presentation about the Children's Act, the key issues it contains for Halton, and actions being taken to address them. It was agreed that the integration of Children's Services would remain as a standing agenda item for all future meetings.

Neighbourhood Renewal Update

The Halton Strategic Partnership has begun the process of reviewing Halton's priorities, which will lead to the production of a new Community Strategy. Events will be held during the course of the year to feed into the process, and members of the group will receive invitations in due course.

Safer and Stronger Communities Fund

The requirements of the Safer and Stronger Communities Fund were explained to the group, and it was noted that Government Office North West will be monitoring the implementation of the scheme. The importance of ensuring positive outcomes from the funding was emphasised.

Police Reform Paper

Inspector Grant Ardern has been seconded to a project investigating partnerships. The work came about as a result of the Government white paper on Police Reform, and a model will be produced based on its results.

Draft Policing Policies

The proposed Cheshire policing objectives for 2005/06 were presented to the group, and feedback requested from partners to Superintendent Dave Booth as soon as possible.

Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy

Andy Williams updated the Partnership on developments arising from the Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy. The four strands of the Strategy had been investigated, and it was suggested that an annual conference be held on the subject.

The need for a multi-agency task group was agreed, and nominees requested.

The Widnes pubwatch scheme has been working well, and a similar scheme will be investigated for Runcorn.

Audit Commission Report: Reducing the Local Impact

Steve Eastwood gave a presentation on the Reducing the Local Impact Report. The report focuses on the need for users to complete the recovery path successfully and sustain a stable lifestyle.

Drug Action Team Update

The Treatment Plan for 2005/06 was outlined, and a progress report given on the 5 Boroughs Partnership Action Plan, which showed significant improvements in the service provided. The Partnership and the Drug Action Team were praised for their efforts in achieving this improvement.

Date of next meeting – 9th March 2005, River Suite, Halton Stadium.