

Watford Borough Council Community Safety Partnership Task Group
Wednesday 10 October 2012 6.30 pm
Committee Room 1, Watford Town Hall

Membership

Cllr Martins (Chair)

Councillors Aron, Joynes, Khan, Lovejoy, McLeod and Meerabux

Introduction

The role of the Task Group is to review the Community Safety Partnership and in particular its strategic priorities. Meetings of the Community Safety Partnership are open to the press and public and the agenda is published on the Council's website.

This will be the second meeting of the year for the Task Group. At the first meeting the performance and priorities of the Community Safety Partnership were reviewed and domestic violence was suggested as a topic for the group to look at. The minutes of the meeting are available here:

<http://watford.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=209&MIId=1062&Ver=4>

The main item on the agenda will be domestic violence although the councillors will also consider their work programme. Guests need not stay while the Task Group discusses their work programme, unless they wish to.

Domestic violence in Watford

Representatives from different agencies working on domestic violence have been invited to attend. The Task Group would like to gain a good understanding of the current situation surrounding domestic violence and domestic abuse and are particularly interested in the following:

- An introduction to the roles of the different agencies in Watford and how they work together. What is the impact of privacy legislation on information sharing?
- What is the extent of the problem in Watford and what factors have contributed most to the levels of domestic violence and domestic abuse? Are there any trends that can be identified? How does Watford compare with other areas in the county/region/country?
- Which approaches have been particularly successful in supporting victims in Watford?
- What preventative measures have been most effective?
- What are the current challenges being faced? What are the gaps, if any, in services?
- What are the priorities going forward for the agencies working on domestic violence? What are the barriers?

After the meeting, all attendees will receive a copy of the minutes which will be published on the Council's website.

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