**Sheffield City Council**

# Report to Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny & Policy Development Committee
## 27th November 2014

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**Report of:**  **Janet Sharpe** (Interim Director of Council Housing)

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**Subject:**  **Review of the Partner Resource Allocation Meeting (PRAM)**

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**Author of Report:**  **Bethan Williams, Acting Safer Neighbourhood Manager.**

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**Summary:**

Following a presentation on 26th September 2013, the Committee requested a quarterly progress report regarding Partner Resource Allocation Meeting (PRAM), with a particular focus on:

- Improving the relationship between PRAM and the Neighbourhood Action Groups; and
- The development of a citywide PRAM.

This is the third of the quarterly reports.

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**Type of item:**  The report author should tick the appropriate box

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| Reviewing of existing policy | |
| Informing the development of new policy | |
| Statutory consultation | |
| Performance / budget monitoring report | |
| Cabinet request for scrutiny | |
| Full Council request for scrutiny | |
| Community Assembly request for scrutiny | |
| Call-in of Cabinet decision | |
| Briefing paper for the Scrutiny Committee | X |
| Other | |

**The Scrutiny Committee is being asked to:**

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The Committee is asked to note progress and provide views, comments and recommendations.

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**Background Papers:**
Previous Scrutiny Committee minutes

**Category of Report:**          OPEN

**Quarterly Report of the Interim Head of Council Housing**
**Review of the Partner Resource Allocation Meeting**

1.      **Introduction/Context**

1.1     In August 2012, the Partner Resource Allocation Meeting (PRAM) was introduced to the East of the city in order to:

- Improve the way in which we identify and support vulnerable people experiencing Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) ;
- Provide leadership and accountability; and
- Better link ASB resources with Health and Social Care colleagues.

1.2     Following a presentation on 26th September 2013, the Committee requested a quarterly progress report regarding Partner Resource Allocation Meeting (PRAM), with a particular focus on:

- Improving the relationship between PRAM and the Neighbourhood Action Groups; and
- The development of a citywide PRAM.

1.3     This is the third update report submitted.

2.      **Improving the relationship between PRAM and the Neighbourhood Action Group,( NAGs)**

2.1     As previously emphasised, it is important that the NAGs are not viewed as the first port of call for ASB cases where a multi-agency response is required.  With this in mind, Safer Neighbourhood Officers are now utilising the NAGs for more challenging cases,  this has enabled them to provide a greater focus on vulnerable people experiencing ASB; improving the level of support; and speeding up resolution.

2.2     The primary focus of the NAGs is to support vulnerable people experiencing ASB and manage those committing ASB. This work continues to be best addressed by specialist agencies and pre-existing structures to ensure that local level information sharing and local level problem solving is addressed.

2.3     With the introduction of new ASB legislation from the 20th October the NAG also provides a platform for agencies to share information relating to the management of those who have committed ASB

2.4     The PRAM is currently going through a period of review since it became a citywide meeting in July. I am currently working with safeguarding adults to ensure that the right partners are involved in the problem solving around vulnerable victims.

2.5     The PRAM continues to offer an important touchstone for officers and partners involved in 'by-exception' cases where local level problem solving has hit a blockage, the primary focus remains on people experiencing ASB and strengthening the link with colleagues in Health and Social Care.

2.6      South Yorkshire Police have recently introduced a new procedure for identifying and addressing repeat vulnerable victims, I am currently

working with them and partners to ensure that those identified are addressed in line with the currently City Wide processes.

2.7     The Acting Safer Neighbourhood Manager will, with partners continue to review and monitor the Citywide role out over the next quarter and report back to the committee.