

**CORPORATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

HELD: 21 FEBRUARY 2013

Start: 7.30pm

Finish: 8.35pm

PRESENT:

Councillors: Bailey (Chairman) Houlgrave (Vice Chairman)

Councillors: Mrs Atherley Mrs Kean
Mrs Blake McKay
Cheetham Ms Melling
Dereli Nolan
Mrs C Evans Oliver
Fillis O'Toole
G Hodson Mrs Stephenson
L Hodson Wright

Officers: Assistant Director Community Services (Mr D Tilleray)
Community Safety Officer (Mr C Owens)
Planning Officer (Mr D Carr)
Partnership and Performance Officer (Mrs A Grimes)
Assistant Solicitor (Mrs T Sparrow)
Principal Overview and Scrutiny Officer (Mrs C A Jackson)

54. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Delaney.

55. MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4, Members noted the termination of membership of Councillors Mrs Baybutt and Griffiths and the appointment of Councillors O'Toole and Cheetham for this meeting only thereby giving effect to the wishes of the Political Groups.

56. URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of urgent business.

57. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interests.

58. DECLARATIONS OF PARTY WHIP

There were no declarations of a Party Whip.

59. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Corporate and Environmental Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 13 December 2012 be received as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

60. MINUTES OF THE MEMBER DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Member Development Commission held on 13 December 2012 be noted.

61. CRIME & DISORDER - PRESENTATION

A presentation was received from the Community Safety Officer on behalf of the West Lancashire Community Safety Partnership. The presentation was supported by a series of slides as contained on pages 317 to 334 of the Book of Reports.

In his introduction the Community Safety Officer referred to the six responsible authorities represented on the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) and the further 10 agencies and voluntary groups that are also involved with the CSP. He went on to explain the vision of the partnership; the partnership plan and how it is delivered; its funding stream and the amount of funding that is received. He gave a breakdown of where the funding for 2012/13 had been allocated and the interventions supported including Halloween Mischief Night; 3 Community Beatsweeps; Brightsparx; Freshers Week; Cannabis Task & Time Group and the SSHH Campaign. He highlighted two particular initiatives, Brightsparx and The Cannabis Task & Time Group, coordinated through the Local Priorities Group, that were already achieving excellent outcomes.

Reference was also made to the performance during the period 1 October 2012 to 30 November 2012 that saw a reduction in ASB incidents; damage and arson offences and fire crew call outs at key dates when compared with the same period in 2011. The performance figures up to Quarter 3 were also referenced.

The Community Safety Officer then went on to explain the CSP plans for 2013/14 to include the refresh of the CSP plan to ensure it is reflective of local priorities and the Police and Crime Plan. The commitment of the CSP to work in partnership through established delivery structures was emphasised as was the recognition by partners to continue to strengthen the partnership and work collaboratively to resolve local issues.

The presentation was concluded with a look at the priorities for 2013/14 which included the themes General Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB); Reducing Reoffending; Child Sexual Exploitation; Cross Border Offending/OCG's; Violent Crime including Domestic Abuse and the key 'cross cutting theme' related to the impact of the misuse of alcohol and drugs on both perpetrators and victims of crime.

During the ensuing discussion Members raised/questions comments in relation to:

- Reductions year on year in funding streams.
- The interventions being supported and the achievements from the collaborative approach.
- The impact and effectiveness of Brightsparx initiative.
- The effective targeting of resources / initiatives related to ASB.

- The benefits being achieved from the SSHH campaign with Edge Hill University; effective monitoring; contribution of partners; expansion of the campaign and other ASB issues associated with young people in Ormskirk Town Centre.
- Designated Public Place Orders (DPPOs) – their use and effectiveness.
- Domestic wheelie bin fires – precautions to encourage safe storage of bins.

The Community Safety Officer responded to Members questions and in relation to concerns raised regarding domestic wheelie bin fires and safe storage of the bins, made an undertaking to pass on the concerns to the Fire Service and raise them during the next Beatsweep initiative.

RESOLVED: That the presentation be noted.

62. QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (Q2 2012/13)

Consideration was given to the report of the Transformation Manager which detailed performance monitoring data for the quarter ended 30 September 2012, as contained on pages 243 to 258 of the Book of Reports.

RESOLVED: That the Council's performance against the indicator set for the quarter ended 30 September 2012 be noted.

63. QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (Q3 2012/13)

Consideration was given to the report of the Transformation Manager which detailed performance monitoring data for the quarter ended 31 December 2012, as contained on pages 259 to 274 of the Book of Reports.

In discussion Members raised questions and comments in respect of the following performance indicators.

- TS24a Average time taken to re-let local authority housing (days) (General Needs) and TS24b Average time taken to re-let local authority housing (days) (Supported Needs) – detail relating to targets and proposed remedial action.
- Downturn in some targets – close monitoring.
- NI191 Residual household waste per household – increase in waste being collected.

The Policy and Performance Officer who attended the meeting made an undertaking to obtain the information requested on PIs TS24a and TS24b and circulate this information to Members.

RESOLVED: That the Council's performance against the indicator set for the quarter ended 31 December 2012 be noted.

64. CYCLING IN WEST LANCASHIRE - DRAFT FINAL REPORT OF THE CORPORATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Members considered the draft final report of the review entitled 'Cycling in West Lancashire' as contained on pages 275 to 312 of the Book of Reports.

In response to the particular road safety concerns, raised by a Member, in the vicinity of junction 4 of the M58, the Planning Officer undertook to pass on the details to Lancashire County Council (as the highway authority).

In relation to the draft final report of the review it was:

RESOLVED: That the draft final report and recommendations therein be approved and subject to amendments as noted, the final report be submitted to Cabinet on 19 March 2012 and Council, as appropriate.

65. WORK PROGRAMME - PROGRESS REPORT

Consideration was given to the report of the Borough Solicitor as contained on pages 313 to 316 of the Book of Reports which gave details of the current position in relation to the Work Programme for the Committee and the way forward for 2013/14.

Members raised comments/questions in relation to the:

- current work programme of the Committee;
- topic selection processes;
- Members Items - submission procedures.

RESOLVED: That the Committee determines, at its meeting in July, whether it wishes to undertake a review as part of its work programme 2013/14, following completion of the arrangements as detailed at 5.2 of the report.

66. MEMBERS ITEM

There were no items under this heading.

67. ITEMS FOR THE MEMBERS UPDATE

There were no items under this heading.

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Chairman