

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

SALISBURY AREA BOARD 9th November 2017

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 introduced in Wiltshire in the middle of last year, 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 the meeting in October 2017, the main issues discussed were:

- a) Support arrangements for neighbourhood watch scheme (NHW) co-ordinators since the switch over to community messaging. The group is planning to investigate how support can be strengthened for local co-ordinators in Salisbury, with a view to seeing if new co-ordinators are needed and where
- b) Whilst accepting the rationale for emails and social media as the mainstream way by which the police communicate with the community, including NHW co-ordinators, the group would like to see how it might be able to strengthen arrangements for alternative communications, whether leaflets, posters, or other ways to support those not online or able to interact in that way. It was noted that the local police cadets already assist with this, and that members of the Health & Wellbeing Group and Safer Salisbury Community Group were actively exploring how it might do the same thing with forms of information relevant to their priorities, i.e. dementia, older peoples list of groups and clubs
- c) The area board's plan to facilitate a community debate on Salisbury's rough sleepers, and how strategies might be influenced and strengthened by that debate and going forward
- d) Purple Flag were planning to run its self-assessment on the 28 October

e) Current police priorities for the Salisbury Community Area, which included

- responding to anti-social behaviour involving damage caused by catapults on Bemerton Heath
- city centre street drinking/begging and related crimes – police response to which was being well supported by the city council’s new city centre security officers, alongside the development of the new Public Spaces Protection Order for the city centre and potentially other areas of the city, which should help to further strengthen response to these matters
- drug related crime, including cracking down on drug dealers
- responding to anti-social behaviour, including drug taking, in a number of public conveniences in and around the city.

4. Recommendation

4.1 That the board notes this progress update.

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