

Time commenced – 6.00pm
Time finished – 7.06pm

**SAFER COMMUNITIES COMMISSION
21 MARCH 2012**

Present: Councillor Repton (Chair for items 63-71/11)
Councillor Naitta (Chair for items 72-75/11)
Councillors Barker, Davis, J. Khan and Tuplin

In attendance: Councillor Poulter

63/11 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

64/11 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

65/11 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations

66/11 Minutes of the meeting held on 18 January 2012

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 January 2012 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

67/11 Call-in

There were no items.

68/11 Councillor Call for Action

There were no items.

69/11 SmartWater

The commission received a report from the Strategic Director of Resources on the use of SmartWater, a forensic security and consultancy service. The report detailed how the commission had requested at its meeting of 18 January 2012 that a representative of SmartWater be invited to a future meeting.

A presentation was received from Neil Carter, Regional Client Support Manager for SmartWater. The presentation detailed how SmartWater was a forensic liquid with each batch carrying a unique code enabling it to be traced easily through

SmartWater's laboratory. It was explained that SmartWater had been used by police forces across the country and also in business and domestic settings.

Examples were provided where crime reductions had been attributed to SmartWater, including:

- A 77.8 per cent reduction in thefts from schools in Staffordshire
- A 65 per cent reduction in burglaries in Hillingdon
- A 60 per cent reduction in vehicle crimes in Northamptonshire.

Resolved to:

- 1. Recommend that Neighbourhood Boards be encouraged to adopt SmartWater products to assist with crime reduction and prevention in their areas;**
- 2. Recommend that the Cabinet Member responsible for crime reduction should look at the wider use of SmartWater products to assist with crime reduction and prevention in the city.**

70/11 Evening and night time economy – Purple Flag

A report from the Strategic Director of Neighbourhoods was considered. The report updated the commission on the efforts being made to acquire 'Purple Flag' status for Derby to demonstrate the high quality of its evening and night time economy.

It was reported that Derby had officially registered for Purple Flag status, stakeholders had been engaged and a map of the Purple Flag area had been agreed. Members were informed that the areas included within the map could be changed year-on-year as the city would need to re-apply for accreditation annually once the status had been achieved.

Members were told that an Evening and Night Time Economy Officer had been appointed and was occupied with benchmarking. A visit to Nottingham had already taken place and a further visit to Preston was planned. It was reported that the benchmarking work so far had shown that around 80 per cent of Purple Flag applications had been successful.

It was reported that self-assessment audits would be carried out on a quarterly basis leading to the formal Overnight Performance Assessment in April 2013. The entry for Purple Flag status would then be made in May 2013 with a decision expected by June 2013.

Resolved to:

- 1. Note the update;**
- 2. Request that a night time video be made available to the commission responsible for crime and disorder in the 2012/13 municipal year.**

71/11 Anti-social behaviour topic review update

The commission received a report from the Strategic Director of Resources updating members on the proposed topic review focusing on anti-social behaviour in Normanton.

It was reported that the Overview and Scrutiny Officer had met with the officers responsible for community safety to discuss how the topic review could be moved forward. Conclusions reached by the officers included that:

- the geographical area under scrutiny should be well defined
- problems relating to irresponsible landlords should be included
- inconsiderate parking issues should be included
- issues relating to street workers should be included.

Members of the commission discussed the review and agreed that it remained a priority area. It was accepted that the topic review area should remain high on the agenda of the commission for the next municipal year.

Resolved to recommend to the commission responsible for crime and disorder that at its first meeting of the 2012/13 municipal year it should agree the terms of reference for a full and meaningful review of anti-social behaviour, and that the commission should aim to complete that review by October 2012.

72/11 Security Industry Authority update

Councillor Naitta was appointed Chair for items 72-75/11.

A report from the Strategic Director of Neighbourhoods was considered. The report updated members on the work that had been done between the council's licensing officers and Derbyshire Constabulary following concerns raised at the commission meeting of 18 January 2012 about unauthorised door supervisors operating in the city.

It was noted that at its last inspection, the SIA had found one unauthorised door supervisor, and further that this figure was considered to be low.

Resolved to note the update.

73/11 Forward Plan

There were no items.

74/11 Retrospective Scrutiny

There were no items.

75/11 Matters referred to the Commission by Council Cabinet

There were no items.

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