

Time commenced – 18:01
Time finished – 20:18

SAFER COMMUNITIES COMMISSION 29 MARCH 2011

Present: Councillor Naitta (Chair)
Councillors Atwal (arrived during item 25/10), Barker and
Davis

In attendance: Councillor Hird

19/10 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Harwood, Repton and S Khan.

20/10 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

21/10 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

22/10 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting on 18 January 2011 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair subject to the date stated being corrected to state 18 January 2011 and subject to the correction of Chief Superintendent Hough's job title at minute 06/10.

The minutes of the meeting on 31 January 2011 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

23/10 Call-in of a Key Decision

There were no items referred to the Commission in relation to call-in of a key decision.

24/10 Councillor Call for Action

There were no matters referred by a member of the Council in relation to a Call for Action.

25/10 Update on Purple Flag and Review of the Evening and Night Time Economy

A presentation was received from Community Safety Partnership's Head of Crime Reduction and Anti-social Behaviour and Crime Safety Team Supervisor. The presentation outlined work towards the aims of the Purple Flag scheme and a review of the Evening and Night Time Economy in Derby.

The presentation began by outlining the vision of the Purple Flag scheme and provided background on the situation in Derby. It was stated that Derby had the fifth highest concentration of licensed premises in England with over 100 bars.

The Commission was told that the aim remained to achieve Purple Flag status in Derby by 2013. No official application had been made due to the £3,000 cost involved. It was reported that work was underway to meet the aims of the scheme and a self audit had been conducted, but it had shown that Derby was below the required standard.

Members were supportive of the Partnership's efforts to reach the required standard and felt the council should seek accreditation.

Resolved to recommend to the Cabinet member that efforts be made to pursue Purple Flag accreditation.

26/10 Licensing Policy

The Head of Environmental Health and Licensing provided a report updating developments and changes to the Licensing Policy resulting in new powers for local authorities. It was reported that new powers would be in place from early in 2012

Members with experience of the General Licensing Committee commented that the committee tended to be strongly guided in favour of granting licences. It was explained that the proposed new Cumulative Impact Policy, if adopted, would make it easier for the committee to refuse licences where appropriate.

Resolved to gain the views of all councillors on the proposed Cumulative Impact Policy.

27/10 Terms of Reference of the Night Time Economy Review

The Commission noted this report in relation to the review of the Licensing Policy.

28/10 Performance Statistics 2010/11 Quarter 3

A presentation on crime performance statistics was received from the Community Safety Partnership's Senior Research and Information Officer.

It was reported that there has been an increase in total recorded crime for the second successive quarter, a rise of 1.6 per cent.

The officer highlighted the challenge of interpreting changes in performance set against the level of incidents being reported. Work was underway to improve reporting via a data sharing agreement with the local Accident and Emergency department.

Resolved to consider a report of Quarter 4 statistics at the next meeting of the Commission.

29/10 Retrospective Scrutiny

There were no items identified for Retrospective Scrutiny.

30/10 Council Cabinet Forward Plan

The following items were identified for scrutiny by the Commission at their next meeting:

- Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy

31/10 Responses of the Council Cabinet

There were no responses identified of the Council Cabinet.

32/10 Matters referred to the Commission by Council
Cabinet

There were no items referred to the Commission by Council Cabinet.

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