

WILLENHALL NORTH / WILLENHALL SOUTH / SHORT HEATH AREA PANEL

27 SEPTEMBER 2016 AT 6.00 P.M.

50A SANDBEDS ROAD, SHORT HEATH, WV12 4GA

Membership: Councillor C. Creaney (Chairman)

Councillor S. Coughlan (Vice Chairman)

Councillor D. Barker Councillor S. Cooper Councillor D. Coughlan Councillor A. Hicken Councillor D. Hazell Councillor E. Hazell Councillor I. Shires

Quorum: Three Members

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AGENDA

PART I - PUBLIC SESSION

- 1. Apologies
- 2. Declarations of Interest
- 3. Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985 (as amended):

To agree that the public be excluded from the private session during consideration of the agenda items indicated for the reasons shown on the agenda.

- 4. Minutes 28 June 2016
- 5. Area Managers Report **Enclosed**
- 6. Funding report **Enclosed**
- 9. Date of next meeting 10 November 2016

Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972 (as amended)

Access to information: Exempt information

Part 1

Descriptions of exempt information: England

- 1. Information relating to any individual.
- 2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.
- 3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
- 4. Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.
- 5. Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.
- 6. Information which reveals that the authority proposes:
 - (a) to give any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or
 - (b) to make an order or direction under any enactment.
- 7. Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.
- 8. Information being disclosed during a meeting of a Scrutiny and Performance Panel when considering flood risk management functions which:
 - (a) Constitutes a trades secret;
 - (b) Its disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the risk management authority);
 - (c) It was obtained by a risk management authority from any other person and its disclosure to the public by the risk management authority would constitute a breach of confidence actionable by that other person.

The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012

Specified pecuniary interests

The pecuniary interests which are specified for the purposes of Chapter 7 of Part 1 of the Localism Act 2011 are the interests specified in the second column of the following:

Subject	Prescribed description
Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation	Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.
Sponsorship	Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the relevant authority) made or provided within the relevant period in respect of any expenses incurred by a member in carrying out duties as a member, or towards the election expenses of a member.
	This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Regulations (Consolidation) Act 1992.
Contracts	Any contract which is made between the relevant person (or a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest) and the relevant authority:
	(a) under which goods or services are to be provided; or works are to be executed; and
	(b) which has not been fully discharged.
Land	Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the relevant authority.
Licences	Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the relevant authority for a month or longer.
Corporate tenancies	Any tenancy where (to a member's knowledge):
	(a) the landlord is the relevant authority;
	(b) the tenant is a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest.
Securities	Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where:
	(a) that body (to a member's knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the relevant authority; and
	(b) either:
	(i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or
	(ii) if the share capital of that body is more than

one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the
total issued share capital of that class.

WILLENHALL NORTH/WILLENHALL SOUTH/SHORT HEATH AREA PANEL MEETING

Willenhall Chart, 19 Gomer Street, Willenhall, WV13 2NS

Tuesday 28th June, 2016 at 6.00 p.m.

Members in attendance

Councillor C Creaney (Chairman)

Councillor D. Barker

Councillor S Cooper

Councillor D Coughlan

Councillor A Hicken

Councillor D Hazel

Councillor E Hazel

Others in attendance

Michael Greenfield Area Manager

Sqt Hari Cheema West Midlands Police

Liam Perrens Frank F Harrison Youth Support Craig Goodall Democratic Services Officer

115/16 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor S Coughlan and Councillor I Shires.

116/16 **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor D Coughlan declared a pecuniary interest as a board member of Willenhall CHART.

117/16 Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985 (as amended)

There were no items to be taken in private session.

118/16 **Minutes**

Councillor D Coughlan requested that item 108/16 Declarations of Interest be amended with the word *employed* replaced by the word *volunteer*.

Resolved:

That the minutes as amended of the meeting which took place on the 24th March 2016 a copy having previously been circulated be approved as a true and accurate record.

119/16 Policing in Willenhall and Short Heath

The panel discussed policing in Willenhall and Short Heath.

Sgt Harj Cheema attended the meeting and updated members regarding ongoing issues in the area. He explained that anti-social behaviour was reducing due to some excellent engagement work by the Police with local young people. He did note however that there appeared to be a younger cohort being noted in the area and he was discussing methods in which to prevent anti-social behaviour around local shops. This did include the use of a mosquito alarm.

The meeting then discussed the pros and cons of such a system noting that the Police and the Council did not endorse their use. The issue of simply moving one set of problem young people onto another area was also discussed. Members also discussed problems that had been taking place on the Lichfield Road but it was noted that anti-social behaviour had reduced. This had been acheived through a combination of warning young people, parental visits and use of acceptable behaviour contracts which were then vigorously enforced.

Sgt Cheema updated the meeting regarding Operation Elm which had seen the arrest of a person suspected targeting local young people.

Sgt Cheema also reported on the excellent work which WHG's Community Safety Team played in reducing crime and anti-social behaviour in the area.

Members requested up to date contact information for the local beat team to be circulated to themselves and local shops and partners.

Resolved

That West Midlands Police update and circulate an updated contact list for the local beat team.

120/16 New Services Willenhall and Short Heath – Areas of Employment

The panel discussed new services in Willenhall and Short Heath.

Liam Perrens from Frank F Harrison explained that they were the new provider for Youth Services for all three wards in the Willenhall and Short Heath area. There are no local Youth Clubs. He explained the area had £40,000 budget increase compared to previous years and this is separated by ward with £24,000 spent in each. As there are no local youth clubs detached sessions would take place. The number of sessions taking place in each ward were based on the need and the numbers of young people. He provided a timetable of local sessions across the area

to members [annexed]. He added that the provider was still searching for a venue to deliver sessions from the Short Heath ward.

The meeting discussed that engagement and diversionary activities and how they could be successful in preventing anti-social behaviour. However members did have some concerns that the activities could be seen as a reward for bad behaviour

A discussion on bullying in schools took place. Members were concerned that problems in schools could spill out onto the local streets. It was noted that schools tended to deal with these matters internally and didn't really involve external organisations. It was felt that in particular Academy's did not want the negative publicity. The Police did go into schools to do talks on bullying and other issues such as sexting.

The meeting discussed the sharing of information between partners. The Area Manager explained that the anti-social behaviour and problems with young people were discussed at the Area Tasking Meetings however he did note that social workers did not attend these meetings despite being invited. Members felt that social workers should be involved in the meetings and requested the Chairman to write to the portfolio holder and Executive Director to request that this takes place.

It was noted that Frank F Harrison was still searching for a venue to provide detached youth working in the Short Heath ward. A member of the panel offered a premises for use if the group felt that it would assist them.

Resolved

The Chair to write to the portfolio holder and Executive Director of Children's Services to request Social Worker representation at Area Panel Tasking Meetings.

121/16 Area Manager's Report

The Area Manager reported on ongoing activity in the local area.

He noted success with recent arrest following a spate of burglaries in the local area and he also reported on a successful Aspire to Engage event which had taken place at Bescot Stadium. Members provided positive feedback on the event and that they found it very interesting and there was a further event planned for October. A member of the committee complained that there were issues with drug dealing in certain streets in the local area.

Resolved

That the Area Manager investigate the details of drug dealing in the area and pass them onto West Midlands Police.

122/16 Funding Applications

The panel went through funding applications that had been received.

Willenhall E-Act Academy

The Area Manager presented the project to members, members noted that they had funded a similar project at this school in March and that the finance for the activity was still unclaimed. It was also noted that funding was for activities for the same age group and that the school took children from areas other than Willenhall and Short Heath. Members were minded to fund the project subject to the Area Manager being satisfied that the previous project had been completed and that different children were accessing the project. If this criteria could not be met and the school wished to go ahead with the application the panel requested that the school attend a special meeting to present their project and the reasons for the funding.

West Midlands Fire Service

The Area Manager presented the funding application and was felt that this was a valuable project and agreed to fund it.

Willenhall Chart Centre Social Breakfast Club

At this point Councillor Diane Coughlan declared a pecuniary interest and left the room for the duration of the discussion on this funding application.

The Area Manager presented the report.

Members queried in detail what the funding would be spent on. The Area Manager reported that a large portion of funding was to pay for premises costs. Members also questioned the demand for the service.

An employee from Willenhall CHART attended the meeting and explained in details the reasons for the costs. It was explained that premises costs included room hire, kitchen costs and heating and lighting fixed costs which would be lost as the rooms would be available to be used by external organisations. The breakfast clubs would begin at 10.30 and would be open to all age groups as the CHART was near Willenhall Town Centre it was well serviced by bus routes and local car parks were free. Members were also informed that there was a demand for this service it was something which was often requested by local people and it had also

been highlighted in a questionnaire of building users. A valuation would also take place during and after the project to establish its success.

Substance Matters

The Area Manager presented the fund application.

Members felt that this project provided good value for money for the types of services the organisation was providing. The wider impact of reducing crime and anti social behaviour was also noted.

Willenhall Town Centre Partnership

The Area Manager presented the funding application.

A member questioned whether this money did benefit the whole of the Willenhall and Short Heath Area and a further member fed back that a substantial sum of money was required to cover the events and the judging costs for the Britain in Bloom Judges. Another member explained that the Town Centre Partnership was well run and the activity was growing is a positive issue which helped shop keepers and attracted people to the town.

Resolved

- 1. £1500 be awarded to Willenhall E-Act Academy subject to:
 - a) The Area Manager being satisfied that the previous funded project by the area panel is complete and;
 - b) Reassurance that different children will be accessing the latest project.
- 2. £500 be awarded to West Midlands Fire Service.
- £2000 be awarded to Willenhall CHART
- 4. £759.00 be awarded to the Willenhall Owls.
- 5. £1500 be awarded to Substance Matters.
- 6. £4000 be awarded to Willenhall Town Centre Partnership.
- 7. £2000 be awarded to the Area Partnership.

Date of next meeting

It was noted the	e date of the next meeting was 27" September 2016
Being no other	business the meeting terminated at 8.13 p.m.
Chairman:	
Date:	

WILLENHALL AND SHORT HEATH AREA PANEL

Area Manager's Report Tuesday 27th September 2016

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 This report seeks to inform Elected Members for the Willenhall and Short Heath Area Partnership of some of the work carried out within the local area.
- 1.2 Willenhall and Short Heath Area Partnership has a number of key priorities which have been identified through work with partner agencies, Walsall Intelligence Network and the local community.
- 1.3 The strategic priorities are:
 - Safer Walsall: Creating safe, sustainable and inclusive communities
 - Children and Young People: Improving safeguarding, learning and life chances for children and young people
 - Business and Jobs: Supporting businesses to thrive and supporting local people in to work
 - Health and Well-Being: Improving health, including well-being and independence for older people
- 1.4 Partners involved includes: Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Unit, Youth Support Services, West Midlands Police, residents, Ward Councillors, Walsall Housing Group (WHG), West Midlands Probation Service, Walsall Intelligence Network, Environmental Health, Reassurance Team, Anti-Social Behaviour Team, Willenhall and Short Heath Area Partnership, Public Health, Caldmoreaccord Housing Association, Walsall Voluntary Action, West Midlands Fire Service, Social Care and Inclusion, Area Family Support Team, Trading Standards, Community Development, Substance Matters, Willenhall CHART, Willenhall E-Act, Clean and Green, Sports and Leisure, Jobcentre Plus, Steps to Work, Welfare Rights, Walsall College, Holy Trinity Online Centre, Libraries

2. Safer Walsall: Creating safe, sustainable and inclusive communities

- 2.1 Crime and anti-social behaviour continues to be discussed at the Confidential Tasking Meetings in Willenhall chaired by the Area Manager. Various partner agencies are involved in the discussions and actions undertaken to support those affected by the issues.
- 2.2 Through the work of the police team, supported by local intelligence, they have been able to tackle crime in various locations.

If you see anyone or anything suspicious in your local community please call officers on 101. Always dial 999 if a crime is in progress.

Likewise if you have information on people or properties linked to the handling of stolen property please call officers or contact the independent charity Crimestoppers in confidence on 0800 555 111.

Crime prevention literature/flyers are available; please contact WS Partnerships ws partnerships@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk,

2.3 Policing – Willenhall North & Short Heath

Recorded Crimes for June, July and August 2016 compared to June, July and August 2015 shows a 32.3% increase in Total Recorded Crime for Short Heath and Willenhall North.

<u>Update from Police Sergeant 9125– Willenhall North and Short Heath Neighbourhood Harjinder Cheema</u>

New Invention Square.

The problems with some youth who are causing ASB is being addressed.

Their behaviours is being disrupted, with 7 ABC contracts already issued and 1 more to be served.

These are all the main group and with the added time curfews, the issues on the Square should be drastically reduced.

Regular home curfew patrols are being conducted by the Police and youth appear to be abiding by the conditions.

In addition Mosquito alarm system well in progression with technician due to visit for check of location and costs.

General overview of Short Heath and New Invention.

At present there are a number of vehicle crime and burglary type offences being committed across the area and this is being addressed with Police high visibility and plain clothes patrols.

Residents are being given crime prevention advice as well as letter drops and additional police patrols are being carried out into the early hours of the morning.

Uninsured vehicle seizures

From start of August to date Willenhall North and Short Heath Neighbourhood Teams have seized in excess of 15 vehicles from the area for not being insured and drivers have been reported for documentation offences.

In November, transition phase one takes place in West Midlands Police, which is the first stage of the restructuring of the service.

The direct impact of this is that Willenhall North, South and Short Heath will all merge as one big team, which will be lead by PS Cheema, who will cover the whole of Willenhall area and the neighbourhood team.

2.4 Policing - Willenhall South

Recorded Crimes for June, July and August 2016 compared to June, July and August 2015 shows a 0.75% increase in Total Recorded Crime for Willenhall South.

<u>Update from Police Sergeant 3544 – Willenhall South NHT Kelvin</u> <u>Rowlands</u>

Willenhall South Neighbourhood currently still reflects the same geographical boundary mirroring Walsall Council Willenhall South ward.

A statistical analysis review of total recorded crime for this beat between 1/9/15 and 31/8/16 is showing an increase of 3.9% compared with the same period last year.

Walsall borough shows an increase of 3.7% and we appear to be doing much better than Wolverhampton our neighbour which is showing an increase of 12.7% (force 9.7% increase Year to date).

Despite this disappointing update, I am pleased to provide some positive news in terms of the previously highlighted and well publicised spike in commercial

burglaries which impacted on the businesses and the town centre community during the early part of summer 2016.

As a result of increased patrols by the local Neighbourhood Team and investigation together with meticulous scrutiny of both statutory body and private CCTV cameras across Willenhall, a richer picture of offender's movements was obtained. As a direct result of this information officers from this team were able to make positive identifications of two offenders responsible.

I am pleased to report swift action resulted in two local males being arrested and charged with twenty six burglaries within the town centre. Both males were charged and were found guilty by court receiving custodial sentences for these offences.

In early July 2016, the team contributed towards the National Summer Police Drink Drive campaign, working in conjunction with enforcing the illegal use of the restricted road adjacent to the Gurdwara Sikh temple on Walsall Road. Twenty four vehicles were stopped and drivers breathalysed under the road traffic act. I am pleased to report that all drivers passed the test and there was no one arrested as part of this campaign.

In terms of Anti-Social behaviour (ASB) during the summer, the team have focused its attention towards a flat in Walsall Street, a location believed involved in the supply and consumption of illegal drugs.

Despite intelligence gathering, an application was made for a warrant under the misuse of drugs act to the courts, the team were unsuccessful in convincing magistrates to issue a warrant based on evidence provided.

We have attempted to secure both Police and Council based covert options with the aim of enriching our intelligence and have again been unsuccessful. We will remain focused and vigilant aiming to build a wider intelligence pattern here to target offending in the future.

On a more positive note, working in conjunction with WHG, we have been able to secure an civil injunction order against a family in Tyler Road who were causing ASB in the locality.

Despite the existence of the order the man at the address has breached the order, and has since been arrested by this team for the breaches.

The consequence was a night in custody and a threat of losing his home in the future, clearly sending out a positive message that ASB will not be tolerated locally.

The team are actively using the powers under the recently introduced Anti-Social Behaviour Act, and have served Community Protection Warning letters to two families in Gough Street and Lawrence Street, which if breached will see further enforcement proceeding taken against the offenders.

You may be aware that Lazer 20 in Upper Lichfield St., has been closed in the town centre. This is as a result of an on-going investigation into the grooming of children and instigated by this team following concerns for children linked to this business who had come to the attention of the team for other matters. Two officers from this team have been recommended for a police award for their swift intervention aimed at safeguarding local children. The enquiry is continuing under the banner of Operation Elm by other police departments. In the meantime the building is now for sale.

You may be aware that Ivydene Secure Unit, located off Noose Lane, was closed a couple of years ago and has now been sold and renovated. The unit now renamed Lakeside View Hospital and owned by partners in care.

The unit was reopened in September and when fully functional will house 21 female patients suffering mental health issues. We have been working with the company to put together emergency contingency plans and crime prevention measures for the new location to safeguard patients and staff.

The team have contributed to a number of local events during the summer giving us valuable engagement opportunities and to spread the safety and crime reduction messaging to our community. This has included attendance at the first Willenhall Transport Festival securing a Traffic Police car for the display, patrols during Willenhall in Bloom event, Fun day and bandstand events in the Memorial park.

During the summer term, PCSO's have given safety talks at our primary schools about ASB and the team have attended the summer fairs at both St Giles and Barcroft Schools.

OVER VIEW OF WMP2020

WMP2020 is changing the face of policing right here in the West Midlands.

From the way in which the public contact the force to how we respond, investigate and prevent re-offending, this ambitious programme of work will radically overhaul all aspects of our business with people and technology at its heart.

Never before has West Midlands Police undergone such a major review.

Aspects of the programme are being delivered right now with more still to come.

WMP2020 is built on a blueprint created following extensive consultation with our workforce, our partners and the public.

The blueprint - unveiled on 15 March 2015 - looks at how our culture and values, our leadership, our technology, our services and our systems and processes all need to function as we move forward.

There are four fundamental principles to the blueprint which underpin the foundations of WMP2020:



- **Designed to listen and reassure** adopting a new approach to working with the public, partners and each other
- Geared to prevent harm preventing crime and offending before people can be harmed
- Prepared to respond at pace adopting a more agile, mobile and effective response to problems in communities
- Ready to learn and adapt becoming a more active and innovative learning organisation

We are working with our partner Accenture on the changes which are fundamental to us ensuring we are fit for the future and ready for any challenges we meet along the way.

The improvements made as part of WMP2020 are continually scrutinised internally and externally through the West Midlands Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, HM Inspectorate of Constabulary, Home Office and others.

LOCAL CHANGES:

The first wave of the WMP 2020 programme of changes will see operational officers gaining new IT equipment, which will improve efficiency in terms of recording offences and accessibility of police computer systems for officers out on the street with the individual issue of tablets. It will also see greater access to body worn CCTV camera systems to enhance evidence gathering.

28th November 2016, will see the first wave of changes comprising of a change to our 24 hour response based police cover, with this function leaving a Local Policing Unit (LPU) and becoming a force wide resource.

Our response cover will be based at Bloxwich upon the closure of Green Lane Police Station in Walsall.

In turn the LPU will be renamed Walsall Neighbourhood Policing Unit (NPU), and will carry forward the Neighbourhood policing function across Walsall borough.

How will this affect Willenhall Neighbourhood policing?

- Currently the structure sees two Neighbourhood policing teams following the local authority boundary model, with the North team covering Short Heath and New invention and The South team covering the Town centre, Rosehill and Noose Estates.
- From November 2016, under the programme, the two teams will merge under the direction of one supervisor, unifying the service delivery across the whole of Willenall. The establishment will consist of one sergeant, seven constables and seven PCSO's.

For those of you familiar with the officers of the current Willenhall South Team will see the departure of two prominent figures depart to other roles elsewhere within the organisation.

Both Sergeant Kelvin Rowlands and PC Wayne Morris will be departing the team to take up new postings in Bloxwich and the new unified Willenhall team will be headed by Sergeant Harj Cheema.

ESTATES:

The two Willenhall based teams currently work from the Police Station in John Street and as previously reported upon the completion of the refurbishment of Bloxwich the new Headquarters of the Walsall NPU, smaller stations such as Willenhall will be destined for closure.

The Willenhall team are currently listed to redeploy to Darlaston Police Station but no date has yet been confirmed for this move.

New technology introduction will mean there will be fewer requirements for operational neighbourhood officers to need a localised traditional base as they will have access to police systems within their issue tablets and community contact will be achieved via pop up contact opportunities and drop in events at other statutory and private premises.

Stronger Communities Fund

The Police and Crime Commissioner have launched a new Stronger Communities Fund.

The fund is for one-off grants of up to £2,000 to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour, strengthen relationships with the police and empower /engage residents.

The Stronger Communities Fund replaces the previous OPCC Community Initiatives Fund (CIF).

To be successful, projects need to fulfil at least one of the following criteria:

- improving community safety;
- responding to a community need;
- · promoting partnership working;
- building stronger communities;
- · engaging or empowering young people;
- supporting victims of crime.

The closing date for applications is Friday 7 October 2016.

Further information can be found at:

http://www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk/news/news-2016/good-causes-can-apply-for-community-grants-from-pcc/

2.5 <u>Willenhall Community Fire Station</u>

<u>Update from Mark Flanagan Station Commander – Willenhall Community</u> <u>Fire Station</u>

Response

Emergency incidents attended since January 2016 – 208 incidents

Emergency incidents attended June – August 2016 – 83 incidents, which included

- 9 accidental fires in the home.
- 4 related to cooking
- 3 due to faulty white goods, WMFS are actively monitoring white goods fires and reporting any trends to manufacturers.
- 1 due to smoking in the property
- 1 during roof repairs
- 1 arson fire in home
- A small rubbish fire in a derelict house
- 10 arson rubbish fires
- No trend or coloration between incidents
- Crews continue to educate school children, local clubs and have a targeted approach to drive down these incidents.
- 4 accidental fires in commercial premises
- Including 2 incidents where Fire Safety have attended and implemented improvements at the premises.
- 2 road traffic collisions
- 8 special service calls

Our Firefighters have been actively involved in delivering safety messages in the local community. These activities have included;

- During Child Safety Week crews attended a number of events promoting Child Car Seat Safety and Road Safety. Over 50% of Child Seats are either the incorrect size or not fitted correctly.
- Crews attended Pool Hayes Primary School to open Karen's Memorial Garden, in memory of a Lunch Time supervisor who sadly passed away in December 2015. The garden was put together by local businesses and volunteers and white watch were asked to open it along with the deputy Major of Walsall.
- Willenhall station held its annual open day in August offering entertainment and demonstrations for members of the local community, also raising money for some worthwhile charities.
- Carried out Safe and Well visits in local area targeting the most venerable people in the community ensuring that they had working smoke alarms and aiding them to be safer, stronger and healthier.

Upcoming events

Community Member Coffee Morning 22nd October 2016

- If you or someone you know would like to become a Community Member and receive a quarterly newsletter on the performance and activities undertaken by your local station please register at www.WMFS.net.
- Willenhall Station are holding a coffee morning where members can visit the station, meet the crews and view the range of equipment used by fire fighters.

Further information from Area Partnerships:

Willenhall Fire Service Clarkes Lane held their Open Day on Saturday 13th August.

There were various activities including bouncy castles, demonstrations in the Fire Education Centre and guided tours of the centre as well as limited access to the Emergency vehicles used by the Fire Service.

Home safety checks were also booked via the Fire Service.

Empowering U, an organisation that supports people with disabilities and additional needs were at the Fire Station. They were promoting local services and also enabling their Service Users to sell a number of products/items. The proceeds from the sales were kindly donated by Empowering U to the Fire Fighters chosen charity.

3. Children and Young People: Improving safeguarding, learning and life chances for children and young people

3.1 Area Partnerships visited Willenhall E-Act and provided additional information to schools across the Willenhall & Short Heath on the diverse range of summer activities that was occurring in the borough before the summer holiday.

By working closely with Area Partnerships, Willenhall E-ACT has offered partners the unique opportunity of engaging with their students in Academy/curriculum time.

From the commencement of the new Academic term in September 2016 Willenhall E-ACT have re-worked their College timetables, to enable the students to engage in a range of other learning activities, linked to the overall strategic plans of the school.

The Academy are aiming to engage with a range of different services/partners and organisations to cover:

- Multi-skills: Life skills: Healthy activities
- Fun activities: Safety messages whilst in the community (tackling ASB/safeguarding etc)

This provides Partners with a unique chance to engage young people across the Willenhall & Short Heath area, but also across the wider borough.

Area Partnerships is working with WM Police to engage Pool Hayes Academy. The Police Liaison Team regularly attend the Academy and there are themes which are emerging which can be further supported across the partnerships.

The themes include tackling ASB, crime & disorder and links to citizenship.

3.2 Frank F Harrison, the Commissioned Youth Service for Willenhall & Short has been engaging a number of young people and delivered services across the area.

Frank F. Harrison has

- Engaged a number of young people
- Assisted in reducing ASB
- Provided positive activities for the young people
- Worked across agencies to support local initiatives

Update report from Liam Perrens, Youth Coordinator, Frank F Harrison Community Association

Frank F Harrison Community Association Commissioned Willenhall Youth Delivery.

The awarded Youth Contract was to start delivery for 1st June 2016.

The Contract was not sent out until the middle of June 2016 with changes being made to the Contract by the Council on 28th July 2016 when it was returned to the council by Frank F.

Due to the lateness of the award of contract we spent June advertising, interviewing and employing new youth workers to complete the new contract.

In total we employed 13 new youth staff with 7 current youth staff also completing the staffing structure. Also we have employed a Youth Project Development Officer how will assist the Youth Coordinator in the planning, delivery and staffing of the youth sessions.

All youth Sessions started on the week starting Monday 4th July 2016.

In the Willenhall wards there are 4 sessions planned per ward per week.

These are delivered:-

- Willenhall North:- Monday 6pm till 9pm, Tuesday 6pm till 9pm,
 Wednesday 6pm till 9pm, Saturday 12pm till 3 pm
- Willenhall South:- Monday 6pm till 9pm, Tuesday 6pm till 9pm, Thursday 6pm till 9pm ,Friday 6pm till 9pm
- Short Heath:- Monday 6pm till 9pm, Wednesday 6pm till 9pm Thursday
 6pm till 9pm, Friday 6pm till 9pm.

The Contract is made up of 33 weeks of delivery for 3 hours per session (includes set up time and debrief time per session).

The community association had a summer closedown of two weeks at the end of August 2016 where no youth sessions was carried out.

Willenhall North

The youth team have completed 25 youth session in July to August 2016.

In July there was a large amount of youth engagement across the sessions with around 18 young people across the sessions.

One of our staff who works alongside the police on ASB patrols has had trouble developing relationships with many of the young people as she has had to attend the houses of the same young people that access the youth provision on the ASB patrols.

They have thought she is a Police Officer/social worker and called her a "grass" for a while. These relationships are being built back slowly with limited engagement by some of the older young people.

The team have offered activities to all young people however the activities seems to have engagement from the younger young people.

It seems that young people seem to hang out in New Invention Square and cause ASB. The staff team have required calling the police on one occasion in a 7 week period.

Staff team have delivered sports sessions, arts and crafts, educational classes & diversion activities away from the area.

Most of the highlighted group that are causing trouble have already been offered activities that seem not have worked and have also worked with other youth staff with limited improvement.

A Park Ranger has agreed to get a key for Harlech Road Park to allow for youth workers to complete session in the park where it is normally locked due to ASB.

Willenhall South

Outreach session continues to be the most popular out of all the outreach session provisions offered by Frank F Harrison Community Association.

We have complete 25 outreach sessions in the Willenhall South in July to August.

While we have delivered in the area previously we have seen a drop in young people compared to last year.

We believe that the drop of number has been due to young people believing all youth sessions have finished as youth clubs have closed and a break in delivery such as June 2016, young people on holiday or weather implications.

However session carried out have included sports sessions, community walkabouts, giving information about the summer activities, water fight, paint bombs on to paper.

In the middle of July the youth team opened the Willenhall Memorial Park Pavilion to young people and made it in to a youth club average attend of young people have been 15 young people.

Staff have brought in table football, Table tennis, Arts and Crafts, Xbox, Films and also carried out educational sessions.

The Senior Youth Worker and the Youth Coordinator continues to attend the Friends of the Park meetings to give regular updates, partnership work and find out what is going on in the area.

Issues have been raised by the youth staff with young people accessing derelict buildings in the Willenhall town with signs of drug misuse being identified.

McDonald (fast food outlet) staff have been spoken with and they mentioned that ASB issues are mainly on Friday evening with youth staff attending the area on Fridays.

Safeguarding issues are being monitored in the park with young people playing Pokémon on their phones and them not knowing where they are going and meeting up with people they do not know, with one report of a phone being taken while they was playing the game walking around the park.

The Willenhall South Team have completed a Willenhall Park event which included Youth Club in the park.

Youth Staff transported activities from one of our other youth centres for young people to take part in. Activities included Pool table, Table tennis, jenga, connect four, arts and crafts.

Staff used this event to promote all youth activities being delivered in the Willenhall area. This has increased our numbers with young people being seen on sessions that engaged in the park event.

While completing outreach youth staff engaged with a group of young people that was playing football in a unacceptable location (street with cars and ball hitting a house) and after talking to some residents they decided to plan the inflatable football pitch.

This was moved location out of the ward and we required to team up with another commissioned team to inform young and deliver the football pitch. Over a 2.5 hours session we had 53 young people access the football pitch and talk to the staff however most of these young people we have not seen again due to the staff team do not cover that area also the amount of young people will not count towards out targets.

Short Heath

There have been 27 sessions completed in this period with an average of 14 young people per session.

There are a constant number of male young people accessing the sessions. Young people have had the opportunity to request different activities they wish to be delivered.

They participated in sports, information & painting. The main activities of the period have been highlighting that we are around on the nights that we provide.

Lodge Farm, Short Heath – has been fairly quiet however has shown some issues around cannabis use by some older young people and conflict between older and younger young people.

The staff team have completed a Saturday Fire Service Open Day that helped to promote all the youth service provision across the Willenhall area. Staff spoke to 84 recorded parents about youth activities that we are delivering across the Willenhall area.

The staff team have also had a meeting with the local police team that have identify areas that may require youth engagement however there was only one area in Short Heath that should be looked at while the other areas of Willenhall being a issues such as Willenhall North on the New Invention area. Staff continue to visit shopkeepers to see if the youth team could work with them or if they have any issues with young people.

The Youth Team have highlighted that the youth provision being offered in the Short Heath area being the most difficult as in the area there aren't the normal hot spots of where young people hang out as in different wards (not W&SH).

For example there limited green spaces, parks, shopping precincts or other hang outs for young people. Young people that have accessed the provision have been younger young people or have travelled in to the area.

This has been mirrored with other teams meeting young people that live in the Short Heath area that have travelled out of the area.

Plans

All Willenhall Teams are currently looking at the October half term programme with some team requesting to complete some day sessions due to weather and dark night closing in.

We are planning for youth teams to engage with young people and complete activities throughout the October half term and finish with a arts session at Willenhall Memorial Park to complete a graffiti project on the skate park. With the aim of engagement and young people having a identity with Willenhall.

We are currently still waiting for an answer for the use of the Council Youth Service Hopper vehicle. I understand that it is with legal to sort an Service Level Agreement (SLA) so we can use it.

The Youth Coordinator and Development Office will actively sort funding to increase premise costs and resources as we have little funds for this.

There has been a report of ASB from PCSO Webb in the area of Short Heath on Haley Street and Grenadier Street. The plan is for the youth team to attend the area and assess if they can be any engagement with young people into activities. They plan to deliver one evening per week in this area however will show a present in the location at some point of the session.

It has been identified that there are some issues of ASB in Wychbold Close in the area of Willenhall North. The plan is for the youth team to attend the area and assess if they can be any engagement with young people in to activities. They plan to deliver one evening per week in this area however will show a present in the location at some point of the session.

3.3 In January 2016 the Chief Constable held an initial community consultation to promote West Midland Police's (Force) values, vision and ambitions.
On the 18th October 2016 he will be holding the second session which will focus on Youth Engagement.

Aims:

- I. Develop consultation with young diverse members of the community
- II. To consult with community about Procedural Justice the importance from West Midlands Police and its relevance to the community.
- III. Develop toolkit for future communications.

How

- I. At least one facilitated local focus group on each Local Policing Unit.
- II. Focus of sessions to be within priority areas.
- III. Sessions will take place in September dates and time to be confirmed.
- IV. To ensure long engagement locally and with the Chief Constable— the groups to be linked to Active Citizen programmes and established Youth Community Groups long term engagement.

He will focus on priority engagement groups – Black & Minority Ethnic in particular Black and Muslim males, Muslim females and Chinese ages 16 – 24 years.

Timetable:

o 4th October 2016 – Initial meeting at Walsall Town Hall

 18th October 2016 – Conference with Chief Constable at Tally Ho to develop action plan.

This event is being supported by WMBC's Targeted Youth Work (Youth Services Team).

The Youth Service are working with West Midlands Police and Partners, and would like to include young people from the local area.

The information has been forwarded to Frank F Harrison for them to contact young people who may have an interest in being involved.

The information has also been sent to various partners, including local Academy's.

Please let any young people aged 16-24, especially Black and Minority Ethnic, who would be interested in being part of the Action Plan for policing with the Chief Constable.

The initial meeting is:

Venue: Walsall Town Hall

Time: Tuesday 4th of October

Time: 6pm – 8pm, refreshments will be provided,

The meeting on the 18th will be at Tally Ho, Birmingham and transport will be provided.

3.3 The teenage pregnancy rate in Walsall for Quarter 2- 2015 has again seen a reduction in conceptions.

The table below highlights that Walsall have had the highest reduction for this quarter in comparison to our neighbours within the West Midlands.

A number of areas have had significant increases.

Teenage Pregnancy Reduction Rates compared to West Mids. Neighbours

	June	March	Dec	Sept	June	March	%
	15	15	14	14	14	14	Change
Birmingham	28.6	27.6	25.2	24.0	21.7	26.2	+31.8

Coventry	31.0	31.0	30.0	29.7	32.6	42.8	-4.9
Dudley	26.5	23.7	33.8	26.3	24.2	32.9	+9.5
Sandwell	28.7	31.0	44.9	36.9	35.0	35.9	-18.0
Solihull	19.5	14.5	16.1	15.1	16.1	18.1	+21.1
Walsall	28.0	32.1	35.7	35.5	39.6	39.5	-29.3
Wolverhampton	34.1	25.2	28.7	25.0	28.6	36.6	+19.2

The success of this reduction is the continued investment and support across the Partnership, however Carol Williams, Teenage Pregnancy Operational Lead, highlights a particular evidenced based programme that has been hugely significant in supporting not only Walsall's reduction but that of other authority's.

Some our statistical neighbours also invest in this programme.

The table below is evidence of the impact '*Teens and Toddlers*' has made and shows a clear correlation of the investment in targeting vulnerable young people and hotspot schools.

	June 15	March 15	Dec 14	Sept 14	June 14	March 14	% change	Number of teens and toddlers programmes delivered
Bolton	28.2	29.2	23.0	19.8	26.8	25.5	+5.2	2
Manchester	30.7	32.4	27.8	34.6	33.4	34.3	-8.1	6
Oldham	17.2	25.9	34.0	23.9	47.1	34.1	-63.5	16
Rochdale	17.9	25.9	25.0	30.3	34.1	33.4	-47.5	16
Tameside	24.2	30.4	19.3	21.1	27.3	34.7	-11.4	10
Walsall	28.0	32.1	35.7	35.5	39.6	39.5	-29.3	8

Summary of Teens and Toddlers programme

Teens and Toddlers is an 18 week youth development programme that targets two sets of vulnerable children, young people spend one afternoon per week in intensive interaction with toddlers.

Teenagers at risk are selected by professionals working with them using a selection tool.

Teachers select Pre-school children who are identified as needing some additional support and attention.

In addition to the nursery time, classroom sessions are designed to support the young people to engage with the toddler while working towards a National Award in personal and social development (QCF entry level 3).

Teenagers are coached on how to communicate effectively with their selected toddler.

These activities increase the teenager's and toddler's confidence, interpersonal/communication skills and engagement with learning, hence targeting two sets of disadvantaged children at one time.

Research reveals Teens and Toddlers contribute towards influencing young people's aspirations, attainment and confidence to achieve their goals as well as reducing expectancy of NEET and teenage pregnancy.

The toddlers show a significantly greater improvement in four areas of development measured by the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile;

I. Communication and language,

- II. Physical development,
- III. Understanding the world,
- IV. Expression and design compared to those not in the programme.

4. Business and Jobs: Supporting businesses to thrive and supporting local people in to work

4.1. The Regeneration team for WMBC has been working within Willenhall & Short Heath to support local regeneration of businesses and to encourage individuals into work, amongst other developmental work.

The Regeneration Team have a number of projects in place to assist growth within Walsall.

A number of projects are specific for the Willenhall & Short Heath area.

These include:

- a. ESF funding which aims to tackle barriers, address low skills and engage hard to reach communities into employment.
- b. Development of more community based Employment Support within the defined area.
- c. Developing basic ICT skills for residents up to Level 2.
- d. Better engagement with schools to improve performance.
- e. Walsall Works encourage residents to engage in the programme.

The Regeneration Team support:

- Black Country Impact, which is now accepting referrals and working with clients to help them back into work. Steps to Work have organised some work to be carried out on their ESF project which will be in the local area.
- Further work with CHART to discuss Impact programme and Walsall Works and ensure access for general service users.
 CHART currently work with Steps to Work and WACC on a regular basis. Facilities include gym, evening classes and weekly lunch clubs for residents with mental health needs.
- Willenhall E-ACT Careers Day planning and input into the day
- Willenhall E-ACT pupils and Pool Hayes pupils attending events to promote apprenticeships.
- Willenhall E-ACT being one of five schools to pilot 'Your Career Choices' day led by Walsall Education Business in partnership with Walsall Council, NHS, whg, Uni. of Wolv and Walsall College. Willenhall E-ACT are also looking to partner in the new Careers Enterprise Company.

The impact and benefits for the community will include:

- More residents being economically active
- improved lives and further the economy of Willenhall.
- Apprenticeships
- Improved destinations and post 16 outcomes for pupils at Pool Hayes, Willenhall E-ACT and St Thomas
- 4.2 Walsall Council and Jobcentre Plus will be hosting a Jobs Fair on Thursday 22 September at New Walsall College Sports and Enterprise Hub to help local people look for work.
 - 50 employers will be promoting their vacancies so this is a great opportunity for clients to meet with them face-to-face and demonstrate enthusiasm and suitability.
 - Jobs will be available in a diverse range of sectors, including customer service, administration, logistics, engineering and many more.

If you are interested in attending Register your attendance by either calling Walsall Works on **01922 654353**, email walsallworks@walsall.gov.uk

5.0 Health and Well-Being: Improving health, including well-being and independence for older people

5.1 An event with Public Health called "Making Connections Walsall" is being planned for the local community and voluntary groups to attend.

The event covers Willenhall & Short Heath & Darlaston & Bentley.

There will be information/exhibition stands on the day, promoting various works occurring in the local areas & presentations by different agencies throughout the day.

Walsall Public Health is looking to invest in voluntary and community organisations to tackle loneliness and social isolation to improve the health and well-being of Walsall residents.

The event is at CHART, 19 Gomer Street, Willenhall, WV13 2NS

Date: Thursday 29th September 2016

Time: 10.00am – 3.00pm includes a free lunch

The event will explain more about this new project, which is part of a wider project called Healthy Resilient Communities.

Attendees will learn how to:-

- get support for your community group
- help the people in your local community and help improve their quality of life
- · hear about funding opportunities that your group can apply for
- register for Intend, the commissioning portal for local authority commissioned funding
- sign up to get regular information from our voluntary service organisation (Walsall Voluntary Action)
- add your events to the Community Living Directory
- support the Lifestyles / transport / diversity
- 5.2 Walsall Council is joining neighbouring authorities in Birmingham, Wolverhampton and Sandwell by hosting a *'Love Your Neighbour'*.

The event, supported by faith leaders and joined by residents associations, councillors and community groups is intended to celebrate the diversity of Walsall and encourage people to get more in touch with their neighbours and to offer their help.

The festivities are scheduled to take place outside

- St Paul's The Crossing Church on the
- Saturday 17th September,
- 11am until 3pm.

5.3 Willenhall Town Centre Partnerships

Willenhall Town Centre Partnership organised three day summer events in August 2016.

For the 3 days activities included:-

- Sand pit; boating pool; Craft activities & Charity stalls
- Economic support for the local businesses
- Opportunities for police, NHS, WHG and other local services to interact with the local residence

Both events were free of charge to stall holders who were asked for a donation by the organising group towards future events.

Other

Network Rail - Rosehill

Area Partnership had been in contact with Network Rail regarding the fly tipping that had occurred in Rosehill adjacent to the railway line. Jeanette Ingham, Community Relations Executive for Network Rail apologised for the delay in contacting Area Partnerships, however she identified that she has been notified that the rubbish and debris have now been cleared.

For Summer activities visit the Best of Walsall web page: https://www.thebestof.co.uk/newsletter/565ceb1365a8759e3c000162/web

Further events can be found at http://www.whatsonwalsall.co.uk/

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Report to Willenhall & Short Heath Area Panel

Funding Report

27th September 2016

1. Context

- 1.1 Following the change to the Council's Constitution in May 2013, Area Panels now have the responsibility for approving any project funding applications that are received through Area Partnerships.
- 1.2 This report sets out any project applications that have been carried forward from the previous financial year, projects that have been approved under urgency by Area Managers, in consultation with the Area Chair and Vice Chair and relevant Ward Councillors and those projects that are being put forward for consideration by the Area Panel.
- 1.3 Any project applications received by the Area Partnership team, will be assessed against a set of criteria (the delivery of the Area Community Plan and The Walsall Plan) before being put forward to the Area Panel for consideration. Only valid applications that fulfil the criteria will be put to the Area Panel for decision.
- 1.4 Any projects that do not meet the criteria will be referred back to the project applicant for further information or a resubmission.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The Area Panel is requested to note the **Project Applications for Consideration (5)**
- 2.2 The Area Panel is requested to note the **Projects Approved (4.1) Table 1**
- 2.3 The Area Panel to decide on whether to approve funding for projects identified (Appendix 1)

3. Carried Forward Projects

- 3.1 Carried forward projects are being finalised for 2016/17
- 3.2 The budget for 2016/17 is £30,000

4 Projects Approved

4.1 Currently these are the projects Approved Projects for 2016/17.

<u>Table 1.</u>

Project	Allocated	Match	Workstream(s)	Ward(s)	Date
	Funding (£)	Funding (£)			Approved
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Willenhall E-ACT Academy	£1,500.00	£5,570.00	Creating Safe & Sustainable Communities Improving safeguarding, life chances for young people	All	June 2016
West Midlands Fire Service	£500.00	£2850.00	Improving health including well-being and independence for older people Creating Safe &	All	June 2016

			Sustainable Communities Improving safeguarding, life chances for young people		
Willenhall CHART Centre	£2,000	£360.00	Improving health including well-being and independence for older people	All	June 2016
			Creating Safe & Sustainable Communities		
Substance Matters	£1,500.00	n/a	Creating Safe & Sustainable Communities	All	June 2016
			Supporting Businesses to thrive & supporting local people into work		
Willenhall Town Centre Partnership	£4,000.00	£13,935.00	Supporting Business to thrive & supporting local people into work	All	June 2016
			Improving health including well-being and independence for older people		
			Creating Safe & Sustainable Communities		

			Improving safeguarding, life chances for young people		
Area Partnerships	£2,000.00	N/A	Supporting Business to thrive & supporting local people into work Improving health including well-being and independence for older people	All	June 2016
			Creating Safe & Sustainable Communities Improving safeguarding, life chances for young people		
Our Willenhall Library (OWLs)	£759	N/A	Improving health including well-being and independence for older people	Willenhall South	June 2016

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5 Project Applications for Consideration

- 5.1 Attached at Appendix 1 are the summarised project applications deemed valid against Area Partnership funding criteria and put forward to the Area Panel for consideration.
- 5.2 The total proposed projects in Appendix 1 for the Panels' consideration is £1,560.95
- 5.3 All projects presented to the Panel and approved to date total £12,259.00 for the financial year 2016/17
- 5.4 If **Appendix 1** Projects are approved this leaves a balance of £16,180.05 remaining for allocation to projects for 2016/17

Appendix 1

Project & Group /org making request	Description	Project Timescales	Funding Requested (£)	Match Funding (£)	Workstream(s)	Ward(s)
Holy Trinity I.T. Centre	Purchase of an A3 Canon PIXMA	October 2016	428.95	N/a	Improving health including	Willenhall North

Coltham Road	Pro-100s Inject Printer. To replace A3 printer (irreparable) – as the group use the equipment as part of the photography project that occurs on the site. Other users are also able to use the computers on-site – including the printers				well-being and independence for older people	
Willenhall Fishing Stewards for the Community/The Boaters Fishing Club	There is a Stewardship arrangement for the fishing pool. The Fishing Club have limited resources to maintain the pool and surrounding area and are seeking assistance from the Area Partnership. Until Feb. 2016 there had been no fishing group at the park for around 5 years. There are currently a group of volunteers who have formed the Boaters Group and have sold 31 out of 50 memberships that are available.	October 2016	1132.00	100	Improving health including well-being and independence for older people Creating Safe & Sustainable Communities Improving safeguarding, life chances for young people	All

The groups will work with young people, to enable them to enjoy the outdoors and fishing, increase volunteering within the park and for the club.			
The Boaters Group are working with the Youth Service and Friends of the Park to further promote positive activities.			
Sessions will include:			
Training events & community information on being healthy.			
Clear up of the pond – Nov to March- with volunteers Friends of the Park and other User Groups			
Junior Fishing Skills Days on Saturdays and Wednesday Half- tem period – supportive by junior members, youth service and a Registered Angling Trainer (Level 2).			
Fishing Competition & Wards Ceremony (trophies/medals)			

Rakes, forks, wheelbarrows, brushes, brooms, printing – gardening equipment & dredging			
resources			