

CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY

RECORD OF DECISIONS of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Community Safety held on Wednesday, 31 July 2019 at 4pm at the Guildhall, Portsmouth

Present

Councillor Lee Hunt (in the Chair)
Cal Corkery
Gemma New

1. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of interest

No declarations of interest were made.

Crime Reduction Fund.

Although this was not an agenda item, Lisa Wills Strategy and Partnership Manager was invited by the Cabinet Member for Community Safety to provide a short information-only update on this matter. He

This was approved in February 2019 and the council is currently awaiting quotes from companies for the running of community workshops. These will be held in the Autumn in three areas of the city: the North; Central and South. A total of £90,000 will be provided over the next three years.

In response to a question, Councillor Hunt explained that he intended to share information in this way in order to be as open and transparent as possible.

3. Independent Sexual Violence Advocate funding

A deputation was made by Kirsty Mellor in favour of the recommendations.

Bruce Marr, Head of Harm & Exploitation introduced his report and in response to a question explained that the three organisations financing this have stated that the proposal is to re-tender during 2020 for 3 years with a start date of April 2021.

Councillor Lee Hunt noted that children who suffer abuse need support but funding for young people had reduced over successive years.

Councillor Gemma New agreed with the extension.

Councillor Corkery commended Aurora New Dawn for the breadth of services they provided and for being a very dedicated, dynamic value-led organisation.

Councillor Lee Hunt noted that increasingly services are being outsourced and that this would continue until the government changes its direction of travel.

DECISIONS

The Cabinet Member for Community Safety:

1. Approved a one year extension to the ISVA Contract with Hampshire County Council and that the £10,000 cost of the 1 year extension be met from the Environment & Community Safety Portfolio Reserve.
- 2) Thanked Yellow Door and Aurora New Dawn for their commitment and support to victims of sexual violence.

4. Food Safety Operating Plan 2019/2020

Richard Lee, Regulatory Services Manager introduced the report.

Councillor Hunt noted that this report shows that the council takes food safety seriously and the public can feel safe when they eat out.

DECISION

The Cabinet Member for Community Safety approved the 2019-20 Food Safety Operating Plan.

5. Community Wardens

Colette Hill, Assistant Director of Neighbourhoods introduced the report and in response to questions added that a report will come to the October meeting.

Councillor Corkery noted that feedback he had received showed that residents valued seeing wardens at community events and meetings. However, the yearly fixed term contracts do not give staff the security they deserve. Hopefully can build on that long term permanent positions can be introduced.

Councillor Hunt stated that he had brought this matter to Full Council to ensure that they understand the need to fund this service. The Cabinet had given every indication that funding would continue. An additional £500,000 had been invested in support work and community action network work with the wardens.

In response to a question from Councillor Corkery, he explained that the extended youth provision was in place and attending events. He did not know whether the contracts had been signed as it was not in his remit. He would pass on any questions to the relevant Cabinet Member.

Councillor Gemma New stated that she agreed with the points made and felt that the service should be supported.

The Cabinet Member for Community Safety noted the report.

6. CCTV in Stamshaw Park

Colette Hill introduced the report on behalf of Roy Goulding, Community Safety Manager.

Councillor Hunt reported that residents living near Alexandra Park are pleased that the park is now almost complete CCTV coverage.

Councillor Gemma New noted that CCTV was a good idea to reduce anti-social behaviour and crime. She requested that the possibility of expanding coverage to other areas including Paulsgrove be investigated.

Councillor Corkery recognised the important role that CCTV plays in deterring and detecting anti-social behaviour and crime; however he noted it was important to balance human rights and privacy. He requested that a link to the annual report be on camera use be provided.

Councillor Hunt noted that the technology was becoming less expensive and more effective as time passes. He also stated that a proportionate response to anti-social incidents was key and that CCTV provision encouraged more freedom for people due to their reduced fear of crime.

DECISION

The Cabinet Member for Community Safety noted the report.

7. Dates of future meetings

The meeting concluded at 5pm.

Councillor Lee Hunt
Cabinet Member for Community Safety