

Health and Public Protection PDR Panel 29 May 2018

Introduction to Portfolio Services

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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.

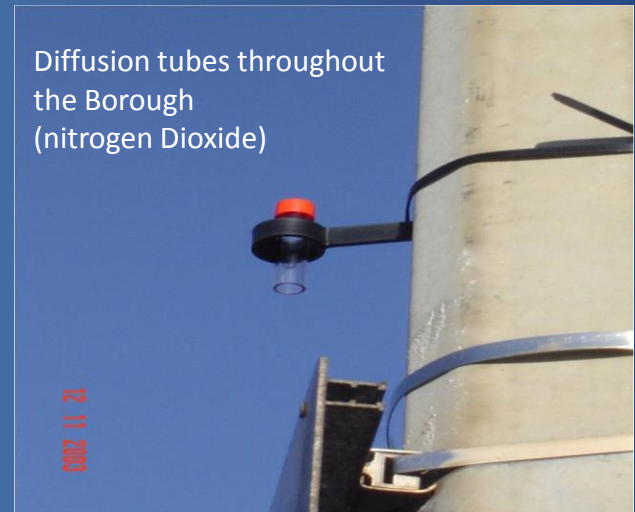
Air Quality

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)



Work progressing to comply with Ministerial Direction

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



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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.



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.

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.



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



Enforcement Action - Wallington

National Company-Anglian Home Improvements

– convicted in magistrates court

- £12000 fines/costs
- A criminal record
- over £15000 of remedial works

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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.