

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

SALISBURY AREA BOARD 24th January 2019

SALISBURY'S CRIME & COMMUNITY SAFETY GROUP UPDATE

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1. To receive an update from the Salisbury Crime & Community Safety Group.

2. Background

2.1 With the introduction of the new Community Policing model in Wiltshire in 2016, local area boards were asked if they would like to take the lead on arrangements previously managed by police teams, then known as 'neighbourhood tasking groups' (NTGs). At that time, the attached revised terms of reference were agreed, and since July 2016, a new Crime and Community Safety Group has operated in place of the NTG, chaired by a councillor appointed by the Salisbury Area Board.

3. Progress update

3.1. At an event hosted by the group in November 2018, the main issues discussed were:

a) An update from Inspector Pete Sparrow regarding major policing events in 2018, revised community policing team arrangements and Salisbury crime levels and trends (see attached slides). In discussing this, the key issues raised were:

- Improvements need to be made in terms of capacity and strategic delivery regarding youth engagement
- the community policing team has plans to do revive Streetwatch in Salisbury and set up new ones in neighbouring areas
- A more detailed discussion is needed to understand the role and potential of the Special Constabulary, as a means to ensure this resource is used in the most effective way
- The review of all groups which meet in Salisbury on the topic of crime and community safety, including this group, Pubwatch, citywatch etc, needs to be carried out
- The Chairman, Cllr Atiqul Hoque requested that the group spend some time focusing on the community safety issue of people inappropriately cycling on footpaths and in pedestrian areas
- National citizens policing strategy is another matter the group should consider at a future meeting

- b) How new Neighbourhood Watch (NW) arrangements (relaunched in Nov 2016) are developing in Wiltshire. (see attached slides). It was understood that there were a good number of residents signed up to the neighbourhood watch schemes in Salisbury, but that recruiting new co-ordinators for schemes had always been a challenge, and since the introduction of the Community Messaging system, neighbourhood watch schemes had not felt as involved, or informed in working alongside the police to keep Salisbury safe. The group heard from 2 members of the Wiltshire Neighbourhood Watch Association (WNWA), who serve as voluntary members offering advice to existing schemes and for new schemes in Wiltshire & Swindon who offered the following points of clarification and advice:
- i. Previously NW had been supported by a co-ordinator from the police, but since changes made in 2016, this is now supported by volunteers from the WNWA, the transition had proved difficult particularly in terms of inheriting lists from the police of NW member/co-ordinator contact details
 - ii. The WNWA is very keen to keep NW going and interest from the community in both Wiltshire and Swindon is evident
 - iii. Over the past 18months the WNWA has developed a clearer sense of direction and is now in a stronger position to work in a more directive way in its liaisons with police teams – helped by quarterly meetings with the Police & Crime Commissioner and Superintendent Phil Staynings. However, it needs more people to help sustain and develop its operations
 - iv. The WNWA would like to raise its profile and appeal for more members by attending area board meetings – and would welcome invites to these meetings
 - v. A new Salisbury community representative was recruited to attend WNWA meetings
 - vi. There was a stock of new signs and stickers for local schemes available from the WNWA

4. Recommendation

4.1 That the board notes this progress update.

Report Author: (KAREN LINAKER – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MANAGER)
Tel No: 01722 434697 E-Mail: karen.linaker@wiltshire.gov.uk

Revised Neighbourhood Tasking Group arrangements in Salisbury

- **New Name: Crime & Community Safety Tasking Group**
 - **New Chair: To be agreed on 24 May 2017**
 - **New Terms of Reference:**
1. Representatives of the community, (including councillors, BID, young people, churches, schools, council officers, youth leaders, neighbourhood watch, streetwatch, street pastors, BME, older people reps, etc) to meet with community police officers on a quarterly cycle to discuss issues and priorities relating to crime and community safety in all divisions of Salisbury.
 2. Role of the police on the group:
 - (a) to update community representatives as to the crime and community safety issues and priorities for Salisbury, and to communicate what action the police are taking to tackle those issues and priorities
 - (b) to respond to the recommendations of the group, e.g. on a change in local policing focus, or to work in partnership with a new community led scheme, such as additional streetwatch schemes for the community area
 3. Role of the community representatives:
 - (a) to use the quarterly meetings, and other ways, in which to stay up to date and well connected to all matters relating to crime and community safety in Salisbury
 - (b) to formulate recommendations for local community action that complements and works in partnership with the police, e.g. organise graffiti clean up days
 - (c) to respond to requests from the area board, e.g. to devise and implement local action on crime and community safety matters identified by the area board
 - (d) to set up, co-ordinate and sustain a communications strategy that ensures the wider community is made aware of the work of the group. This communications strategy to include the scope for regular events with partners (including the Safer More Supportive Salisbury Community Group) to focus on single issues or for general raising awareness purposes.