

BRIEFING NOTE

TO: NEIGHBOURHOODS SCRUTINY AND PERFORMANCE PANEL
DATE: 16 OCTOBER 2008

RE: ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR WORKING GROUP UPDATE

Purpose

To inform Members of progress to date with the Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group.

Report

The Neighbourhoods Scrutiny and Performance Panel appointed an Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group (ASBWG) at its meeting on 10 June 2008 and approved terms of reference for the working group on 29 July 2008. Since then progress with the working group has continued.

An update report was provided to the Panel on 4 September 2008. Since then the following activities have taken place:

- Working Group Members attended a Neighbourhood Watch Chairman's meeting at Green Lane Police Station.
- The Working Group hosted an ASB training event by Safer Walsall Partnership that was well attended by 16 Members.
- The Working Group has recently met with its co-opted advisors, namely:
 - Sergeant Kelvin Rowlands – West Midlands Police
 - Andy Grosvenor – Safer Walsall Partnership and Fire Service
 - Irene Molyneux – Walsall Housing Group
 - Neeraj Malhotra – Walsall Primary Care Trust
 - Wendy Thompson – Youth Offending Service

The Working Group has reviewed its progress to date and now plans to investigate specific issues that have come to light following their initial investigations. These are:

- Social Housing
- Young Peoples Service 5-13 and 14-19
- Alcohol
- Drugs

It is currently proposed that the working group participate in good practice visit to the Manchester, to look at the work being done to tackle ASB and Prostitution. Details of this will be confirmed in due course.

Recommendations

That progress to date with the Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group be noted.

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