

Time Commenced – 6.00pm
Time finished – 7.12pm

Communities Scrutiny Review Board
3 July 2023

Present: Councillor Eyre (Chair)
Councillors C Ingall, Chambers, Kaur, Fowke

In Attendance: Councillor P Ingall
Charles Edwards – Head of Community Safety and Locality Working
Purjinder Gill – Service Manager for Community Safety

01/23 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received for Councillor Pandey and Councillor Onuhoa.

02/23 Late items introduced by the Chair

There were none.

03/23 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Eyre informed members of the Board that he had been the Cabinet Member for Community Development, Place and Tourism from October 2021 to May 2023.

04/23 Minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2023

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2023 were agreed as an accurate record.

05/23 Footfall figures at Derby's Libraries

The Board received a report on footfall figures at Derby's libraries. The report was presented by the Head of Community Safety and Locality Working.

It was reported that the Council's statutory library service was made up of Alvaston, Mickleover, Normanton and the Riverside libraries along with the Local Studies library. It was noted that there were also 10 community managed libraries in Derby. It was noted that the invitation for expressions of interest in managing the 10 CMLs had now been paused.

It was reported that footfall figures had recovered much better since covid in the four statutory libraries compared with the 10 CMLs. It was noted

that a drive to increase footfall had taken place in Normanton and that a similar drive was planned for Alvaston.

It was reported that during the pandemic the Council's e-library offer had been very popular. It was noted that usage had now dropped and that new stock had not been purchased since November 2022 which may have contributed to this drop.

It was noted that the statutory libraries had a much greater offering than the CMLs. It was also noted that the statutory libraries had more accessible opening hours. The Head of Community Safety and Locality Working agreed to share the CML opening hours with Board members.

Councillors commented that some volunteers had left CMLs due to the uncertainty surrounding this service. It was noted that in the future it would be important for CMLs to become community hubs.

The Board Resolved:

- 1. to note the report**
- 2. to recommend that a system is devised by which attendance at each of Derby's libraries is properly and affectively monitored and that this continues following the outcome of any ongoing review of the Libraries Service.**

06/23 Crime baseline data in Derby and the impact of the Safer Derby Community Safety Partnership Plan

The Board received a report on Crime baseline data in Derby and the impact of the Safer Derby Community Safety Partnership Plan. The report was presented by the Head of Community Safety and Locality Working and the Service Manager for Community Safety.

It was reported that Community Safety Partnerships (CSP) were local multi-agency partnerships created to prevent and reduce crime and disorder. It was noted that the Safer Derby Community Safety Partnership Plan 2022-2025 identified how the CSP planned to tackle community safety-related issues that mattered to residents, businesses, and visitors.

It was noted that the plan was revised annually by reviewing information set out in the community safety strategic intelligence assessment and from information obtained from the annual community consultation which ensured that current issues were considered.

It was reported that the Safer Derby Community Safety Partnership was made up of:

- Derbyshire Police
- Derby City Council

- Derbyshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
- Derbyshire Fire and Rescue
- Derby City Clinical Commissioning Groups
- Derbyshire Probation
- Derby Homes
- Community and Voluntary Sector
- Community Representatives

It was reported that the Safer Derby Community Safety Partnership aimed to work in partnership to address local crime and disorder priorities and to improve safety in the city for people who live in, work in, and visit Derby. It was noted that the Safer Derby Community Safety Partnership aimed to identify key local crime and disorder priorities through assessments and consultation and to monitor and evaluate these strategies.

Councillors asked for information to be shared with Board members on what programmes were taking place in each ward. The Service Manager for Community Safety informed members that they would be able to share this information for any wards requested.

A councillor asked whether councillors could work with the Localities Team to arrange for CCTV to be placed within their wards. It was reported that CCTV was one tool that could be used to stop antisocial behaviour. It was noted that councillors could discuss with the Localities Team whether CCTV would be beneficial in certain locations.

Councillors asked whether police scrambler bikes could be deployed more often as a deterrent. The Head of Community Safety and Locality Working agreed to discuss this with the Chief Superintendent.

The Head of Community Safety and Locality Working informed councillors that the Council now had 12 VR headsets that were being used in schools to tackle knife crime. Councillors were encouraged to contact Localities if they wished to test these headsets.

The Board resolved:

- 1. to note the report.**
- 2. To request that an update on the Safer Derby Community Safety Partnership Plan is brought to a future Board meeting.**
- 3. To recommend that as part of the Council's CCTV review, councillors are consulted on where CCTV may be beneficial in their wards.**

07/23 Work Programme 2023/24

The Board considered a report setting out the Terms of Reference and Remit of the Board.

The report provided Members of the Board with the opportunity to consider its terms of reference and remit for the forthcoming municipal year, its work programme for 2023/24 and any topic reviews.

Members of the Board agreed that an extra meeting would be held in Spring 2024.

Members suggested that presentations on each locality should be added to the work programme.

The Board resolved:

- 1. to note the information provided within the report.**
- 2. to add the suggested item to the work programme.**

Minutes End.