

## COMMUNITY SAFETY AND WASTE MANAGEMENT PORTFOLIO

### 1. Cabinet decisions since the last Report from the Executive to the Council

1.1 None

### 2. Consequences of Cabinet decisions before the last meeting of County Council

2.1 None

### 3. Anticipated/future decisions to be made by Cabinet

3.1 To consider the implications of the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 and in particular Section 36 that requires the establishment of a panel. To be considered by Cabinet on 13 July 2015

3.2 RIPA regulations. Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 requires that the authority considers the act and how it has been applied each year. To be considered by Cabinet on 13 July 2015.

### 4. Other Comments (non Cabinet)

#### 4.1 Domestic Abuse – SafeLives (CAADA) Review

Following on from the SafeLives review of domestic abuse arrangements in Hertfordshire, new governance arrangements are now in place with a clear plan to drive improvements forward.

A new high-level Domestic Abuse Executive Board has been established in order to ensure that reducing the level and harm caused by domestic abuse is prioritised in organisational plans. It met for the first time in June 2015 and brings together senior leaders from a range of agencies including the county and district councils, police, health and probation.

The operational structure to support the Board is in the process of being established and includes a number of smaller working groups covering the domestic homicide review process, multi-agency risk assessment conferences (MARACs), perpetrators, and so-called honour based violence. The structure will be reviewed in Spring 2016, once a number of high priority improvement actions have been delivered.

The improvement plan also includes specific high priority actions around the commissioning of services for victims and perpetrators, and a new senior Domestic Abuse Commissioning Manager has been appointed to start in July 2015. An integrated domestic abuse strategic

needs assessment is in the process of development; the plan is to have agreed funding and to have contracts in place with service providers starting from April 2016. Two successful market engagement workshops were held in June and will inform future commissioning plans.

Various other initiatives are supporting improvements in domestic abuse services including the Hertfordshire Constabulary safeguarding restructure, the Children's Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub, the Adults with Complex Needs project, and the establishment of Family Safeguarding Teams. Beacon, the Hertfordshire Victim Care Centre, set up via the Police and Crime Commissioner, went live on 1st April 2015. Operating out of a single hub, the new service offers a complete 'wrap-around' provision for victims, with vulnerable or repeat victims being identified early on for an enhanced care package.

#### 4.2 Residual Waste Treatment Project

At the time of writing this report there is no detail regarding the re-determination of the New Barnfield planning application. However, the Secretary of State is expected to issue his decision in this case on or before Thursday 16 July 2015 so a verbal update will be provided to Council at its meeting on 21 July 2015.

The Council is expecting to receive a Revised Project Plan from Veolia on the 7 July 2015 proposing a solution for the long term management of the county's residual waste. This 'Plan B' was requested following the Secretary of State's refusal in July 2014 to grant planning permission for the proposed New Barnfield Recycling and Energy Recovery Facility. When received, officers will evaluate the proposal to assess its compatibility with the original procurement strategy from April 2009, establish its suitability, the value for money the proposal represents and the overall deliverability of the project. It is anticipated that an interim report will be presented to the Panel in October of this year. If by this time officers are in a position to recommend a course of action, the Panel's recommendation/s will be considered by Cabinet; however, the report may be a broad update if the complex evaluation process has not concluded.

A further verbal update regarding the revised project plan will be provided to Members at the Council meeting.

#### 4.5 Household Waste Recycling Centres

The service changes were successfully introduced across the network of 17 sites in January 2015. The busiest time of year for the sites is traditionally from Easter through spring and early summer; and this has proved a challenging time for some of the sites with longer than usual queuing and a high level of complaints due to significant delays before being able to access a Centre. In particular, Letchworth and Hemel Hempstead were badly affected but across the network all sites have

been very busy. A number of measures were introduced to try and help ease the pressure but with only limited success. I am continuing to explore all options to improve matters with a focus on more sustainable, longer term solutions such as site development or relocation.

## **5. Cabinet Panels**

- 5.1 Since the last Executive Report to Council, the Community Safety and Planning Cabinet Panel has met on 23 April 2015. The matters discussed can be found at the following location:

23 April 2015

<https://cmis.hertsdirect.org/hertfordshire/Calendarofcouncilmeetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/55/Committee/14/Default.aspx>

- 5.2 Since the last Executive Report to Council, the Highways and Waste Management Cabinet Panel has met on 15 May 2015. The matters discussed can be found at the following location:

15 May 2015

<https://cmis.hertsdirect.org/hertfordshire/Calendarofcouncilmeetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/29/Committee/20/Default.aspx>

- 5.3 Since the last Executive Report to Council, the Community Safety and Waste Management Cabinet Panel has met on 6 July 2015. The matters discussed can be found at the following location:

6 July 2015

<https://cmis.hertsdirect.org/hertfordshire/Calendarofcouncilmeetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/408/Committee/53/Default.aspx>

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