

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

(to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Tuesday, 29 May 2018

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Councillor M J Ford, JP (Chairman)

Councillor Ms S Pankhurst (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: K A Barton, Mrs P M Bryant, Mrs T L Ellis, Miss T G Harper and J G Kelly

Also Present: Councillor T M Cartwright, MBE (for items 6, 7, 8 and 9)



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 meeting held on 06 March 2018 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman welcomed Councillors J G Kelly and Miss T Harper to the meeting as new members of the Panel.

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. INTRODUCTION TO HEALTH AND PUBLIC PROTECTION PORTFOLIO SERVICES

The Panel received a presentation from the Head of Environmental Health and the Community Safety Manager which gave an overview of the Health and Public Protection Portfolio Services.

The presentation covered the areas of work undertaken within the portfolio and gave a brief overview on the key areas of the Fareham and Gosport Environmental Health Partnership, the Central Government Directive received in respect of air quality at the junction of the A32/A27, contaminated land, Pollution, Dog Control Services, Pest Control Services, Food Safety, Community Safety, Corporate Health and Safety, Parking Enforcement and Building Control. A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes as Appendix A.

Members raised concerns about the lack of police interest in dealing with issues relating to rough sleepers. The Community Safety Manager explained the work that is being done to build partnership working with the police and to raise the priority of rough sleepers. A Community Safety intelligence form is available to use for reporting issues direct to the Police and is attached as Appendix B to these minutes.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor T M Cartwright, MBE, Executive Member for Health and Public Protection, addressed the Panel on this item to explain the comprehensive multi-agency approach that is taking place in

dealing with rough sleepers. He also gave a brief overview of Portsmouth City Council joining the Building Control Partnership.

Members discussed the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and how information relating to priority issues in the community can be made available to Neighbourhood Watch coordinators. The Community Safety Manager explained the tools and information that are available to assist co-ordinators in their role and, at the Panel's request, agreed to publicise the Hampshire Alert website.

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

It was AGREED that the Panel note the contents of the presentation.

7. 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 and Crime Panel.

Councillor Cartwright updated the Panel on the discussions that took place at the recent meeting of the Police and Crime Panel meeting and reported that, despite the Police and Crime Panel's expectation that the recently increased Precept be spent on policing rather than staffing, the Police and Crime Commissioner has announced his intention to appoint two assistant Police and Crime Commissioners. The Police and Crime Panel also heard at the meeting that the Police and Crime Commissioner had lost a vote of no-confidence organised by the Police Federation. The Police and Crime Panel will set up a Working Group to increase scrutiny on the Commissioner's actions.

Councillor Cartwright also reported on the disappointing lack of progress being made by the Commissioner on the siting of the main police station for Fareham. This matter has been ongoing since 2014 with no clear decision having been made yet.

The Chairman reminded Members that an invitation has been extended to the Police and Crime Commissioner to attend and speak at a future meeting of the Panel.

Councillor Cartwright was thanked for providing his update to the Panel.

8. HEALTH UPDATE

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

Councillor Cartwright reminded Members that the Council does not have any statutory duties in respect of health matters and can only act in a consultation and liaison capacity to try and influence decisions that are made. Key health issues at the moment are the work being done to address the results of the

Care Quality Commission inspection at the Queen Alexandra Hospital (QAH) in Portsmouth and the poor utilisation of the Fareham Community Hospital.

Councillor Cartwright advised that he is a member of the Fareham & Gosport Clinical Commissioning Group Governing Body and reported that the new Chief Executive who is now in place at QAH is building a strong management team around him to make improvements.

Councillor Cartwright also advised that Suella Braverman, MP, has a task force in place for the Fareham Community Hospital and has issued a consultation document to ask residents what services they want in the hospital. Councillor Cartwright will work with the Director of Planning and Regulation to prepare a consultation response on behalf of the Council.

The Chairman reminded Members that an invitation has been extended to the Fareham and Gosport Clinical Commissioning Group to attend and speak at a future meeting of the Panel.

Councillor Cartwright was thanked for providing his update to the Panel.

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 invites the Panel to review the Work Programme for 2018/19.

In response to discussion in respect of the Final Plan that must be produced by 31 December 2018 to identify preferred options to deliver Air Quality compliance in the shortest possible time, it was suggested that the Panel receive a verbal update on Air Quality at the November meeting. At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor T M Cartwright, MBE, Executive Member for Health and Public Protection, addressed the Panel on this item to explain that things are constantly changing and that difficulties are being encountered with the Joint Air Quality Unit (JAQU) not meeting deadlines. As timescales for production and approval of the plan by the Executive will be tight, the possibility of providing an update to the Panel in November will be reviewed later in the year.

It was AGREED that the Health and Public Protection Policy Development and Review Panel:

- (a) approves the programme of items for 2018/19, as set out in Appendix A to the report; and
- (b) notes the progress on actions since the last meeting as set out in Appendix B to the report.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm
and ended at 7.35 pm).

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Introduction to Portfolio Services

Ian Rickman, Head of Environmental Health

Minute Item 6

Areas of work undertaken within the Health and Public Protection Portfolio

- Environmental Protection
- Air Quality
- Pollution
- Contaminated Land
- Dog Control
- Pest Control
- Animal welfare
- Food Safety
- Community Safety
- Safeguarding & prevent
- Corporate Health and Safety
- Out of hours services – EH/Dogs
- Parking Enforcement
- Car parks
- Traffic Management

Fareham & Gosport Environmental Health Partnership

- Environmental Protection
- Food Safety
- Animal Welfare
- Corporate H&S
- Dog Control
- Pest Control
- 24/7 OOH Service EH
- 10pm OOH dogs service
- Air Quality
- Contaminated Land
- Licensing
- Private Sector Housing
- Disabled Facilities Grants
- Health & Safety
- Open Markets

Environmental Health Partnership Management

- Agreement sets out Scope;
- Head of EH – day to day management;
- Partnership Panel – One Director and one elected Member from each Council and Head of Environmental Health (Accountants as necessary);
- Councillors Burgess and Cartwright and officers, Richard Jolley and Michael Lawther;
- Panel to meet twice a year;
- Officer Panel should meet quarterly.

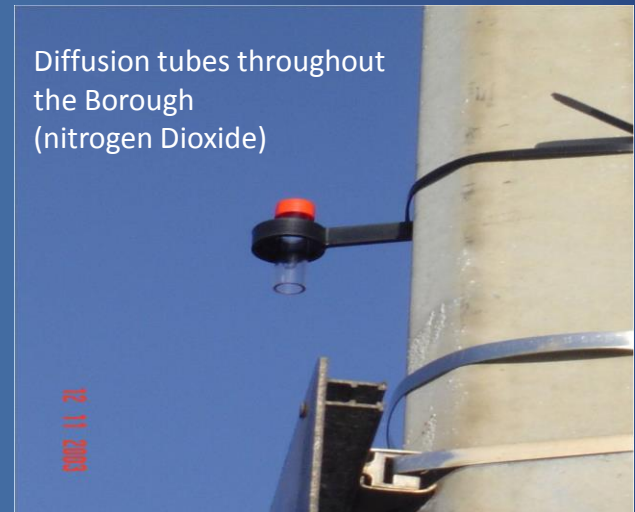
Air Quality

Two Continuous monitors within the two Air quality management areas on Gosport Road.



Exhaust emissions main source of pollution

Diffusion tubes throughout the Borough (nitrogen Dioxide)



Contaminated Land



- Contaminated land – Mandatory duty EA 1990
- Examples e.g. methane gas from landfill tips; solvents from old laundry site; leaking petrol tanks; metals in soil from old scrap yard etc, Daedalus
- Consult on planning applications - conditions often added
- Work with Coastal Partnership
- Respond to complaints



Pollution

- Statutory nuisance (neighbour issues) – Noise, dust, smoke , smell, accumulations, light etc;
- Neighbour liaison;
- Noise – over 1000 noise complaints;
- Nearly 400 Planning consultations;
- Between Fareham and Gosport over 5500 service requests last year.

Pollution (Statutory Nuisance)



NEIGHBOUR FROM HELL

Builder's loud music made the walls shake

BUILDER Paul Williams tormented his neighbour by playing dance music at full volume early in the morning. His neighbour's walls

shook as Williams refused to turn down the music – despite being told he could end up in court. And even when he was served with a noise

abatement by Fareham council inspectors, he refused to turn down the volume. His neighbour today said his life was made hell for

months by the music. But the 38-year-old, who could be fined up to £3,000, said he did not think his music was that loud. **FULL STORY** ● Page 4



FAREHAM
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Dog Control



- Barking dogs – statutory nuisance;
- Stray dogs – private kennels;
- RSPCA Golden Paw Award;
- OOH – Until 22:00Hrs 365 days a year;
- Dangerous dogs – liaison with police;
- Micro-chipping;
- Animal Welfare – RSPCA/Police.

Pest Control



- Treatments for rats , mice, fleas, wasps other insects;
- Around 1400 treatments in total;
- Enforcement powers under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949.



Food Safety

- Food Hygiene Inspections, Food Complaints, Sampling, Infectious diseases, advice and guidance; 98% of programmed inspections completed;
- Prosecutions, formal cautions, warnings, help and advice.

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Environmental Health Out of Hours Service

- Mainly for noise e.g. music/dog barking etc;
- 0800 374485 - 24 hours 365 days a year;
- Vanguard approach adopted now, prefer to talk to people in cold light of day if necessary.

Other areas of Enforcement

- Fly tipping, littering dog fouling – Mark Bowler, Head of Streetscene
- Unauthorised encampments – Kevin Wright, Head of Building Repairs and Maintenance Service

Community Safety



Fareham's Community
Safety Partnership

Successful Initiatives

- Fareham Partnership Action Group;
- Rough Sleeper Group (Fareham Street Aid);
- SNAP;
- Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences;
- Test purchase operations;
- Taxi Marshals;
- Fareham Supporting Families Programme;
- Integrated Offender Management;
- Access all areas;
- Neighbourhood Watch;
- Public Spaces Protection Order.

Safeguarding

- Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and we will work in partnership with Hampshire County Council;
- FBC Policy being revised and updated to include Children and Adults, Prevent, Modern Day Slavery, Disabled Children, Sexual Exploitation, Missing and Trafficked young people;
- Staff and Councillor Training;
- Reporting mechanism for staff and Councillors - effective two way feedback.

Prevent

- New Duty on Local Authorities brought in by the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015;
- “to have due regard to the need to prevent people being drawn into terrorism”;
- Action plan and staff awareness training in progress.

Key Representation with Partners

Councillor Cartwright, Executive Member for Health and Public Protection represents Fareham Borough Council at:

- **H&IOW Community Safety Alliance** – looking at CSP priorities, pressures and emerging issues;
- **Hampshire Police and Crime Panel** – reviews Police and Crime Plan, Scrutinise Annual Report, appoint Chief Constable, veto proposed Council Tax precept levels;
- **Fareham Partnership Action Group (PAG)** – attends all PAG meetings as Executive Lead for Public Protection – considered best practice initiative - being replicated elsewhere.

Corporate Health & Safety

Health & Safety at Work etc Act 1974 – Council as an employer has a general duty to protect employees and others from harm arising from its activities.

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Broadly comprises : Safety Policy, Risk Assessments, Safe Systems of Work, Training, Accident Reporting / monitoring, Safety Committee.

Managers and others supported by Corporate Health & Safety Advisor.

Parking Enforcement

- On and Off Street enforcement;
- Residents Parking Enforcement;
- Parking income circa £2million;
- Enforcement income £300k;
- Enforcement self funding;
- `Eyes and Ears`;
- Body worn video cameras;
- Customer focused approach.

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Parking Current Issues

- Tackling rough Sleepers in Multi storey car parks;
- Changes to operating hours;
- Doubling no. of contactless payment machines;
- On-street contract terminated;
- Modernising back office systems;
- Reducing costs;
- Additional income opportunities.

Building Control Partnership

Services Provided:

- Building regulation applications - approval and site inspection;
- Enforcement service;
- Regularisation service;
- 24 hour dangerous structure service;
- Demolition service

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Building Control Partnership



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Enforcement Action - Wallington

National Company-Anglian Home Improvements

- convicted in magistrates court
- £12000 fines/costs
- A criminal record
- over £15000 of remedial works

FAREHAM
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BUILDING CONTROL
PARTNERSHIP

Building Control Partnership

Services Provided:

- Approved inspector and Approved installer service;
- Building Regulation reversion service;
- Property address service;
- Building Regulation charge exempt service;
- Construction and Party wall act advice and land charge service;
- Access officer;
- Safety Advisory Group, Emergency Planning

Building Control Partnership

Current Focus:

- Portsmouth Building Control now fully integrated into the Partnership;
- BCP now fully paperless for all new applications – implementing flexible, mobile and home working;
- Considering implications of the Hackett Inquiry – Independent review of Building Regulations and Fire Safety, Fire safety in High rise residential Buildings;
- Considering formation of a LATC to allow further ability to trade, streamline the existing financial system and to solve existing/future employment issues across the Partnership.



Community Partnership Information

Guidance

This form is for the sharing of non-urgent information by partner agencies that relates to the **Missing, Exploited and Trafficked** agenda and related issues, such as **Modern Slavery**. This form can also be used for information relating to **Community Cohesion** and related concerns such as; **Tensions, Political Unrest, Racial and Religious** issues, **Immigration, Asylum and Refugees, Anti-Social Behaviour** and information associated with **Gang Activity**. This form is not a referral form, nor does it replace any pre-existing referral of notification mechanism. This information may be sanitised and used in subsequent partnership forums for the purposes of identifying and mitigating risk. Any questions or concerns regarding this form can be raised with your Police contact, or to FIB.

Completed forms should be sent electronically to **24/7-Intel@hampshire.pnn.police.uk**

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