

Time commenced - 6.00 pm
Time finished - 6.25pm

**COMMUNITY REGENERATION COMMISSION
11 NOVEMBER 2003**

Present: Councillor Bayliss (in the Chair)
Councillors Baxter, Blanksby, Crosby, Gerrard, Lowe and
Liversedge
Canon MacDonald – Co-opted Member

In attendance: Councillor E Berry

42/03 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Willitts and Mr Kazmi - Co-opted Member

43/03 Late items to be introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

44/03 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

45/03 Call-In

There were no Call -ins.

**46/03 Responses of the Council Cabinet to any Reports of
the Commission**

There were no items.

**47/03 Service Area Budget Scrutiny - Funding Issues
Relating to Crime and Disorder and Young People**

The Commission considered a report of the Director of Corporate Services on the issues surrounding the funding of services connected with the topic review of Crime and Disorder and Young People. The Commission at its meeting on 29 September,

selected funding issues related to the current topic review Crime and Disorder and Young People. This provided an opportunity for members to consider:

- the range of services directly and indirectly affecting the incidents of young people as both victims and perpetrators of offences
- the balance of contributions from funders to those services
- the security and insecurity of funding and the priority and options through obtaining at risk services.

The report highlighted a number of high profile projects that were currently unfunded beyond 31 March 2004. Councillor Berry advised that decisions relating to continued external funding would not be resolved until the end of November. In response to a Member's question, she said that she had not given consideration to Council funds making up possible shortfalls but would be prepared to do so.

The Commission re-iterated their concern from the previous meeting, that tackling domestic violence was underfunded. Domestic violence clearly impinged dramatically on the behaviour of children in families suffering from this type of violence.

Sharon Squires agreed that funding for domestic violence was not to the level that she would like, but primary funding streams had narrow definitions and were related to specific activities. Additional funding had already been secured for domestic violence, although currently funding for the post in the Partnership was being sourced from other areas. Sue Glithero commented that she was required to construct a 2004/05 budget within a 3% cash limit and any increase to meet Members' concerns on domestic violence would involve compensatory reductions in other activity. Sharon Squires commented that, apart from specific funds, there was a wider need to enable the Council's core services to help tackle domestic violence, for example through the school curriculum.

Councillor Bayliss stated that once external funding decisions had been made, the issue of any unfunded projects would need to be looked at further by the Commission. Any decision whether to use mainstream funding to cover any shortfall in external funding would, however, be up to the Council Cabinet member.

Resolved to further consider funding issues relating to the current topic review Crime and Disorder and Young People at a future meeting once external funding decisions had been made.

48/03 Matters Referred to the Commission by Council Cabinet

There were no items.

49/03 Council Cabinet Forward Plan

There were no items.

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