

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Public Protection Policy Development and Review Panel

(to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Tuesday, 26 July 2016

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Councillor M J Ford, JP (Chairman)

Councillor Mrs T L Ellis (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: K A Barton, F Birkett, Mrs P M Bryant, J M Englefield and
Mrs K K Trott

Also Present: Councillor T M Cartwright, MBE, Executive Member for Public
Protection (Item 6)



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies of absence.

2. MINUTES

It was AGREED that the minutes of the Public Protection Policy Development and Review Panel held on 24 May 2016 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman passed on his thanks to the Vice-Chairman Councillor Mrs Ellis for chairing the previous meeting in his absence.

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 Cartwright, the Executive Member for Public Protection, on the Hampshire Police and Crime Panel.

He informed the Panel that in regards to the new Police and Crime Commissioner it is still early days and he is still adjusting to the position. As a result there is still no new Crime Plan, but the Police and Crime Panel is keen for this to be actioned as a priority.

He also informed the Panel that it is the Police and Crime Panel's responsibility to scrutinise the new Commissioner and assess how effectively he is working, and that the hope is that they develop a close working relationship with him. A couple of areas that the Panel are keen to scrutinise are making financial matters more transparent, and the issue of domestic abuse.

It was reported that due to a recent Police restructure it is proposed that Fareham and Gosport Police will be amalgamated into one service.

Councillor Cartwright concluded his verbal update by informing the Panel that he had met with the Council's Estates Team who had confirmed that the Police Safer Neighbourhood team will be moving into the Civic Offices between December 2016 and April 2017.

The Executive Member for Public Protection was thanked for this verbal update.

7. ANNUAL REPORT ON FAREHAM PARKING ENFORCEMENT SERVICE

The Panel considered a report by the Director of Operations which provided the Panel with an update on the last twelve months operation of the Fareham Parking Enforcement Service.

(Councillor Mrs P M Bryant left the meeting during this item.)

The Head of Parking Enforcement gave the Panel a briefing presentation which focused on the key points contained in the report including:

- An overview of the service
- On/Off Street Enforcement
- Challenges to Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) & the reasons why they had been accepted
- PCNs paid by financial year
- PCN challenges by financial year
- On-Street Enforcement Budget & Expenditure for 2015/16
- Off-Street Enforcement Budget & Expenditure for 2015/16
- PCNs served for Off Street parking
- PCNs served for On Street parking
- PCNs by ward and hotspots

The Panel enquired as to whether there is a 'vision' for Parking Enforcement for the future, and if so what it contained. The Head of Parking and Enforcement confirmed that a key area of future work on Parking Enforcement will be to look at how visitors to our car parks could pay for their parking utilising new systems.

It was AGEED that the Panel:-

- (a) note the content of the report; and
- (b) thank the Head of Parking and Enforcement for his informative presentation.

8. PUBLIC PROTECTION POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW PANEL WORK PROGRAMME

The Panel considered a report from the Director of Planning & Regulation which reviewed the Panel's Work Programme for 2016/17.

The Director of Planning and Regulation drew the Panel's attention to paragraph 4 of the report which outlined the proposed cancellation of the 13 September 2016 meeting.

It was AGREED that the Panel:-

- (a) confirm the programme of items, as set out in Appendix A of the report;

- (b) note the progress on actions since the last meeting, as set out in Appendix B of the report; and
- (c) note the Public Protection Executive Portfolio Work Programme for 2016/17, as set out in Appendix C of the report.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm
and ended at 6.56 pm).