

# **Community Safety Scrutiny Committee**

## **Agenda**

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**Date:** Thursday, 24th October, 2013  
**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**

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 19 September 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. **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. **Carbon Reduction Programme - Street Lighting** (Pages 5 - 8)

To receive a response by Cheshire East Highways to the questions raised by the Committee at its last meeting.

8. **CCTV Control Room Staffing**

To receive a report of the Head of Public Protection and Enforcement addressing the concerns raised by the Committee at its last meeting – report to follow.

9. **Work Programme** (Pages 9 - 16)

To give consideration to the work programme

**CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the **Community Safety Scrutiny Committee**  
held on Thursday, 19th September, 2013 at Committee Suite 1,2 & 3,  
Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

**PRESENT**

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

Councillors C Andrew, A Barratt, M Grant, G Merry, M Parsons and  
J Saunders

**26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence

**27 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**28 WHIPPING DECLARATIONS**

There were no whipping declarations

**29 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25 JULY 2013**

RESOLVED

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

**30 PUBLIC SPEAKING/OPEN SESSION**

There were no members of the public wishing to speak

**31 DOMESTIC ABUSE AND VULNERABLE PEOPLE**

J Gibson, Domestic Abuse Partnership Manager and K Rose, Head of  
Integrated Safeguarding Unit attended the meeting to provide an update  
on domestic abuse and sexual violence.

It was highlighted that voluntary perpetrator provision had been secured  
for 1 year due to a health under spend; this would be used to facilitate the  
Lifeline Voluntary Perpetrator Programme. The programme would be  
evaluated by MMU, providing an independent view point on its success.  
As the funding was not sustainable, Members stressed the importance of

providing hard evidence to prove the financial success of the programme, possibly through a cost/benefit analysis.

The following enhanced provisions had also been secured:

- Specialist Domestic Abuse Worker at Leighton Hospital
- Specialist Domestic Abuse Worker with Children's Services 'Front of House'
- Young persons advocate post being established within the Council Safeguarding Education Team.
- Cheshire East Council had been ranked 4<sup>th</sup> nationally in the Partnership Review.
- The Cheshire East Domestic Abuse Partnership was now accountable to both Adult and Children's Safeguarding Boards.
- Major Safeguarding Conference in May 2013 – Breaking the Silence, allowing survivors to have their voice heard.
- Establishing Shared Outcomes

As part of their corporate parenting role, it was agreed that Members required refresher training on what to do if they suspected a child was a victim of domestic abuse. This training should also be extended to Town and Parish Councillors and could be delivered through the circulation of a DVD. It should form part of the Members induction package, which would also help raise the profile of domestic abuse.

By April 2015, Cheshire East Domestic Abuse Partnership would be redesigned to be more effective, providing one service to assess and respond to need, providing:

- The provision of a holistic domestic abuse service for victims, survivors, perpetrators and families.
- A focus on early intervention to reduce the long term demand for domestic abuse services.
- Compulsory education on healthy relationships in schools and colleges.
- Ease of access to domestic abuse services.
- Consistent service provision achieved by all agencies committing to best practice and implementing current procedures.
- Improved skill sets across agencies so that practitioners can ask the right questions, listen to victims/perpetrators and recognise risk.
- The provision of voluntary perpetrator programmes across the Cheshire sub region.

It had also been agreed to align and pool all specialist domestic abuse funding by April 2015. It was noted that the authorities' contribution was £873,000, however, as in previous years, to the Police and Crime Commissioner had only committed £9750, which was not in line with police contributions nationally. The Committee agreed that resources needed to be invested in prevention as key partners needed to be proactive rather

than reactive, and therefore the Chairman agreed to raise this issue with the Commissioner.

**RESOLVED**

1. That the officers be thanked for their presentation.
2. That Members receive refresher training on what to do if they suspected a child was a victim of domestic abuse, this training should also form part of the Members induction package.
3. That the training be extended to Town and Parish Councillors.
4. That the possibility of the training being delivered through the circulation of a DVD be investigated.

**32 POSSIBLE ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION**

The Chairman raised the following issues as possible areas requiring scrutiny by the Committee:

**Street Lighting Switch Off**

The Chairman informed the Committee that he had received several letters of complaint regarding the safety of switching off street lights. It was agreed that a review of the pilot scheme should be undertaken and the following questions asked:

- Were there any safety issues as a result of the switch off?
- Has the decision reduced costs?
- Has the decision reduced the Council's carbon footprint?

**CCTV – Control Room Staffing**

The Chairman highlighted that there was a problem with the staffing levels of the CCTV control room. In light of the possible devolution of this service to Town and Parish Councils and the importance of the control room being properly manned, it was agreed that this issue should be reviewed by the Committee.

**Complaints about External Partners**

Information had been sought regarding the level of complaints the Council received about its partners in an attempt to identify possible areas requiring scrutiny. This request highlighted the fact that the Corporate Complaints process did not log complaints about partners. Members found this to be unsatisfactory agreed to scrutinise this issue further.

**List of Cheshire East Council Partners**

It was noted that Cheshire East did not currently hold a complete list of its partners. Members agreed that this needed to be addressed and requested that a list of all the partners, including the reasons for partnership, and any financial contributions be brought to the next meeting of the Committee.

RESOLVED

That the following items be added to the work programme;

- Street lighting switch off
- CCTV control room Staffing
- Complaints about external partners
- List of Cheshire East partners

### 33 **WORK PROGRAMME**

Consideration was given to the work programme.

RESOLVED

1. That the following items be added to the work programme for the next meeting scheduled to be held on 24 October 2013:
  - CCTV – Control Room staffing
  - Street lighting switch off
  - Complaints about external partners
  - List of Cheshire East Council partners
2. That quarterly crime statistics be reported to the Committee.

The meeting commenced at 10.30 am and concluded at 12.55 pm

Councillor H Murray (Chairman)

## CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Community Safety Scrutiny Committee

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**Date of Meeting:** 24<sup>th</sup> October 2013  
**Report of:** Cheshire East Highways  
**Subject/Title:** Carbon Reduction Programme – Street Lighting

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### 1.0 Report Summary

1.1 This report looks to respond to 3 key questions raised.

1.1.1 Have there been any safety issues as a result of the switch off?

1.1.2 Has the decision reduced the Councils carbon footprint?

1.1.3 Has the decision reduced costs?

### 2.0 Recommendation

2.1 That no changes are made to the street lighting from those identified and currently implemented.

2.2 That the report that will be prepared to report on the changes made to street lighting across the Borough is reported to the Committee when finalised.

2.3 That the next phase of works to introduce 'Part Night' operation into residential areas is considered in the context of works to capture further savings as a part of the carbon reduction programme.

### 3.0 Reasons for Recommendations

3.1 In response to the specific questions identified.

3.2 The safety of road users and crime and security had been a key aspect of the initial project.

3.2.1 Contact has been continued with Cheshire Police and where incidents have required the police have been contacted for background information.

3.2.2 No road safety issues have been reported to date that are attributed to the areas where switch off or dimming has been implemented.

3.2.3 One location has been identified where crime and security has been a concern and this section of road will be relit.

- 3.3 The works to date have reduced the amount of carbon that can be attributed to street lighting.
- 3.3.1 The estimated annual carbon savings for the savings made to date are 322 tonnes.
- 3.3.2 These savings are based on the changes made with the initial switch off of 700 (after some have been switched back on due to exceptions being identified) street lights. Additional savings are also identified with the introduction of dimming across the remaining main traffic routes with 1000 currently dimmed and a further estimated 4000 to also be made.
- 3.3.3 All changes also include for the 'trimming' of the operation of the street lighting with a later switch-on and earlier switch-off controlled by the ambient light levels. This could realise approximately one hour of savings every day.
- 3.3.4 The full realisation of the calculated carbon savings are based on ongoing discussions with energy suppliers and changes being made to the asset database.
- 3.4 The changes made impact on costs in a number of ways
- 3.4.1 The estimated annual savings relating to energy for changes made to date are 600,000 Kw /hrs (£60,000 at 10p per unit).
- 3.4.2 The full realisation of the calculated savings is based on ongoing discussions with energy suppliers and changes being made to the asset database.
- 3.4.3 Those columns that have been 'switched off' no longer need maintenance. This has saved costs relating to materials, labour and traffic management. This does not include the costs associated with disruption on the network when completing repairs.
- 3.4.4 On confirmation of the changes made it is proposed that the redundant equipment will be removed, reducing the overall street lighting asset value. Due to the ageing condition of the street lighting this will reduce the replacement value of the asset.
- 3.5 In addition to the specific questions raised Cheshire East Highways brings to the attention of the committee the next phase of work to introduce Part Night lighting into residential areas across the Borough.
- 3.5.1 Part Night operation was proposed in residential areas and endorsed to support the Carbon Reduction Programme.
- 3.5.2 The approach to part night operation has been modified to not implement in residential on 'an every other column' approach. This will avoid whole areas being switched off over night and is based on the success of this approach in early trials.
- 3.5.3 The operation of this will switch the lights off at 00:00 (midnight) and on at 05:30.
- 3.5.4 The introduction of this will be subject to briefing of the appropriate Borough and Parish Councillors. This will include consultation with the police and fire service in identifying any higher risk areas. Others areas, including sheltered housing where



communities may feel isolated or insecure by from this approach will also be considered exceptions to Part Night operation.

3.5.5 It is estimated that the second phase of works will change the operation of a further 6,700 street lights (3,300 Part Night and 3,400 Trimmed).

3.5.6 The calculated annual savings relating to carbon and energy for these changes are estimated at over 500,000 Kw/ hrs approximately 260 tonnes and £50,000 per year respectively.

#### **4.0 Wards Affected**

4.1 All wards (one ward is unaffected due to having no street lighting)

#### **5.0 Local Ward Members**

5.1 All members

#### **6.0 Policy Implications**

6.1 The street lighting carbon reduction programme was endorsed through the Environment and Prosperity Scrutiny Committee in July 2012.

#### **7.0 Financial Implications**

7.1 The savings identified are ongoing and subject to agreement with the energy companies of the changes made.

#### **8.0 Legal Implications**

8.1 None.

#### **9.0 Risk Management**

9.1 The impact on Road Safety, Crime and Anti Social Behaviour has been considered in the development of the street lighting carbon reduction programme.

#### **10.0 Background and Options**

10.1 Documentation relating to the progress to date and works are available at <http://www.cheshireeasthighways.org/Street-Lighting/Reducing-Carbon-Saving-Money.aspx>

## **11.0 Access to Information**

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

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## **CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**

### **REPORT TO: COMMUNITY SAFETY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

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<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	24 October 2013
<b>Report of:</b>	Interim Borough Solicitor
<b>Subject/Title:</b>	Work Programme update

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#### **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

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## Community Safety Scrutiny Committee Work Programme – Last Updated (15 October 2013)

### Future Meetings

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	Date:23/1/2014 Time:10.30am Venue: Committee Suite, Westfields
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Item	Notes	Lead Officer/ Portfolio Holder	Action to be Taken	Key Dates/Deadlines
CCTV Control Room	To receive a response to members queries relating to the staffing levels of the control room	Cllr L Gilbert P Hartwell	Scrutiny Committee	24 October 2013
Street Lighting Switch Off – carbon reduction programme	To receive a response to members questions relating to savings and road safety	Cllr Topping K Melling	Scrutiny Committee	24 October 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 P Evans D Topping	Scrutiny Committee	21 November 2013
Flood Risk Management	The Flood & Water Management Act 2010 made amendment to the Local Government Act 2000, under Section 21F, requiring all Lead	P Reeves	Scrutiny Committee	19 December 2013

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



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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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