

ITEM 4

Commenced – 6.00 pm

Concluded – 7.13 pm

Neighbourhoods Board

12 March 2013

Present: Councillor Afzal (Chair)
Councillors Barker, Keith, S. Khan, Mac Donald, Naitta, Pegg, and L. Winter

Councillors Keith and L. Winter were absent for minute number 53/12.

45/12 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Poulter.

46/12 Late Items

There were no late items.

47/12 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

48/12 Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 January 2013

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 January 2013 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

49/12 Call-in

There were no items.

50/12 Council Cabinet Forward Plan

The board discussed the forward plan published on 12 February 2013:

53/10	Waste Management Contract	Contained in work programme.
42/12	Installation of a waste management facility at Sinfin.	Contained in work programme.
47/12	Private residents' funding of tree works on public land.	Contained in work programme and due for consideration at next board meeting.
63/12	Charging of the collection of garden waste from households.	Considered at previous board meeting.
64/12	Co-mingled recycling scheme.	Considered at previous board meeting.

67/12	Seasonal flower beds and hanging baskets.	Considered at previous board meeting.
68/12	Transfer of responsibilities for bowling greens and cricket pitches.	Considered at previous board meeting.
69/12	Withdrawal of Arboricultural Support Service to Development Control.	Considered at previous board meeting.
78/12	Changes to the bus passenger facilities on the Morledge and Corporation Street.	The Head of Traffic and Transportation explained that this area was being reviewed as part of the city centre access and kerbside space review and agreed to submit a report to a future meeting.

Resolved to note the Forward Plan.

51/12 Police and Crime Panels – Update and Draft Protocol for Member Questions

The board received a report from the Strategic Director of Resources. Councillor Afzal updated the board on the development on the work programme for the Police and Crime Panel (PCP) which included six objectives considered key to the panel's work. Members were asked to raise any points or questions they would like Councillor's Afzal and Pegg (members of the PCP) to report back.

The board discussed street drinking, alcohol free zones, underage alcohol sales and the possible methods (such as post-coding on packaging) which could be used to identify point of sale from confiscated and discarded items. It was noted that the General Licensing Committee had considered these methods in the past. It was brought to the attention of the board that the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) was arranging a summit to facilitate similar conversations within the Derbyshire area.

The Head of Partnership and Communities informed the board that the PCC had given £170k of the Community Safety Fund (which was managed by the PCC) back to the authority to spend delivering the priorities contained within the Strategic Intelligence Assessment. It was reported that £70k had been allocated to a drug intervention programme and £30k to a service dealing with drug dependency. The Head of Service confirmed that the PCC would review how the council used the money and the effectiveness of that expenditure.

The board suggested that the PCC should be invited to attend meetings where there were specific items to which he could make significant contributions and answer questions.

Resolved to:

- 1. note the update;**

2. agree that the Overview and Scrutiny Officer and the Constitutional Services Officer would capture points raised by the board for referral to the Derbyshire Police and Crime Panel through Councillors Afzal and Pegg;
3. request Councillors Afzal and Pegg to refer the following matters for the Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC) attention:
 - a) Consultation regarding alcohol abuse and minimum pricing issued by the Department for Culture – has the PCC seen this consultation and is he aware of Derby City Council's General Licensing Committee's response? The Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Board believes that where alcohol abuse is often a contributing factor, for example in causing anti-social behaviour, a strong core strategy would be of assistance in addressing the problems.
 - b) Consultation issued by the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills regarding the abolition of Street Pedlars' Licences - has the PCC seen this consultation and does he intend to respond? The Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Board is concerned about the resulting impact on Trading Standards.
4. agree that during the development of the agenda for future meetings, the Overview and Scrutiny Officer would discuss with the Chair and Vice Chair whether it is appropriate to invite the Police and Crime Commissioner to attend the meeting to contribute information and answer questions.

52/12 Anti Social Behaviour Topic Review – Stage 2 Briefing

The board received a report from the Strategic Director of Resources. The Overview and Scrutiny Officer, together with the Head of Partnerships and Communities outlined the new proposal for the second stage of the Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) Topic Review and asked members for feedback, comment, suggestions, and ultimately agreement for a way forward for the review.

The board discussed the way in which it intended to deliver the review and what it intended to achieve. Although unsure that an absolute remedy for ASB would be found, the board supported the continuation of the review in line with the proposed phase 2 methodology (outlined in the report) to endeavour to make a positive contribution to reducing ASB in Derby.

Councillor Afzal informed the board that the PCP was interested in hearing the outcomes from the review and consequently, both the Overview and Scrutiny Officer and the Head of Communities and Partnerships would present the findings and outcomes of the review to a future meeting of the PCP.

Resolved to agree that the Overview and Scrutiny Officer, together with the Head of Partnerships and Communities continue with the Anti Social Behaviour Topic Review as proposed and report progress to the next meeting of the Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Board.

53/12 Work Programme

The board received a report from the Strategic Director of Resources. The Scrutiny Officer circulated the 2013/14 meeting dates and invited additional items for inclusion on the work programme.

Resolved to:

- 1. add the draft Community Cohesion and Integration Strategy to the work programme; and**
- 2. request that the Scrutiny Officer circulate the Neighbourhood Working report (detailing the structure, roles and responsibilities) to members of the board, should the new neighbourhood working arrangements be implemented prior to the next meeting.**

MINUTES END