

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 THURSDAY 21 JUNE 2018

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS OF THE PANEL

J Bennett-Lovell; S N Bloxham; M A Eames-Petersen (*substitution for J G L King*);
S J Featherstone; B A Gibson, J S Hale; R H Smith (*substitution for F R G Hill*); T W Hone
(*Chairman*); P V Mason; S Quilty (*substitution for M Bright*); T J Williams; C B Woodward;
J F Wyllie

OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Upon consideration of the agenda for the Community Safety & Waste Management meeting on Thursday 21 June 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 27 April 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 The Panel considered 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. Although no update was provided within the report, the PCC advised he was happy to take questions concerning the addendum to the Local Business Case concerning the PCC’s request to become the Fire and Rescue Authority for Hertfordshire.
- 3.2 The Panel heard of the ESP (Employer Support Policing) scheme whereby local businesses supported Special Constables by agreeing to paid or unpaid leave to carry out training or duties. He commented that the Council had not as yet signed up to the scheme.
- 3.3 With regards to fly-tipping, Members were pleased to note that funds derived from the proceeds of Crime Acts (POCA) in the sum of £20k had been ring-fenced for the year of 2018/19 to initiate a pilot with 2 local authorities; Three Rivers and Broxbourne, to undertake a clear up of waste disposed of on private land. These funds would be used to reimburse the clean-up and to support the victims who would otherwise have to fund the clear up themselves. It was hoped the pilot would improve knowledge of fly-tipping on private land, as well as the number and clear up costs of fly-tipping.
- 3.4 During discussion regarding stop and search data, it was mentioned that the body cameras used by the stop and search teams proved how transparent and unbiased Hertfordshire Police were. The PCC confirmed that stopping people did not assume guilt and advised that a copy of the stop and search data report would be circulated to Members of the Panel.
- 3.5 Members heard of the Modern Day Slavery event which took place on 21 May 2018. The PCC advised this was a sensitive issue to deal with particularly for individuals who were still to establish their immigration status; however, this was an area of crime Herts Police were keen to tackle.
- 3.6 The Chairman shared his disappointment that the Hertfordshire Criminal Justice Board Public meeting was holding its first meeting on the same day as Cabinet and was therefore unable to attend on 9 July 2018. He also advised of a further two container thefts at a recycling centre, both at £12k each. The PCC was informed that the Council would not be changing the previously stated position in opposing the

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Local Business Case concerning the PCC's request to become the Fire and Rescue Authority for Hertfordshire and a letter would be going to the Home office in response to the addendum. The Panel noted that the current Integrated Risk Management Plan 2014-2018 was being refreshed for Hertfordshire and would need to be ready by March 2019.

CONCLUSION:

- 3.7 The report of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire was noted.

4. POLICE AND CRIME PANEL UPDATE

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 There had been a meeting of the Police and Crime Panel on 14 June 2018. The Panel were advised that the Chairman of the Police and Crime Panel was Tim Hutchings for a further year. The PCC Annual Report was 'noted' rather than 'approved' as it included a subjective supporting assertion about public safety being improved by a transfer of Herts Fire & Rescue Service to Police Commissioner
- 4.3 The meeting also covered the potential transfer of the Fire and Rescue Authority for Hertfordshire to the PCC; the PCC's Work Programme; Custody Visitors Scheme; Community Stop and Search Scrutiny Annual Report; the PCC Dog Welfare Visiting Scheme; and the Inspection of the Effectiveness of Hertfordshire Constabulary. It was noted that the HMICFRS Inspection rated Herts Constabulary as 'Good' and stated that it had 'a good understanding of those who cause most harm in communities and takes positive steps to reduce re-offending'. A copy of the documents can be viewed here: <http://www.hertspcp.org.uk/content/pcp-meeting-14-june-2018>
- 4.4 It was mentioned that public attendance at these meetings was still not good, and could be improved. However, those that did attend and on the Panel were persistent in holding the PCC to account. Notably on locally trained and deployable police officers and the reliability of the crime statistics used.
- 4.5 The next meeting of the Police and Crime Panel would be taking place on 15 November 2018 at the Borough of Broxbourne.

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4.6 MEMBERS NOTED THE UPDATE ON THE WORK OF THE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL.

5. REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS (RIPA): ANNUAL REPORT AND ADOPTION OF NEW POLICY ON THE USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA IN INVESTIGATIONS

Officer Contact: Guy Pratt, Deputy Director Community Protection
(Tel: 01992 507501)

5.1 Members were provided with a report on the use of RIPA within the County Council over the past year in order to allow Members to consider the Council's policies on (a) Directed Surveillance and Covert Human Intelligence Sources and (b) the Acquisition and Disclosure of Communications Data from communication service providers and proposed amendments to them. This year the report included details of a new policy on the Use of Social Media in Investigations.

5.2 Members were advised that the police would be liaised with if Covert Human Intelligence Sources (CHIS) were to be considered, and HCC at present do not use CHIS. It was noted that local authorities such as the Council do not intercept communications, but are able to use RIPA to access certain information such as mobile phone locations. Regarding the increasing use of social media in society, guidance was that authorities should have a policy in place on the use of social media in investigations, hence the new Social Media policy. No breaches in procedures had been recorded this year.

5.7 CONCLUSION:

The Community Safety and Waste Management Cabinet Panel recommended to Cabinet that Cabinet approves the policies on:

- (a) Directed Surveillance and Covert Human Intelligence Sources (Appendix A);
- (b) Acquisition and Disclosure of Communications Data from communication service providers (Appendix B); and
- (c) Use of Social Media in Investigations (Appendix C).

6. COMMUNITY PROTECTION END OF-YEAR PERFORMANCE REPORT 2017/18

Officer Contact: Darryl Keen, Director of Community Protection and Chief Fire Officer

6.1 The Panel considered the Community Protection Directorate end of

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year performance for 2017/18 which highlighted areas where the Directorate was performing well and areas for further investigation or action.

- 6.2 Members' attention was drawn to the number of secondary fires which had risen by 5.6% compared to the same period last year, which had had also been an increase of 24 % in the last 5 years. This increase was similar to increases identified in the national fire and rescue statistics 2017, where a 10% rise had been recorded. It was pointed out however that 2013/14 was a particularly wet summer, which would have had an impact on secondary and deliberate fires, so figures would necessarily be higher than 2013/14.
- 6.3 With regards to fire deaths, Members were made aware of a typographical error on page 6 of the report. The sentence should have read 'This is 6 more than for the same period last year. Of the 9 fire deaths recorded 2 were suicides, 2 were at the Newgrange Care Home and 1 was not attended by HFRS.
- 6.4 Members noted that the Road Traffic Collision (RTCs) figures recorded within the report represented the number of RTCs attended by the Service within the county, not the total RTCs in Hertfordshire for the year (which would include the collisions where Fire and Rescue did not attend) which Hertfordshire Constabulary record.
- 6.5 The Panel noted that attendance standards were marginally below target for the end of year. On occasion, the Service's attendance standards were not met and this was usually due to heavy traffic or the location of an incident changing en-route.
- 6.6 During discussion on how to tackle the sickness levels within the Fire and Rescue Service, it was noted that steps were being taken to ensure that the levels reduce.
- 6.7 **CONCLUSION:**
The Panel noted to note the end of year performance of Community Protection Directorate to the end of Quarter 4 2017/18 and agreed the content of the report for publication to the wider organisation and the general public.

7. OTHER PART I BUSINESS

There was no other urgent business.

**KATHRYN PETTITT
CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER**

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