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# Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee

# **Agenda**

Date: Thursday, 5th April, 2012

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
- 2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** (Pages 1 10)
- 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

5. **Section 106 Agreements** (Pages 11 - 16)

To consider a report on the Project Plan for improvements to processing of Section 106 Agreements. (Appendix 1 to be tabled at meeting)

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

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# 6. **Community Infrastructure Levy**

To consider a presentation on the introduction of Community Infrastructure Levies (CIL) and the impact of Section 106 agreements.

# 7. **Community Wardens Service update** (Pages 17 - 20)

To receive a six month update on the budget and performance of the Community Wardens Service

# 8. **CCTV update** (Pages 21 - 22)

To consider the Learning and Development plan for the CCTV service, criteria for the CCTV camera network survey, and receive a verbal report on tree obscuration practices. (budget analysis to follow)

# 9. **Ageing Well Programme** (Pages 23 - 24)

To receive a response to questions submitted by the Committee on the Ageing Well Programme.

# 10. Work Programme (Pages 25 - 28)

To give consideration to the Work Programme

Minutes of a meeting of the **Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee** held on Friday, 24th February, 2012 at Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

#### **PRESENT**

Councillor H Murray (Chairman)
Councillor M Grant (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors A Barratt, L Brown, P Hayes, D Hough, J Jackson, W Livesley, M Parsons, G Wait and J Wray Emily Lam

# **OFFICERS PRESENT**

Caroline Simpson – Head of Development
Rachel Bolton – Section 106 Officer
Peter Hartwell – Head of Community Services
Tim Kingston – Team Leader Community Wardens
Andy Booth – CCTV Staff
Bernadette Bailey – Integrated Commissioning Manager
James Morley – Scrutiny Officer

# 147 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2012 be approved as a correct record

# 148 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/WHIPPING DECLARATIONS

There were no members of the Committee present who wished to declare an interest.

#### 149 **PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN**

Mr Bob Anderson, a member of the Brethren Christian Fellowship, attended to add comments to a statement he gave at the Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee meeting on 5 January 2012. He stated that he agreed that it should be obligatory for faith groups to comply with planning regulations. He was not asking for faith groups to have exceptions in the local plan or when submitting planning applications but asked that community groups should have specific provision in the Local Plan. He asked again that paragraph 126 of the Draft National Planning Policy Framework be included in Cheshire East Council's Local Plan.

Head of Development Caroline Simpson was present at the meeting and informed Mr Anderson that there were three elements to the Local Plan. The Core Strategy, Site Allocation Policies and Infrastructure Plans; all of which had

consultation periods which provided members of the public formal opportunities to have an input into the Local Plan over the next two years.

# 150 **SECTION 106**

The Committee received a report on the current position of Section 106 agreements (S106) from the dedicated Section 106 Officer. The report updated Members on the balances of S106 and the work being undertaken to ensure service areas spent the outstanding balances where appropriate.

The Council currently held a total of £4,900,989.90 in the S106 account, £3,277,582.25 of the total figure was identified as non-time limited funds and £1,623,407.64 was identified as funds time limited for expenditure.

The report showed expenditure of S106 funds since 2009, examples of expenditure and delivery of benefits to the community, and the future programme to expend S106 monies.

Some of the S106 monies were close to their time limited deadline and the S106 Officer was working with service managers to ensure that they spend the money that was allocated to them before the time expired. The report stated that S106 would be replaced on the adoption of the new Local Plan (2014) by a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). However it was contended that this was not accurate and that CIL would become an addition to S106 agreements which would remain the main mechanism for securing funds from developments for communities.

The Committee asked questions and the following points arose:

- S106 monies were used to mitigate the effect of developments on a community. Negative impacts were identified at the planning stage of developments. Each S106 defined the community affected and where the monies could be spent by the Council.
- Each S106 specified how accrued interest was dealt with; in many cases interest was applied to the sum of the S106. The Council did not have a financial benefit in holding S106 money as long as possible to accrue interest.
- The £250,000 returned by the Council to a developer as shown in paragraph 7.1 of the report was returned because "The Greenways" did not come to fruition and the S106 agreement specifically stated that money would be returned to the Council if the development didn't take place.
- Councillors worked hard to secure S106 monies for their community and wanted to ensure that there is a plan for spending S106 monies.
- Some of the S106 required match funding by the Council. These cases needed to be clearly identified to ensure that the Council had

the funding to match the S106 agreements before being agreed.

- Appendix 1 showed some agreements that consisted of very small amounts of money. S106 agreements required a lot of legal input which could be expensive and in some cases more costly than the S106 was worth. It was suggested that it would be prudent to allow these amounts to expire and default to avoid the legal costs that out stripe the benefits of the S106 money.
- It would be useful for Ward Councillors to maintain knowledge of S106 that affect their ward by arranging Appendix 1 to link S106 monies to the respective ward. It was also considered important that Councillors were informed about S106 agreements that preceded their election to the Council.
- Paragraph 9.2 stated a S106 Spending Working Group had been set up in January 2012. The Committee wanted to know how Members could get involved in the spending working group.
- The Spending Working Group had agreed that Appendix 1 should be divided into service areas and then each individual balance would be reviewed to allocate a project manager to each amount of S106 money. As stated above the Committee felt Appendix 1 should be divided by Ward to help Councillors monitor S106 in their area.
- If a developer became insolvent before S106 money was obtained the Council could claim the amount for the developer's receivers.

# RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Section 106 Officer be thanked and the report be noted.
- (b) That the Section 106 Officer be requested to return to the Committee at the next meeting with a project plan that illustrates how improvements to the management of Section 106 are going to be developed.
- (c) That the Head of Development be requested to provide a report on Community Infrastructure Levy at the next meeting of the Committee.

# 151 **CCTV SERVICE UPDATE**

The Head of Community Services presented a CCTV service update to the Committee. The purpose was to update Members on the progress made with the CCTV Control Room capital works and provide details on the future operation.

In April 2011 three legacy CCTV systems were moved be to housed together in a single place at Macclesfield Town Hall however the three systems continued to operate separately. Since April 2011 the CCTV service had been working on

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developing a single system for the whole of Cheshire East, the completion of which was expected in March 2012.

There were several benefits to the new system including 24 hour a day, every day of the year, monitoring of cameras across the borough and bringing the Council's out of hours services into the Council's services rather than contracting out to a supplier. Other developments included an Evidence Locker which was an electronic system that could be used to provide evidential footage directly to Police on request securely via the internet which removed the need to deliver tapes by hand. This allowed CCTV to provide more timely support to the Police.

The management of the Council's Urban Traffic Control cameras had also been brought into the network which allowed any of 300 cameras to be used to support Highways department in traffic management. The control of cameras was going to be transferred town by town from the old systems to the new Control Room over a period of weeks and there would be a formal launch of the new CCTV Control Room with media coverage in May or June.

Once the Control Room was set up there would be an audit of the entire camera network to determine whether the camera locations were fit for purpose.

Members of the Committee asked questions and the following points arose:

- The Police had been aware of the changes to the CCTV Control Room and were consulted on changes early on in the process.
- The audit of 300 cameras would take 3-6 months. Each camera's location needed to be justified by statistics but the possible impact of removing cameras from an area also needed to be considered.
- All CCTV operators were on the same pay grade. There was a team leader role but that person was working alongside the other staff and there hadn't been a need to employ a shift supervisor as CCTV staff worked together as a team.
- Evidence Locker allowed Police to download evidence at their police station and evidence gathering was continuous while data was downloading.
- Computer software could be used to connect cameras so that if one camera picked up an incident, then all other cameras in the area would also move to pick up the incident and follow the movement of an incident to ensure continuous monitoring and evidence gathering.
- When audit of cameras was conducted Members of the Council would want to be kept informed of the justification for moving cameras to help them communicate with their residents about their concerns about the removal of cameras.
- How an area was lit at night should be a factor in determining the location of cameras. Cameras were not effective in the dark and

street lighting would need to be sufficient in order to record a quality image.

- Tree obscuration should be dealt with as a priority due to the issues it could cause to camera visibility. There needed to be a plan in place for dealing with tree obscuration in a timely manner to ensure cameras were effective.
- Members wanted to know more about the customer and client receipts income of £12,253 that was shown in the budget. Officers were unable to explain the figure at the time but clarification would be sought.

RESOLVED - That the Head of Community Services be requested to return to the Committee at the next meeting with a report containing the following: a break down of the CCTV budget spending over the 2012/13 municipal year; information about the training of CCTV staff; current progress on the audit of CCTV cameras including methodology and the criteria upon which audits are based upon.

#### 152 **AGEING WELL BROCHURE**

Bernadette Bailey, the Integrated Commissioning Manager for Central and Eastern Cheshire Primary Care Trust and for Cheshire East Council attended the meeting to present the Ageing Well Programme Brochure to inform the Committee about how it could contribute to the programme.

The Ageing Well Programme had been launched in January 2012. Cheshire East had the fastest growing ageing population in the UK at the time and the financial climate meant that budgets for services were reducing. The Ageing Well Programme's purpose was to try to make Cheshire East a better place to grow old. The work streams of the programme were about what was important to people. An Ageing Well Programme Board was created to feed into the Health and Wellbeing Board. The Programme was designed to be an over arching programme that would connect and build on the good work that was being undertaken by health services, community groups and third sector organisations.

The programme was not a specific plan of what would be done; it was a guide on what kind of direction policies and services should take. The outcomes of the programme were not measureable and it was more about seeing the benefits for the ageing population in years to come.

The Chairman stated that the Committee would do their part to help with Ageing Well through the Community Safety work stream. The Committee wanted to know more about specific actions being taken to learn more about how they could contribute. The Committee wanted further information on specific action being taken to engage those who are isolated and not connected to existing groups already. The Committee had several other questions about the programme which they wished to be answered at the next meeting.

# **RESOLVED:**

(a) That the report be noted

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- (b) That the Integrated Commissioning Manager be requested to provide answers to the questions posed by the Committee to its next meeting.
- (c) That the Integrated Commissioning Manager be requested to return to the Committee in four months with a specific action plan on how the programme would be used to improve people's wellbeing for the next twelve months.

# 153 **WORK PROGRAMME**

RESOLVED- That this item be deferred until the meeting held on 1 March 2012

# 154 **FORWARD PLAN**

RESOLVED – That this item be deferred until the meeting held on 1 March 2012

The meeting commenced at 2.10 pm and concluded at 5.00 pm

Councillor H Murray (Chairman)

Minutes of a meeting of the **Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee** held on Thursday, 1st March, 2012 at Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

#### **PRESENT**

Councillor H Murray (Chairman) Councillor M Grant (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors L Brown, P Hayes, D Hough, W Livesley, G Wait, J Wray and K Edwards Emily Lam – Co-opted

# **Apologies**

Councillors M Parsons

# **OFFICERS PRESENT**

Adrian Fisher – Strategic Housing and Planning Manager Juliet Blackburn – Performance and Partnerships Manager Kirsty Hercules – Partnership Manager Jane Strange – Policy and Research Manager James Morley – Scrutiny Officer

# 155 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/WHIPPING DECLARATIONS**

There were no Members of the Committee present who wished to declare any interests

# 156 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN

Mr Anderson, member of the Brethren Christian Fellowship, attended the meeting to speak about the Council's Core Strategy and Local Plan. He stated that community facilities including facilities for faith groups were important and should be considered in the Core Strategy. Community facilities are necessary to make a community tick and not giving consideration to them would create ghost towns. He wanted the Committee to request that the Spatial Planning team include the wording of paragraph 126 of the Draft National Planning Policy Framework (DNPPF) in the Core Strategy.

The Council's Strategic Housing and Planning Manager was present at the meeting to address the Committee regarding this matter. He stated that the aim of the Local Plan and Core Strategy was to create thriving communities. The Core Strategy would consider existing community facilities and the need for new community facilities. The infrastructure plans for each area which considered the need for roads etc also included the need for "soft" infrastructure such as shops, services and meeting places.

The Strategic Housing and Planning Manager assured the Committee that although the exact wording of the paragraph would not be used as the DNPPF was guidance and not useable as policy but that there would be provision in the Core Strategy that reflected the sentiments of the guidance and that the provision of community facilities would be part of all parts of the Local Plan.

The Committee welcomed the assurances given by the Strategic Housing and Planning Manager that the provision of community facilities was included in the Core Strategy and that paragraph 126 of the Draft National Planning Policy Framework be taken into account although the Committee does not insist on the exact wording being used, and in doing so also suggested that when considering the community facilities mentioned in paragraph 126 of the Draft National Planning Policy Framework the Strategic Housing and Planning Manager also considers youth facilities in the Core Strategy which are not contained within paragraph 126.

# 157 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY POLICY**

The Committee received a report on the Council's Equality and Diversity Policy from the Performance and Partnerships Manager. The report gave an overview of the Council's current arrangements for ensuring that it complies with its general and specific duties under the Equalities Act 2010.

The Council had adopted a common sense approach to dealing with equality issues. The Corporate Equalities Group (CEG) had overseen work to comply with the general and specific duties of the Council to comply with the Equalities Act 2010. There was no Equalities Officer for the Council; instead each department managed its own work on dealing with equalities issues. The CEG was made up of representatives from each department and legal support. A full review of the Single Equality and Inclusion Scheme (SEIS) action plan had been carried out taking into account the requirements in the Equality Act. Directorate Action Plans were being prepared which would give clearer ownership of actions and progress to each Directorate.

The Council had Equality Objectives to help focus attention on the priority equality issues in order to deliver improvements in policy making and delivery. The draft equality objectives were contained in Appendix 1 of the report. They were developed taking into account the review of the SEIS action plan. Consultation was taking place on the proposed equality objectives with the intention to report final objectives to Cabinet on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2012.

The Committee welcomed that a common sense approach was being adopted but suggested that it may be helpful to have a statement that set out the Council's desire to avoid disadvantaging anybody based on the Equality Act 2010 list of protected characteristics. The Committee asked for examples of cases were anyone had transgressed against the Equality Act. It was hoped that service managers were engaging with staff on a continual basis to ensure understanding and compliance with the Equality Act 2010 and the Council's key objectives.

#### RESOLVED:

(a) That the report be received and noted

(b) That the Partnerships and Performance Manager be requested to return to the Committee in two months with the data from the consultation on the proposed equality objectives and also to provide examples of equality issues regarding employment procedures.

# 158 LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIPS (LAPS)

The Committee received a presentation about Local Area Partnerships (LAPs) in Cheshire East from the Performance and Partnerships Manager and the Partnerships Manager. The presentation illustrated the role of LAPs, the role of LAP managers, the membership of LAPs, the area plans from each LAP and gave some examples of good work that had been carried out by some of the LAPs in Cheshire East.

Members discussed the achievements and challenges of their local LAPs and how they felt the LAPs could be improved in the future.

# RESOLVED:

- (a) That the presentation be received
- (b) That the Committee recommend that Local Area Partnerships should be allowed to continue in their current form to allow them to continue to grow and develop into more effective local services.
- (c) That the Committee agree that Local Area Partnerships need more resources and that the resources supplied by the Council should be matched by the Council's partners.
- (d) That the Council should consult with major partners within the Local Area Partnerships in order to achieve benefits from joining services closer together.
- (e) That the Committee appreciate the work being conducted by Local Area Partnership managers and that they be thanked for the services they provide.

Councillor Livesley left the meeting

The Partnerships Manager left the meeting

#### 159 **CORPORATE POLICY UPDATE**

The Committee received an Oral briefing on the Corporate Policy Unit from the Performance and Partnerships Manager. The Corporate Policy Unit was a resource which was used to work on areas of policy development that cut across departments to make sure that services were joined up. The Corporate Policy Unit was used to maintain knowledge of changes to legislation and possible implications of new Bills on the Council's policies. The Corporate Policy Unit was also used to brief the Members of Parliament for the Borough on Policy updates. The Corporate Policy Unit did not write or develop policy.

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RESOLVED: That the Oral briefing be noted

# 160 **WORK PROGRAMME**

The Committee considered the Work Programme and discussed items for the upcoming meetings.

RESOLVED: That the Work Programme be updated

# 161 **FORWARD PLAN**

RESOLVED: That the Forward Plan be noted

The meeting commenced at 10.30 am and concluded at 1.15 pm

Councillor H Murray (Chairman)

**REPORT TO:** Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee

**Date of Meeting:** 5<sup>th</sup> April 2012

**Report of:** Head of Development **Subject/Title:** Section 106 Agreements

Portfolio Holder: Cllr Rachel Bailey

# 1.0 Report Summary

1.1 The purpose of this report is to set out to Members in the form of a project plan how the Council aims to progress expending the balance of S106 monies currently held. The report also updates Members of improvements implemented and proposed with regards to managing S106 Monies.

# 2.0 Decision Requested

- 2.1 That the Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee notes the report
- 3.0 Wards Affected
- 3.1 All
- 4.0 Local Ward Members
- 4.1 All

# 5.0 Background and Introduction

- 5.1 At its previous meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2012 the Committee gave its feedback to a report on the current arrangements for managing Section 106 monies. In response to feedback the following changes have been implemented:
  - Improvements to the spreadsheet
  - Improvements for liaising with councillors
  - A project plan for progressing & programming spend of the S106 monies currently held

# 6.0 Improvements to the spreadsheet

- 6.1 In response to concerns over how the spreadsheet was presented at the last committee, work has been undertaken and will continue to improve this. Presented at Appendix 1 is a spreadsheet relating to all S106 monies held which are time limited only. Members will note that a column has been included so that the spreadsheet can be filtered by ward for ease of reference. This will enable officers to respond to enquiries relating to what monies are available for spend by ward and/or parish or for members to interrogate the information more easily.
- 6.2 A column identifying what the contribution can be used for has been incorporated and fully populated; the information for this has been taken directly from the S106 agreement where possible.
- 6.3 A scheme manager has been allocated to each sum of money so that Members have an officer allocated to each pot of money to liaise with regards to spend. This is now a comprehensive and accurate record of all S106 monies which are time limited.
- 6.4 A column recording the current status of each pot of time limited monies has been added to inform members of the programmed timescale for spend.
- 6.5 Work is underway to fully populate the entire spreadsheet. It is proposed that this work will be complete by the end June 2012.

# 7.0 <u>Liaising with Councillors</u>

- 7.1 On receipt of monies relating to a particularly S106 Agreement a memo is circulated to 'cheque receipting', 'finance' and the 'service area responsible for spend'. The S106 Officer now includes the ward councillor on this memo so that they are alerted to the fact that the money has been received by the Council and a contact name/scheme manager to liaise with for spend. This improvement was implemented on receipt of a cheque for £42,000.000 relating to land Off Marthall Lane, Marthall, the ward Councillor for Chelford was informed and there has been a further suggestion that this is also circulated to the relevant Parish or Town Council.
- 7.2 It is proposed that bi-annual reports with regards to income and expenditure are undertaken and reported to Members so that monies received, projects delivered and performance can be monitored by the Committee. It is also proposed to extend the report process to the Strategic Planning Board including a list and short summary of all S106 agreements completed during the relevant time period as it is important to maintain a level of transparency and openness to a wider forum.

# 8.0 Project plan to programme expenditure of S106 monies

- Presented at Appendix 2 is a suggested project plan to detail programmed spending of S106 monies held by the Council.
- 8.2 The scale of funding available from S106 Agreements is significant. It should be noted that the service areas to which the sum relates e.g. Highways, Green spaces, Housing, Education have overall responsibility and control of expenditure and more often than not this includes partnership working with Town and Parish Councils and individual community groups.
- 8.3 Members will note that the plan presented at Appendix 2 is not exhaustive. It is accepted that further work needs to be undertaken to formalise the approach to how the Council manages and monitors income and expenditure.

The background papers including the individual S106 Agreements relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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Work Area	Tasks	Planned Complete	Status	Comment
SPREADSHEET	Review financial master s/s content and fully populate	Mid July 2012	Work underway	Time limited S106 sums fully populated – except current status
LIAISING WITH COUNCILLORS	Implement system to improve communication with Ward Councillors	Mid March 2012	COMPLETE	On receipt of S106 monies relevant Ward Councillor informed
	Introduce reporting system re: Agreements completed Income and expenditure Enforcement	On going	Forecast first report October 2012	Report bi-annually to Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee and Strategic Planning Board.
PROGRESSING EXPENDITURE	Divide s/s into time limited and non time limited sums	Mid March 2012	COMPLETE	Aimed to prioritise those sums which have time limit restrictions for expenditure.
	Time limited s/s circulated to scheme managers to update current status of each sum of money	End March 2012	COMPLETE	Waiting for feedback from officers
	Non time limited s/s to be circulated to scheme managers to update current status of each sum of money	End June 2012		Cannot circulate until full information detailed on spreadsheet
	Present full comprehensive s/s detailing programmed spend for each sum to Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Community	End July 2012		

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# **REPORT TO:** Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee

Date of Meeting: 5 April 2012

**Subject:** Community Wardens Service Update

**Author:** Jan Griffiths – Community Safety Operations Manager

# Operational Statistics 2011/12 (comparison with 2010/11)

Description	2010/11 (Qtrs 3 & 4)	2011/12 (Qtrs 1 & 2)	2011/12 (Qtrs 3 & 4)
Abandoned Vehicles	98	146	80
Stray Dogs - Collected	213	285	249
Stray Dogs - Re-homed	174	238	245
Fixed Penalty Notices	48	94	46
Fly Tipping Investigations	60	95	156
Trade Waste Investigations	n/a	107	117
and Education			
Clearway Forward	n/a	122	106
Alfresco	n/a	28	18
Traveller Encampment	8	14	5
Prosecutions	7	13	10
Dog Fouling and other			443
related Dog Warden duties *			
Other Community Warden +			90

Fixed Penalty Notices issued for Dog Fouling, Litter, Abandoned Vehicles and Fly Posting.

Fly tipping investigations etc. contribute to the Council's 'Very Effective' NI196 FLYCAPTURE rating.

Prosecutions include successful court action in relation to a fly tipping incident on Wulvern land heard at Crewe Magistrates.

School awareness sessions at Ivy Bank School, Fallibroome High School etc., leaflet drops at Upton Priory Estate and Thornton Avenue

Macclesfield, Brookhouse Estate Crewe, dog fouling joint operation with PCSOs in Disley,

<sup>\*</sup> Includes strays reported but not found, requests for stickers/ bins, dead dogs, dog advice/ re-homing advice and dog attacks,

+ Includes litter in public places, Community Engagements, Joint Agency working, cars for sale on the highway/vehicle nuisance and general complaints.

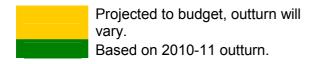
# **Community Warden Participation:**

A key role of the Community Wardens is to liaise with the community to identify causes of concern in terms of social and environmental matters that affect the quality of life in the neighbourhood. One of the tools used by the Wardens to do this is by linking with other agencies to achieve improvements for the local residents. A significant role for the Wardens is to educate the community in various aspects of the law etc. that affect the day-to-day lives of the residents. Recent points of action include:-

- **1.)** Assist the Fire Service with issues of bin fires in Crewe and an Impact Day in Nantwich.
- 2.) Assist PCSOs with parking issues on ASDA in Crewe and Ryleys Lane.
- **3.)** Assist in the marshalling of the Macclesfield Pancake Race.
- **4.)** Participate in Impact day in Stapeley with Community Engagement, Local Tidy Group, Borough & Parish Councillors.
- **5.)** Assist Sandbach Tidy Team with issues in the town centre regarding advertising material.
- **6.)** Assist in the marshalling of the Tree of Light Ceremonies in Crewe, Sandbach & Macclesfield.
- **7.)** Participate in Street Audits in Wilmslow and Macclesfield with local engagement officer, PCSOs and local Housing Providers.
- **8.)** Participate in the Not in our Neighbourhood event at Lakeside Bowling in Crewe supporting the Police.

# **Community Wardens - Budget Analysis**

<u>Description</u>	<u>2010-11</u>	Projected Outturn <u>2011-12</u>	Provisional Budget <u>2012-13</u>
Employee Costs	449,618	218,393	174,790
Transport	30,850	30,756	26,512
Equipment, Tools & Materials	4,300	4,300	13,752
Telecommunications / ICT	2,170	5,112	5,112
Premises	23,200	0	0
Dog Control / Kennelling Fees	48,750	45,658	49,809
3rd Party Contractors	4,900	5,044	5,044
Total Expenditure	558,888	304,219	275,019
Customer Receipts	-36,210	-12,876	-34,488
Net Budget	522,678	291,343	240,531



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**REPORT TO:** Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee

Date of Meeting: 5 April 2012 Subject: 5 CCTV Update

**Author:** Peter Hartwell – Head of Safer Communities

# PLACES Learning & Development Plan 2012-13

**Service Area: CCTV** 

Description of Learning & Development Need		COST
Code of Practice - procedures & guidelines	on-going professional development needs from an individual - refresher.	£2,600.00
Emergency Planning - awareness of procedures	contributes to the knowledge, understanding and work of the emergency planning team.	£1,000.00
Use of Synetics equipment	optimise use of new equipment	-
CCTV Repair & Maintenance	In-house maintenance team	£1,000.00
Legislative Framework. Covering Human Rights, Data Protection, FOI, RIPA etc.	Contributes to on-going professional development.	£2,000.00
Radio Communications and protocols	optimise use of new equipment	-
Microsoft Office	More effective use of software.	£500.00
Health & Safety Awareness	Understanding safe working practices	£600.00
Total		£7,700.00

# **CCTV** Camera – survey of current network

Checklist for camera locations and future need:

- 1. Crime & ASB intelligence incident data supports need for camera
- 2. Risk to communities / businesses required response from Police
- 3. Positioning and configuration field of view, environmental issues, risk of collateral 'intrusion', camera coverage links.
- 4. Camera type is fit for purpose eg. Fixed, PTZ
- 5. Image quality (resolution) required
- 6. Lighting requirements
- 7. Historical evidence of effectiveness of camera (including faults)
- 8. Description of potential threat or activity being monitored (night-time economy issues, violence, retail crime etc)
- 9. Known gaps in coverage. Understanding 'deterrent' effect.
- 10. Consider possible displacement of activity eg. Low level nuisance

# **REPORT TO:** Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee

Date of Meeting: 5 April 2012

**Subject:** Ageing Well Programme response to the Sustainable

Communities Scrutiny Committee

Author: Bernadette Bailey - Integrated Commissioning Manager

Brochure Page Number	Query	Response
Page 9.	What do they (the Programme Board) do? How do they contact one another i.e. what links (to CCGs)?	The Programme Board is responsible for setting the overall direction of the Ageing Well Programme. It will provide a strategic lead and make use of existing networks to ensure that the programme is delivered effectively. The Board will also monitor the work of the work streams via the Programme Steering Group.
		The Programme Board will include representation from the two local Clinical Commissioning Groups. It is expected that all Board members will take information about the Programme back to their organisations and vice versa.
Page 12	In what way are you going to achieve "more innovative and creative responses to social exclusion"?	The comments on this page reflect the views and perceptions of older people who have attended engagement events in the course of developing
	Services feel disjointed – are they?  Communication about services available	the Programme. Our work streams reflect the issues that people told us were a priority for them.  The Vision and priorities identified for each
	is ineffective – what are you doing?  Improving access to services How are you doing this?	workstream have been designed to address the issues raised by local people and the action plans currently being developed for year one of the programme will start to show how we are to work together across organisations to address these issues.
Page 14	Section on life expectancy – do you intend to target the areas where the life expectancy is shorter? How? What?	The Ageing Well Programme will not directly deliver services, however we are trying to build up networks of organisations and communities. Along with a more evidence-based approach to service provision, this will ensure that activities such as those designed to address health inequalities are being targeted at the areas where they can have the greatest impact. The programme is linked and involved in the Community Budgeting Pilot on the Moss Rose Estate in Macclesfield where we will be testing out new ways of working in one community that has a low life expectancy. The learning and experiences form this community will then be

	Increases in pensioner incomes	spread out across Chehsire East. "Yes but don't keep up with costs of living" – the programme is linking a range of organisations focussed on supporting people to maximise their incomes.
	Living arrangements – women living along	Do you think this might change with men being more involved in running the home? – it is anticipated that women will continue to live longer and therefore are more likely to be living alone into their later life
Page 15	Is difference in disability free life expectancy due to types of work life that people have followed earlier in life?	I'm not aware of any evidence of this locally – might be a more relevant question in e.g. former mining district. However a persons overall lifestyle is a key factor and what type of employment someone has is one of the main factors in their standard of living.
	Healthy lifestyles (obesity) – "I don't see so many older people being dreadfully overweight. I think this problem will explode in 25 – 30 years"	The Programme covers our population aged fifty plus and, as described in the Brochure, this age group has already seen a significant increase in the proportion of people who are overweight or obese, with this trend set to continue.
		As we plan services for an increasing proportion of older people within our population, we must also take account of their likely health needs as a result of long term conditions including those associated with being overweight.
Page 22	Health Ageing, Culture and Learning Work stream – "Currently services tend not to be based on intelligence about the needs of a particular locality" – do you intend to gather intelligence and how will you?	It is not one of the prime responsibilities of the programme, however any information collected will be submitted for inclusion in the JSNA, especially the views of local people and information on the experiences of growing old in Cheshire East.
Page 24	Housing work stream – comment that "Wulvern are very focussed on providing elderly accommodation. How is the rest of Cheshire serviced in this regard?"	All of the main registered social landlords (RSLs) in Cheshire East, including Wulvern, are involved in our Housing Work Stream and they have all pledged their commitment to supporting the delivery of the programme.

# REPORT TO: SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting:

5 April 2012

Report of:

Borough Solicitor

Subject/Title:

Work Programme update

# 1.0 Report Summary

1.1 To review items in the 2011 Work Programme, to consider the efficacy of existing items listed in the schedule attached, together with any other items suggested by Committee Members.

# 2.0 Recommendations

2.1 That the work programme be received and noted.

# 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 Climate change Health
- 6.1 Not known at this stage.

# 7.0 Financial Implications for Transition Costs

- 7.1 None identified at the moment.
- 8.0 Legal Implications (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)
- 8.1 None.
- 9.0 Risk Management

9.1 There are no identifiable risks.

# 10.0 Background and Options

- 10.1 In reviewing the work programme, Members must pay close attention to the Corporate Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy.
- 10.2 The schedule attached, has been updated in line with the Committees recommendations on 1 March 2012. Following this meeting the document will be updated so that all the appropriate targets will be included within the schedule.
- 10.3 In reviewing the work programme, Members must have regard to the general criteria which should be applied to all potential items, including Task and Finish reviews, when considering whether any Scrutiny activity is appropriate. Matters should be assessed against the following criteria:
  - 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
- 10.4 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

# 11.0 Access to Information

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

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Issue	Description/Comments	Officer	Suggested by	Portfolio	Corporate Priority	Current Position	Date
Section 106	To receive a report on s106 project plan for improvements to processes	Rachel Bolton	Committee	Safer and Stronger Communities	Nurture Strong Communities	On Target	5 April 2012
Community Infrastructure Levi	To receive a presentation on the introduction of CIL and impact on s106	Adrian Fisher	Committee	Performance and Capacity	Nurture Strong Communities	On Target	5 April 2012
CCTV Update	To receive a further report on the current arrangement for CCTV	Peter Hartwell	Chairman	Safer and Stronger Communities	Nurture Strong Communities	On Target	5 April 2012
Community Safety Wardens Update	To receive a six month update on Community Safety Warden service performance	Jan Griffiths	Committee	Safer and Stronger Communities	Nurture Strong Communities	On Target	5 April 2012
Ageing Well Programme	To receive responses to questions made at previous meeting	Bernadette Bailey	Scrutiny Chairmen's Group	Health and Wellbeing	Prepare for an increasingly older population	On Target	5 April 2012
Heritage Crime Initiative	To consider a report on the Heritage Crime Initiative	David Hallam	Portfolio Holder	Safer and Stronger Communities	Nurture Strong Communities	Deferred from 5 April 2012	10 May 2012
Cheshire Road Safety Partnership	To receive a report on the establishment of Cheshire Road Safety Partnership	Cllr Livesley	Committee	Safer and Stronger Communities	Nurture Strong Communities	On Target	10 May 2012
Equality and Diversity	To receive a report on the data collected from consultations	Juliet Blackburn Zandra Neeld	Chairman	Performance and Capacity	Nurture Strong Communities	On Target	10 May 2012
Antisocial Neighbours in Private and Let Housing	To receive a report on the policy and processes for dealing with antisocial neighbours	Abigail Webb	Vice Chairman	Safer and Stronger Communities	Nurture Strong Communities	On Target	10 May2012

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# Possible Items to Monitor or consider at future Meetings

- Performance Management
- Think Drive Survive site visits
- Domestic Violence
- Budget Monitoring
- Process and Policy for Anti Social Neighbours in private and let accommodation.
- Potential impacts of the Pilkington Case Report
- Voluntary Sector Grants
- Police Commissioners Update Stephen Pickup PA
- Risk Management Information, research & Business intelligence Partnerships Community Safety
- Customer Service Charter
- Libraries Strategy Cllr D Brown

# **Dates of Future Committee Meetings**

5 April 2012, 10 May 2012, 21 June 2012, 26 July 2012 and 13 September 2012.

# **Dates of Future Cabinet Meetings**

2 April 2012, 30 April 2012, 28 May 2012, 25 June 2012 and 23 July 2012.

# **Dates of Future Council Meetings**

19 April 2012 and 16 May 2012.