

Community Safety Scrutiny Committee

Agenda

Date: Thursday, 19th December, 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.

For requests for further information

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4. **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.

5. **Minutes of the Meeting Held on 21 November 2013** (Pages 1 - 4)

To approve the minutes as a correct record

6. **Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service - Our Vision for Making Cheshire Safer**

To receive a presentation on the proposed changes to the Fire Authority by Richard Ost, Assistant Chief Fire Officer.

7. **Flood Risk Management**

To receive a presentation by the Flood Risk Manager on the Flood Risk Management progress throughout the year

8. **CCTV Control Room**

Further to the last meeting of the Committee, to receive a verbal update by the Head of Public Protection and Enforcement.

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

To give consideration to the work programme.

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Community Safety Scrutiny Committee**
held on Thursday, 21st November, 2013 at Committee Suite 1,2 & 3,
Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillors A Barratt, M Grant, G Merry, M Parsons, J Saunders, F Keegan
and L Jeuda

In attendance

Councillors D Neilson and L Smetham

Officer

P Evans – Programme Manager

43 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors H Murray and P Nurse

44 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

It was agreed that Councillor M Grant be appointed as Chairman for the meeting.

Councillor M Grant took the Chair

45 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

46 WHIPPING DECLARATIONS

There were no whipping declarations

47 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24 OCTOBER 2013

Consideration was given to the minutes of the previous meeting.

RESOLVED

That the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman subject to Councillor
G Merry being included in the list of apologies.

48 PUBLIC SPEAKING/OPEN SESSION

There were no members of the public present wishing to speak

49 CHESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE - OUR VISION FOR MAKING CHESHIRE SAFER

It was agreed that due to the Assistant Chief Fire Officer being unable to attend this meeting, the item be deferred until the meeting scheduled to be held on 19 December 2013.

50 ROUTE MANAGEMENT STUDIES - PROGRESS TO DATE

Consideration was given to the progress made by Cheshire East Highways on the Route Management Studies (RMS) across the authority during 2012 and 2013 with more to follow in 2014. The objectives behind carrying out RMS were to provide a consistent approach to understanding and assessing the strategic routes, with a view to identifying changes to their existing and future operation. A RMS assesses a route against strategic areas such as operational performance, safety, maintenance and future development and works; this in turn would lead to the identification of specific locations on the route in need of further investigation through the means of a speed limit review or safety assessment.

Members raised several road improvement issues throughout the borough, which the Programme Manager agreed to investigate and report back on, outside of the meeting.

It was noted that it was the intention to introduce a 20mph speed limit outside every school at certain times of the day. It was accepted that the police had limited resources and were unable to police and enforce all routes at all times.

Members requested that Cheshire East Highways work with neighbouring authorities in the development and delivery of schemes and keep Members notified where this occurred as this could have an impact on Cheshire East and its residents

It was agreed that communication with Members and the general public needed to be improved to ensure they were made aware of any works due to take place and what those works would consist of.

RESOLVED

That the Portfolio Holder for Environment be informed of the following recommendations:

1. That the approach for 2014/2015 be supported
2. That communication with Members and the general public be improved.
3. That Cheshire East Highways work with neighbouring authorities in the development and delivery of schemes and keep Members notified where this occurs.

51 WORK PROGRAMME

Consideration was given to the work programme. Councillor A Barratt reported back on his visit to the CCTV control room. He found that employees were keen and eager despite working an 11.5 hour shift without a break, as taking a break would leave only one operator manning the control room. There also appeared to be some technical problems with the system.

He also reported that the employees were responsible for the out of hour's service and monitoring the pub watch scheme.

The Committee agreed that the Head Public Protection and Enforcement should attend the meeting scheduled to be held on 19 December to:

- Discuss the staffing and system problems as mentioned above
- Provide an update on charging town and parish councils
- Provide information on the out of hours service and pub watch scheme

RESOLVED

That the following issues be considered at the meeting scheduled to be held on 19 December 2013:

- Presentation by Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service
- Staffing issues of the CCTV control room

The meeting commenced at 10.30 am and concluded at 11.50 am

Councillor (none)

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CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

REPORT TO: COMMUNITY SAFETY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 To review items in the 2013/2014 Work Programme listed in the schedule attached, together with any other items suggested by Committee Members.

2.0 Recommendations

That the 2013/2014 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

- 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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Community Safety Scrutiny Committee Work Programme – Last Updated (29 November 2013)

Future Meetings

Date: 21/11/2013 Time:10.30am Venue: Committee Suite, Westfields	Date:19/12/2013 Time: 10.30am Venue: Committee Suite, Westfields	Date:23/1/2014 Time:10.30am Venue: Committee Suite, Westfields	Date:20/02/2014 Time:10.30am Venue: Committee Suite, Westfields
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Item	Notes	Lead Officer/ Portfolio Holder	Action to be Taken	Key Dates/Deadlines
Vision for the Fire Authority	To receive a presentation on the proposed changes to the Fire Authority	CLr L Gilbert Richard Ost, Assistant Chief Fire Officer	Presentation at Committee	19 December 2013
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
CCTV Review Update	To receive an update on Member concerns relating to the CCTV Control room	P Hartwell L Gilbert	Scrutiny Committee	19 December 2013

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Probation Service	To receive an update presentation on the changes to the Probation service	Cllr L Gilbert S Link	Presentation at Scrutiny Committee	TBA
Anti Social Behaviour	What is Cheshire East doing to address anti social behaviour. Future plans/budget	Cllr L Gilbert L Woodrow-Hurst	Scrutiny Committee To outline the Local Authority's role as lead organisation for Anti Social behaviour	TBA

*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

Item	Date Completed	Status	Lead Officer	Possible Future Action