

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
COMMUNITY SAFETY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
HELD ON TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER, 2016, AT 4.00 P.M.
IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

PART 1

PRESENT:

Councillors

Johnson, T.B. (Chairman)

Lea, C.I. (Vice-Chairman)

Dean, A.

Dudson, Miss M.J.

Freeman, Miss M.A.

Grice, Mrs. D.

Martin, Mrs. C.E.

Molineux, G.N.

Smith, C.D.

Snape, P.A.

Stretton, Mrs. P.Z.

Sutherland, M.

Witton, P.T.

Also in attendance:

- Councillor C. Bennett (Crime & Partnerships Portfolio Leader, Observer).
- Sergeant Calum Forsyth, Staffordshire Police Prevent Team.

15. Apologies

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Chief Inspector Knight in respect of agenda item 5.

16. Declarations of Interests of Members in Contracts and Other Matters and Restrictions on Voting by Members and Party Whip Declarations

No declarations of interests or party whip declarations were received.

17. Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 5 September, 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed.

18. Prevent Strategy Presentation

Sergeant Calum Forsyth, Staffordshire Police Prevent Team, delivered a presentation to Members on the above topic which covered: structure and role of the Prevent Team; overview of the Government's Counter-Terrorism Strategy and why it was first established; Prevent as a tool to stop terrorist acts from occurring;

factors for how terrorist acts can happen; recognising vulnerabilities to radicalisation; local picture; case study; why Prevent was important to councillors and how to report concerns.

Members requested that a copy of the presentation be circulated to all councillors for information. Sergeant Forsyth advised that it would be more appropriate for councillors to be instead issued with a copy of the Prevent presentation which was specifically relevant to local authorities.

19. Police Performance Report and Update on Local Policing Changes

The Head of Environmental Health advised that consideration of this item would be deferred due to Chief Inspector Knight being unable to attend the meeting.

20. Quarter 2 Performance Report 2016-17 – Cleaner and Safer Environments Priority Delivery Plan (Community Safety Section)

Members noted the latest performance information (Item 6.1 to 6.4 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Head of Environmental Health advised that due to staff sickness it had not been possible to update the recorded crime data for quarter 2; however it was expected that up to date figures would be available for quarter 3.

In respect of the CCTV Review, the Crime & Partnerships Portfolio Leader reported that a meeting had been held recently between the chief executives of the Staffordshire borough/district councils and the Staffordshire Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC). The PCC had re-iterated his view that a Staffordshire-wide CCTV network should be established, so therefore no money would be provided locally for CCTV provision. Part of the discussion had also focussed on whether the Police should pay councils when being provided with CCTV footage.

21. Work Programme Update

Members suggested that an additional meeting of the Committee be arranged just to consider the Police performance report and update on local policing changes instead of deferring these items to the next meeting.

A Member requested that the Crime & Partnerships Portfolio Leader find out why Staffordshire Police was the only police force in the country to have a policy of not employing persons who were active members of the Reserve Forces. The Portfolio Leader agreed to look into this and report back to the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 5:10pm

CHAIRMAN