

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Health and Public Protection Policy Development and Review Panel

(to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Tuesday, 16 January 2018

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Councillor M J Ford, JP (Chairman)

Councillor Mrs T L Ellis (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: F Birkett, Mrs M Brady, Mrs P M Bryant and J M Englefield

Also Present: Councillor T M Cartwright, MBE (Executive Member for Health and Public Protection, for items 6 and 7)



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2. MINUTES

It was AGREED that the minutes of the Health and Public Protection Policy Development and Review Panel held on 14 November 2017 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's announcements.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURES OF ADVICE OR DIRECTIONS

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

6. POLICE CRIME PANEL UPDATE

The Panel received a verbal update from Councillor T M Cartwright, MBE, Executive Member for Health and Public Protection, on the Police Crime Panel.

Councillor Cartwright advised that the next meeting of the Police Crime Panel will take place on 26 January 2018. Topics for discussion will include plans for the new police station, the level of the policing precept for 2018/19, Central Government funding arrangements, the Police Crime Plan and the appointment of a Deputy Police Crime Commissioner.

Councillor Cartwright also reported that he attended a Working Group meeting on 15 December 2017 which reviewed the draft scope of the Police Crime Plan and discussed future topics for proactive scrutiny.

Members thanked Councillor Cartwright for providing his verbal update.

7. HEALTH UPDATE

The Panel received a verbal update from Councillor T M Cartwright, MBE, the Executive Member for Health and Public Protection, on local strategic Health issues.

Councillor Cartwright reported that he attended a meeting of the Local Clinical Commissioning Group recently where discussions took place on how the availability of appointments can be improved across the area. The CCG has a

number of initiatives to explore to help achieve this and will attend local Community Action Team (CAT) meetings across the Borough to exchange information with residents and gain feedback.

Councillor Cartwright advised that there has been a significant amount of publicity for the emergency appointment system that is being trialled at the Fareham Community Hospital and he was pleased to report that the trial is going well. It is hoped that other GP surgeries in the area will join the scheme.

In response to Members' enquiries regarding the recent collapse of the Carillion group, Councillor Cartwright advised the Panel that he has received assurances from the Chief Executive of Queen Alexandra Hospital that contingency plans are in place to ensure that the hospital is able to provide a business as usual service.

Members enquired about the services that will be provided at the Welborne Health and Well-being hub and whether there is any information available as to when the services will become available. The Director of Planning and Regulation explained that the Council is working with the Fareham and Gosport Clinical Commissioning Group to develop these proposals, but that it was likely that this detail on service provision may only be forthcoming as part of a future Reserved Matters Planning Application.

Councillor Cartwright was thanked for providing his verbal update.

8. PRESENTATION: ENFORCEMENT AND CCTV UPDATE

The Panel received a presentation by the Head of Parking and Enforcement on CCTV and Enforcement Services across the Borough. A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes.

The presentation included an overview of the CCTV cameras available across the Borough, the assistance it provides to the police in the prevention and detection of crime, the maintenance service that is provided by Chroma Vision and details of the assistance the CCTV control room provides to Hampshire Highways in ensuring that there is no unauthorised night time access to the Fareham/Gosport Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) route by controlling the barriers on the route, closing them when the last bus has departed and raising the barriers prior to the first bus using the route the next day. He also outlined the number of arrests that were made by the police across Fareham and Gosport in 2017 as a result of CCTV footage. Possible income generation opportunities were also highlighted that could offer CCTV monitoring and maintenance services to private companies and businesses that own CCTV equipment that is not being fully utilised.

The Head of Parking and Enforcement outlined the many areas of responsibility that are covered by the Enforcement Service, including fly tipping, littering, dog fouling and removal of abandoned vehicles. There are 2 full time Enforcement Officers who patrol the Borough and issue fixed penalty notices where appropriate.

The Panel was reminded that the Public Spaces Protection Order was introduced last year which formed part of a large campaign to reduce instances of dog fouling. The litter campaign was complemented by free pouches being given away to members of the public for disposal of cigarette ends and chewing gum. Members were invited to take samples of the pouches with them to distribute to residents.

The Head of Parking and Enforcement also explained that there were 5 traveller encampments that took place last year which was the highest number in the Borough since 2012. To help combat the number of encampments, concrete bollards have been erected to restrict vehicular access at Stubbington recreation ground and the open space at Fareham Leisure Centre. The Enforcement Team works closely with the Streetscene Team to make sure that gates and barriers that protect vulnerable areas are used effectively.

The Head of Parking and Enforcement was thanked for providing his presentation.

9. HEALTH AND PUBLIC PROTECTION POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW PANEL WORK PROGRAMME

The Panel considered a report by the Director of Planning and Regulation which gives a preliminary review of the Panel's Work Programme for 2017/18 and the draft Work Programme for 2018/19.

In reviewing the Work Programme for 2017/18, Members requested that a verbal update on Air Quality be brought to the meeting of the Panel scheduled to take place 06 March 2018.

In giving initial consideration to the draft Work Programme for 2018/19, Members discussed and agreed that the Police Crime Commissioner be invited to a future meeting to give an update on police matters. It was also agreed that a Representative from the Fareham & Gosport Clinical Commissioning Group be invited to attend a future meeting to give an update on health services.

It was AGREED that, subject to the inclusion of a verbal update on Air Quality being added to the agenda of the meeting scheduled to take place on 06 March 2018, the Work Programme for 2017/18, as attached as Appendix A to the report be approved.

Members were invited to put forward any suggested items for inclusion in the draft Work Programme for 2018/19 to the Chairman of the Panel or to the Director of Planning and Regulation in advance of the next meeting.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm
and ended at 7.00 pm).