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## Willenhall and Short Heath Partnership Area Manager Report – updated 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2013

### Ongoing Updates on the Actions for Willenhall and Short Heath Area Plan

#### Purpose of the report

This report seeks to inform the elected members of the Willenhall and Short Heath Area Partnership of some of the work carried out within Willenhall and Short Heath. The information in the report was correct at the time of writing, 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2013.

#### 2. Work Stream priority – Tackling crime and anti-social behaviour

Responsible Members –

Partners Involved – ASB unit, IYPSS, WM Police, Walsall Area Partnership, Walsall Housing Group, Accord/Caldmore Housing, IYPSS, WM Fire, Victim Support, Adult Social Care, Fibbersley Park and Lighthouse Children’s Centre, AFST.

2.1 CCTV for area – AP Area Domehawk camera currently deployed at New Invention Square and AP apache camera deployed to St Annes Church area to assist with ongoing investigations.

2.2 Anti social behaviour reports continue to reduce across the area while other issues such as burglaries and theft from vehicles have been identified and so discussed by partners collectively in order to put suitable actions in place. In Willenhall South the main issues are associated with assault (domestic related) which the Police are responding to accordingly. In the North issues on The Square have seen an increase however as a result of good partnership working, a community engagement meeting and community reassurance work the issues have now reduced.





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2.3 Stroud Avenue has seen an increase in issues since the last update and are being addressed by Police and WHG accordingly. ASB on the Noose Estate also is ongoing across agencies to deal with nuisance neighbours and associated issues.

2.4 Local hotspot areas have been targeted by partners such as Rosehill, the Noose Estate and New Invention Square to ensure issues are addressed and community reassurance is increased. A number of community events have been delivered since the last report in each of these areas attended by partners including Police, whg, ASBU, Environmental Health, local children's centres, IYPSS, Willenhall McDonalds, residents and others. Litterpick and skip days were held in Rosehill and Noose estates while a Community Fun Day was organised in New Invention.

2.5 WM Police have delivered an excellent Junior PCSO youth project in local primary schools in Short Heath working with children to carry out litter picking, traffic enforcement and property marking. A number of young people from schools across the area were also taken to Willenhall Police Station as part of a community day.

2.6 The ASB roadshow delivered in July visited both Pool Hayes and Willenhall EACT Academy before the summer holidays which included input from Police, WHG, Fire, ASBU and IYPSS to talk to all young people about the consequences of ASB and also to promote the summer programme of activities available in the area. Over 2500 young people were spoken to about ASB and positive activities over the summer holidays and a newsletter given to each with all activities available over the summer.

2.7 Tackling drugs and alcohol misuse which has been highlighted by several partners and local communities has seen the creation of a Willenhall based community service provided by Substance Matters. The drop in service continues to see regular uptake of around 40 service users and is now seeking continuation funding from external funders to carry on the work so far.

2.8 Willenhall South Police, ASBU and WM Fire service continue to host a surgery at Willenhall Sikh Gurdwara on a monthly basis offering the opportunity for local community members to report issues and concerns.

2.9 Security items have now been purchased by Willenhall Police and are available to be distributed to local community members.

3.0 Willenhall South Police team are working in partnership with Willenhall CHART Centre to host a Macmillan Coffee morning offering the opportunity for local people to join and report any issues, meet their local officers and also get information about seasonal crime issues in the area such as door step crime. This will also be supported by Walsall Council Trading Standards and NHS Cancer Screening teams.





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3.1 Additional funding is now available from WM Police through their 'Proceeds of Crime Fund' programme. Willenhall sector is looking for expressions of interest from local projects to deliver against their criteria.

3.2 Walsall Council Reassurance Team is due to deliver a piece of work in Willenhall to raise awareness of door step crime and rogue traders. They will also be visiting community projects across the area to speak to older people about the issues and how to report door step crime.

3.3 Willenhall South police team will be arranging visits to Brownhills Safehouse in partnership with Willenhall CHART Centre's Young at Heart group (over 50's) to promote awareness of personal and community safety.

## **Work Stream priority – Increasing positive activities for young people**

Responsible Members –

Partners Involved – IYPSS, Pool Hayes CA, Willenhall CHART, Willenhall E ACT, New Invention Methodist Church, Street Games, WM Police, WM Fire, WHG, Green Spaces, ASBU

3.1 Targeted youth work continues to align with wider partnership activity in particular to reduce ASB and improve health outcomes. Since the last report focus for youth provision has been on holiday activities strongly supported by both Police and Fire services in Willenhall. Activities have included ASB bootcamps and visits to Walsall Police Station and Birmingham's Safeside

3.2 IYPSS has supported volunteer youth workers at Short Heath Methodist Church ensuring resources and expertise in youth work are shared and links to referral agencies are encouraged in local faith run youth facilities.

3.3 An event was held targeting young girls in partnership with IYPSS, Maddisons, Willenhall CHART Centre. Over 50 under 18's attended to gain information about positive activities, sexual health support and to also take part in sports activities. A repeat event is to be organised based on positive feedback from attendants including parents.

3.4 IYPSS alongside their summer programme ran a sexual health roadshow to sign young people up the new C Card scheme in Walsall. This was delivered in partnership with local community based agencies including children's centres, Nova training, churches and community centres as a contribution towards the reducing teenage pregnancy objective for the area.

3.5 Willenhall Impact – no update available.





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## 4. Work Stream priority – Healthy lifestyles

Responsible Members –

Partners involved – NHS Walsall, Walsall Housing Group, Caldmore Housing, Walsall Partnership, Social Care & Inclusion, IYPSS, Greenspaces, Sports and Leisure, Children’s Centres and schools, Willenhall CHART, faith groups, IYPSS, Pool Hayes CA

4.1 It has been agreed for the AP to focus on local areas that have the poorest health outcomes and research the commonalities. A steering group will be meeting in October to discuss data intelligence and agree an action plan for taking this forward.

4.2 A steering group has been established to address high teenage pregnancy rates in the area. The first meeting took place with Lighthouse Children’s Centre, IYPSS, Walsall Council and NHS Sexual Health leads and will be meeting again in October with Willenhall EACT Academy. The initial meeting was very positive and clearly identified a lack of preventative support services for young people in the area and are now committed to investing additional resources into meeting this need. Beacon Primary School, Lighthouse Children’s Centre and Walsall Council have agreed to deliver a targeted piece of work with vulnerable primary school age young people. An additional drop in or ‘Clinic in a Box’ service has been offered to be delivered by NHS Sexual Health Service in the New Invention area – details of this will be agreed in October. The service will include the promotion of Chlamydia screening which is particularly poor in Willenhall.

4.3 Consultation is ongoing in the north area to identify what physical activities older people would like to access, where and when. This will inform work ongoing to develop better access to services in this area as well as promoting what is already available more effectively.

4.4 A new walking group for New Invention is being discussed with Walsall Walk On and Allens Rough Residents Association as there is currently no provision in this area compared to Short Heath and Willenhall South areas.

## 5.0 Work Stream priority – Supporting older people and vulnerable adults

Responsible Member –

Partners Involved – Walsall Council Adult Social Care, Sport and Leisure, Community Development, NHS, Willenhall CHART, Pool Hayes, Caldmore Accord Housing, Pool Hayes CA, Willenhall Salvation Army, WM Police

5.1 A directory of health and well being services for adults is being developed to include all local community based support services across the area and is due to be printed in November / December. This will include all local





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community groups, partner agencies and be listed in a themed format such as health, well being, advice and information, leisure and so on.

5.3 Other updates mentioned in health and crime items above.

## 6. Work Stream priority – Reducing unemployment

Responsible Members –

Partners Involved – Willenhall JCP, Steps to Work, Darlaston Jet, Walsall Council Welfare Rights, Economic Regeneration, Jobmatched Recruitment, Walsall College, Caldmore Accord, WHG, Children’s Centres, Libraries, Willenhall CHART, Beacon Primary School, Holy Trinity Online Centre.

6.1 There has been a lot of local activity taking place to ensure local services are promoted to those who need them most as well as the development of more locally accessible services including job clubs and one to one support for people seeking work or advice about welfare reform – a steering group of partners continue to meet on a regular basis to ensure communication and resource sharing.

6.2 Willenhall Job Centre as well as others including Darlaston Jet, Children’s Centres, social landlords, Walsall Council and many more have been working together to ensure all services are promoted and a new booklet is being produced to also include information about additional priorities which have been agreed to encourage more local people to access credit unions, food banks and also local training and workshops to better manage finances in times of hardship.

6.3 The job club at Willenhall CHART is operating two days a week (Mondays and Thursdays) and also attended by Darlaston Jet to ensure referrals are made for additional support. Fibbersley Park Children’s Centre also are part of this partnership effort in facilitating training for those attending the job club and also their parents. Further training courses are now being organised from September onwards.

6.4 Time4Real are now working to develop their hub at Willenhall CHART to offer a time brokering service for local people into a range of opportunities. This will be launched in the near future to recruit local people to volunteer their time in the Willenhall area.





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## 7.0 Work Stream priority – Developing a strong voluntary sector

Responsible Members –

Partners Involved – Pool Hayes CA, Walsall VA, Walsall Council Community Development, local community organisations

7.1 No update available. Meeting arranged with WVA to discuss progress in September.

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