

# **Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee**

## **Agenda**

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**Date:** Thursday, 6th October, 2011  
**Time:** 10.30 am  
**Venue:** Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields, Middlewich Road,  
Sandbach CW11 1HZ

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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**
2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**
3. **Declarations of Interest/Whipping Declarations**

To provide an opportunity for Members and Officers to declare any personal and /or prejudicial interests in any item on the agenda.

4. **Public Speaking Time/Open**

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

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For any apologies or requests for further information, or for a member of the public to make a statement:

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5. **Community Safety Warden Service** (Pages 1 - 2)

To receive a verbal update on the Community Safety Wardens Service from the Head of Safer & Stronger Communities

6. **Risk Management**

To receive a presentation on Risk Management from the Risk and Business Continuity Officer

7. **Libraries**

To discuss the 15 September 2011 meeting of the Committee and agree next actions

8. **CCTV Control Room Site Visit** (Pages 3 - 4)

To review the documented feedback from Member site visits to the CCTV Control Room in Macclesfield

9. **Work Programme** (Pages 5 - 6)

To give consideration to the Work Programme

**Community Wardens - Budget Analysis**

<b><u>Description</u></b>	<b><u>2010-11</u></b>	<b><u>2011-12</u></b>
Employee Costs	449,618	223,458
Transport	30,850	26,450
Equipment, Tools & Materials	4,300	3,650
Telecommunications / ICT	2,170	1,370
Premises	23,200	11,580
Dog Control / Kennelling Fees	48,750	52,170
3rd Party Contractors	4,900	4,800
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b><u>558,888</u></b>	<b><u>318,678</u></b>
Customer Receipts	-36,210	-34,570
<b>Net Budget</b>	<b>522,678</b>	<b><u>284,108</u></b>

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## Cheshire East's CCTV Control Room in Macclesfield

### **Introduction**

Following Local Government Reorganisation, Cheshire East Council inherited three independent CCTV systems. There was one CCTV system in each of Crewe, Macclesfield and Sandbach. The aim of Cheshire East Council was to harmonise the three systems into one control room in Macclesfield, as part of the ICT/CCTV Capital programme.

The Crewe control room was located in the Victoria shopping centre; those premises were leased and vacated in January 2011. The Crewe facilities were moved to Macclesfield's existing control centre. The Sandbach control room was moved to Macclesfield on 30 June 2011.

### **Work of the Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee**

A report detailing the movement of CCTV control rooms was presented to the Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee on 7 July 2011. During this meeting the Committee's Members were invited to visit the CCTV control room at Macclesfield. At the next meeting of the Committee on 1 September 2011 the Members that attended site visits were asked to present feedback to the Committee.

### **Feedback from Member site visits**

The feedback from Members that visited the control room in Macclesfield was generally very positive. The main point many of them wished to make was that they were impressed with the performance and effort of the CCTV room staff.

Members were pleased with the standard of equipment being used in the control room, particularly the HD screens that allow staff to view CCTV coverage clearly. Members also commented that the staff's ownership of rotas and operations allowed them to work effectively as a team.

CCTV staff are able to provide evidence to the Police within hours of incidents. This ability to work quickly allows the Police to get convictions for offences recorded by CCTV quickly and effectively. Members feel that this work should be applauded.

### **Possible Improvements**

Members believe that a review to establish which cameras were in the most effective positions should be carried out. For those cameras that weren't the Committee would look into whether they could be moved to other locations to increase the effectiveness of the CCTV network.

Members also suggested that any relocation or placing of new cameras should be Police led and evidence based to ensure effective placement. Also, collaboration between Safer & Stronger Communities and Environment Services should be carried out to ensure that any trees or other street furniture will not obstruct CCTV camera sightlines or grow to do so in future.

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## Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee Work Programme – 28 September 2011

Issue	Description/Comments	Officer	Suggested by	Portfolio	Corporate Priority	Current Position	Date
Road Safety Provision	Update on road safety provision in consultation with the Fire Authority (and Cllr Livesley)	Kevin Melling, Martin Dowle - CFRS	Committee	Safer and Stronger	Nurture Strong Communities		6 October 2011
Community Safety Warden Service	To receive a verbal update on current position, performance and costs of service.	Peter Hartwell	Committee	Safer and Stronger	Nurture Strong Communities	Deferred from 1 September 2011	6 October 2011
Libraries	To receive a briefing on the meeting held 15 September and to agree next actions		Chairman	Performance and Capacity	Nurture Strong Communities		6 October 2011
Risk Management	To receive a briefing on Risk Management	Jo Butler	Officer	Performance and Capacity	Ensure a Sustainable Future		6 October 2011
Crime Bill briefing	To receive a briefing from the Police Authority on the Crime Bill and its effects on the Scrutiny Function.	Stephen Pickup – Police Authority	Chairman	Safer and Stronger	Nurture Strong Communities		3 November 2011

### Possible Items to Monitor or consider at future Meetings

- Performance Management
- Process and Policy for Anti Social Neighbours in private and let accommodation.
- Establishment of the Cheshire Road Safety Group
- Potential impacts of the Pilkington Case Report
- Hidden Treasures – role and contribution of the faith sector

## **Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee Work Programme – 28 September 2011**

- Local Area Partnerships
- Voluntary Sector Grants
- LDF Panel Update

### **Dates of Future Meetings**

6 October 2011, 3 November 2011, 1 December 2011, 5 January 2012, 2 February 2012, 1 March 2012, 5 April 2012 and 10 May 2012.

### **Dates of Future Cabinet Meetings**

3 October 2011, 31 October 2011, 28 November 2011, 5 December 2011, 9 January 2012, 6 February 2012, 5 March 2012, 2 April 2012 and 30 April 2012.

### **Dates of Future Council Meetings**

13 October 2011, 15 December 2011, 23 February 2012, 19 April 2012 and 16 May 2012.