

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to Scrutiny Board

Date **20 November 2014**

Report of: **Director of Finance and Resources**

Subject: **COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM (CAT) REVIEW**

SUMMARY

On 1 December the Executive will consider a report outlining the review that was undertaken of Community Action Teams (CATs). The report makes a number of proposals designed to make CATs more responsive to the needs of residents. A copy of the report is attached for members of the Scrutiny Board to consider.

RECOMMENDATION

The Board is asked to review the Community Action Team Review and consider whether it wishes to submit comments for consideration by the Executive on 1 December.

INTRODUCTION

1. The purpose of this report is to give the Scrutiny Board the opportunity to consider the Community Action Team (CAT) review report, in order that the Executive can consider the Board's comments on 1 December 2014, when the review document attached to this report is considered.

BACKGROUND

2. Community Action Teams (CATs) were set up in 2007 with the aim of increasing engagement with Fareham Borough residents. The 2013 Residents' Survey indicated that residents would be more likely to attend meetings if the content was different and it was, therefore, agreed at the 6 January 2014 meeting of the Executive that a review of Community Action Teams would take place and a report would be presented at a future date.
3. CAT officers, CAT Chairmen, the Executive Leader, the Deputy Leader, the Leader of the Opposition, the Deputy Opposition Leader and the Police took part in the review. Whilst some aspects of the meetings were considered successful, there were a number of issues with the current arrangements that participants felt needed to change.

PROPOSED CHANGES

4. The following proposed changes are included in the CAT review paper:
 - a) The five CAT areas to be replaced with ten smaller neighbourhood areas.
 - b) The majority of CAT meetings to be replaced with single agenda item meetings, that take place only when there is a 'hot topic' occurring in a neighbourhood at a relevant critical time'.
 - c) Regular "meet the Leader" summer meetings to be held in five of the neighbourhood areas in one year and then in the remaining five areas the following year.
 - d) The most appropriate Chairman for individual meetings to be nominated by the Executive Leader on a meeting by meeting basis.

RISK ASSESSMENT

5. There are no significant risk considerations in relation to this report.

CONCLUSION

6. The Board is asked to review the Community Action Team (CAT) review paper and consider whether it wishes to submit comments for consideration by the Executive.

[Appendix A: Community Action Team \(CAT\) Review](#)

Background Papers: None

Reference Papers: None

Enquiries:

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