

## EXECUTIVE PORTFOLIO: COMMUNITY SAFETY AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

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

- 1.1 There will have been 4 Cabinet meetings (10 April 2017, 23 May 2017, 26 June 2017 and 10 July 2017) since the last Executive Report to County Council. The items of business specifically attributed to this portfolio are detailed in paragraph 3 below.

### 2. Consequences of Cabinet decisions before the last meeting of the County Council on 23 May 2017

- 2.1 There are no consequences of cabinet decisions taken before 23 May 2017.

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

#### 3.1 Cabinet – 10 July 2017

Regulation Of Investigatory Powers (RIPA) Annual Report.

This report will inform Members of the use of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (RIPA) within Hertfordshire County Council over the period 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017; Cabinet will be invited to agree the use of policies on:

- (a) Directed Surveillance and Covert Human Intelligent Sources; and
- (b) Acquisition and Disclosure of Communications Data from communication service providers.

#### 3.2 Cabinet – 18 July 2017

The potential transfer of governance of Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service from Hertfordshire County Council to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

This report will inform Members that the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire's Local Business Case entitled 'Hertfordshire Police and Fire Governance Options' has been published for public consultation. Cabinet will be asked to agree the County Council's response to the consultation.

### 4. Key Partnerships

- 4.1 There are no items to report at this time.

### 5. Other comments

- 5.1 With the recent tragic fire at Grenfell Tower, West London, in Hertfordshire we have worked with Government, the National Fire Chief's Council (NFCC), the Local Resilience Forum (LRF) and the Association of Chief Trading Standards Officers (ACTSO) and taken a measured approach to ensuring that the people of Hertfordshire are informed and protected.

We are supporting local authorities, housing associations, and landlords to ensure that fire risk assessments are up to date and being properly implemented to protect all residents. Community Protection has written to all of the persons responsible for high rise (higher than 6 floors) premises in Hertfordshire reminding them of their responsibilities in this respect. We continue to promote fire safety advice and offer free Safe and Well visits, offering smoke alarms fitted free of charge. We have also carried out reassurance and familiarisation visits to high rise premises in the County.

- 5.2 Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service were awarded first place at the annual Volunteer in Management Awards on 6th June 2017. This award is presented by the Volunteer Centres in Hertfordshire and recognises the commitment that organisations provide to support their volunteering staff. This recognises the continued strength and breadth of the Directorate's volunteering offer.
- 5.3 The planning application, from Veolia Environmental Services Ltd, for an Energy Recovery Facility (ERF) at Rye House, off Ratty's Lane, Hoddesdon remains with the Waste Planning Authority (WPA). Stakeholder responses are notably still awaited from the Environment Agency and Highways Authority, however, the anticipation remains that the planning application will be determined at the Council's Development Control Committee in the Autumn this year.
- 5.4 The County Council, in its capacity as Waste Disposal Authority, is in the process of concluding the necessary paperwork for the extension of its Interim residual waste disposal contracts. This will provide surety of disposal until March 2021 and is set to deliver significant reductions against the identified short term pressures in the Council's Integrated Plan in the order of £1.7m per annum.

## **6. Cabinet Panels**

- 6.1 Since the last Executive Report to Council, the Community Safety & Waste Management Cabinet Panel has met on 30 March 2017, 27 June 2017 and 13 July 2017. The matters discussed can be found at the following locations:

[Community Safety & Waste Management Cabinet Panel - 30 March 2017](#)

[Community Safety & Waste Management Cabinet Panel - 27 June 2017](#)

[Community Safety & Waste Management Cabinet Panel - 13 July 2017](#)

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