

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 CABINET PANEL TUESDAY 13 MARCH 2018

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; P
M Zukowskyj

OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

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Upon consideration of the agenda for the Community Safety & Waste Management meeting on 13 March 2018 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 8 February 2018 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2. PUBLIC PETITIONS

- 2.1 There were no public petitions received.

3. HERTFORDSHIRE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER UPDATE REPORT

OFFICER CONTACT: Charlotte McLeod Head of Community Safety OPCC; Tel: [01707 806185]

- 3.1 Members received the Police & Crime Commissioner report detailing the update in activity undertaken by the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner (OPCC) since the last meeting of the Panel.
- 3.2 Prior to the report being discussed, Members learnt of the Police & Crime Commissioner's intention to explore a collaborative partnership prevention strategy within the county to reduce the risk presented by knife crime.
- 3.3 Members were assured that Hertfordshire remained a comparatively safe county, however with knife crime becoming an increasing concern within other areas of the country; it was acknowledged that it was important to ensure that the risk of incidents occurring within Hertfordshire was minimised.
- 3.4 The Panel learnt that the key demographic for victims and perpetrators of knife crime were young people, male and female, under the age of 25, with the last five victims and perpetrators in Hertfordshire being under the age of 18. It was noted that much of the motive for knife crime was gang and drug related.
- 3.5 Given the demographic, It was noted that part of the considerations for strategies to prevent knife crime was to target young people within primary and secondary schools, with the focus being on de-glamourising gang membership. This would be undertaken in collaboration with officers from Children's Services and the support of St Giles Trust.

<https://www.stgilestrust.org.uk/>
- 3.6 In response to a Member question, it was established that the incidents of knife crime that had occurred within the county had occurred within urban areas across the county and there was no evidence at this stage that incidents were attributed to an individual locality or school.
- 3.7 A Member suggestion that awareness raising of knife crime could be presented at forums such as the Beacon Film Festival was noted by the Police & Crime Commissioner. It was established that there had been a knife amnesty within the county during half term week.

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- 3.8 Further to the Police and Crime Commissioner's written report being presented, Members were then invited to ask questions relating to the report.
- 3.9 A Member concern relating to the number of fatalities occurring in his locality which were connected to speeding was acknowledged by the Police & Crime Commissioner.
- 3.10 Members congratulated the Hertfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner on receiving the Transparency Award for the third year in a row. In response to a Member challenge as to why not all Police & Crime Commissioners in the country had received the award, it was explained that the awards were made at the discretion of the awarding body.
- 3.11 Members discussed the challenges presented in reporting parking violations, and in particular the lack of clarity for officers as well as the public as to what was a parking offence, (the responsibility of the District Council) and what was a road traffic offence (the responsibility of the Police). To illustrate this, a Member provided an example of where he had contacted the non emergency 101 service to report a car that was parked on zig zag lines next to a school, which he had believed was a road traffic offence, but was told by the 101 call operator that this was not a matter for the police.
- 3.12 Further to discussion, it was acknowledged that the Police & Crime Commissioner was unable to comment on individual cases, but the Panel and public were encouraged to continue to report what they perceived to be road traffic offences, and were advised that the increase in staff at the call centre would enable more reporting to be undertaken. It was noted that parking offences had been de-criminalised.
- 3.13 The Panel were interested to note that it was a reflection of the low level of serious crime in areas such as Hertfordshire that parking, anti-social behaviour and speeding were the three most common issues reported to the police. In other areas with higher levels of serious crime, these issues were less of a priority for Members and residents.
- 3.14 A Member suggestion that a 'menu' be introduced on the phone lines for 101 so that calls on the three main areas of concern highlighted by the Police & Crime Commissioner could be directed appropriately was acknowledged. It was advised that there were plans to refresh the current menu in place and this suggestion would be taken forward.
- CONCLUSION:**
- 3.15 The report of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire was noted by Members.

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4. POLICE AND CRIME PANEL UPDATE

Cllr Colin Woodward – Vice-Chairman of the Community Safety and Waste Management Cabinet Panel and Police & Crime Panel Representative

- 4.1 In Cllr Woodward's absence, the Panel were provided with an update from the Chairman of the Community Safety and Waste Management Cabinet Panel as follows:

'The Police and Crime Panel has not met since before the last Community Safety and Waste Management Cabinet Panel. The next meeting will be on Thursday 12 April 2018 at 7pm, St Albans City Council offices.'

5. PROVISION OF A SUSTAINABLE HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRE NETWORK

Officer Contact: Matthew King, Head of Waste Management & Environmental Resource Planning (Tel: 01992 556207) and Alexandra Radley, Senior Project Officer (Tel: 01992 556165)

- 5.1 Members were presented with a report detailing the overview of the current costs and pressures in the provision of Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) network and the future vision for how a sustainable network could operate in a challenging financial climate and with increasing user expectations and demand.
- 5.2 Members' attention was drawn to a minor error on Appendix 1. It was advised that Cornwall charge £1.75 per bag for rubble and soil, and not 31.75 as detailed. Members noted the amendment.
- 5.3 The Panel were advised that senior officers from Amey were also in attendance at panel should any further clarity on their service provision be required.
- 5.4 Members received clarity that the purpose of a part of the paper was to outline to the Panel some potential targeted options for the future of HWRC's for agreement by Cabinet. Further to Cabinet agreement on the agreed options, then further work would be undertaken with an additional paper being brought to panel and Cabinet as to how these would be taken forward alongside a draft form of consultation.

- 5.5 In response to a Member question it was established that based on the data presented, Amey's intended restriction in the number of visits by vehicles issued with a permit to a HWRC per year to 12 was proportionate for the vast majority of users, and it was confirmed that it would be less challenging to enforce this through the proposed development of an electronic rather than the current paper based permit system.
- 5.6 Members were informed that currently, vehicles issued with a permit are able to reapply 'in year' once they have used their quota of 12 visits, and there was no limit to the amount of times reapplications were permitted.
- 5.7 The Panel acknowledged that costs incurred through HWRC's processing unauthorised commercial waste generated was not sustainable within the current budget, and were interested to hear that Amey were developing proposals for an improved commercial waste service to operate in conjunction with the cessation of reapplications for the permits..
- 5.8 Clarification was received that the proposed electronic permits would be issued per household, not per individual. It was also clarified that the vehicle permit scheme was for van, commercial type vehicles and trailers but users would not be restricted to using only one HWRC within the county.
- 5.9 Members also discussed the proposal for a resident only permit scheme outlined on Appendix 3 of the report, and how this could potentially work in practice with further detail being provided should Members be minded to recommend to Cabinet that officers develop thinking and report back to this Panel.
- 5.10 It was noted that some authorities have also implemented charges for residents to dispose of non-household waste, for instance if they are undertaking home improvements.
- 5.11 Members attention was drawn to the fact that a further pressure on Hertfordshire HWRC's was due to an increased amount of garden waste that was now being disposed at the sites due to district councils implementing charges for the collection of this waste within their localities. Members further noted that current legislation prevents HWRC's charging for this service.

- 5.12 Members advised that any developments of on-site charging for non-household waste would need significant consideration, as it would not be practical or secure for HWRC's to accept cash payments.
- 5.13 A Member request to ensure that any implemented charging system for residents was able to be flexible and not overly draconian was noted. It was confirmed that any policy for charging would be subject to public consultation and considered in further detail at a future meeting subject to Cabinet's agreement.
- 5.14 A Member suggested that the options were income generation and may be required for reinvestment to sustain, maintain and improve the current HWRC service.
- 5.15 In response to a Member question about the sustainability of the HWRC's given the increasing demand outlined in the report, Members were pleased to hear that permission had been granted to extend the HWRC site at Ware, however it was acknowledged that the most sustainable long term solution to meet current and future would be the development of further 'supersites'. Members were encouraged to continue to champion the importance of HWRC's within their districts and in the formulation of district local plans.
- 5.16 A Member suggestion that consideration should be made to developing our current recycling resources to manufacture paper was noted.
- 5.17 In considering the recommendations, Members were advised that the Chief Legal Officer had advised to make changes to the final recommendation outlined at point 3.4 in the report in order to enhance clarity.

The suggested amendment is as follows:

Change:

That Panel recommends to Cabinet which, if any, of the identified future saving and/or income generation options as outlined in Appendix 3 of this report should be taken forward and brought back to Panel with further detail and a suggested form of stakeholder consultation

to

That Panel recommends to Cabinet that Cabinet agrees which option(s) in Appendix 3 to the report should be considered further and requests that the Chief Executive and Director of Environment brings a paper back to Cabinet Panel and then Cabinet setting out the details

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of this/these options (including but not limited to how the option(s) would be implemented, the impacts of taking forward the option(s), equality impacts assessments and proposals for public consultation).”

Members acknowledged and agreed to this change in the recommendation.

CONCLUSION:

- 5.18 The Panel noted Amey’s intended cessation of re-applications in-year for the commercial vehicle and van permit scheme.
- 5.19 The Panel noted that officers will work with Amey to introduce a better online digital platform for the van permit scheme, introducing the system as soon as possible and work with Amey to explore ways of expanding and improving a charged commercial waste offer at the HWRCs.
- 5.20 Panel noted that officers will work with Amey to introduce an amended residual waste incentive scheme that better protects the council’s budgeted position and seeks to maintain high performance levels while not compromising contract regulations.
- 5.21 That Panel recommended to Cabinet that Cabinet agreed all options in Appendix 3 to the report should be considered further and requested that the Chief Executive and Director of Environment bring a paper back to Cabinet Panel and then Cabinet setting out the details of these options (including but not limited to how the options would be implemented, the impacts of taking forward the options, equality impacts assessments and proposals for public consultation).

OTHER PART I BUSINESS

No other Part One business was recorded.

**KATHRYN PETTITT
CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER**

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