WALSALL SOUTH AREA PANEL

8th December, 2016 at 6.00 p.m.

Conference Room 2, Council House, Walsall

Present

Councillor E. Russell (Chair)
Councillor A. Ditta
Councillor S. Ditta
Councillor H. Sarohi
Councillor G. Sohal
Councillor A. Nawaz
Councillor P. Washbrook

Officers in attendance

John Morris – Area Manager
Nikki Gough – Democratic Services Officer

16/16 Welcome and Apologies

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillor K. Hussain, R, Martin, M. Nazir.

17/16 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th October 2016 were approved as a true and accurate record.

18/16 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest or party whip.

19/16 Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985

None.

20/16 Funding Report

Members were informed that there no funding applications had been submitted for the Panel to consider. Remaining funding totalled £613.25 which was within the Paddock allocation.

Resolved

That the report be noted.

21/16 Area Managers Report

The Area Manager introduced the report and stated that it sought to inform Elected Members for the Walsall South Area Partnership of some of the work carried out within the local area.

Members were informed of the removal of town centre benches. This issue had been reported by the press. It was noted that the press had sourced their information from the Area Managers report and that Officers had not been contacted for their comments. Officers reassured Members that this was done to safeguard the area to attempt to prevent street drinking. It was an action suggested by the police and allowed arrests to be made as a result. Funding for this (£200.00) came from the Area Panels emergency budget and the decision was made by the Area Manager in consultation with the Chair. The Panel were assured that there were no plans to remove any further benches.

Resolved

That the report was noted.

The Panel discussed possible themes for the next meeting of the Panel. It was agreed that the following items would be requested;

- **A presentation on community cohesion in Walsall and the Casey review;**
- **The availability of school places in the Walsall South area.**

The meeting closed at 6.30 p.m.

Chairman: ……

Date: ……