

Community Safety Scrutiny Committee

Agenda

Date:	Thursday, 20th June, 2013
Time:	10.30 am
Venue:	Committee Suite 1, 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.

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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 30 May 2013** (Pages 1 - 4)

To approve the minutes as a correct record

6. **Probation Service**

To receive a presentation by the Assistant Chief Executive on the work of Cheshire Probation

7. **CCTV Update**

To receive a verbal update by the Head of Community Services

8. **Work Programme** (Pages 5 - 10)

To give consideration to the work programme

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Community Safety Scrutiny Committee**
held on Thursday, 30th May, 2013 at Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields,
Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor H Murray (Chairman)
Councillor P Nurse (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors A Barratt, M Grant, G Merry and J Saunders

In Attendance

Councillor L Gilbert – Portfolio Holder for Community and Regulatory Services

Officers

Jan Griffiths – Community Safety Operations Manager
Martin Forshaw – Crime and Disorder Reduction Panel Co-ordinator
James Morley – Scrutiny Officer

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of Interest

3 WHIPPING DECLARATIONS

There were no declarations of Party Whip

4 PUBLIC SPEAKING/OPEN SESSION

There were no members of the public present who wished to speak.

5 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25 APRIL 2013

RESOLVED – That subject to the words “Those managed on the scheme see a reduction in their offending of 85%.” Being added to the last paragraph of minute 14, the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

6 CCTV REVIEW - UPDATE

The Committee considered an update on the CCTV Review. Jan Griffiths and Martin Forshaw presented a report on the progress of the review of the Council's

CCTV Camera Network. The officers informed the Committee that reducing costs of the service was an important part of the review with a £250,000 saving agreed in the 2013/14 budget.

It was explained that there had not been a history of evidence driven placement of cameras which was the reason the Borough had a large number of cameras, some of which were in the wrong places. The CCTV Camera Network review would use police statistics and CCTV camera data to establish whether placement of each camera was justified. A pilot review had taken place in Sandbach from which most of the recommendations for cameras had been accepted. Town and Parish Councils had also been contacted to provide local knowledge. Local councils would also be asked for financial contributions from 2014 to guarantee that the cameras would be monitored in their area on a 24 hour per day basis. The process of the review was planned to be completed by September 2013 so that any changes to the network could be completed before the end of the financial year.

Members of the Committee asked questions and the following points were made:

- Cheshire East Councillors should be included in consultation on any review of cameras in their area as well as town and parish councils as Cheshire East Council owns and operates the camera network.
- Some cameras are effective in reducing criminal activity and therefore contribute to crime reduction without recording any criminal activity. This should be taken into account when reviewing statistics.
- £50,000 per annum of capital funding for three years was to be used for to fund, for example, replacing old cameras or removing/moving cameras across the whole Borough.
- Having been renovated at significant expense Queens Park in Crewe had been subject to vandalism which was costly to repair. Crewe Members had requested a CCTV camera which would cost approximately £20,000. The Committee suggested the necessary funds might be generated through collaboration between CCTV budget, Parks and Open Spaces budget and a Crewe Town Council contribution.
- The reasons given at 10.11 of the report for not using the CCTV network to deal with parking offences were useful for Councillors to know and should be distributed to all Members for information.
- The Committee wanted to receive the new National Code of Practice for CCTV and to see how the Council had responded to consultation on it.
- The Committee wanted to know more about how the introduction of contributions from Town and Parish Councils would work and whether those making contributions would get a higher standard of service than those which did not contribute.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Jan Griffiths and Martin Forshaw be thanked for attending the meeting.
2. That the report be noted.

3. That the Committee request the reasons for not using CCTV network to monitor parking offenses illustrated at 10.11 of the report be circulated to Councillors and Town and Parish Councils for their information.
4. That the new National Code of Practice for CCTV consultation paper and the Council's response to the consultation be communicated to Members of the Committee.
5. That Crewe Town Council, the Streets and Open Spaces Team and the Head of Public Protection and Enforcement consider the issue of funding for a CCTV camera in Queens Park in Crewe.
6. That the Head of Community Services be requested to provide a verbal update on the CCTV Review at the next meeting.

7 WORK PROGRAMME

Consideration was given to the Work Programme.

RESOLVED

1. That the work programme be noted
2. That an officer from the Police and Crime Panel (PCP) be requested to attend the meeting on 20 June to provide a briefing on the role of the PCP and its recent work.

The meeting commenced at 10.30 am and concluded at 12.00 pm

Councillor H Murray (Chairman)

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REPORT TO: COMMUNITY SAFETY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting:	20 June 2013
Report of:	Interim Borough Solicitor
Subject/Title:	Work Programme update

1.0 Report Summary

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

2.0 Recommendations

That the 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: 20/06/2013 Time : 10.30am Venue: Committee Suite, Westfields	Date: 25/07/2013 Time: 10.30am Venue: Committee Suite, Westfields	Date: 19/09/2013 Time: 10.30am Venue: Committee Suite, Westfields	Date: 24/10/2013 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	Progress report. The Head of Community Services provide a verbal update on the CCTV Review Scrutinise the outcomes of the review	P Hartwell L Gilbert	Scrutiny Committee	20 June 2013 TBA
Probation Service	To receive a presentation on the work of the Probation service (fact finding exercise)	Cllr L Gilbert S Link	Presentation at Scrutiny Committee	20 June 2013
Regulatory Service Food Law Enforcement Plan and budget. In house forensic Service	Further to the meeting held on 25 April 2013, to receive an update on this issue.	K Roberts	Update report	25 July 2013
Crime Prevention	What is Cheshire East doing with regard to crime Prevention. Future Plans/Budget	Cllr L Gilbert A Webb	Scrutiny Committee To outline the Local Authority's role as lead organisation for Crime	25 July 2013
Road Safety	What is the Fire Authority	Fire Authority	Scrutiny Committee	

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	doing to improve Road Safety. Future plans/budget.	Cllr L Gilbert M Dowel	To outline the Fire Authority's role as lead organisation for Road safety	25 July 2012
Police and Crime Panel	To receive a briefing on the role of the PCP and its recent work	L Gilbert	Scrutiny Committee	25 July 2013
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
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 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
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	K Melling	Scrutiny Committee	TBA

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	review and scrutinise the actions of Flood Risk Management Authorities that may affect the local authority's area. *			
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*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

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