

Walsall South Area Partnership Area Manager Report

Updated 14 June 2013

Ongoing Updates on the Actions for Walsall South Area Plan

1. Purpose of the Report

This report seeks to inform the elected members of the Walsall South Area Partnership of some of the work carried out within Walsall South. The information in the report was correct at the time of writing, 14th June 2013.

2. Recommendations

2.1 The Area Panel is requested to note the report.

3. Work Stream Priority – Tackling Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

Responsible Members – Cllr Ali, Cllr Nazir & Cllr Sarohi

Partners Involved – ASB unit, IYPSS, WM Police, Town Centre Management Team, Walsall Area Partnership, Walsall Housing Group, Caldmoreaccord.

- 3.1 Apache CCTV for Walsall South - Area Manager working with Surveillance Unit we currently have access to two cameras that can be deployed in the area unfortunately both these cameras are faulty and are away for repair. A spare camera has been borrowed in the short term and deployed at Watery Lane, Palfrey due to concerns raised by residents of ongoing ASB issues. We also help with the deployment of the Birchills NHW / Agenda 21 camera, which is for the Birchills area only this is currently, located Cairn Street.
- 3.2 IYPSS continues to provide Detached youth work as and when needed. The Walsall South Summer Holiday's Activities programme has been developed www.mywalsall.org/positive including collation of positive activities provided by partners and community groups to help inform young people and their parents of what is available for them to access in our area. There is a range of activities to suit all tastes including BBQ in the Park (Arboretum & Pleck), Dig it Cook it Eat it (Delves), Indoor Cricket (Palfrey & Alumwell), St John's Life Saving and Water Safety (Town Centre)
- 3.3 Free positive activities sessions are currently being provided by the Goldmine Centre, Town Centre for 13 – 17 yrs old young people Monday to Thursday 3:30 – 5:30 pm. The activities include vocal/ song writing and media/technology workshops.
- 3.4 Walsall Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board are launching a new Project "Safe Places" in June 2013 to help people feel safer when going into Walsall town centre. This is a national initiative which aims to help people deal with any incident that takes place while they are out and about in the community. Establishments in and around Walsall are being invited to join the scheme and will be issued with window display stickers in preparation for the scheme's launch Walsall Safeguarding Adults Partnership are setting up a group to help

them consult with local people to find out how best the scheme can work for them. The scheme is led by Walsall Council Social Care and Inclusion Team. Barbara Conroy T: 01922 602 447 conroyb@walsall.gov.uk

- 3.5 As part of the Bogus Caller / Door Stop Crime campaign community safety in partnership with West Midlands Police and Walsall South Area Partnership are targeting identified areas of concern highlighted at our Tasking meeting. These are streets where there are elderly/vulnerable residents who could potentially become victims of doorstep crime. The approach is to door knock and speak to residents about rogue traders and bogus callers and distribute useful leaflets. This method will enable us to get a better understanding of the bigger picture in light of only 1 in 10 reporting incidents. The process will also help to assist in finding the most vulnerable residents and encouraging neighbour support.

4. Work Stream Priority – Creating Cleaner and Tidier Neighbourhoods

Responsible Members – Cllr Azam & Cllr Ditta (Vice Chair Caldmore Tidy group - Cllr Arif)

Partners Involved – Caldmore Village Festival (CVF) committee, Walsall Area Partnership, Caldmoreaccord, Clean and Green, Walsall Housing Group, Reassurance Team, WM Fire Service.

- 4.1 The Caldmore Tidy group is working closely with the community and partners to help solve ongoing areas of concern. Community volunteer tidy days have taken place 9th March and 27th April with the next one planned 5th October. The volunteers were also out in force to help tidy Palfrey Park after the Caldmore Village Festival weekend.
- 4.2 The Church Hill Improvement group has been established chaired by Cllr Arif in partnership with residents, Coronation Walk Management Company, St Matthew's Church, Regeneration, Clean and Green, Traffic & Transportation, whg and Area Partnership. The group is establishing a strategic vision for the area and scoping out potential solutions to issues of concern and also a plan for future improvement development of the area.

5. Work Stream Priority – Healthy Lifestyles

Responsible Members – Cllr Arif, Cllr Russell & Cllr McCracken

Partners involved – NHS Walsall, Walsall Housing Group, Caldmoreaccord, Walsall Partnership, Walsall College, Extended schools, Social Care & Inclusion, IYPSS, Clean and Green, Sports and Leisure Services

- 5.1 The Diabetes sub-group within The Healthy Lifestyles work stream is now meeting bi monthly and is progressing the scoping of provision in our area to support both Type 1 and Type 2:

Type 1 diabetes occurs when the pancreas cannot produce enough insulin. The risk factors for this condition are not known. The numbers of people with this type of diabetes make up a relatively small proportion of people with diabetes.

Type 2 diabetes occurs when the body cannot respond effectively to the insulin that it produces. The risk factors for this condition include obesity, increasing age,

ethnicity (Asian, Hispanic and Black), family history and socio-economic deprivation. The majority of people with diabetes have this type.

- **Gestational Diabetes** Patients to learn about dietary advice for gestational diabetes and blood glucose monitoring
- **Diabetes Dietician** Service for people who need dietary advice because of poor glycaemic control provided at Brace Street Clinic, Caldmore

Walsall South GPs provide general care. Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust have delivered 18 Expert Patient Programmes in our area

Sports and Leisure - Health and Fitness Team deliver various programmes including Time2Change, and PACE

Prevention Provision:

Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust Health Trainer service, Stop Smoking Service and free physical activity

Sports and Leisure - Health and Fitness Team deliver general physical activity sessions Whg Community Health Champions and Community Champions – grassroots engagement to raise awareness of key health issues and support signposting to relevant services

- 5.2 The main Healthy Lifestyles work stream group is next due to meet Friday 5th July
- 5.3 Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust have been holding membership events to promote issues such as Members for Medicine and more recently Healthy Lifestyles promoting positive health for Long Term Conditions. These have taken place Manor Learning and Conference Centre for more information please contact Georgie Westley on 01922 656643 or by email on Georgie.westley@walsallhealthcare.nhs.uk.
- 5.4 IYPSS Bully Be Ware project supported by Walsall South Area Partnership has been developed to create an awareness of bullying in youth provision and respond with a youth led Anti Bully Charter. With young people pledging their commitment to anti bully behaviour and the promotion of equality across the Walsall South Area through information sharing and peer education. The project aims to apply for Walsall Bronze Anti Bully Standard if successful they will be the first youth led project to achieve this award.
- 5.5 A series of events are being held in Walsall to raise awareness about the assault, abuse, neglect and intimidation that older people can suffer. The difficult topic is being highlighted as part of World Elder Abuse Day which falls on Saturday 15 June this year. Walsall's Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board has organised a host of events prior to the day itself and will be encouraging people to use the opportunity to come and ask questions or raise concerns.

6. Work Stream Priority – Remove the Impact of Sex Workers and Drug Dealers

Responsible Member – Cllr Arif

Partners Involved – WM Police, Caldmoreaccord, Pleck NHW, Hi's N Lows, SAFE Project, Community Safety Partnership, Walsall Housing Group, Probation Services, Lantern House, Manor House Project, Addaction, Dudley and Walsall Mental Healthcare Trust, Supported Housing and Walsall Community Chaplaincy Project .

- 6.1 'Remove the Impact' working group has been supporting projects within our area that are working to remove the impact of sex workers and drug dealers from residential areas. Moving forward the group will lead on community engagement by updating the community on the ongoing progress of these projects.
- 6.2 The On Street Sex Workers Operational Group lead by Walsall South Area Partnership in partnership with WM Police, Probation Services, whg, Caldmoreaccord, Addaction, Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Trust, Supported Housing, SAFE project and the Walsall Community Chaplaincy Project are leading on a joint partner operation to look at the problem of Street Sex Workers in our area. The group meets monthly where they are working jointly to:
- Reduce on street sex working.
 - Reduce vulnerability of sex workers and community.
 - Improve support and diversion for sex workers.
 - Improve quality of life for community and local residents.
 - Improve reputation of Walsall.

Moving forward as part of this project a Delivery Plan has started to be developed with the lessons learnt from the Operational Group being used to help shape this plan. The Community Engagement part of this plan will directly link with the 'Remove the Impact' group (see 5.1).

7. Work Stream Priority – Improving Educational Achievement

Responsible Members – Cllr Ali and Cllr Hussain

Partners Involved – Children Services, Walsall South Schools, IYPSS

- 7.1 IYPSS and Learning Mentors have been working with pupils from Joseph Leckie Academy during lunch time. This project has evolved through conversations at the school where identified needs for the young people have been established. For example three young men meet youth workers during their lunch time and walk to Myplace for discussions and activities to help reduce disruptive behaviour and help improve concentration and learning.
- 7.2 The Ethnic Minority Achievement (EMA) group chaired by Cllr Arif met 13th May where topics of discussion were an update on the research project by Wolverhampton University researching the 'key factors of successful young Muslim males'. An overview on the current mentoring programme and establishment of a mentoring project moving forward. Also

scrutiny of the data and researched gathered by the group. The next meeting will take place Monday 7th July.

8. Work Stream Priority – Improving Job Prospects and Employability

Responsible Members – TBC

Partners Involved – Strategic Regeneration, Walsall Housing Group, Caldmoreaccord

- 8.1 The WorkWise Project has been introduced into our area up until the end of June 2013 (with possibilities of extension). WorkWise supports non work-program jobseekers (claiming Jobcentre related benefits) into work by providing (1) Day transport tickets for local journeys to job interviews and (2) Up to 8 weeks worth of free travel to a new job which is 16 hours or more per week. Alongside this provide a free journey planning service to work, helping the customer to travel to work effectively and to arrive to work on time. WorkWise aims to help people overcome transport barriers to work and to get them into sustainable employment.

The WorkWise project has been funded by Centro through the Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF), whg and Walsall Council. LSTF will cover our wards of Paddock, Palfrey, and St Matthews till March 2015, whilst the Pleck ward will be funded by whg and Walsall Council till around the end of June this year. For more information please contact Emma Beech Sustainable Travel Officer (WorkWise, Black Country) emmabeech@centro.org.uk

- 8.2 Nationally young women are underrepresented in many industries in particular the farming industry and after a consultation with Walsall South young people it was identified as an interest. IYPSS with support from Walsall South Area Partnership are offering a two day farming experience for young women only, to explore farming tasks and experience first hand how young women can break into this work place. The two days will cover basic farming tasks working with animals and machinery. The project is about challenging the male dominated workplace farming and ensuring young women have an opportunity to try this area of work in a safe and secure environment with IYPSS staff supporting this challenge.

- 8.3 The Walsall Works programme was launched by Walsall Council early last year. It is a multi million pound investment by the local authority which symbolises our vision of creating jobs within local businesses. Its key aim is to raise the ambitions and aspirations of our young residents by supporting them into apprenticeship opportunities. Since its inception, we have supported hundreds of young people, many from the Walsall South Area, to reach their career and learning goals through the programme. To celebrate this 'achieves an award' event was held at the Goldmine Centre 11th June. The event was an opportunity to acknowledge all the young people that have taken part in the scheme and to celebrate their learning and achievements. It also showcased the involvement of employers and training providers along with highlighting some of the new employment opportunities that have been made available for young people who were previously not in employment, education or training. The event was attended by pre-apprentices, apprentices, employers, training providers and all those that had been involved in making the programme a success.

9. Work Stream Priority – Improving Roads Maintenance and Traffic Flow

Responsible Members – Cllr Martin & Cllr Anson

Partners Involved – Highways & Traffic Management, WM Police, Walsall South NHW groups

- 9.1 Residents in Chuckery raised their concerns to local councillors about the state of the uneven surface of the alleyway Selbourne Street to Lime Street, especially for some of our elderly residents who use the alleyway on a regular basis. Due to budget constraints the council was not in a position to help improve the area but by Walsall South and Engineering & Transport coming together this will enable this project to go ahead. The work will start shortly.
- 9.2 A public meeting lead by Cllr Arif and Cllr Azam was held to listen to residents concerns with regards to parking issues in the Butts area in particular around the Butts Primary School. Councillors and partners are now looking at possible solutions with discussions with the school and residents.
- 9.3 The Mobile Enforcement vehicle will be in operation in Walsall Town centre and surrounding areas from 24th June 2013 to help reduce irresponsible driving.

10. Other Activity

- 10.1 The Village Hub, Caldmore Village - Time for Real project which is running from the Hub supports people to donate their time to help someone in their community. In return, members will 'earn' credits which they can then 'cash in' when they need something doing themselves. For every hour of time you give helping someone, you receive one time credit. Time for Real will also be running fun, free activities in partnership with the local community. The project has been running successfully with a number of hours exchanged between members. They are currently running drop in surgeries every week:
 - 1. Tuesdays 1pm – 4pm
 - 2. Thursdays 9.30am - 1.00pm
- 10.2 Caldmore Village Festival took place at Palfrey Park 25th to 27th May with nearly 17,000 people attending over the 3 days. The festival was well supported by community volunteers including some of the Time for Real members. Saturday was the Community day with pupils from both Caldmore Primary and Palfrey Girls School taking performing on the stage. On the Monday the Carnival precession started from Caldmore Green and proceeded to Palfrey Park finishing on the stage it was lead by the Bayard Colts with volunteers joining in wearing costumes which had been prepared on the two days previously. The people that I spoke to thoroughly enjoyed the event and were very appreciative of all the hard work from the volunteers to make the event happen. The Caldmore Village Festival group will also be running their sports Mela 7th July at Palfrey Park.
- 10.3 Alumwell Children's Centre will be celebrating their 10 years old Birthday Party Saturday 6th July with musical performances and other fun events during the day
- 10.4 Chuckery Festival Group - for it's third year the group have decided to organise a week long activity programme from Saturday 13th to Sunday 21st July; there will be an extended and ambitious programme of community, musical, performing arts and health & wellbeing

events at various venues in and around Chuckery. Blue Coat and Chuckery schools will be performing on 13th July, a craft day and cricket event are planned for during the week, with a ranger walk scheduled run by the Arboretum Service Users group.

- 10.5 Provision of a Community Benefit from Sanctuary in partnership with Galliford Try with support from Area Partnership and Walsall Council's Regeneration Team up to the value of £10,000 near their new housing development in Midland Road. To facilitate this offer a community event was held in the Council House 4th June with following groups in attendance Aaina Community Hub, Caldmore Community Garden, Caldmore Primary school, Caldmore Village Festival, and St Matthew's Church Hill Improvement group. Also in attendance to offer their support were Cllr Arif and Anna Rogozinska Community Organiser. The evening went really well with Sanctuary and Galliford Try were impressed with all the ideas coming forward from the groups for potential benefits for the area. A scoping visit took place 6th June to review the localities for the ideas, Sanctuary and Galliford Try will now cost out the requests and a follow up meeting will be held end of July to update everyone on the decision. The provision of the agreed Benefit will be completed by March 2014.
- 10.6 Myplace, Delves – Area Manager has been hot-desking at Myplace every Tuesday since 20th November 2012 this has facilitated joint partnership working between Walsall South IYPSS team and Area Partnership, including development of joint projects part funded by Walsall South Area Partnership that are in line with Walsall South Area Plan and Delivery Plan which have ultimately benefited Walsall South's young people. This process has enabled a wider audience to understand the benefits of this joint working which has successfully resulted in additional support including identifying other funding sources. In addition to this the Area Manager has used this session to meet with partners and councillors to enable joined up working to deliver benefits for the Walsall South Area, for example the Area Manager recently met with probation service colleagues to discuss how they can work more closely in the future.

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