

Community Safety Scrutiny Committee

Agenda

Date: Thursday, 19th September, 2013
Time: 10.30 am
Venue: Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields, Middlewich Road,
Sandbach CW11 1HZ

The agenda is divided into 2 parts. Part 1 is taken in the presence of the public and press. Part 2 items will be considered in the absence of the public and press for the reasons indicated on the agenda and at the foot of each report.

PART 1 – MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS PRESENT

1. **Apologies for Absence**

To receive any apologies for absence

2. **Declarations of Interest**

To provide an opportunity for Members and Officers to declare any disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in any item on the agenda.

3. **Whipping Declarations**

To provide an opportunity for Members to declare the existence of a party whip in relation to any item on the agenda.

4. **Minutes of the Meeting Held on 25 July 2013** (Pages 1 - 4)

To approve the minutes as a correct record

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5. **Public Speaking/Open Session**

A total period of 15 minutes is allocated for members of the public to make a statement(s) on any matter that falls within the remit of the Committee.

Individual members of the public may speak for up to 5 minutes, but the Chairman will decide how the period of time allocated for public speaking will be apportioned, where there are a number of speakers.

Note: In order for officers to undertake any background research, it would be helpful if members of the public contacted the Scrutiny officer listed at the foot of the agenda, at least one working day before the meeting to provide brief details of the matter to be covered.

6. **Domestic Abuse and Vulnerable People**

To receive a presentation by J Gibson, Domestic Abuse Partnership Co-ordinator

7. **Possible Items for Future Discussion**

- Street lighting switch off
- Staffing of the CCTV control room
- Complaints information relating to external partners

8. **Work Programme (Pages 5 - 12)**

To give consideration to the work programme

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Community Safety Scrutiny Committee**
held on Thursday, 25th July, 2013 at Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields,
Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor H Murray (Chairman)

Councillors C Andrew, M Grant, M Parsons and J Hammond

OTHERS PRESENT

Councillor Les Gilbert – Portfolio Holder

Martin Dowle – Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service

Brian Magan – Democratic Services, Warrington Borough Council

OFFICERS PRESENT

Abigail Webb – Community Safety Development Manager

James Morley – Scrutiny Officer

17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs P Nurse, A Barrett, G Merry and J Saunders. Cllr J Hammond attended the meeting as a substitute for Cllr J Saunders.

18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

19 WHIPPING DECLARATIONS

There were no declarations of party whip

20 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20 JUNE 2013

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting on 20 June 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

21 PUBLIC SPEAKING/OPEN SESSION

There were no members of the public wishing to speak

22 ROAD SAFETY

Martin Dowle, the Community and Road Safety Manager for the Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service, presented an oral update on the education and Fire and Rescue Service elements of road safety over the past 12 months. The Road Traffic Act of 1988 placed a responsibility for promoting road safety on local authorities. Cheshire East had commissioned Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service (CFRS) to deliver education on road safety to children in schools at Key Stage 2 (KS2) and Key Stage 4 (KS4) in April 2012.

During the update questions were asked and the following points arose:

- CFRS had a four year contract to deliver road safety education with the option to extend the contact for a further three years. The contract did not cover education for private schools.
- The requirements of the contract were to deliver education on road safety to 90% of the primary and secondary schools in the Borough. CFRS had managed to deliver its road safety course for KS2 pupils to 100% of the primary schools and the KS4 course to 86% of secondary schools meaning 98% of total schools were covered by April 2013. All but one of the secondary schools not in the 86% had received the course since April 2013.
- The Committee suggested that Councillors may be able to influence any school as governors to ensure CFRS was able to deliver the course.
- CFRS had 29 Community Safety Officers dedicated and trained to deliver road safety education. There was no danger of these Officers being called to an emergency during a school visit.
- The training for the school pupils was interactive and involving which helped to increase interest and learning.
- The Council, CFRS and Cheshire Police had a Multiagency Plan for Road Safety which was used to co-ordinated their efforts on education, enforcement and engineering.
- Death and Serious Injury figures for Cheshire East were unchanged from 2011 to 2012 with 12 deaths and 231 serious injuries in each year.
- Accidents involving cyclists had increased however this may have been attributed to the increase in the number of cyclists since the success of British cycling at le Tour de France and London 2012 Olympics.

RESOLVED:

1. That Martin Dowle be thanked for attending the meeting.
2. That the oral report be noted.
3. That the Multiagency Road Safety Plan be distributed to the members of the Committee via email.

Brain Magan, Democratic Services Officer from Warrington Borough Council, presented an overview of the Cheshire Police and Crime Panel (PCP). As Warrington was the host authority for the PCP Brain was responsible for organisation the meetings of the PCP. Brain provided a fact sheet with 101 facts about the Cheshire PCP and a presentation on its role and relationship with the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) and other organisations and committees.

During the presentation questions were asked and the following points arose.

- Other than through the ballot box the PCC was held to account by the PCP – the Panel acted in the same as a scrutiny committee.
- The Panel was a statutory consultee on the police and crime plan. The Panel was also responsible for reviewing proposed precepts, reviewing the annual report and investigating non-criminal complaints about the PCC.
- The Panel should work in partnership with relevant bodies that deal with police and crime matters locally (e.g. scrutiny committees and community safety partnerships).
- Cheshire East Council had three representatives on the Panel; it was suggested that the reps should consult their fellow councillors to gather intelligence and concerns to use at the Panel or pass down information from the Panel to local members.
- PCP and scrutiny committees should identify issues of mutual interest and concern and select the best forum to investigate those issues to avoid duplication.
- The Chairman of the Committee was a member of the PCP and as such was a link between the two that could help to avoid duplication and promote synergy where the two could work together on local issues.
- Those responsible for reducing crime and disorder should also consider developing links with other sectors such as health. Co-commissioning between PCC and Director of Public Health may help to reduce offending through early intervention and better health and wellbeing outcomes for vulnerable people. This could also apply to Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny and Community Safety Scrutiny.

RESOLVED:

1. That Brain Magan be thanked for attending the meeting.
2. That the presentation and fact sheet be noted.

24 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL CRIME PREVENTION

Abigail Webb, Community Safety Development Manager, presented a report on the activities and projects that were being undertaken to reduce crime and disorder in Cheshire East. The main resource for the services was officer time however the service needed to compete for funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner on a yearly basis.

The report described six schemes individually in detail however there were many more than had not been included in the report. Abigail discussed each one with the Committee and took questions. The Committee was very pleased with the work of the Community Safety Team and offered to support them in any way possible if required.

RESOLVED:

1. That Abigail Webb be thanked for attending the meeting.
2. That the report be noted.

25 WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee gave consideration to the work programme.

RESOLVED

That the work programme be noted.

The meeting commenced at 10.30 am and concluded at 12.34 pm

Councillor H Murray (Chairman)

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

REPORT TO: COMMUNITY SAFETY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: 19 September 2013
Report of: Interim Borough Solicitor
Subject/Title: Work Programme update

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 To review items in the 2012/2013 Work Programme listed in the schedule attached, together with any other items suggested by Committee Members.

2.0 Recommendations

That the 2012/2013 work programme be reviewed.

3.0 Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 It is good practice to agree and review the Work Programme to enable effective management of the Committee's business.

4.0 Wards Affected

- 4.1 All

5.0 Local Ward Members

- 5.1 Not applicable.

6.0 Policy Implications including - Carbon reduction - Health

- 6.1 Not known at this stage.

7.0 Financial Implications

- 7.1 Not known at this stage.

8.0 Legal Implications

- 8.1 None.

9.0 Risk Management

9.1 There are no identifiable risks.

10.0 Background and Options

10.1 The schedule attached has been updated to reflect the decisions taken by the Committee at its previous meeting.

10.2 Members are asked to review the schedule attached to this report, and if appropriate, add new items or delete items that no longer require any scrutiny activity. When selecting potential topics, Members should have regard to the Council's new three year plan and also to the general criteria listed below, which should be applied to all potential items when considering whether any Scrutiny activity is appropriate.

The following questions should be asked in respect of each potential work programme item:

- Does the issue fall within a corporate priority;
- Is the issue of key interest to the public;
- Does the matter relate to a poor or declining performing service for which there is no obvious explanation;
- Is there a pattern of budgetary overspends;
- Is it a matter raised by external audit management letters and or audit reports?
- Is there a high level of dissatisfaction with the service;

10.3 If during the assessment process any of the following emerge, then the topic should be rejected:

- The topic is already being addressed elsewhere
- The matter is subjudice
- Scrutiny cannot add value or is unlikely to be able to conclude an investigation within the specified timescale

11 Access to Information

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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Future Meetings	Date: 19/09/2013 Time: 10.30am Venue: Committee Suite, Westfields	Date: 24/10/2013 Time: 10.30am Venue: Committee Suite, Westfields	Date: 21/11/2013 Time: 10.30am Venue: Committee Suite, Westfields	Date: 19/12/2013 Time: 10.30am Venue: Committee Suite, Westfields
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Item	Notes	Lead Officer/ Portfolio Holder	Action to be Taken	Key Dates/Deadlines
CCTV Review Update	Scrutinise the outcomes of the review	P Hartwell L Gilbert	Scrutiny Committee	TBA
Probation Service	To receive an update presentation on the changes to the Probation service	Cllr L Gilbert S Link	Presentation at Scrutiny Committee	TBA
Domestic Abuse and Vulnerable People	What is Cheshire East doing with regard to domestic abuse. Future Plans/Budget	Cllr L Gilbert J Gibson	Scrutiny Committee To outline the Adult Social Cares role as lead service for Domestic Abuse and Vulnerable People	19 September 2013
Vision for the Fire Authority	To receive a presentation on the proposed changes to the Fire Authority	Cllr L Gilbert Richard Ost, Assistant Chief Fire Officer	Presentation at Committee	24 October 2013
Road Safety Routes Review	To scrutinise the outcome of the Road Safety Routes Review once completed.	K Melling	Scrutiny Committee	21 November 2013
Anti Social Behaviour	What is Cheshire East doing to address anti social	Cllr L Gilbert L Woodrow-	Scrutiny Committee To outline the Local	TBA

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	behaviour. Future plans/budget	Hurst	Authority's role as lead organisation for Anti Social behaviour	
Flood Risk Management	The Flood & Water Management Act 2010 made amendment to the Local Government Act 2000, under Section 21F, requiring all Lead Local Flood Authorities to review and scrutinise the actions of Flood Risk Management Authorities that may affect the local authority's area. *	P Reeves	Scrutiny Committee	19 December 2013

*Under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 and its associated Regulations; the European Union Flood Directive 2009 together with associated Regulations; Cheshire East Council is statutorily required as the lead local flood authority to meet certain requirements in relation to Flood and Water Management. Moreover, following the Pitt Review the Council is expected to meet certain expectations. Under the Regulations and the expectations of the Pitt Review it is intended that the Council's scrutiny procedure should review work by public sector bodies and essential service providers in order to manage flood risk. Also, that there should be an annual summary of actions taken locally to manage flood risk in order to meet the regulations and to implement the appropriate recommendations of the Pitt Review.

Items completed for Monitoring or update

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Item	Date Completed	Status	Lead Officer	Possible Future Action

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