

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, 17 MAY 2019

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS OF THE PANEL

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

OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Upon consideration of the agenda for the Community Safety & Waste Management meeting on Friday 17 May 2019 as circulated, copy annexed, conclusions were reached and are recorded below:

Note: Interests declared by Members of the Community Safety & Waste Management Cabinet Panel in relation to the matters on which conclusions were reached at this meeting are recorded at item 6 below.

PART I ('OPEN') BUSINESS

1. MINUTES

1.1 The Minutes of the Cabinet Panel meeting held on 15 March 2019 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject to the following amendment:

1.1 Minutes of 14 February 2019 item 4.3 should read The Lead Liberal Democrat Spokesman challenged that 23 written questions had been submitted to the Police and Crime Panel in advance of the meeting, but had not been circulated

3.3 The Panel also heard that negative comments had been made concerning frontline staff on duty in certain areas of Herts; however, it was noted that £500k had been spent on Police Staff.....

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6. deletion to S N Bloxham's interest in relation to his wife working on a project for the Sports Ground Safety Authority – Inspection Feedback item.

2. PUBLIC PETITIONS

- 2.1 There were no public petitions received.

3. HERTFORDSHIRE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER UPDATE REPORT

Officer Contact: Dr Amie Birkhamshaw, Director of Delivery & Commissioning (Tel: 01707 806154)

- 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.
- 3.2 The Panel were informed that the Annual Report was currently being drafted. The Community Safety & Criminal Justice Plan was also being drafted and would be presented to the Police & Crime Panel in September for final sign off. In response to a Member question as to why the plan had been delayed, Members were informed it was due to considering how the plan fitted in with the Serious Violent Action Plan and the Violent Strategy.
- 3.3 In response to a Member question asking if there were any more engagement events than the 36 were planned, Members were informed the 36 as stated in the report were planned for the knife amnesty week, it was noted further events were being planned.
- 3.4 In relation to the four district and boroughs involved in the fly tipping on private land pilot were Broxbourne, Three Rivers, St Albans and Welwyn & Hatfield. It was noted that East Herts had expressed an interest to join the pilot. A Member from Stevenage also expressed her interest for Stevenage Borough Council to be included in the pilot.
- 3.5 Members were informed the Chief Constable was currently engaging with Action Fraud to ensure when email scams are reported appropriate action is taken. A Member raised a concern if Action Fraud had the capacity or the funds to carry out the work that was required.
- 3.6 In relation to Operation Sceptre a Member was pleased to see the schools competition project and wondered if it could be funded again. In response the Panel were informed there currently was not any further funding for this type of project but the Chief Executive of OPCC agreed to discuss with the PCC.

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3.7 In response to a Member question it was noted the funding of triage services around early intervention would be awarded on an assessment basis. Members wondered whether this was something the County's Health Scrutiny Committee could get involved with to assist in helping the ambulance service to engage with the PCC to support the triage service.

3.8 In relation to knife Crime the Panel were informed that work on 'stop and search' was underway and training to make officers confident to carry out 'stop and searches' was currently being undertaken. The Chairman of the Panel requested an update to a future meeting of the panel on the current position of knife crime and the strategy.

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3.9 A request relating frontline police officers for the past five years was requested

Admin note:

Received from Chris Brace, Chief Executive 21/05/2019. The request for establishment frontline police officer numbers for the last 5 years are as follows:

2014: 1,927
2015: 1,911
2016: 1,929
2017: 1,952
2018: 1,952
2019: 2,009

CONCLUSION:

3.10 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 The Panel were advised the Police and Crime Panel (P&C Panel) last met on 11 April 2019 and one member of the public attended and there were no questions raised. The PCC and five supporting officers attended. It was noted the minutes of the P&C Panel were not currently on the website but the Commissioners report was.

Admin note: The minutes would be available from Wednesday 22 May 2019.

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- 4.2 In relation to Operation Sceptre and knife crime the Panel were informed that the east of the county were not covered with knife bins. The vice-chairman also believed that knife bins should be at entrances to hospitals. The Panel heard the average age of a knife carrier is aged fourteen and there had been 25 test purchases of which 22 outlets of knife sales passed and there were 31 stop and searches. It was noted that officers would be wearing body cameras going forward to assist officers and to show those stopped were properly stopped and searched.
- 4.3 The Panel were informed the PSCO funding was still matched on a 50/50 basis and was available to parishes and towns. It was noted there were priority setting meetings being held in communities with local representatives and the Police. Members of the panel stated that these meeting were working well in their relative district.
- 4.4 Members noted the next meeting of the P&C Panel would be 13 June 2019, a venue had not yet been confirmed but the vice-chairman agreed to circulate to Panel Members once he was informed. An additional meeting of the Panel will take place on 19 September 2019 so the Commissioner can present the updated Community Safety & Criminal Justice Plan.

CONCLUSION:

- 4.5 That the Cabinet Panel noted the report

5. LOCAL AUTHORITY COLLECTED WASTE SPATIAL STRATEGY 2016 – HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRE ANNEX UPDATE

Officer Contact: Alexandra Radley, Strategy and Prevention Manager (01992 556165)

- 5.1 Members received a report in relation to the updated Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) annex to the Local Authority Collected Waste (LACW) Spatial Strategy 2016. The HWRC annex is an assessment of the HWRC network and identifies the Waste Disposal Authority's (WDA) vision for a robust, efficient and fit for purpose service that would be capable of fulfilling future demand. The report set out changes to the annex following the provision of updated data, referenced the Resources and Waste Strategy and detailed progress to improve the HWRC network. It also contained responses received during the HWRC annex consultation process.
- 5.2 The Chairman of the Panel noted that there may be an impact on Hertfordshire's HWRCs if adjoining authorities start to change their policies e.g. banning non-residents or seeking sums for allowing our residents to visit their centres. The Chairman informed the Panel that significant planned residential development would create more demand for HWRCs and the County Council would have to respond to the need.

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- 5.3 The Chairman of the Panel informed Members that Stevenage and the County Council were jointly investigating land for relocation of the Stevenage centre. The Panel were also reminded that sites were being investigated based on planned housing development. The Member for Stevenage stated that provision in the north of Stevenage would seem the most suitable area and hoped the agreed site would not be too far away from Stevenage as residents were being encouraged to recycle through provision of the centre. The Member for Stevenage also encouraged the provision of a dedicated reuse and repair workshop to be included at a new Stevenage HWRC, as seen at the Ware centre as this would encourage people to reuse items.
- 5.4 The Panel agreed there was a good opportunity for the county and district and boroughs to work together to deliver the requirement for new HWRCs at appropriate sites. The Chairman also informed the Panel that the provision of new and improved HWRCs regularly featured at meetings of the Herts Waste Partnership and they would continue to be approached for suggestions on the best way forward to identify areas for new centres.
- 5.5 The Chairman also suggested a further recommendation be put forward to Cabinet for the following:

‘That Cabinet request officers aim to seek clarification and a statement of common ground between St Albans and Dacorum councils in respect of provision of a suitable site for a HWRC Supersite within the east of Hemel Hempstead development.’

The Cabinet Panel agreed for this recommendation to be put forward to Cabinet.

Conclusions:

- 5.6 The Community Safety and Waste Management Cabinet Panel recommends to Cabinet that Cabinet:
1. endorses the Household Waste Recycling Centre Annex update to the Council’s Local Authority Collected Waste Spatial Strategy 2016
 2. agrees that the annex is shared and promoted with relevant stakeholders to inform their understanding of the Waste Disposal Authority’s requirement to develop an improved Household Waste Recycling Centre network capable of meeting projected housing growth and the requirements of the Resources and Waste Strategy
 3. requests officers aim to seek clarification and a statement of common ground between St Albans and Dacorum councils in

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respect of provision of a suitable site for a HWRC Supersite within the east of Hemel Hempstead development.

6. HER MAJESTY'S INSPECTORATE OF CONSTABULARIES AND FIRE & RESCUE SERVICES (HMICFRS) ACTION PLAN – UPDATE REPORT

Officer Contact: Darryl Keen, Director of Community Protection and Chief Fire Officer (Tel:01992 507500)

- 6.1 The Panel received a report providing them with a summary and update regarding the actions taken to date to address the 'areas for improvement' identified by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabularies and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) in their report published in December 2018.
- 6.2 Members noted the progress on action plan made and that many of the actions were linked to the Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP), which was currently going through the Political process. A further update on actions progressed would be presented to Panel in September 2019
- 6.3 In relation to fire safety of buildings, a Member was interested to know if the fire service was working on a prevention strategy for tower blocks. Members were informed there would likely be substantial legislation released from Government which would be taken into account in the prevention strategy currently being developed. The new strategy would include considerations around building safety and future housing developments. It was also noted that Hertfordshire's tower blocks did not have the same cladding as that used at Grenfell tower.
- 6.4 Although a Member congratulated officers on the equalities information detailed within the report it was believed there was still some diversity information that could be expanded on. Officers noted the comment and agreed more information would be included in the next update to the Panel.
- 6.5 In relation to the recent prosecution following a fire at a care home in Hertfordshire, members asked whether on inspections care staff were being requested not to leave patients when there is a fire. Officers informed the Panel that staff training was an area identified as priority and can be a cause for concern, and auditing of staff training is a key focus for the Service as it continues to check care homes and sheltered accommodation are complaint with legislation. Companies are advised that staff training needs to be undertaken to ensure that staff are aware of how to respond in evacuation in the event of a fire.
- 6.6 In response to a Member question on how the county could work with

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the planning authorities and developers on fire resistant builds and fitting sprinklers into new builds, the Panel were informed the Fire Service did recommend fitting sprinklers when new homes were built and it was an on-going challenge to make sure the housing stock was as safe as possible.

- 6.7 In relation to when Hertfordshire Fire & Rescue Service attended cross-border incidents it was noted information was available to them, but that currently the Mobile Data Terminals do not link across fire and rescue services. However, although there were challenges with mobile data terminals, at an incident there was access to the main control room where the information can be sought.

CONCLUSION:

- 6.8 The Cabinet Panel noted the content of the HMICFRS Action Plan 2019/20, attached as Appendix A to the report and made the above additional comments and observations.

7. OTHER PART I BUSINESS

None.

**KATHRYN PETTITT
CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER**

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