

## 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 CABINET PANEL FRIDAY 27 APRIL 2018

#### ATTENDANCE

#### MEMBERS OF THE PANEL

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

#### OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Upon consideration of the agenda for the Community Safety & Waste Management meeting on Friday 27 April 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 13 March 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.

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Prior to the report being discussed, Members were provided with an update on the Commissioner's work with regards to knife crime as discussed at the previous meeting.

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Members noted that since the previous meeting of the panel, there had been an increase in national focus on serious violence, including knife crime, and the Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC) was a member of the national task force who had been created to discuss the issue.

3.4

Members were reminded that incidents of serious crime in Hertfordshire were low and a majority of the issues within the county were linked to drugs and county lines. Assurance was received that there was no complacency in relation to the low crime statistics in the county and there would be the 'redoubling' of efforts to tackle the issue of serious crime.

3.5

It was explained to Panel that due to the increasingly young age profile of perpetrators, often any offender caught did not have a previous criminal record, so it was important to consider what strategies could be developed to mitigate the risk of young people becoming involved with crime.

3.6

It was noted that some of the Criminal Justice Innovation Fund as mentioned in the PCC's report would be used to develop these strategies.

3.7

In response to a Member question the PCC confirmed that updates on the Criminal Justice Innovation Fund and the Serious Crime Task Force would be detailed in future PCC reports to the Panel.

Police & Crime Commissioner

3.8

The PCC also agreed to give consideration to using part of the Criminal Justice Innovation Fund to support rehabilitation of offenders, although it was suggested that the implementation of rehabilitation strategies should be part of the wider involvement of PCC's in setting a criminal Justice plan.

Police & Crime Commissioner

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- 3.9 Members were pleased to hear the success of the fly tipping campaign and the Chairman thanked the PCC on behalf of the Panel for the OPCC'S commitment and work with the council to tackle and reduce incidents of fly tipping.
- 3.10 The Opposition Lead for the Liberal Democrats expressed caution in stating that incidents of flytipping had reduced, as he noted that currently incidents of flytipping had not reduced.
- 3.11 In response to a Member request it was agreed that details of who was responsible for the administration of flytipping fines and how to report incidents of flytipping would be recirculated to Members
- 3.12 Members discussed the new Athena database being rolled out within Hertfordshire Constabulary which it was hoped would improve data sharing between police forces. It was agreed that regular progress updates would be brought to future meetings of the Panel.
- 3.13 In response to a Member question it was noted that no decision had yet been reached by central government on the future governance arrangements for Hertfordshire Fire & Rescue Service
- 3.14 Members discussed the recent statistics from the Home Office which detailed the national increase in vehicle crime and burglaries. It was confirmed that this was also reflected in Hertfordshire, although it was stressed that in the national context, crime statistics within Hertfordshire remained low.
- 3.15 The Chairman advised the Panel that further to his announcement at Community Safety & Waste Management Cabinet Panel on 8 February 2018 regarding the thefts of containers from the Hertfordshire Waste Recycling Centres, it had been brought to his attention that an arrest had been made. It was noted that the Police would be continuing to monitor the situation.
- 3.16 In response to a Member question, and subsequent discussion, it was established that appropriate arrangements and training were in place to support any arrests of members of the public who had learning difficulties. It was agreed that if Members had concerns regarding any individual cases, they should contact the PCC or the police complaints team.
- CONCLUSION:**
- 3.17 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 Members received a verbal update on the work of the Hertfordshire Police & Crime Panel (PCP).
- 4.2 The Panel were advised that there had been a meeting of the Police and Crime Panel on 12 April 2018.
- 4.3 Members were pleased to hear that at the PCP meeting, the PCP had spent 40 minutes questioning the preferred candidate of the Police & Crime Commissioner for the role of Chief Financial Officer, before the appointment was agreed.
- 4.4 It was noted that further to a PCP panel member challenge, it had been established that the formal format of the meeting where questions to the Police and Crime Commissioner would only come from members of the public directly at the meeting or through a PCP member would remain, although it was acknowledged that PCP members were also provided with the opportunity to ask their own questions to the Commissioner.
- 4.5 Members' attention was drawn to one particular question at the PCP from the public which resulted in the PCP Chair to considering with the Clerk how to address a serious issue raised which alleged that the Commissioner had not properly held the Chief Constable to account arising from complaints referred to the IPCC.
- 4.6 The Panel were advised that full minutes from the meeting detailing the questions and responses could be found at the following website:  
<http://www.hertspcp.org.uk/>
- 4.7 Members commended Cllr Woodward on the contribution that he was making as the Council's representative on the PCP.
- 4.8 A Member observation that the Police & Crime Commissioner only reports positive news stories was noted.
- 4.9 In response to a Member question, it was confirmed that the Chairman of the PCP is imminently standing down. It was agreed that as soon as the confirmation of the new PCP Chairman is confirmed, this would be shared with the Panel.

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4.10 In response to another Member question, it was advised that the dates of all future PCP meetings can be found on the PCP website here: <http://www.hertspcp.org.uk/>

**5. SCAMS AND THE CALL-BLOCKER WORK CARRIED OUT BY TRADING STANDARDS**

**Officer Contact: Susan Shanahan, (Senior Trading Standards Officer) Tel: 01707 292652**

5.1 Members considered details of the call blocker work being undertaken by Trading Standards. Members noted that this was part of a wider scams strategy the full detail of which would be brought to Panel at a future date.

5.2 The Panel were presented with a trueCall device and further to receiving an explanation of how it worked, were advised of the success of the system through illustration of cases of individual service users who had benefited from the scheme.

5.3 Members were pleased to learn that funding from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner had enabled the devices to be purchased.

5.4 During discussion it was established that service users were referred from a number of sources; for example friends, relatives, corporate and charity organisations, the voluntary sector, and Adult Care Services.

5.4 In response to a member question it was established that if a Member had a concern about an individual within their division who may benefit from a trueCall device, they should initially make a referral to Adult Care Services.

All Members

5.5 It was established the devices can also be purchased from a number of high street and online retailers.

5.6 Members noted that the Telephone Preference Service was already in existence, which did act to reduce some unsolicited calls. It was suggested that the implementation Truecall system added an additional and more robust layer of protection against scamming and unwanted marketing calls.

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5.7 **CONCLUSION:**

Panel noted the report and affirmed their support for the Call-blocker work and endorsed that this work should continue within this Authority, to support the county's most vulnerable residents.

6. **OTHER PART I BUSINESS**

**Recent temporary closure of HWRC sites**

6.1 Members were advised that recently improved weather had resulted in a high demand to Household Waste Recycling Centres in the county over the previous two weekends, resulting in them needing to close earlier than scheduled as containers had reached capacity.

6.2 Panel received assurance that all containers had now been emptied and normal service had been resumed.

**KATHRYN PETTITT  
CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER**

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