

# FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel

**(to be confirmed at the next meeting)**

**Date:** Tuesday, 13 July 2021

**Venue:** Council Chamber - Civic Offices

**PRESENT:**

**Councillor** Miss J Bull (Chairman)

**Councillor** Ms S Pankhurst (Vice-Chairman)

**Councillors:** Mrs P M Bryant, Mrs T L Ellis, J M Englefield, Miss T G Harper and J G Kelly

**Also Present:** Councillor T M Cartwright, MBE, Executive Member for Health and Public Protection



**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

**2. MINUTES**

It was confirmed at item 3 of the previous minutes that the question raised by Councillor Mrs K K Trott at the Council meeting held on 26 February 2021 in respect of the deployment of CCTV cameras had been dealt with as agreed.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 13 July 2021 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no Chairman's announcements.

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURES OR ADVICE OR DIRECTIONS**

Councillor J M Englefield declared a personal interest in respect of item 8 on the agenda as he is an NHS employee.

Councillor Ms S Pankhurst declared a personal interest in respect of item 8 on the agenda as she is also an NHS employee.

**5. DEPUTATIONS**

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

**6. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS**

**(1) Traffic Regulations Order for Coastal Car Parks - consideration of consultation responses and delegation by the Executive Leader of the Council to the Executive Member for Health and Public Protection to determine such orders in future**

There were no questions or comments for clarification in respect of this item.

**7. THE ROLE AND FUNCTIONS OF THE HEALTH AND PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY PANEL**

The Panel received a presentation by Councillor T M Cartwright, MBE, the Executive Member for Health and Public Protection, on the role and functions of the Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel. A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes as Appendix A.

The Executive Member answered questions put forward by Members in respect of Neighbourhood Watch, CCTV, links with Southampton General Hospital, dog fouling and fly tipping.

RESOLVED that the Executive Member for Health and Public Protection be thanked for providing his presentation.

## **8. EXECUTIVE MEMBER UPDATE**

Councillor J M Englefield declared a personal interest in respect of this item as he is an NHS employee.

Councillor Ms S Pankhurst declared a personal interest in respect of this item as she is also an NHS employee.

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

### **Police and Crime Panel**

The Executive Member reported that he attended the Police and Crime Panel meeting on 02 July 2021 and officially met the new Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Donna Jones. At the meeting, the Panel appointed a new Chairman, Councillor Simon Bound, a new Vice Chairman, Mr David Stewart and also reviewed the membership of the Panel's various sub committees.

The Police and Crime Commissioner set out at the meeting that her Number 1 priority is for there to be 600 more officers across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight by the end of 2023. She also outlined that she aims to remove bureaucracy so that officers are on the beat rather than filling in forms and stated that, whilst the 101 and 999 services are now in good working order, she aims to ensure that feedback on outcomes is provided. In addition, she stated that she aims to make it easier to report crime and wants to make sure that children in the later stages of primary school are educated in how to avoid falling into anti-social behaviour. The Police and Crime Plan will also be made shorter, easier to understand and will show what has been achieved.

The afternoon session of the meeting dealt with the confirmation hearing of the appointment of Mr Luke Stubbs as the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner. This is an appointment that is within the remit of the Police and Crime Commissioner and so was not a normal interview process, however the Police and Crime Panel was given the opportunity to ask questions in order to satisfy Members that they would recommend the appointment.

### **Local Health Matters**

The Executive Member reported that he had attended a Fareham Local Patient Group meeting that morning. Much of the discussion at the meeting surrounded Doctors' surgeries but there was also a report from the Clinical Commissioning group on current pressures. The vaccination rate for Fareham has now reached 92%, however problems are being encountered in reaching the 18-30 age group and also in making sure the right vaccines are in the right places at the right time.

The meeting also looked at NHS Digital which is now coming into effect. This is an NHS data sharing arrangement to provide various healthcare professionals with easier access to medical records so that a better standard of care can be provided to patients.

A study carried out on the effectiveness of online/video GP consultations, was reviewed at the meeting, however the Executive Member felt that the views put forward in the study seemed to predominantly be from people who work within the NHS and so may not fully represent the views of the general public.

The Executive Member went on to report that on the 24 June 2021 he attended a meeting of the Portsmouth City Council Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel which included the following:

An update by the South-Central Ambulance Service which included data relating to call outs, highlighting the concerning number of hours lost to the service from ambulances waiting at QA hospital. In October 2019, the number was as high as 2,160 and whilst this has improved since, it is now starting to show an increasing trend again.

An update by the Care Quality Commission on the Solent NHS Trust which gave an insight in to the Fareham area.

An overview of the management structure for the South East Hants Locality Team. Fareham's Director is Keeley Ellis.

Finally, The Executive Member advised the Panel that Sovereign Healthcare, which represents the three GP practices in the Borough that are working in partnership, will be holding an engagement event on 22 July 2021 from 6pm to 7.30pm. Anyone wishing to attend should email Sovereign Healthcare direct.

RESOLVED that the Executive Member be thanked for providing an interesting, informative and very comprehensive update.

## **9. SCRUTINY OF SAFEGUARDING PROCEDURES**

This item was brought forward on the agenda and heard directly after item 5.

The Panel received a presentation by the Community Safety Manager which provided Members with the opportunity to scrutinise the Council's current Safeguarding Policy and the actions within it. A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes as Appendix B.

The presentation was received in response to the scoping report agreed by Members at the Panel meeting held on 23 March 2021.

Members discussed the importance of ongoing training being provided to ensure that members and officers understand, and are kept up to date with, their safeguarding responsibilities.

The Community Safety Manager was thanked for providing a very helpful and informative presentation.

RESOLVED that the Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel scrutinised the Council's Safeguarding Policy and the actions within it.

**10. HEALTH AND PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY PANEL PRIORITIES**

The Panel considered a new, proposed set of Scrutiny Priorities for 2021 onwards which were circulated in advance of the meeting and are attached to these minutes as Appendix C. It was noted that the new, proposed priorities are not an exhaustive list and new priorities can be added over time if necessary.

Members were invited to put forward any additional priorities at the meeting or to the Chairman afterwards and it was agreed that if no further items were received, the priorities as outline in Appendix C would be adopted.

RESOLVED that the Health and Public Protection Panel considered and agreed the new Scrutiny Priorities for 2021 onwards.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm  
and ended at 7.38 pm).