

Time commenced – 6.00pm
Time finished – 7.23pm

**SAFER COMMUNITIES COMMISSION
18 JANUARY 2012**

Present: Councillor Repton (Chair)
Councillors Barker, Davis, J. Khan, Naitta, Sandhu and Tuplin

In attendance: Councillor Atwal – item 59/11

51/11 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

52/11 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

53/11 Declarations of Interest

The Chair declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 59/11 and left the room during consideration of that item and was also absent for items 60/11 to 62/11 inclusive.

54/11 Minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2011

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2011 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

55/11 Call-in

There were no items.

56/11 Councillor Call for Action

There were no items.

57/11 Police and Crime Commissioner and the Police and Crime Panel

The Commission received a report from Andy Thomas, Head of City and Neighbourhood Partnerships, on the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) and the formation of the Police and Crime Panel (PCP).

It was reported that the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act had now passed through Parliament and Government had committed to the first elections for the new

PCCs being in November 2012. A decision has already been made that the election in the Derbyshire force area will be administered by Amber Valley Borough Council. It is anticipated that the Returning Officer will be asking DCC to run elections for the Derby area. Each Council in a force area would appoint a Councillor to serve on the PCP's. The primary role of the PCP would be to scrutinise the PCCs decisions and actions.

The Commission discussed the number of elected members that would make up the PCP. It was noted that the PCP would have to reflect the political make-up of the County. The PCP would also have two co-opted members. It was reported that one of the Councils in the force area would take the lead role. The PCP would meet in public.

The Commission discussed the potential size of the budget that would be made available to the PCC and the estimated operating costs of the PCP. It was reported that the Home Office would make some money available to the lead Council and this could be topped up by all the authorities in a force area. It was noted that there were different ways of calculating the contribution made by each authority to the budget of the PCP. The Commission sought clarification on whether the PCP member expenses would come out of the PCP budget.

It was reported that once elected, the PCC would set the budget for the following year. It was noted that the PCC must engage with, consult and listen to local people when setting the budget. The Commission recognised that an early role for the PCP would be to scrutinise the PCC to ensure that this took place. It is expected that the process of setting up a shadow PCP is expected to start around June/July.

Resolved to note the report.

58/11 Antisocial Behaviour Topic Review Scoping Report

The Commission received a scoping report from Clare Harrison, Overview and Scrutiny Officer, on a review of anti-social behaviour in Normanton. It was reported that the aim of the review was to consider how anti-social behaviour in the Normanton area could be tackled and disseminate lessons learnt to other parts of the City.

The Overview and Scrutiny Officer reported that the proposed objectives of the review were to:

1. Explore the current antisocial behavioural issues in the Normanton area and build a profile through the collation of hard and soft data from Council Officers, and partner organisations such as Derbyshire Constabulary.
2. Identify current issues through receiving evidence from:
 - Ward Councillors
 - Neighbourhood Boards
 - Community and Neighbourhood Partnership (CNP)
 - Derbyshire Constabulary

- Streetpride
 - Youth Service
 - Neighbourhood Manager
 - Community representatives and community groups
 - Ward Councillors – Arboretum, Normanton and Abbey.
3. Identify gaps in efforts to tackle antisocial behaviour and make recommendations to bridge these gaps in service provision.
 4. Share experiences and outcomes with other neighbourhoods.

The Commission recognised that the review must take into account cultural differences in Normanton. It was agreed that once the review was complete, the Commission must put forward recommendations and devise an action plan.

The Commission recognised the importance of the review being completed properly and agreed that it should be carried over to the next Commission. It was also agreed that updates on progress should be included as a standing item at future meetings.

Resolved to agree that the Overview and Scrutiny Officer should begin the review of anti-social behaviour in Normanton.

59/11 Security Industry Authority Training (previously deferred)

Councillor Naitta was appointed Chair for 59/11 to 62/11 inclusive.

The Chair invited Councillor Atwal to speak to the Commission on Security Industry Authority (SIA) training. It was reported that there were concerns that some door supervisors working in Derby were not registered with the SIA.

The Commission discussed what could be done locally to ensure that door supervisors were registered with the SIA.

Michael Kay, Head of Environmental Health and Licensing, reported that Licensing officers do check door supervisors. The Commission were concerned that a licensed premises may have a certain number of accredited staff but may also employ extra staff who were not accredited. This raised concerns around safeguarding the public. It was also recognised that it was essential to make sure that door staff were accredited if the City centre was to attain Purple Flag status.

The Commission also discussed the possibility that some SIA licenses held by door supervisors may not be genuine and recognised that the SIA had chip and pin readers to check licenses.

Resolved:

1. to request that Licensing officers work with the Police to ensure that door staff are accredited;

2. to request that Licensing officers approach the SIA to obtain a chip and pin reader;
3. to request that Licensing officers approach the SIA to organise for an enforcement officer to visit Derby City centre;
4. to invite a representative of the SIA to a future meeting of the Safer Communities Commission.

60/11 Forward Plan

There were no items; however, Councillor Barker requested that a representative of Smartwater be invited to a future meeting of the Commission to talk about their product and how it could be used by the Council.

Resolved to invite a representative of Smartwater to attend a future meeting of the Safer Communities Commission.

61/11 Retrospective Scrutiny

There were no items.

62/11 Matters referred to the Commission by Council Cabinet

There were no items.

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