

## Elected Member Briefing

### **Disturbance at Harrow View, Harrow, Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at 3.00am**

Harrow's Supporting People team have received notification of an incident that took place on Sunday 4 September 2011 at approximately 3am in Harrow View. The disturbance occurred outside a property that is occupied by a service user supported by the Teenage Parent Scheme. This supported housing scheme is jointly commissioned between Harrow and Brent Supporting People teams; the support provider is Metropolitan Support Trust. The service provides housing related support to six teenage parents or young women in the later stages of pregnancy between the ages of 16-21 years.

The disturbance was caused by a resident at the property broadcasting a message on her Blackberry Messenger about a party she was having at her flat in Harrow View. Unfortunately the message was forwarded on to other people and resulted in 200 people arriving at the property. The Police were called and the road was closed to enable the Police to deal with the disturbance. Metropolitan Support Trust's incident report indicates that there were some minor injuries to the Police and this is subject to further investigation. The Police contacted Metropolitan Support Trust on Monday 5 September at 2.20pm to inform them of the incident.

There were no children present in the scheme during the disturbance. A neighbouring property was damaged and the Police are pursuing this. Metropolitan Support Trust (MST) has spoken to the neighbours and are meeting with them on Wednesday 14 September. MST is revising the house rules for the scheme and has provided tenants with information on the risks associated with social networking. Harrow's Supporting People Team will continue to work closely with MST to ensure all agreed measures have been put in place.

Harrow Observer ran an online article on Wednesday 7 September and they are planning to run the story in the paper this week. The article does not identify the nature of the scheme but it does state that a man was tasered by the Police during the disturbance. This man was not linked to the scheme in anyway and the incident occurred on the street outside.