

15 SEPTEMBER 2015

NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

COMMUNITY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL

Minutes of a meeting of the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel held in Committee Room 1, Appletree Court, Lyndhurst on Tuesday, 15 September 2015

* Cllr S P Davies (Chairman)
Cllr D J Russell (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors:

* D A Britton
Mrs L D Cerasoli
* I C Coombes
* Ms K V Crisell

Councillors:

* A H G Davis
* Mrs P J Lovelace
* N S Penman
* M L White

*Present

In attendance:

Councillors:

Mrs J L Cleary
A D O'Sullivan
Mrs C V Ward

Tenant Representative:

Mr P Woodroof

Also In Attendance:

Mr Day, Hampshire and Isle-of-Wight Wildlife Trust
Mrs Melrose, Greyfriars Community Centre
Mr Eager, Health & Leisure Centre Service User

Officers Attending:

Mrs J Bailey, R Bell, J Burton, M Devine, Mrs N Luddington, G Miles, Ms A Righton and Ms M Stephens

Apologies:

were received from Cllr Mrs Cerasoli and Cllr Binns, Health & Leisure Portfolio Holder.

12 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 16 June 2015 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made by members in connection with an agenda item.

14 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No issues were raised during the public participation period.

15 SEDENTARY LIFESTYLES

The Panel considered the issue of sedentary lifestyles, the impact this had on the life of the individual and how the Council encouraged residents to increase participation in physical activity.

Members were shown video footage which highlighted the benefits of an active lifestyle and the varied types of activities across the District in which residents could participate.

The Public Health England 2015 profile highlighted that the situation in the New Forest was positive, with 61% of adults in the District being 'physically active'. The Council carried out varied work to encourage people to become more active. Whilst some of this work was delivered directly, other work was delivered through and with partners.

Mrs Melrose from Grayfriars Community Centre, Ringwood, Mr Day from Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust, and Mr Eager, a user of Applemore and Totton Health and Leisure Centres, were in attendance and spoke on the range of activities that took place across the District, including the Health and Leisure Centres, to encourage physical activity and the positive impact these had on the health and wellbeing of individuals.

Members asked a number of questions to which answers were given.

Panel members expressed the view that the services and projects currently being delivered by the Council and its partners to encourage residents into healthier and more active lifestyles was at the appropriate level. Some members felt that more work could be done, with member involvement, to better communicate the activities on offer and the benefits of an active lifestyle. Members suggested that a small task & finish group be established to look into this matter.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Council's work in engaging individuals and families in New Forest District to lead more active lifestyles and target intervention work with inactive groups be supported;
- (b) That the extent of the current level of provision within the District be supported; and
- (c) That a task & finish group be established to examine ways in which the Council, with the help of elected members, could better communicate the

provision on offer and the benefits of an active lifestyle, with draft terms of reference for this group being submitted to the November meeting.

16 CHILD POVERTY TASK & FINISH GROUP

The Panel considered the interim report of the Child Poverty Task & Finish Group.

Cllr Mrs Ward was in attendance and spoke on the challenges facing children and young people in the District. Of particular concern was the mental health of children and young adults as well as the poor vocabulary of school age children. She requested that the task and finish group examine these issues in their future work. She also requested that the Council continue to work closely with the local children's centres, and asked that the cluster meetings held by the five children's centres in the District be held, at no charge, at Appletree Court. The Head of Public Health & Community Safety agreed to action this request.

The Council's Health & Policy Development Manager informed members of the current work taking place in the District with children and young people's emotional wellbeing as well as work to improve health and mortality rates of the gypsy and traveller community.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Task & Finish Group continue through to the March Panel meeting, so as to pursue the items for actions identified in Appendix 1 to the Panel;
- (b) That the schedule of actions set out in Appendix 1 to the Panel be agreed; and
- (c) That the final action schedule be presented at the November Panel meeting.

17 CCTV CAMERAS TASK & FINISH WORKING GROUP

The Panel considered draft terms of reference for a Task & Finish Group to investigate the performance of individual CCTV cameras in the District.

The Panel considered and agreed the terms of reference for the Task & Finish Group as set out in paragraph 2.1 of the report to the Panel. Given the financial and technical implications the potential removal of cameras would have, members suggested that the terms of reference also include the following: -

"That any recommendations for camera removal/relocation/installations must be subject to technical and financial viability studies before any implementation is considered".

It was also agreed that five members be appointed to the Group. The findings of the Group would be reported to the Panel in January 2016.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That a Task and Finish Group on CCTV cameras be established with the following terms of reference:

- Using statistics from the Police, CCTV Service and/or other sources, assess the performance of individual CCTV cameras located within the District.
 - Provide officers with clear guidance on which cameras should be removed, repositioned or remain in their current location.
 - That any recommendations for camera removal/relocation/installations must be subject to technical and financial viability studies before any implementation is considered
- (b) That Cllrs Britton, Davis and White be appointed to the Task & Finish Group with two other places being allocated at the discretion of the Chairman of the Panel; and
- (c) That the Task & Finish Group report back to the Panel in January 2016.

18 WORK PROGRAMME

The Panel considered their future work programme as set out in Appendix 1 to these minutes.

RESOLVED:

That the Panel's work programme set out in Appendix 1 to these minutes be agreed.

19 DATES OF MEETINGS 2016/17

RESOLVED:

That the Panel meets on the following dates (all Tuesdays at 6.00 p.m.) in 2016/17:-

14 June 2016
20 September 2016
15 November 2016
17 January 2017
14 March 2017

20 PORTFOLIO HOLDERS' UPDATES

The Portfolio Holder for Health & Leisure was unable to attend the meeting but a number of updates had been circulated to members prior to the meeting.

The Portfolio Holder for Housing & Communities reported that the decommissioning of sheltered housing within the District was underway. The purchase of houses and land acquisition was also progressing well. The Portfolio Holder said that she was still awaiting a steer from the Government with regards to refugees.

Members were informed that interviews had been carried out to fill the vacant Community Safety Officer's post. Unfortunately an appointment had not been made. Consequently a temporary post holder had been appointed until the role

could be re-advertised. The focus of the temporary appointee would be to draft a strategic assessment of crime and disorder in line with the Council's statutory duty. This assessment would take into account the realities of the resources that were available in the current financial climate.

The changes to community alarms were progressing. These included a review of procedures in place and changes and improvements to the staffing structure. The Telecare Services Association (TSA) would carry out a provisional audit of the unit next month. This audit would provide a gap analysis to enable the Council to continue making changes in order to gain TSA accreditation.

The Council's involvement in the Supporting Troubled Families Programme continued to be successful. The programme currently had 48 New Forest families in the scheme. A further 209 families had already had successful outcomes from engagement with the programme.

Chairman

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Work Programme 2015/2016

| ITEM | OBJECTIVE | METHOD | TIMING/UPDATE ON PROGRESS |
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| HOUSING | | | |
| Introductory Tenancies | To review the progress of introductory tenancies. | Report to Panel | January 2016 |
| Supporting People | To review the impact of the Supporting People regime. | Report to Panel | January 2016 |
| Armed Forces Community Covenant | To review the progress of the Community Covenant. | Task & Finish Group Report to Panel | March 2016 |
| Welfare Reform | To review the transition to Universal Credit and impact on residents/tenants | Report to Panel | As and when appropriate |
| CRIME & DISORDER | | | |
| Community Safety Partnership | To fulfil the Council's statutory duty | Invite representatives of the Community Safety Partnership to the Panel's meeting | January 2016 |
| CCTV Cameras | To receive interim findings of the task & finish group. | Report to Panel | January 2016 |
| Statutory Nuisance | To receive interim findings of the task & finish group. | Report to Panel | January 2016 |
| Domestic Homicide | To receive a report on the domestic homicide panel | Report/Presentation to Panel | When appropriate |
| CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE | | | |
| Child Poverty in the New Forest | Task & Finish Group | Interim findings Findings and final recommendations | September 2015 November 2015 |
| HEALTH | | | |
| Progress of the Health & Wellbeing Board Action Plan | To review the progress of the current action plan | Report to Panel | June 2016 |
| LEISURE | | | |
| Sedentary lifestyles and how the council can engage residents into healthier lifestyles/exercise | To agree the terms of reference for a task & finish group and appoint members. | Report to Panel | November 2015 |

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| Community Grants | To review the Community Grant applications and make recommendations to the Portfolio Holder | Report to Panel | January 2016 |
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Task & Finish Groups

- Armed Forces Community Covenant
- Child Poverty
- Dibden Golf Centre
- Statutory Nuisance
- CCTV
- Sedentary Lifestyles