

Minutes



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

From: Legal, Democratic & Statutory Services
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COMMUNITY SAFETY & WASTE MANAGEMENT TUESDAY 27 JUNE 2017

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS OF THE PANEL

M Bright; M A Eames-Peterson; S J Featherstone; J S Hale; F R G Hill; T W Hone (*Chairman*); P V Mason; R H Smith (*substituting for S N Bloxham*); T J Williams; J F Wyllie; C B Woodward (*Vice Chairman*); P M Zukowskyj

OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

D Andrews; B A Gibson

Upon consideration of the agenda for the Community Safety & Waste Management meeting on 27 June 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. MEMBERSHIP AND REMIT OF THE PANEL

1.1 The membership and the remit of the panel were noted by the Panel.

2. MINUTES

2.1 The Minutes of the Cabinet Panel meeting held on 30 March 2017 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3. PUBLIC PETITIONS

3.1 There were no public petitions received.

4. HERTFORDSHIRE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER UPDATE REPORT

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

- 4.1 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 presented by David Lloyd, Police and Crime Commissioner.
- 4.2 Members noted that the report did not provide an update on community support, and expressed some concern regarding the perceived reduced number of PCSO’s within Hertfordshire. Mr Lloyd stated that he did not recognise the challenge and provided assurance that his office was committed to retaining the same number of PCSO’s within the county.
- 4.3 During debate, Members relayed the concerns of their constituents regarding speeding traffic within their local areas and asked for further explanation and clarification on how action to counter this was detailed within the Police and Crime Plan. Members learnt that funding had been allocated to support community led solutions overseen by the Office of the PCC to tackle these concerns, which would ensure that police officers were able to give greater priority to the more serious crime concerns such as counter terrorism and child sexual exploitation and to deal with the increase in 999 calls.
- 4.4 The panel learnt that the Police and Crime Commissioner’s Action Fund had been set up to provide Grants of up to £5,000 to support community and voluntary initiatives which will reduce crime within Hertfordshire.
- 4.5 Members were also detailed that the Customer Service Unit had taken over the process of managing customer complaints in order to ensure that this was a completely independent process.
- 4.6 In response to a Member question, assurance received that the increase in 999 calls had not be due to an increase in reports of a counter terrorism nature. It was noted that Hertfordshire Constabulary were providing support as necessary to the Metropolitan Police in this area.
- 4.7 Members were advised an increase in 999 calls should be perceived as a success and an increase in confidence to report crimes. It was noted that this would have an impact on resources, but it was advised that there had not been a historic or any future planned cut in resources although it was acknowledged for some specialist units, resources had been pooled across counties to create teams that although necessarily based within Hertfordshire, were designed to

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support residents within Hertfordshire and partner counties.

- 4.8 In response to Member concerns, Mr Lloyd stated that he would like to be informed of any incident where it was felt that a member of the public had not received adequate attention to a crime that they had reported.
- 4.9 The panel's attention was drawn to the proposal of the Fire and Rescue Service's future governance. The Chairman explained that this was due to be noted as a separate agenda item later in the panel, but invited David Lloyd Hertfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner to make initial comment.
- 4.10 Mr Lloyd explained that the directive had come from Home Office and as noted in the recent national events, the public assumption was that the police and fire service are already closely linked. It was felt that this initiative would enable the public to be more involved in the shaping of the fire service to reflect what was wanted and needed within their own local communities.
- 4.10 Members expressed concern that the public would perceive the initiative as a cost cutting exercise which would cause discontent, and as such accurate and transparent communication should be paramount.

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Conclusion:

- 4.11 Members noted the update report from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

5. POLICE & CRIME PANEL UPDATE

- 5.1 Members were provided with a verbal update on the Police and Crime Panel by Councillor Colin Woodward, Police and Crime Panel Representative for Hertfordshire County Council.
- 5.2 Cllr Woodward reported that he had attended his first meeting as representative on the 15 June 2017 at Three Rivers Council in Rickmansworth. The meeting had been well attended by officers but no members of the public had been present. Members noted that more consideration should be made as to how future Police and Crime Panels were publicised to the public. It was advised that the next meeting was on the 16 November 2017 in Welwyn.
- 5.3 Members learnt that a number of topics had been discussed at the meeting. The link to the agenda, papers and minutes can be found here:

<http://www.hertspcp.org.uk/SitePages/Meetings.aspx>

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- 5.4 Members were reminded that the Chairman of the Police and Crime Panel was Tim Hutchings.
- 5.5 Members were advised that the Chairman had not permitted discussion on the Police and Crime Commissioners consultation on the future governance of the fire and rescue service.
- 5.6 The Panel noted that David Lloyd was the Chairman of the Hertfordshire Criminal Justice Board, but received clarification that this would not be a conflict of interests as the purpose was to ensure continued good partnership working.
- 5.7 Members requested that Cllr Woodward raise the following issues at the next panel meeting:
- Publicity to encourage public attendance at Police and Crime Panels
 - Concerns regarding lack of follow up/action to some 999 calls
 - The manner in which the Police and Crime Commissioners consultation on the future governance of the fire and rescue service had been conveyed to Members.

Colin
Woodward

- 5.8 **Conclusion:**
Members noted the update from the Police and Crime Panel.

6. THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER'S CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR FIRE AND RESCUE

Officer Contact: Guy Pratt, Deputy Director of Community Protection (01992 50750)

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- 6.1 Members were asked to note that the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner had published the business case entitled 'Hertfordshire Police and Fire Governance Options' on 19 June 2017.
- 6.2 The Panel were advised that officers were currently working on a response to the business case and as such this publication was only to be noted at present.
- 6.3 The Chairman stated that there would be a special meeting of the Community Safety & Waste Management Cabinet Panel on Thursday 13 July 2017 at 2pm to discuss and agree for further discussion at Cabinet the recommended response to the business case. Members noted the date and time of the rescheduled panel.
- 6.4 Owen Mapley, Director of Resources, advised that officers were continuing to liaise with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner to ensure that all details were clarified to ensure a fully informed and comprehensive response to the business case could be made.
- 6.5 In response to a Member question assurance was received that appropriate considerations to the impact on property resources would be made as part of the response, and any change of governance would not affect the four yearly assessment of this.
- 6.6 The Chairman asked Committee Members to encourage District, Borough and Parish/Town Councils with whom they had contacts, to respond to the Police & Crime Commissioner's consultation on the future governance arrangements for fire and rescue.

Conclusion:

- 6.7 Members noted that the 'Hertfordshire Police and Fire Governance Options' business case had been published and that the recommended response to the business case from Hertfordshire County Council would be discussed at a special meeting of the Community Safety and Waste Management Cabinet Panel on Thursday 13 July 2017.

7. REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS (RIPA) ANNUAL REPORT

Officer Contact: Guy Pratt, Deputy Director of Community Protection (01992 50750)

- 7.1 Members were invited to note and agree the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (RIPA) Annual Report and agree to recommend to Cabinet the Council's continued use of policies on Directed Surveillance and Covert Human Intelligence Sources (CHIS) and Acquisition and Disclosure of Communications Data from communication service providers.

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7.2 Members received assurance that the two policies were only implemented rarely and when implemented this was done it was undertaken with extreme caution and with all appropriate administrative requirements being completed. Additionally, if a CHIS was required then the council worked closely with the police when this was being undertaken.

Conclusion:

7.3 Members recommended that Cabinet approved the use of both on Directed Surveillance and Covert Human Intelligence Sources (CHIS) and Acquisition and Disclosure of Communications Data from communication service providers' policies.

Deborah
Jeffrey

8. LOCAL AUTHORITY COLLECTED WASTE SPATIAL STRATEGY 2016- HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRE ANNEX DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Officer Contact: Alexandra Radley- Senior Project Manager- Waste Management (Tel: 01992 556165)

8.1 Members were asked to consider the Waste Spatial Strategy annex development update which sets out the assessment of the Household Waste network to inform future planning and development.

8.2 Members noted that the strategy had been shared with the Waste Planning Authority, Waste Collections Authorities and District and Borough Council's Planning Teams.

8.3 During discussion Members received clarity on the following points:

- There is sufficient capacity at Waterdale, Royston and Rickmansworth
- Ownership of Buntingford Household Waste Recycling Centre has passed to Hertfordshire County Council from East Herts District Council and the site is 0.03 hectares
- Tenancy arrangements are in place for Hoddesdon Household Waste Recycling Centre with Broxbourne Borough Council until 2022.

8.4 Members noted that currently four Household Waste Recycling Centres were regularly exceeding capacity.

8.5 In response to a number of operational district specific questions, Members were directed by the Chairman to discuss these with officers

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outside of the Cabinet Panel meeting.

Conclusion:

8.6 The Cabinet Panel noted the LACW Spatial Strategy 2016 HWRC annex development update.

9. **WASTE MANAGEMENT QUARTER 4 PERFORMANCE MONITOR**

Officer Contact: Matthew King, Head of Waste Management & Environmental Resource Planning (01992 556207)

9.1 Members were asked to note the Waste Management quarter 4 Performance Monitor.

9.2 It was noted by the Panel that improvement had been made in all three indicators and the results were better than the National and regional averages.

9.3 During discussion, the question was raised whether the format of future reports could be adapted to be more in line with the performance report provided by the Community Safety Team at agenda item 10, for example to include more graphs and KPI statistics. It was also agreed that County Council indicators should receive greater prominence. It was established that the report could be tailored to suit the panel's needs and it was agreed that officers would consider changes to the format of future reports.

Matt King/Simon Aries

9.4 In response to a member question, Members were informed that having district specific data was not always beneficial as due to the differing methods, sizes and demographics of the districts, it was not possible to compare like for like data.

9.5 The Chairman advised that the Waste Management Team intended to organise some tours of the waste management facilities within the county throughout the forthcoming year to familiarise Members with the work undertaken by officers and staff.

Simon Aries

9.6 Members were advised that Agrivert's new Anaerobic Digestion Plant was undertaking an official opening on 12 July 2017 at Coursers Farm in Colney Heath. . it was agreed that an invitation to the opening would be extended to all Members of the Panel.

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Conclusion:

9.7 Members noted and commented upon the Waste Management Quarter 4 Performance Monitor.

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10. **COMMUNITY PROTECTION DIRECTORATE END OF YEAR 2016/17 PERFORMANCE REPORT**

Officer Contact:

Guy Pratt, Deputy Director of Community Protection (01992 50750)

- 10.1 Members considered the Community Protection Directorate's Annual Performance Report for 2016/17 detailing areas where the directorate are performing well and also detailing areas for further investigation and action. Members noted and discussed the report.
- 10.2 Members' attention was drawn to the fact that the number of primary fires had increased by 14.3%. It was established that at this stage it was unclear as to why there had been an increase in primary fires, but assurance was given that at incident attendance, full details are taken of the fire, which are then used to inform analysis.
- 10.3 Members were further advised that the percentage of fire attendances times undertaken within the 10 minute target was 88.2%, slightly below the 90% target required. It was explained that this was due to fire vehicles being delayed by traffic congestion.
- 10.3 Further to Member discussion, it was agreed that future report should clearly detail if the targets had been requested by Members, or were set by central government or another source.
- 10.4 The Panel learnt that there had been a delay in creating an Integrated Risk Management Plan due to the consultation on the change of Governance of the Fire and Rescue Service by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.
- 10.5 The Panel agreed to the report being published to the wider organisation and the general public.
- 10.6 The Chairman took the opportunity during the discussion to raise the matter of the recent fire at Grenfell Tower in West London, and asked Guy Pratt, Deputy Director of Community Protection to provide information on what action had been undertaken within Hertfordshire in response to this.
- 10.7 Members were assured that initial action had been taken to contact all the responsible owners of high rise residential properties within Hertfordshire to re-assess the buildings fire risk. It was noted that Members would be kept updated with any significant developments that arose from these reassessments.
- 10.8 The Chairman asked for thanks to be relayed on behalf of the Panel to all staff and officers involved

Guy Pratt

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Conclusion:

10.9 The Panel noted the annual performance of the Community Protection Directorate to the end of Quarter 4- 2016/17, and agreed for the report to be published to the wider organisation and the general public.

OTHER PART I BUSINESS

No Other Part One business was recorded.

**KATHRYN PETTITT
CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER**

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