

CABINET MEMBER UPDATE REPORT		
Councillor	Portfolio	Period of Report
Cllr Robertson	Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods	Sept - October 2011

Corporate Commissioning & Neighbourhood Coordination

Commissioning

An initial meeting of a Commissioning Framework Task and Finish Group has been held. The purpose of the group is to moved forward the Commissioning Framework, strategies and associated work programme

Underpinning this is the development of a programme of wider understanding and building capacity

Strategic Partnerships

- SBP Strategic Board
Meeting of the Strategic Board was deferred until there were clearer indications of budget discussions within organisations available.
- SBP Operations Board
The Operations Board has considered a number of significant issues at recent meetings and has implemented a couple of key workstreams.
Primary areas of focus have been data sharing in relation to those in receipt of care packages informing a focussed work programme exploring how we work better with the VCF in the delivery of such packages; social value in commissioning; resource pressures facing the Council and partner organisations in Sefton.
Future items for consideration are Welfare Reform, consultation on budget proposals and customer insight.
A task and finish group is being formulated to progress the decision taken at Cabinet in March 2011 to assimilate the SSCP and its structures within the Operations Board

Area Partnerships

- South Sefton Area Partnership has agreed a draft work programme and task and finish group to discuss Financial Inclusion. The first meeting for this will be held on 21 October 2011. Links into existing activity and reviews are being made to progress the priority of Opportunities for Families and Financial Inclusion. The Partnership has also asked to look at worklessness and unemployment at a future meeting.
- The first Sefton East Area Partnership meeting was held on 7 September 2011 to discuss purpose and remit of the Partnership. Partners agreed to look at their own priorities to feed into the draft action plan before the next meeting in November.
- The first Crosby Area Partnership meeting was held on 26 September 2011 to discuss purpose and remit of the Partnership. Partners agreed to go away and consider draft action plan and input their own priorities and key issues before the next meeting in November.
- First Formby Area Partnership meeting to be arranged.

- Southport Area Partnership is considering the terms of reference with meetings taking place with partners to clarify purpose, contribution and understanding.

Area Co-ordination

- Area management first point of contact - continued liaison with Members, residents, businesses and Parishes. Further development of work with providers to start identifying reoccurring problems and the underlying drivers of these i.e. to influence changes in policy, operational processes to help make a service work better in an area.
- Area Committees – continued support for Area Committees, managing the budgets, follow up on actions and responses to resident questions
- Tesco Section 106 – number of projects ongoing. Consultation with residents of Violet Road is finished. Re-launch event for former Linacre One office on 26 October 2011.
- Action planning for the Mischief/Bonfire period continues and is linked to the Merseyside Police's Operation Banger
- "Zoning exercise" on Rimrose Valley Park to allow the Emergency Services to respond to incidents more quickly. Event held 20 July involving local school children and volunteers from the Princes Trust painting and installing the new posts.
- Operation Beachsafe completed successfully with a wide range of partners targeting and reducing anti social behaviour along the coastline, especially at Formby and Freshfield.
- Distribution of Hate Crime booklets and a new third party hate crime reporting form is being developed that is "*friendlier*" for victims to complete
- Undertaken 29 "sanctuary assessments" for high-risk victims of domestic and sexual violence tasks
- Instigated and supported the development and writing of the Ribble Estuary Cockling Operational Plan
- The Neighbourhoods team is leading on the Christmas tree budget this year. There is a budget of £10k from the Council towards 12 sites across the borough. Match funding has been secured from a range of organisations to enable all 12 sites to go ahead.

Anti-Social Behaviour

- There are 21 individual cases that involve vulnerable clients, being managed by our two Vulnerable Victims champions
- Section 30 order in Litherland put in place preventative and targeted interventions and services have worked with 19 people to address their risks and needs –ended 13 October 2011.
- PC Colin Jones from ASBU team has won the ASB Officer Individual Award for Sefton 2011 for his outstanding work

IOM

- Visit to HMP Kennett, looking pathways developments on Integrated and Intergenerational Offender Management

Work with Businesses

- We continue to deliver the StepClever programme providing support for businesses focussed upon tackling issues around vacant premises, target hardening and crime prevention advice, and environmental concerns. This is being delivered in Linacre, Derby and Linacre Bridge area until March 2012.
- Continued town centre management support for Southport and Bootle including business liaison, radio link, business and premises licenses advice
- Intermediary work with Costa Coffee in Bootle following planning issues.

- We have been speaking to Arcadia about the closure of 5 outlets in Southport resulting in empty spaces and job losses.
- We have been approached by Education Business Partnership to help seek work experience placements with retailers. Also asked for support from a rehabilitation project, and a youth based voluntary organisation on the development of a sensory garden.

Other

- VCF review –workshops held with the Community Centre Network and Network South to discuss the purpose of the review and listen to the views of the sector. A session will also be arranged with the Southport and Formby Forum in the near future. Questionnaires have been distributed to the organisations that have received Council funding this year. Organisations who have responded have also been offered a one to one meeting to discuss their services in more detail. The second stage will be to involve the wider sector in this process – due to be done by the end of October.
- Review of Area Committee Budget guidelines- report and draft revisions presented to Cabinet Member for Safer Neighbourhoods and Communities. Agreed on 3 October for this to be discussed further with Party Leaders and Area Committee Chairs (meeting arranged 3 November) followed by consultation with each of the Area Committees.
- Investigating the feasibility of commissioning services at an area level and procurement thresholds to support Council ambition to be Commissioning Council
- Alleygating – managing maintenance and repair programme.
- Community consultation exercises on service delivery (such as road maintenance, Xmas)
- Working in partnership with colleagues and partners to inform process of developing ward profiles, key policy drivers

Civil Contingencies

- Attended a "Making Space for Water" meeting, with the aim of discussing the surface Water Management Plan and how this fits with other flooding and water management plans within Sefton and across Merseyside.
- Visited Manchester for a BSI/Cabinet Office workshop on Business Continuity Management and in particular BS25999. Discussion on the success and failure of standards in Business Continuity; the value in applying for certification; supply chain resilience and crisis communication were interspersed with mini exercises and a demonstration of hacking a number of laptops.
- Attended the Southport and Ormskirk Hospitals Emergency Planning Group where we discussed the lessons learned from a recent exercise and the further development of a Trust emergency co-ordination room, which I have been advising on.
- Continued worked with Mersey Port Health regarding how their emergency plan interplay with Sefton
- Progressed the Operation Flood Plan (part of statutory Preliminary Flood Plan Risk Assessment) and completed a Home Office funding bid to ensure that the Royal Liverpool Hospital mortuary is adapted to become an 'emergency mortuary' that potentially services the Northern Hub.

Drugs Action Team

- The National Treatment Agency has recently informed Sefton DAT that it is now the top performing DAT in the region. The NTA judges the performance of DATs across a range of 25 indicators which encompass both clinical and non-clinical activity. Sefton's performance makes it one of the top ten best performing DATs in the country for most indicators and against some indicators Sefton occupies first place. Encouragingly, High levels of service user satisfaction are also being reported across the Sefton treatment system.