

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, 17 SEPTEMBER 2020

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS OF THE PANEL

J Bennett-Lovell, S N Bloxham, M Bright, S J Featherstone, J S Hale, F R G Hill, T W Hone (*Chairman*), S Jarvis (substitute for B A Gibson), P V Mason, T J Williams, C B Woodward (*Vice Chairman*), J F Wyllie

OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

D Andrews, T Heritage, T Hutchings, M Muir, R Roberts,

Upon consideration of the agenda for the Community Safety & Waste Management meeting on Thursday, 17 September 2020 as circulated, copy annexed, conclusions were reached and are recorded below:

You can view this meeting on the Councils Website [Community Safety & Waste Management Cabinet Panel - 17 September 2020.](#)

PART I ('OPEN') BUSINESS

1. MINUTES

- 1.1 The Minutes of the Cabinet Panel meeting held on 10 February 2020 were confirmed as a correct record and will be signed by the Chairman in due course.

2. PUBLIC PETITIONS

- 2.1 There were no public petitions received.

ACTION

3. HERTFORDSHIRE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER UPDATE REPORT

[Officer Contact: Chris Brace, Chief Executive, Hertfordshire Office of Police & Crime Commissioner (OPCC) (Tel: 01707 806154)]

3.1 The Panel considered the Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC) 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 Members heard updates to the following items:

- PCC's annual reports
- PCC's coronavirus emergency fund
- Independent Custody Visits – monitoring of detainees' welfare during Covid-19
- Community Safety Grant 2020/2021
- PCC's Action Fund 2020/2021
- Criminal Justice Innovation Fund 2020/2021
- PCC's Fly Tipping Fund
- 2020/2021 The Year of Beacon
- Extra funding to support victims of sexual crime
- Free locks and security devices for most vulnerable in Hertfordshire
- New enhanced police complaints procedure

3.3 Members also heard crime was down fifteen percent year on year, whilst drug possession had risen by ten percent. It was noted that shoplifting was significantly down, but anti-social behaviour had risen, the PCC believed this was due to Covid-19 and people breaching the lockdown instructions.

3.4 Members were updated on the Summer demonstrations and how they were handled by the Police. It was also noted there was a bottleneck of cases not getting through to the Courts due to Covid-19. Members asked questions in relation to stop and search; Covid-19 fines for people not adhering to lockdown instructions; Collaboration Board; annual delivery plan of monitoring town centre CCTV and the rise in domestic abuse.

3.5 The full debate and answers on these items can be found here [Item 3 - OPCC Update at 8:04.](#)

CONCLUSION:

3.6 The report of the PCC for Hertfordshire was noted.

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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 The Cabinet Panel were advised the Police and Crime Panel (P&CP) virtual meeting scheduled for July 2020 was postponed to the 11 August 2020, the Agenda can be found on the [Police & Crime Panel](#) website. At this meeting the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Independent Panel Members were elected.
- 4.2 The Police & Crime Panel Representative informed there had been a complaint put against the Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC) which was not upheld.
- 4.3 The Police & Crime Panel Representative informed members that the Annual Reports relating to the PCC, Dog Welfare, Independent Custody Visitors Scheme, Stop & Search and the Delivery Plan were discussed at this meeting.

Other items raised at the P&CP meeting included:

- Six shortcomings identified in the HMICFRS inspectorate report on Herts Police child protection
- Reinforcing accountability of PCC roles
- Reports being issued to late which meant residents were unable to put written questions forward
- Black Lives Matter (BLM)
- Concern for low turnout of PCC elections
- For the Panel to have more powers needed to deal with complaints and scrutiny
- Low turnout of district representatives

- 4.4 The Chairman referred to the PCC’s review and the submission by Hertfordshire County Council in response to the PCCs Review. The Chairman agreed to seek approval from the Chief Executive for this to document to be circulated to Cabinet Panel Members. *NB: this was circulated following the meeting to Members of the CS&WM Panel and is appended to these minutes.*

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- 4.5 The full debate on these items can be found here [Item 4 Police and Crime Panel Update at 48:45.](#)

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CONCLUSION:

4.6 That the Cabinet Panel noted the update

5. HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRE CONTRACT UPDATE

[Officer Contact: Erin Bradley, Graduate Management Trainee (Tel: 01992 531946)]

5.1 The Panel received a report which provided an update on the progress of the transfer of the Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) service from the contracted operator Amey to direct delivery by the council initiated after the Special Panel recommended (6 May 2020) and Cabinet agreed to exit the Agreement with Amey by early termination.

5.2 The Panel were given a workstream update and Members agreed that Amey had been very co-operative in the transitional process of services and staff especially during the Covid-19 pandemic.

5.3 Members were informed there had been a 10-15% increase in waste volumes being collected at the kerbside as a result of people working at home, and a drop-in business waste collection.

5.4 A question on the future of the Cole Green site, liability for exiting the lease and planned replacements was debated.

5.5 In response to a question in relation to 'Risks' and if everything had been covered for the 1 October hand over, Members were informed there was a full 'Risk' register compiled for pre and post takeover by the council and the project group were confident that everything had been covered. The project group would continue to meet weekly post 1 October and if any new risks were identified then these would also be added to the risk register.

5.6 The full debate on these items can be found here [Item 5 - HWRC Contract Update at 1:01:23](#).

Conclusions:

5.7 That the Panel:

1. Noted the ongoing and extensive work of the cross-departmental project team to transition the HWRC service (in-source) from Amey to the Council.
2. Noted that officers would provide the Panel with a further project update on 18 November 2020.

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6. APPROVE THE RE-DEVELOPMENT OF HERTFORD FIRE & AMBULANCE STATION

[Officer Contact: Andrew Edwards, Senior Estates Officer (Tel:01992 556007)]

- 6.1 The Cabinet Panel received a report which advised of the proposals to procure a new fire and ambulance station in Hertford; and to the redevelopment of the remainder of the site.
- 6.2 In response to a Member question it was noted that the new building would provide operational facilities and that HFRS Head Quarters would move to Stanborough to be co-located with the PCC's Head Quarters.
- 6.3 A Member welcomed the refurbishment of the Hertford Fire & Ambulance station but did not believe that the Panel could delegate to the Director of Resources as detailed in recommendations, this item was debated further in Part II (closed session).
- 6.4 The full debate on this item can be found here [Item 6 - Approve the Re-development of Hertford Fire & Ambulance Station at 2:05:25.](#)

**PART II ('CLOSED') AGENDA
EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

- 6.5 The Panel agreed to move into Part II ('closed' session').
- 6.6 That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the said Act and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.
- 6.7 Following discussion on the Part II Report, the Panel moved back into Part I (open session) to agree the Part I recommendations.

CONCLUSION:

- 6.8 That the Cabinet Panel recommended to Cabinet that Cabinet approves:
 - 1. The commissioning of capital spend for the design and feasibility work from the £3.31m budget set in the 2020/21 Integrated Plan; to support a planning application for the redevelopment of Hertford Fire and Ambulance Station, re-provision of a new fire and ambulance station and development of the remainder of the site for other purposes,

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2. Delegated authority be given to the Director of Resources in consultation with the Director of Community Protection & Chief Fire Officer, the Executive Member for Resources & Performance and the Executive Member for Community Safety & Waste Management to approve the redevelopment scheme in respect of the re-provision of the Fire Station and Ambulance Station,
- 3 That the Director of Resources in consultation with the Executive Member for Resources & Performance be given delegated authority to finalise and approve the business case for the scheme and the terms and conditions of a development agreement with Chalkdene Developments LLP or other delivery route, subject to the capital spend not exceeding the remaining £3.31m limit after allowing for the cost of the design work set out in (3.2) above,
4. That the Director of Resources in consultation with the Executive Member for Resources & Performance be given delegated authority to declare those parts of the site no longer required for operational purposes surplus and to be disposed of under delegated authority.

7. OTHER PART I BUSINESS

7.1 None.

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CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER**

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