

Time commenced 11.00am
Time finished 11.30am

COMMUNITY SAFETY AND E GOVERNMENT CABINET MEMBER MEETING

16 FEBRUARY 2007

Present: Councillor Hickson

Also present Councillor Turner

01/06 Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Winter.

02/06 Late Items Introduced by the Cabinet Member

There were no late items

02/06 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Matters Referred

03/06 Section 30 Orders and Alcohol Free Zones

The Cabinet Member considered a report from the Community Commission which stated that on 16 October 2006 the Community Commission held a focussed scrutiny meeting on Section 30 Orders and Alcohol Free Zones. The report set out the results of that meeting and the following recommendations:

That the Council Cabinet Member be requested to:

- a) approve and action recommendations 1 and 2 and
 - b) endorse and refer recommendation 3 to the full Council Cabinet
1. There should be a city-wide standardisation of the assessment process for Section 30 Areas and Alcohol Free Zones, to overcome residents' differing tolerance levels in different parts of the city.
 2. There should be a city-wide survey to assess residents' views about the effectiveness of Section 30 Area and Alcohol Free Zones and the CSP-agencies be asked to suggest the best means to capture those views.

3. There is a national need to simplify the procedure to re-instate a Section 30 area; the Council should consider lobbying for a provision to be included in the next available criminal justice bill to enable the Police to automatically re-instate a Section 30 Order if the previous problems recur or equivalent problems arise.

Resolved

1. **That there should not be a requirement for the city wide standardisation of the assessment process for Section 30 orders and Alcohol Free Zones as each should be considered on its merits.**
2. **To note that there was no budgetary provision for a city wide survey and that a survey probably would not generate the outcome the Community Commission hoped for.**
3. **To note that there were already mechanisms in place to consider the renewal of Section 30 Orders and these were sufficiently appropriate and robust.**
4. **To recommend that the Police and Community Safety Partnership liaise with Ward Councillors when a Section 30 was being considered for implementation in and before an existing order was due to expire so that representation may be made by them.**

Chair of the next ensuing meeting
at which these minutes were signed