

Commenced – 6.01 pm
Concluded – 7.41 pm

Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Board
14 January 2014

Present: Councillor Stanton (Chair)
Councillors Barker, Keith, Nawaz, Naitta (item 44/13 onwards), Pegg,
Poulter (left during 47/13), Redfern and L Winter

In attendance: Councillor Williams (item 44/13 until part 47/13)

39/13 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies.

40/13 Late Items

There were no late items. Minutes.

41/13 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

42/13 Minutes of the meeting held on 14 November 2013

The minutes were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

43/13 Minutes of the meeting held on 26 November 2013

The minutes were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

44/13 Pathways Out Programme

Councillor Naitta arrived during consideration of this item. Councillor Redfern was absent during part of the consideration of this item.

A report of the Strategic Director of Resources detailed the Pathways Out Programme, an approach for profiling some of the most at risk gang members in order to identify potential intervention measures that could be taken to combat gang and youth violence. Details of the programme were presented by the Head of Partnerships and Communities.

It was reported that a principle of the programme was to deliver the message to gang members that an alternative way of life to secure the status that gang membership would deliver was working. The board was told how 12 individuals had been identified to offer support to, which would involve mapping their activities to help

decide how choices had impacted on their life, and to understand what interventions would have supported them, including identifying risks.

There are approximately 700 referrals to the Multiagency Gangs Team. This information was being used to help identify people who could become 'at risk' and would be used in the future to help deter the formation of urban street gangs. Key factors in assessing referrals and deciding which ones required intervention including where the subjects lived, who they associated with, and their family background. The board was told that at the other end of the spectrum was the necessity to tackle organised crime, as the programme had revealed the greatly increased likelihood of gang members later becoming involved in organised crime compared to non-gang members.

Following questions from members, the Head of Partnerships and Communities confirmed that support in local areas was principally based around mentoring, as well as utilising city organisations such as Enthusiasm. It was confirmed that much of the work was not overtly visible due to the nature of the work being undertaken. It was confirmed that the prevalence of gang activity in the south of the city was linked to social circumstances and demographics. It was also confirmed that there would be an ongoing shift of focus towards tackling organised crime, including people trafficking.

A member of the board raised concern over issues with young people becoming involved in copycat crimes, or people aged 11-15 years being drawn into organised crime through the use of drugs. It was agreed that these were issues which were part of the broader picture which the programme sought to tackle. Following further questions, the Head of Partnerships and Communities also confirmed that he felt the information gathered was proving useful in helping to identify the individuals most in need of intervention.

A consensus of members discussed how the value of the work that had been undertaken would be best realised by undertaking the next steps, in terms of using the information in the report to tackle crime. The Head of Partnerships and Communities confirmed that an outcome report following the programme was being produced, including more detail on the cost benefit analysis.

Resolved to:

- 1) Commend the depth and breadth of report;**
- 2) Receive a full copy of the outcome report;**
- 3) Request that the report be shared with partner agencies that would value from it;**
- 4) Receive a presentation from partner groups, such as Enthusiasm and the multi-agency gang team, on the intervention work they undertake.**

45/13 Council Cabinet Forward Plan

The board considered items within its terms of reference featured in the Council Cabinet Forward Plan. It was confirmed that a report on item 13/13 – Review of Derby City and Derbyshire Waste Processing Contract – was proposed to be considered by Council Cabinet on 12 February 2014.

Resolved to receive information in relation to items 13/13 – Derby City and Derbyshire Waste Processing Contract and 20/13 – Road Safety Strategy 2014 to establish impact of budgetary reductions.

46/13 Exclusion of Press and Public

Resolved that under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during discussion of the following items on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

47/13 Strategic Intelligence Assessment

Councillor Poulter left during consideration of this item.

The Head of Partnerships and Communities reported that the Council has a statutory duty to produce Strategic Intelligence Assessment (SIA) ensured partners were prioritising and targeting the right groups to protect potential victims of crime. Priority areas in the SIA included:

- Safeguarding Children
- Drugs
- Alcohol-related harm
- Safeguarding adults
- Domestic abuse
- Acquisitive crime (burglary, robbery etc) and offender management
- Cyber crime
- Organised crime groups.

Draft council priorities in addition to those above included:

- Anti-social behaviour
- Preventing terrorism/extremism
- Preventing/reducing youth crime

Members discussed these priority areas, how the council's plan for action would interact with the Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire, and the relationship between police response times and patrolling officers in particular areas and a perception that people were less inclined to report crime.

Resolved to note the report and endorse the council priorities for tackling crime.

MINUTES END