

ITEM 4

Time Commenced – 18.00

Time Finished – 19:30

Integrating Communities Overview and Scrutiny Board 27 March 2017

Present: Councillor Pegg (Chair)
Councillors Nawaz, Poulter and Sandhu

Officers Pop Gill – Cohesion and Integration Manager
Andy Thomas – Head of Service – Partnership and Communities

27/16 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Skelton, Bayliss, Hudson and Marshall

28/16 Late items introduced by the Chair

There were no late items

29/16 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

30/16 Minutes of the meeting held on 19 December 2016

Cllr Nawaz confirmed his attendance at this meeting and it was also confirmed that Cllr Sandhu had sent his apologies. Subject to the attendance being amended the minutes of the meeting held on 19 December 2016 were confirmed as an accurate record.

31/16 Policing Restructure and Working Process Update

Jim Allen, Chief Superintendent of the South Division Police attended the meeting to update the Board on the re-organisation of the Force and how the City would be policed.

It was confirmed that Derbyshire Police Force had been divided into two divisions, North and South, with the City of Derby being covered by the South Division. This Division was then further divided into 4/5 distinct areas. It was also acknowledged that the City had been underserved for a number of years, 50+ officers had been transferred from the North Division and a big recruitment exercise was being conducted.

Discussion was held on how the police response had historically operated and how they were trying to improve the response to emergency calls. The

Emergency response base was now at Cotton Lane and 25 officers would be operating on 5 hour shifts.

It was also confirmed that no change would be made to the structure of the Safer Neighbourhood Teams and further discussion was held on the work they would cover. It was also acknowledged that some SNT would need to share community buildings and work remotely as the Police Force cannot sustain all its current buildings. Discussion was also held on CID operation and work.

Jim Allen stated it was too early to say if the changes have been a success or not, but certainly felt that the police service was healthy and well motivated and the Constabulary was reviewing the changes and tweaking to improve services. All acknowledged the excellent working partnership between the Police Force and the Council.

Jim Allen answered all the questions posed to him by the Board, which covered response times, making complaints, visibility and mobile device usage.

Discussions were then held on money available, from the Police Force, for the three local authorities to bid for, to help with prevent projects.

Resolved to:

- 1) Note the update and progress made**
- 2) To receive further updates at future meetings**

32/16 Work Programme and Topic Reviews

The Board received a report of the Chief Executive which allowed the Board to discuss potential topics for inclusion in next year's work programme. The Board identified several topics and these were added to the draft work programme

Resolved to:

- 1) Note the report**
- 2) Add potential topics to the work programme for consideration over the next municipal year**

33/16 Counter Extremism

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place on the new Counter Extremism Strategy introduced by the Government in 2016. Andy Thomas attended the meeting and briefed the Board on the background to the strategy and what the Government were hoping to achieve by introducing the strategy. The Home Office approached Derby City Council in order for them to be a pilot area for this work and have given a grant to support a new post for development of the new and innovative agenda. It was acknowledged that an external recruitment had been undertaken to try and recruit to this post but had been unsuccessful and would therefore be repeated.

Resolved to:

- 1) Note the report**
- 2) Receive regular updates on this programme.**

34/16 Asylum Dispersal

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place on Asylum Dispersal. The report provided the Board with an overview of the UK Asylum Dispersal Policy and Asylum Dispersal to Derby. Pop Gill, Cohesion and Integration Manager attended the meeting to address the Board and answer any questions they raised.

Discussions were held over the type of housing available to

Resolved to:

- 1) Note the report**
- 2) Discuss the contents of the report**

35/16 Counter Terrorism

The Board received a report of the Chief Executive asking them to consider a confidential presentation on Counter Terrorism.

Resolved to consider the presentation in private

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