

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

SALISBURY AREA BOARD 28th March 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, a revised terms of reference were agreed, and since July 2016, the 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
- (i) Discussion around the number of groups operating in the Salisbury area covering the same/similar ground.
 - (ii) This has resulted in the main members such as the police providing multiple briefings of the same material at numerous meetings.
 - (iii) Similar concerns on this issue have been raised by other groups such as Citywatch and BID commissions a survey to look at all the groups involved in 'community safety'.
 - (iv) Due to the restructure of the Wiltshire Council Communities Team, administration support for the Crime and Community Safety group can no longer be sustained by the Community Engagement Manager.
 - (v) The group suggested that the way forward was to push towards a single group of representatives (BID, Citywatch, NHW< Pubwatch etc) for the Salisbury Community Area. This would mean independence from, but continued partnership working with Salisbury Area Board, and that the boundaries of the areas of interest would tie in more closely with the police.
 - (vi) Cllr Hoque has offered to chair the new group and Colin Froude has agreed to assist with the practical arrangements of the meetings.
 - (vii) Details of new group to follow.
- 3.2 Update received on Neighbourhood Watch Association from South Wilts committee rep Merv Quick. The association is actively seeking volunteers. Anyone who is interested can contact marc.read@wiltshire.gov.uk for further info.

- 3.3 Update received from Acting Inspector John Hutchings ref policing in Salisbury. The report is available in the police update pages of the area board agenda.
- 3.4 Cllr Hoque raised the issue of cyclists on pavements and it was agreed that if hotspots could be identified then the police would target patrols.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 That the board notes this progress update.

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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.