

ITEM 4

Commenced – 6.01 pm
Concluded – 7.54 pm

NEIGHBOURHOODS BOARD 15 JANUARY 2013

Present: Councillor Afzal (Chair)
Councillors Barker, Keith, Naitta, Pegg, Poulter and L. Winter

In Attendance: Councillor Dhindsa

35/12 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor S. Khan.

36/12 Late Items

There were no late items.

37/12 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

38/12 Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 December 2012

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 December 2012 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

39/12 Call-in

There were no items.

40/12 Council Cabinet Forward Plan

In addition to the December edition, the board received a copy of the Forward Plan published on 15 January 2013.

Resolved to note the Forward Plan.

41/12 Police and Crime Panels - Update

The board received a report from the Strategic Director of Resources. The Cabinet Member for Planning, Environment and Public Protection, being recently appointed as the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner, updated the board on the development of the Police and Crime Panel (PCP). The board noted that Councillor Pegg had been selected as an additional Derby representative on the PCP.

The board had previously discussed the importance of strengthening the reporting mechanism which facilitated communication between Derby City Council, the PCP

and the PCC. Following a Council resolution, future appointments to the Police and Crime Panel would include the Chair of the overview and scrutiny board with the responsibility for crime and disorder. The board expressed concern, however, regarding the lack of formal procedure by which all elected members could raise questions relating to the Police and Crime Commissioner's role. Previously, similar matters were raised through a standing agenda item (questions to the Police Authority) at Council meetings. The board agreed that in the absence of that procedure, matters requiring a formal response could be raised by Derby's two PCP representatives, both of whom sat on the Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Board.

Resolved to agree that:

- 1. Derby's two Police and Crime Panel representatives receive questions from members of the Neighbourhoods Board (and their colleagues through them);**
- 2. matters requiring consideration by the Police and Crime Panel (PCP) or Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) are raised under the 'crime and disorder' standing agenda item; and**
- 3. in accordance with Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 26a(b) relevant reports or recommendations will be communicated to the PCP or PCC, requiring the recipient to provide a response.**

42/12 Crime and Disorder

The board received a report from the Strategic Director of Resources. Following a request from Chief Superintendent Jack Atwal, the board discussed the potential impact of reduced budgets on both partnership working and service delivery, with regards to crime and disorder, community safety and the night-time economy. The Chief Superintendent expressed concern regarding the level of engagement in the budget scrutiny process, between the council and the relevant crime and disorder authorities. Subsequent to a meeting with the Director for Partnerships and Streetpride and the publication of minutes arising from the budget scrutiny meeting, however, the Chief Superintendent was satisfied that issues were being addressed.

The board noted that responsible authorities had been invited to participate in the consultation with non-domestic rate payers and acknowledged the importance of contributions from the relevant authorities in assessing the impact of proposed budget reductions.

The board discussed the provision of CCTV within the city, with particular regard to its effectiveness, the public perception of its operation and alternatives. Members noted that the council were obligated, under section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, to consider the impact of crime and disorder in their decision making and strategic planning.

Resolved to:

- 1. ensure that the relevant crime and disorder authorities are invited to be involved in discussions where proposed budget reductions and changes to services may impact on both their work and on work undertaken in partnership with them, to deliver on crime and disorder issues; and**

2. **request that any progress or movement made on the provision of CCTV in Derby be brought back to the Neighbourhoods Board for scrutiny as and when this occurs.**

43/12 Strategic Intelligence Assessment

The board received a report from the Strategic Director of Neighbourhoods. The Head of Service for Partnerships and Communities delivered a presentation on the draft Strategic Intelligence Assessment (SIA) and its seven priorities. The Director reported that the purpose of the SIA was to identify the key risks and threats relating to crime and community safety in the city for the forthcoming year. This document would form the evidence base of the three year crime and disorder plan which was also a statutory requirement. The draft priorities identified were:

1. Anti-Social behaviour
2. Youth Crime
3. Domestic Abuse
4. New Communities and Cohesion
5. Substance Misuse (Drugs and Alcohol)
6. Gangs and Organized Crime Groups
7. High Risk Offenders

The board noted that the plan would aid in translating the risks and ensuring that a focus was placed on identifying resources which were needed to deliver services. The Director asserted that high risk offenders presented a challenge, due in part to the complicated systems and multiple frameworks in operation. An opportunity to simplify and streamline the process had been identified, arising out of the need to focus limited resources. Partnership working remained a key factor in delivery of this aspiration.

The board discussed the draft priorities and was satisfied that they represented the most appropriate and important issues for the city. The Director agreed to send a link to the full draft document to board members. Members were invited to contact the Director, should they have any queries or suggestions.

Resolved to note the report.

44/12 Work Programme and Topic Reviews 2012-2013

The board received a report from the Strategic Director of Resources. The Scrutiny Officer invited items for inclusion on the work programme. The board noted that items included in the work programme were:

- Waste management strategy
- CCTV provision
- Tree Management Policy
- City Centre Access and Kerbside Space Review (at an appropriate time)
- Neighbourhood Working Update (at an appropriate time)
- Seasonal planting on traffic islands – including the potential impact on tourism (at an appropriate time).

The board discussed stage two of the Anti-Social Behaviour in Normanton Topic Review, which was underway with further data collection taking place to support the problem profile presented at November's meeting. The Overview and Scrutiny Officer confirmed that progress would be reported to the next meeting in March.

Resolved to add the following items to the work programme:

- **Draft Community Cohesion and Integration Strategy**
- **Highways Maintenance Contract**

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