

Minutes



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

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COMMUNITY SAFETY & WASTE MANAGEMENT 30 MARCH 2017

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS OF THE PANEL

M Bright, M J Cook, R J Henry, N A Hollinghurst, T Hunter (Vice- Chairman),
T R Hutchings, R G Prowse, A M R Searing, R A C Thake (Chairman) C B Woodward

OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

P A Ruffles

Upon consideration of the agenda for the Community Safety & Waste Management meeting on 30 March 2017 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

ACTION

1. MINUTES

- 1.1 The Minutes of the Cabinet Panel meeting held on 7 February 2017 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2. PUBLIC PETITIONS

- 2.1 There were no public petitions.

3. POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

Officer Contact: Debbie Barker Police Support Manager, Deputy Police
& Crime Commissioner [01707 806157]

- 3.1 The Cabinet Panel considered a report providing an update on the work of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Hertfordshire and the work of the Commissioner's Office.
- 3.2 Members heard that the anti-slavery conference had been well attended, and the Panel were unanimous in their support for ongoing work to be undertaken to provide a comprehensive multi-agency response to this issue.
- 3.3 **Conclusion:**
The report of the Police and Crime Commissioner was noted by the Cabinet Panel.

4. POLICE & CRIME PANEL

Officer contact: Debbie Barker Police Support Manager, Deputy Police & Crime Commissioner [01707 806157]

- 4.1 Members were provided with a verbal update of information from recent Police and Crime Panels.
- 4.2 Members heard that there had been no meeting of the Police and Crime Panel since the last meeting of the Community Safety and Waste Management Panel in February 2017, so there was minimal new information for Members to be updated upon.
- 4.3 Members heard that there was some concern that the public did not fully understand the full detail of Police & Crime Plan. It was noted that neighbourhood policing and domestic abuse support were key elements of the plan, but it was felt that these areas were not explained broadly enough in the report in terms that the public would understand.
- 4.4 The panel discussed the issue of radicalisation and noted that this was a very challenging issue on the political agenda. Members discussed how this was being addressed through the multi-agency PREVENT agenda and SACRE within schools.
- 4.5 **Conclusion:**
The update from the Police and Crime Panel was noted.

5. HERTFORDSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT 2015/16

Officer Contact: James Holt, Waste Manager- Contract Development
[Tel: 01992 556318]

- 5.1 The Hertfordshire Waste Partnership Annual Report for 2015/16 was considered and discussed by the Panel.
- 5.2 Members were pleased to learn that the rate for recycling in Hertfordshire was 50.4%, which was higher than the Eastern region average (49.2%) and the average in England overall (43%). In addition, Hertfordshire had bucked the national trend by reducing the amount of household waste produced. Members thanked officers for the report, which they commended to be very well written and informative.
- 5.3 The Panel queried the continual declining trend in compost waste, and learnt that this was due to a number of factors; partly due to seasonal requirements, partly due to service changes in some areas, and partly due to cardboard waste being transferred to dry recycling collections.
- 5.4 Members discussed the impact of charging for green garden waste collections could have on residents and recycling figures as it was noted that this may decrease the amount of recycling undertaken. It was noted that it was very early days in the scheme and the outcome and impact of the charging would be monitored through future meetings of this panel.
- 5.5 Members learnt that a recent postcode monitoring survey undertaken at Household Waste Recycling Centres was to see how far residents were travelling to visit the centres. The Panel received assurance that the survey formed part of ongoing monitoring of the network to understand usage and ensure that it is fit for purpose.

Conclusion:

- 5.6 The Hertfordshire Management Partnership Annual Report was noted.

6. RE-USE FACILITIES AT HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRES

Officer Contact: Tim Forster, Waste Management Project Officer-Contract Development [Tel: 01992 556344]

- 6.1 Members were provided with an update on the re-use facilities at the Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs). Members commended the report and the policy of encouraging the re-use of items which has been an effective strategy in reducing the volume of household waste sent for disposal.
- 6.2 Members learnt that it was hoped that the re-use provision could be enhanced through the construction of new, purpose built re-use centres and the appointment of a specialist re-use retailer. It was noted that additional social value improvements may result from the re-use

expansion.

- 6.3 It was recognised that the ongoing maintenance and development of HWRCs was something that would be a long rather than short term strategic development, and was an issue that had been discussed at previous County Council Cabinet Panels in 2014 and 2015 and would continue to be discussed at County Council Panels in the future.
- 6.4 It was noted that officers were in ongoing discussions with members of the Property team with regards to the maintenance of existing premises and developing new premises, including a proposed redevelopment of the Ware HWRC which has the potential to improve public access to recycling facilities in the East of the County. Members were informed that officers were open to any suggestions of locations where new sites could also be developed.
- 6.5 Members were reassured that any item received at HWRCs that was subsequently resold was subject to the same trading regulations that would apply to any retailed item under the Sale of Goods Act or similar legislation. For example, electrical goods were PAT tested.

Conclusion:

- 6.6 The proposals outlined in the report were noted and endorsed by the Panel.

7. COMMUNITY PROTECTION QUARTER 3 PERFORMANCE REPORT

Officer Contact: Darryl Keen, Deputy Chief Fire Officer- [Tel: 01992 507502

- 7.1 Members considered the Community Protection Quarter 3 Performance report in order for the Cabinet Panel to provide comment. It was explained to Members that this was an interim report, following on from the Mid-Year Performance Report presented at the last Community Safety and Waste Management Cabinet Panel in February 2017.
- 7.2 It was clarified that primary fires are classified as fires (generally property fires) where there was an insurance value, for example, household or office fires, and secondary fires are external or fires in the open, for example a bonfire that in a field.
- 7.3 The Panel learnt that staff sickness was now measured through a more simplified system. It was noted that the uninformed sickness staff percentage level has increased but it was clarified that this was through illness rather than injury at work. Measures were in place to

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assist the staff affected to return to work, but it was noted that due to the nature of their role, firefighters have more stringent physical requirements which would prevent them returning to work as soon as a non uniformed officer.

7.4 Members noted that the age of retirement for some serving firefighters had now increased. Over time as the new retirement age occurs an understanding of the likelihood of the effect of an older workforce taking sickness leave due to 'wear and tear' injuries incurred over a long period by the physical nature of their role on areas, will need to be monitored. It was noted that this was a nationally recognised issue which will be monitored by management and unions alike.

7.5 The Panel heard that sickness due to recorded mental health or stress issues was being provided for through the Trauma Risk Management (TRiM) programme. This is also something that will be monitored in light of the increasing amount of road traffic accidents, and the co-responding of the Fire & Rescue Service to some specific East of England Ambulance Service incidents.

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Conclusion:

The Panel noted and commented upon the performance of the Community Protection Directorate for 2016/17 Quarter 3.

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