

# 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

10 FEBRUARY 2016

### ATTENDANCE

#### MEMBERS OF THE PANEL

D Andrews (substituting for C B Woodward), M Bright, M J Cook, R J Henry, N A Hollinghurst, T Hunter (Vice- Chairman), T R Hutchings, P F J Knell, A M R Searing, R A C Thake (Chairman)

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 10 February 2016 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 3 December 2015.

##### 2. PUBLIC PETITIONS

- 2.1 No petitions were received.

##### 3. POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER (PCC)

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

- 3.1 The Cabinet Panel considered a brief update report which provided

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the Members with an overview of the work undertaken by the Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC) office since the Panel had last met.

- 3.2 The PCC advised the Cabinet Panel that the PCC Office had received a welcome announcement regarding the central grant, which was higher than had been anticipated. Members were advised that the PCP precept would be reduced by 0.55% for properties in Band D, a modest cut which would be off-set by the overall increase in Council Tax.
- 3.3 The Panel heard that in 2016/17 funding would be made available for new investments into stubborn and persistent areas of concern, such as speeding and fly-tipping. A fly-tipping fund had been established to allow organisations such as the Police, Hertfordshire County Council and Districts and Borough Councils to respond. Historically members of the public reporting fly-tipping incidents would be referred to their local council, however calls received via 101 would now be logged and passed on to the relevant District or Borough Council. Members were pleased to learn that a Joint Working Protocol was being developed.
- 3.4 Members welcomed the news that using the surplus generated from speeding tickets, speed awareness courses, accident reports and court income through the Cameras Tickets and Collisions Unit would be utilised to support a range of educational, enforcement and engineering activities to support road safety.
- 3.5 The PCC was re-launching the Employee Supported Policing Programme in order to seek support from local businesses to allow their employees time off to volunteer as Special Constables. It was anticipated that larger employers with 'social responsibility' budgets may be interested in taking part in the scheme.
- 3.6 Members were pleased to learn that 42,000 victims of crime had been supported by Operation Beacon 4 June – 31 December 2015 and welcomed the continuing work undertaken by the police to provide comprehensive support to victims.

**Conclusion:**

- 3.7 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 the PCP had met once since the last update. The first part of that meeting had focussed upon the Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC) budget

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proposals, with discussions regarding Operation Beacon taking place during the second part. There had been no votes against the budget; with some abstentions. Some concerns had been raised in discussion regarding funding for front line policing; however, the budget had been confirmed.

**Conclusion:**

- 4.2 The Cabinet Panel welcomed the PCP representative's presentation.

**5. INTEGRATED PLAN 2016/17 – 2019/20**

[Officer Contact: Darryl Keen , Deputy Chief Fire Officer, (01992 507502)]

- 5.1 The Cabinet Panel received a report which highlighted areas of the Integrated Plan which related to Community Safety and Waste Management in order for the Cabinet Panel to consider these and provide comment.
- 5.2 Member's attention was drawn to the table on page 3 of the report which was amended by the correction sheet circulated separately which included a revised table. The Cabinet Panel were advised that the budget gap figures for 2017/18 to 2019/20 were understated in the original report and had since been amended. The revised table showed an estimated gap of £38.4m in 2017/18 rising to £71.4m in 2019/20, however, it was noted that the figures were subject to change from a number of factors; including final council tax figures and the final grant settlement figure.
- 5.3 The key pressures being faced by the services as outlined at page 65 of the Integrated Plan were highlighted. These totalled £771,000 in 2016/17, rising to £6.943m in 2019/20. Savings totalled £863,000 in 2016/17 rising to £1,020,000 in 2019/20. The total budgets for the services which the portfolio comprised totalled £109.7m in 2016/17 rising to £115.2m in 2019/20.
- 5.4 Member's attention was drawn to the proposed capital programme for Community Safety and Waste which totalled £5.001m in 2016/17 and scheduled to fall to £3.233m in 2019/20.
- 5.5 Following a question from a Member regarding waste management contracts scheduled to end in 2018, the Cabinet Panel were advised that contractual arrangements provided for extension to 2021 for which budgetary pressures had been acknowledged within the Integrated Plan Proposals 2016/17 – 2019/20. Proposals relating to the County Council's future waste management arrangements would be brought forward for consideration by the panel at its meeting scheduled for 4 March 2016.

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**Conclusion:**

5.6 The Community Safety and Waste Cabinet Panel noted the proposals relating to the Integrated Plan in respect of Community Safety and Waste to Cabinet, no concerns or issues were raised as part of the discussion.

**6. COUNTER TERRORISM AND SECURITY ACT – FORMATION OF PREVENT BOARD**

[Officer Contact: Darryl Keen, Deputy Chief Fire Officer, (01992 507502)]

6.1 The Cabinet Panel were presented with a report which informed Members regarding the intention for Hertfordshire County Council to establish a Prevent Board which would comprise a representative from each Directorate to guide and monitor 'Prevent' obligations for the County Council.

6.2 The Cabinet Panel were advised that work would be undertaken at the early stages following the establishment of the board to identify training requirements for example; the appropriate use of risk assessment, the importance of partnership working, the need to ensure that staff are suitably trained and the need for robust policies in relation to Information Technology. It was anticipated that training would be delivered via the WRAP Train the Trainer initiative which would be rolled out to front line staff, a short Prevent iLearn package had also been developed by Health and Community Services which might be suitable for delivering basic awareness training for all staff. Officers confirmed that Prevent training would also be delivered to County Councillors.

6.3 Following a question from a Member regarding a perceived proliferation in the number of boards it was anticipated that the long-term life of the board would be limited, with its work expected to be subsumed by pre-existing structures in the future.

6.4 In general discussion it was confirmed that the creation of the board did not reflect an increase in responsibilities but rather was a way to develop better partnership working, fulfil the requirements of the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 as well as to adequately respond to the Local Authority's safeguarding responsibilities.

**Conclusion:**

6.5 The Cabinet Panel noted the work underway across the Council to meet obligations in relation to the Act and in particular the formation of the Hertfordshire County Council Prevent Board.

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**7. PROPOSALS TO INTRODUCE A NEW TRADING STANDARDS' APPROBED TRADER SCHEME**

[Officer Contact: John Boulter (01992 555951)]

- 7.1 The Community Safety and Waste Management Cabinet Panel considered a report which outlined plans to withdraw from the current 'Buy With Confidence' approved scheme and, instead to enter into a new partnership with Which? Trusted Traders in order to establish a scheme endorsed by Hertfordshire Trading Standards and administered by Which? Trusted Traders.
- 7.2 Members were advised that the Buy With Confidence scheme had been established in 2013, despite a large range of marketing activity the BWC scheme had only attracted 50 businesses, consequently in some trade sectors there was limited choice for consumers, and as such the scheme had done little to impact upon consumer behaviour.
- 7.3 As a well- established brand it was hoped that the new scheme in partnership with Which? would engender greater buy- in from traders, which would maintain levels of consumer protection by attracting a greater range of businesses to take part in the scheme.
- 7.4 In general discussion Members highlighted the importance of ensuring that all Hertfordshire Households were made aware of the scheme, in particular highlighting those without internet access which might be at greater risk of being targeted by Rogue Traders. Members requested that Officers contact each of Hertfordshire's District and Borough Councils to request that information regarding the scheme be included within the publications they distribute to their local residents.
- 7.5 The County Council had not undertaken formal consultation with current BWC members; however contact had been made with them regarding the proposals. The response had generally been supportive of the proposed changes. Members noted that existing Members would be offered membership of the new scheme at the same cost as BWC for the first year and at a discounted rate for the second year.
- 7.6 Once established, Officers would publicise the scheme to schools to build awareness and enable them to procure tradesmen for projects using the approved scheme.

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**Conclusion:**

- 7.7 The Community Safety and Waste Management Cabinet Panel supported the proposal to withdraw the Buy With Confidence (BWC) scheme in Hertfordshire and endorsed a new 'Trading Standards

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approved' scheme which would be delivered in partnership with  
Which? Trusted Traders.

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