

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee**
held on Thursday, 13th October, 2016 at Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields,
Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor G Baxendale (Chairman)
Councillor S Edgar (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors M Beanland, E Brooks, M Grant, L Smetham and M Warren

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor J Rhodes

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Consideration was given to the minutes of the last meeting.

RESOLVED

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

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

4 WHIPPING DECLARATIONS

There were no whipping declarations

5 PUBLIC SPEAKING

There were no members of the public wishing to speak

6 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TASK AND FINISH GROUP FINAL REPORT - CABINET RESPONSE

Consideration was given to the response from cabinet in respect of the Domestic Violence Task and Finish group and how the recommendations from the review were being addressed. With regard to recommendation 4, the group agreed that to secure funding beyond 2018, there would need to be solid evidence that the work was making a difference. Therefore the Committee agreed that this should be scrutinised annually. It was agreed that a progress report would be brought back to the Committee in May 2017.

With regard to recommendation 9, It was noted that the MP's had not yet been lobbied. The Portfolio Holder suggested that this issue should be raised at the Councils quarterly meeting with MP's and the final report be included in the MP's bundle.

RESOLVED

1. That the progress report be received.
2. That a progress report on the success of the low risk domestic violence work be submitted to the committee at its meeting in May 2017.
3. That the final report be submitted the Councils quarterly meeting with MP's.

7 SAFER CHESHIRE EAST PARTNERSHIP

The Committee received a presentation on the Strategic Intelligence Assessment (SIA) and Forward Plan.

The Committee was informed that the 2006 review of Crime and Disorder Act 1998 placed a requirement on Community Safety Partnerships to produce annual strategic assessments of crime and disorder and to address the issues raised through refreshed community safety plans. The SIA aimed to inform the plan using intelligence, data and indicators to identify significant contributory factors, pathways, and areas of risk and identify challenges for the next 12 months. The Committee suggested that, due to an aging community, one of the biggest issues for Cheshire East was scams and mass marketing.

It was agreed that the executive summary would be circulated to the group and a progress report be received in 6 months time.

RESOLVED

That the SIA Executive Summary be circulated to the Committee.
That a progress report be received in 6 Months time.

8 FORWARD PLAN

consideration was given to the areas of the forward plan which fell within the remit of the Committee.

RESOLVED

That the plan be received.

9 WORK PROGRAMME

Consideration was given to the work programme. The following amendments were agreed:

- That a progress report on the success of the low risk domestic violence work be submitted to the committee at its meeting in May 2017.
- That the Committee Scrutinise the SCEP performance against its priorities in September 2017.

RESOLVED

That the work programme be amended to reflect the items highlighted above

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 11.20 am

Councillor G Baxendale (Chairman)