

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Executive Briefing Paper

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INTRODUCTION

1. The Purpose of the report is to respond to Hampshire Police and Crime Commissioners invitation to comment on his new Police and Crime Plan priorities and ensure Fareham's views are incorporated into the document.

TABLED AMENDMENTS

2. Following consultation with members since the report was drafted, a small number of amendments have been put forward to address some key areas that were absent from the report as follows:-

At Appendix B amend as follows:-

- a) At the end of Section 1 add the following:-:

In supporting victims and those affected by crime, it is particularly important to recognise that many victims of crime may be vulnerable, not least due to the increasing population with mental health issues and is important to ensure that Agencies concerned with Mental Health have a role to play here.

We would like to see a commitment to continue to work with partners to support Community Resolutions, Youth Caution or a Youth Conditional Caution or use of the court system as appropriate. Also to continue to support the Police via the Fareham Triage Panel which in Fareham is headed up by a police sergeant from the Youth Offending Team (YOT), the manager of Youth Crime Prevention and alternating police officers. This works well on deciding the level of punishment, i.e. engage with YOT to do early intervention work.

To continue to support the Partnership Action Group and the work of our Anti-Social Behaviour Officer in dealing with Anti-Social Behaviour in the Borough.

- b) At the end of Section 5 add

One issue that the local community, local authority and land owners get frustrated about, is that when land is `invaded` and an unauthorised encampment is established it is not an immediate criminal act.

Hampshire Constabulary have powers under Section 61 Criminal Justice & Public Order Act 1994 and where certain criteria are met under this power the police will consider invoking police powers in-line with the criteria set out in the ACPO guidance on Unauthorised Encampments. Hampshire Constabulary to unauthorised encampments is governed by the Operation Quebec Management Process, which is a single codified document.

Could assurance be given that the police will continue to use a robust stance where the criteria is met to remove travellers in a timely manner.

Finally, Fareham Borough Council receive numerous calls about vehicles which are parked wholly on pavements or half on the highway and half on the pavement causing an obstruction to pavement users. Callers to the police are often informed that this is a problem which the Local Authority need to deal with as it is not a police issue. If there are no waiting restrictions (e.g. no single or double yellow lines) on the carriageway adjacent to the pavement, then Civil Enforcement Officers have no powers to take action. If a vehicle is blocking the pavement in these circumstances, the Police should be contacted; as such parking may constitute an obstruction of the highway (Highways Act 1980).

Could assurance be provided that Police Officers within Fareham Borough and to their control room will deal with pavement parking as appropriate and enforce the provisions of the Highways Act 1980.