

# 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 SEPTEMBER 2016

### ATTENDANCE

### MEMBERS OF THE PANEL

F Button (substituting for A M R Searing), M Bright, M J Cook, R J Henry, N A Hollinghurst, T Hunter (Vice- Chairman), P F J Knell, R G Prowse, R H Smith (substituting for T R Hutchings) C B Woodward

Upon consideration of the agenda for the Community Safety and Waste Management Cabinet Panel meeting 6 September 2016 as circulated, copy annexed, conclusions were reached and are recorded below:

*Note: No declarations of interest were made at this meeting.*

### PART I ('OPEN') BUSINESS

#### 1. MINUTES

- 1.1 The minutes of the Cabinet Panel meeting held on 1 July 2016 were confirmed as a correct record. Officers confirmed that the viability of police spot checks, to ensure that commercial vehicles had adequate licences in place, would be raised at the Fly Tipping Group scheduled for 7 September 2016.

#### 2. PUBLIC PETITIONS

- 2.1 There were no public petitions.

#### 3. UPDATE REPORT FROM DAVID LLOYD POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR HERTFORDSHIRE

[Officer Contact: Roy Wilsher]

- 3.1 The Cabinet Panel considered an update on the work of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Hertfordshire and the

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work of the Commissioner's Office.

- 3.2 Members heard that following the resignation of the previous post-holder, the Police and Crime Commissioner had appointed a new Chief Constable in August. Members who had attended the selection process meeting welcomed the choice and congratulated the PCC on the appointment of an impressive candidate.
- 3.3 The PCC advised that he would be developing a Community Safety and Criminal Justice Plan and also intended to create a Criminal Justice board.
- 3.4 In response to a question from a Member regarding business crime, the PCC advised that owing to the range in business types, there was complexity around what is considered to be crime and what is a matter of civil contract. Members were pleased to learn that work was being undertaken with partners such as HMRC and Trading Standards to bring together resources and intelligence to tackle business crime.

**Conclusion:**

Members of the Cabinet Panel noted the update.

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**4. POLICE AND CRIME PANEL**

- 4.1 Peter Ruffles, the PCP representative, advised that there had been two meetings of the PCP since he had last presented to the Cabinet Panel.
- 4.2 Members were advised that attendance of the Panels remained low. The meetings moved around the County to enable greater public access for all residents. Public attendance remained minimal, with only four members of the public having attended the last meeting.
- 4.3 The PCP representative advised that at the last meeting the panel had requested that the PCC raise the issue of lack of regulation of light levels emitted from LED headlights at a national level.

**Conclusion:**

4.4 Members noted the update.

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**5. AUTOMATIC FIRE ALARMS (AFAs) AND UNWANTED FIRE SIGNALS (UFS)**

[Officer Contact: Darryl Keen (01992 507502)]

5.1 The Cabinet Panel considered a report which sought support from Members regarding the Officer recommendation not to charge for attendance to Automatic Fire Alarm (AFA) activations in premises housing vulnerable groups.

5.2 The Cabinet Panel were advised that Fire and Rescue Services may, under Section 18c of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004, change for reports of fire where:

- (a) The report is of fire at premises that are not domestic premises;
- (b) The report is false;
- (c) The report is made as a direct or indirect result of warning equipment having malfunctioned or been incorrectly installed, or
- (d) There is a persistent problem with false reports of fire at the premises that are made as a direct or indirect result of warning equipment under common control having malfunctioned or been incorrectly installed.

5.3 Members were advised that whilst it was recognised that an opportunity existed for charging, it was recommend that no charge be made for attendance to premises that exceeded UFA thresholds where the premises housed vulnerable individuals.

5.4 The Cabinet Panel welcomed the news that Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Services would continue to work proactively with District Councils and other partners, to monitor performance of premises and develop local action plans.

5.5 The service had experienced an overall rise of 7.9% in the number of calls to false alarms caused by AFAs, attendances to non-domestic premises had risen by 11.2%. It was noted that the number of calls which had been successfully challenged by Fire Control, where no attendance was made had risen by 33.4%. Overall the service had attended 67.6% of false alarm calls generated by AFAs, compared with 72.1% last year.

5.6 Members were pleased to note that Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service would continue to challenge persistent offenders and confirmed that records of the cause of false alarms were maintained.

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- 5.7 In general discussion it was confirmed that HFRS undertook regular educational activity with the University of Hertfordshire in relation to fire, AFAs and road safety.

### **Conclusion**

- 5.8 The Cabinet Panel noted the contents of the report and supported the recommendation that no charge is made for attendance to AFA activations in premises housing vulnerable individuals.

## **6. SAFE AND WELL VISITS**

[Officer Contact: Steve Holton (01992 507599)]

- 6.1 The Cabinet Panel considered an update report regarding a joint initiative between the Community Protection Directorate and Public Health that will see Community Protection staff deliver a 'wider public health' offer in the form of 'Safe and Well' Visits to replace the current programme of 'Home Fire Safety Visits'.
- 6.2 Members heard that the number of Fire Safety Visits had reduced as the result of a new initiative to 'make every visit count'. Visits to elderly and vulnerable individuals across Hertfordshire were now undertaken in partnership with Public Health. Each visitation comprised additional content designed to improve the health and well-being of the elderly and at risk residents, whilst also helping to reduce the number of falls victims, and those accessing social care.
- 6.3 In general discussion members requested that HFRS and Public Health consider attending groups comprised of elderly and vulnerable individuals. Officers confirmed that this could be undertaken, but highlighted that group sessions could not include elements of the visits which focused on assessment of the home environment.

### **Conclusions**

- 6.4 The Cabinet Panel supported and endorsed the collaborative working between the Community Protection Directorate and Public Health.

## **7. WASTE MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE MONITOR**

[Officer Contact: Simon Aries (01992 555255)]

- 7.1 The Cabinet Panel considered a report which provided performance data in relation to Waste Management for the first quarter of this year (April – June 2016) against the Environment

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Department Service Plan 2016-2020 including key performance indicators, major projects, contracts and identified risks.

7.2 Members were advised that the overall status of the Hertfordshire Residual Waste Treatment Programme Project remained within the red category, however due to control measures a number of risks within the programme had reduced. It was anticipated that Veolia would submit their planning application in autumn 2016.

7.3 It was noted that as the result of changes made to kerbside recycling in Dacorum and Three Rivers, as well as service changes introduced by Broxbourne Borough Council it was expected that the total waste per household would reduce to 1,038kg, compared with 1,046kg in 2014/15.

7.4 Members noted the achievements made in relation to the new street sweeping recycling contract which had commenced in January 2016 for all ten Waste Collection Authorities in Hertfordshire. Each authority mechanically recycled their collected street sweepings, which predominantly comprised of grit and sand. The Cabinet Panel welcomed the news that in Quarter 1 2015/16 2,558 tonnes of street sweepings were collected across Hertfordshire, of which 72% had been recycled.

7.5 Following a question from a Member it was confirmed that information regarding sales at reuse centres at Household Waste Recycling Centres would be reported to the Cabinet Panel in February 2017.

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7.6 In general discussion Officers confirmed that they would request detail from District and Borough Councils regarding contamination levels within mixed recycling collections.

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**Conclusion**

7.7 The Cabinet Panel noted the performance monitor for Quarter 1 2016/17.

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