

Minutes



To: All Members of the Community
Safety and Waste
Management Cabinet Panel,
Chief Executive, Chief
Officers, All officers named for
'actions'

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COMMUNITY SAFETY AND WASTE MANAGEMENT CABINET PANEL

6 JULY 2015

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS OF THE PANEL

M J Cook, R J Henry, N A Hollinghurst, T Hunter (Vice- Chairman), T R Hutchings, A Lee, M D M Muir, A M R Searing, R A C Thake (Chairman), C B Woodward

Also in attendance:

D E Lloyd – Police and Crime Commissioner
P A Ruffles – PCP Representative

Upon consideration of the agenda for the Community Safety and Waste Management Cabinet Panel meeting 6 July 2015 as circulated, copy annexed, conclusions were reached and are recorded below:

Note: No conflicts of interest were declared by any member of the Cabinet Panel in relation to the matters on which conclusions were reached at this meeting.

PART I ('OPEN') BUSINESS

1. MINUTES

1.1 The Minutes of the Community Safety and Planning Cabinet Panel meeting held on 23 April 2015 were noted. Those Members of the Panel which had also served on the Cabinet Panel requested that in relation to item 5 it be noted that lengthy discussion had taken place with regards to the item and that following legal advice taken during a break in the meeting an amended motion proposed, seconded and agreed as per the conclusions outlined within the report.

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2. PUBLIC PETITIONS

2.1 There were no public petitions.

3. POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

[Officer Contact: Roy Wilsher, (01992 507501)]

3.1 The Cabinet Panel considered a brief update report which introduced the Annual Plan and refreshed Business Plan, 'Everybody's Business' 2015-2020.

3.2 The Police and Crime Commissioner advised the Cabinet Panel regarding the work being undertaken in relation to the Mental Health Concordat (MHC). Since the PCC posts had been created a greater impetus had been placed upon mental health nationally, Hertfordshire's Concordat Action plan had been submitted at the end of March 2015 and a multi-agency Steering Group established. Members were pleased to learn that work was progressing well in relation to the Crisis Care Concordat Action plans with the first steering group meeting having been held in May 2015. Members highlighted the importance of early intervention with regards to MHC and requested that a briefing for members be held in the Autumn.

3.3 Members were advised that a countywide Community Scrutiny Panel met on a bi-monthly basis to review data on the number of stop and searches taking place. The Community Scrutiny Panel scrutinised areas such as gender, age and ethnicity to identify trends and examined stop and search forms to examine whether they were PACE Code A compliant.

3.4 The Cabinet Panel welcomed the work being undertaken with regards to commissioning services for victims and tackling domestic abuse.

3.5 In general discussion the panel highlighted the importance of engaging with young people, both by encouraging them to become active within youth councils and other similar structures as well as finding new ways to engage with individuals less forthcoming.

Conclusion:

The Cabinet Panel thanked the Police and Crime Commissioner for his presentation and welcomed the report.

4. POLICE AND CRIME PANEL (PCP)

4.1 Peter Ruffles, Hertfordshire County Council's representative appointed to the Police and Crime Panel advised that since his

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last update to the Community Safety and Planning Cabinet Panel the PCP had met once in June. He advised that the meeting had been successful, with most of the Hertfordshire Districts having been represented. He advised that the public attendance was good, believing that the opportunity for a Question and Answer session with the PCC served as the main draw.

Conclusion:

The Cabinet Panel welcomed the PCP representative's presentation and noted the importance of seeking new ways of engendering youth engagement.

5. REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS (RIPA): ANNUAL REPORT

[Officer Contact: Guy Pratt , Assistant Director of Community Protection, (01707 292590)]

- 5.1 The Cabinet Panel considered a report which informed Members of the use of Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA) within Hertfordshire County Council over the past year; to highlight any deviations from policy; and to provide details of any internal and external inspections and audits which have taken place. This will allow Members to undertake a review of the Authority's use of RIPA.
- 5.2 The Members of the Cabinet Panel were informed as to the ways in which Hertfordshire County Council could utilise RIPA; directed surveillance and covert human intelligent sources and the acquisition and disclosure of communications data from communication service providers, the County Council is required to consider reports on each annually so as to ensure that RIPA is being used consistently with the Council's policy and that the policy remains fit for purpose.
- 5.3 An inspection had been undertaken by the Chief Surveillance Commissioner's office in November 2014. The Inspection Report advised that the County Council had a generally sound RIPA structure, policy and procedures.
- 5.4 The Cabinet Panel highlighted that the use of RIPA was essential for the County Council as an investigation technique and were content that the policies allowed for the powers to be used in the correctly.

Conclusion:

- 5.5 The Community Safety and Waste Management Cabinet Panel

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recommended that Cabinet approve the continued use of the policies on:

(a) Directed Surveillance and Covert Human Intelligent Sources; and

(a) Acquisition and Disclosure of Communications Data from communication service providers.

6. COMMUNITY PROTECTION ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2014/15

[Officer Contact: John Mills, Deputy Chief Fire Officer , (01992 507502)]

- 6.1 The Cabinet Panel were provided with an overview of the Community Protection Directorate annual performance for 2014/15. The report highlighted areas where the Directorate had performed well and areas that required further action or investigation.
- 6.2 The Members of the Cabinet Panel were informed as the performance of the Directorate in relation to; Prevent and Protect, Plan for and Respond to Emergencies and Be and excellent organisation. Members were pleased to note that the performance remained good in 2014/15 with most measures being met or exceeded. In particular members noted that following the implementation of a revised policy put in place at the beginning of 2014 the Community Protection Directorate had seen large reductions in the number of commercial automatic fire alarms attended.
- 6.3 It was noted that there had been an increase in the number of road accidents attended by Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service had increased. The directorate continued to undertake road safety activity with partner organisations as a key piece of educational work to focus upon new and younger drivers.
- 6.4 In recognition of the proportion of the HFRS workload that RTAs constituted all Firefighters had undertaken 'Trauma Core Training' to ensure that they are prepared for the incidents attended.
- 6.5 In relation to Domestic Abuse (DA) it was noted that there had been an increase from Quarter 2 onwards in the number of cases (102%) and repeat cases (129%) referred to the Multi-Agency Assessment conferences, which reflected the efficacy of the new DA strategy

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- 6.6 Members noted the performance of the Community Protection Directorate to the end of 2014 and;
- i) The Panel acknowledged the content of the annual performance report for publication to the wider organisation and general public
 - ii) Members welcomed the revised format and content of the Community Protection Directorate annual performance report and requested that future reports be expanded to include communications work.

7. COUNTER TERRORISM AND SECURITY ACT 2015, SECTION 36 ESTABLISHMENT OF STATUTORY CHANNEL PANEL

[Officer Contact: Darryl Keen, Assistant Chief Fire Officer, (01992 555576)]

- 7.1 The Community Safety and Waste Management Cabinet Panel considered a report which advised as to Section 36 of the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 and sought agreement that the existing Channel Panel is formally established under Section 36 of the Act.
- 7.2 Members were advised that the report set out the governance framework for the Channel panel and noted that the feedback mechanism would be undertaken via an overview report to the Community Safety and Waste Management Cabinet Panel annually.
- 7.3 Members acknowledged the importance of the role that the Channel Panel played in assessing the extent to which identified individuals were being drawn into terrorism and in the provision of support to reduce their vulnerability. It was noted that the Channel Panel would form part of a wider remit to prevent radicalisation; as such connection into the Hertfordshire Chief Executives' coordinating Group would be advantageous in ensuring visibility at district level and engaging local Community Safety.

Conclusion:

- 7.4 The Cabinet Panel endorsed the following recommendations to Cabinet:
- (i). that the existing Channel Panel is formally established under Section 36 of the Act with the terms of reference set out at Appendix 1 to this report and that any work being undertaken or cases being considered continue to be considered by the Channel Panel subject to compliance with the requirements of

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the Act;

- (ii). that the Deputy Director for Children’s Services, Education to be the County Council’s representative on and to act as the Chairman of the Channel Panel;
- (iii). that the Assistant Director, Community Protection be appointed to the Channel Panel and act as Vice-Chairman of the Panel;
- (iv). that the Deputy Director for Children’s Services, Education is delegated the power to appoint a further member or members of the Channel Panel either generally or in the case of a particular identified individual where (s)he considers it appropriate; and
- (v). that strategic connection will be maintained with the Hertfordshire County Chief Executives’ Coordinating Group.

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CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER

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