



# NOTICE OF MEETING

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**CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY**

**TUESDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2021 AT 4PM**

**VIRTUAL REMOTE MEETING**

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## **Membership**

**Cabinet Member for Community Safety.**

Councillor Lee Hunt (Cabinet Member)

**Group Spokespersons.**

Councillor Cal Corkery

Councillor Gemma New

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## **AGENDA**

- 1 Apologies for absence.**
  
- 2 Declarations of Members' Interests.**

**3 Independent Sexual Violence Advocate Tender (Pages 3 - 6)**

Purpose.

To seek approval from the Cabinet Member for Community Safety to jointly commission an Independent Sexual Violence Advocate (ISVA) service, in partnership with HCC, SCC and OPCC1 for victims of all ages (children and adults) who have suffered any unwanted sexual experience and who live in the Portsmouth, Southampton or Hampshire County area.

**RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet Member for Community Safety agrees to retender current ISVA provision until 31st March 2025 (3 years) with an option to extend by 4 years (plus 2 years, plus 2 years) with a contribution from Portsmouth City Council of £105,000 over the 7 years.**

**4 Community wardens & CCTV (Pages 7 - 10)**

Purpose.

To inform the Cabinet Member for Community Safety of an update as to the work of the community warden team during the Covid Pandemic.

**RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet Member for Community Safety note the report.**

**5 Safeguarding Camera Update (Pages 11 - 14)**

Purpose.

To update the Cabinet Member for Community Safety of the work undertaken by the Safeguarding camera team.

**RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet Member for Community Safety note the report.**

# Agenda Item 3



**Title of meeting:** Cabinet Member Community Safety

**Date of meeting:** 16<sup>th</sup> February 2021

**Subject:** Independent Sexual Violence Advocate tender

**Report by:** Alison Jeffery; Director of Children, Families and Education

**Wards affected:** All

**Key decision:** No

**Full Council decision:** No

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## 1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To seek approval from the Cabinet Member for Community Safety to jointly commission an Independent Sexual Violence Advocate (ISVA) service, in partnership with HCC, SCC and OPCC<sup>1</sup> for victims of all ages (children and adults) who have suffered any unwanted sexual experience and who live in the Portsmouth, Southampton or Hampshire County area. .

## 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the lead member for Community Safety agrees to retender current ISVA provision until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 (3 years) with an option to extend by 4 years (plus 2 years, plus 2 years) with a contribution from Portsmouth City Council of £105,000 over the 7 years.

## 3. Background

- 3.1 There is no legal requirement to provide ISVA provision however supporting victims of sexual violence is considered good practice and is a priority for the Safer Portsmouth Partnership. The 2020 strategic assessment<sup>2</sup> identified that "there were 783 sexual offences recorded by the police in 2019/20.....Serious sexual offences increased by 69% from 2014 to 2020.....While sexual offences have been reducing slightly since 2017/18; with a 2% (n20) reduction from 2018/19....sexual offences linked to a licensed premise saw an increase (17%, n14)". In relation to young people in "Q4 2019/20, approximately 80 children were considered at risk from Child Sexual Exploitation, which is an 18% increase from the same time period in 2018/19".

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<sup>1</sup> Hampshire County Council, Southampton City Council and Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.saferportsmouth.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Strategic-Assessment-Update-2019-20-Redacted-131020.pdf>

- 3.2 ISVA's provide specialist tailored support to victims of sexual violence and works with people who have experienced rape and sexual assault, irrespective of whether they have reported to the police. The Safer Portsmouth Partnership identified<sup>3</sup> that while "there has been an increase in police recordings of sexual offences and rape; there has been a decrease in the proportion resulting in a formal outcome" and that "the peak age range for victims was 12 to 20 with women most likely to be victims 82%".
- 3.3 The current ISVA jointly commissioned service across Portsmouth and Hampshire is provided by Yellow Door and is for those aged 18+, has an annual contract of £118,908<sup>4</sup> and ends on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022. Demand for provision has been consistently high; over the last 3 years with an average of 149 referrals per year for victims who live in Portsmouth. For 2019/20 there were 71.2 referrals per 100,000 population in Portsmouth compared to 95.9 in Southampton and 44.3 in Hampshire.
- 3.4 The OPCC also award an annual grant of £15,065 to PARCS<sup>5</sup> to provide a Young Persons ISVA for those who live in Portsmouth, Fareham, Gosport and Havant. It is proposed that this funding will become part of the new contract.
- 3.5 The proposal is for a new contract value of £310,800 per year. Currently in light of the high demand in Portsmouth, it is proposed to increase the annual budget by 50%; therefore, the proposed contributions<sup>6</sup> from each partner would be:
- Portsmouth City Council £15,000
  - Southampton City Council £20,000
  - Hampshire County Council £16,800
  - OPCC £259,000 (including NHS funding of £39,000)
- 3.6 While the current contract was awarded to Yellow Door, provision for those who live in Portsmouth, Havant, Fareham, Gosport and parts of East Hampshire are provided by Aurora New Dawn. To support local delivery and added value commissioners are undertaking further work to consider specification details to ensure that, regardless of the current size of a service, all specialist services have an equal ability to apply.

#### 4. Reasons for recommendations

- 4.1 Both the current commissioned service with Yellow Door and grant funded service with PARCS has provided a good service to victims of sexual violence. However aligning this provision both locally and across a wider partnership represents exceptional value for money and efficiencies without any loss of quality. The significant contribution from the OPCC increases the resource capacity and one contract provides the flexibility to prioritise need across all areas within the Hampshire County Council and Portsmouth and Southampton City Council areas.

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<sup>3</sup> <https://www.saferportsmouth.org.uk/sexual-offences/>

<sup>4</sup> HCC £16,800 / PCC £10,000 / OPCC £92,108

<sup>5</sup> Portsmouth Abuse and Rape Counselling Service

<sup>6</sup> These contributions have yet to be confirmed by the respective commissioners governance processes

**5. Integrated impact assessment**

5.1 An integrated impact assessment is not required, as the recommendations do not have a significant positive or negative impact on communities and safety, regeneration and culture, environment and public space or equality and diversity.

**6. Legal implications**

6.1 As indicated in the body of the report, this is a discretionary service but one which the Council has power to provide/fund.

6.2 The partners will need to agree a process for the joint procurement and subsequent day to day management of the resulting service contract, together with arrangements to record their individual agreed/committed budgetary contributions.

**7. Director of Finance's comments**

7.1 The actual cost of the contract will not be known until the service has gone out to tender. However, it is envisaged that the current service budget will cover the Portsmouth City Council contribution to the contract.

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Signed by:

**Appendices:** None

**Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972**

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

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The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/ rejected by ..... on .....

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Signed by:

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# Agenda Item 4



**Portsmouth**  
CITY COUNCIL

## **THIS ITEM IS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

**(Please note that "Information Only" reports do not require Integrated Impact Assessments, Legal or Finance Comments as no decision is being taken)**

**Title of meeting:** Community Safety Decision Meeting

**Subject:** Community Warden update

**Date of meeting:** 16<sup>th</sup> February 2021

**Report by:** Director of Housing, Neighbourhood and Building Services

**Report Author:** Roy Goulding, Community Safety Manager

**Wards affected:** All

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### **1. Requested by:**

1.1 Cabinet Member for Community Safety

### **2. Purpose:**

2.1 To inform the Cabinet Member for Community Safety of an update as to the work of the community warden team during the Covid Pandemic.

### **3. Information Requested:**

3.1 The community warden team have continued to work throughout 2020, including during the various stages of Lockdown and the Tier systems in place to help control the Coronavirus infection rate. The team had taken on additional duties to assist with areas of the service that required additional support during the Lockdown period. As services have returned to work following appropriate risk assessments the community warden team are now focussed on their regular demand and hours of work. However this remains under regular review as the country finds itself in another national lockdown.

3.2 The additional support provided by the community wardens included:

- Arranging, collecting and delivering hot food to the homeless community
- Providing a presence to support and manage the re-opening of the Household Waste and Recycling Centre at Port Solent.
- Supporting officers at temporary accommodation provided by bringing the 'homeless in' during lockdown prior to new housing provision being provided for the majority of those residents

- 3.3 During the lockdown period demand had reduced for a need to cover the 2 a.m. shift pattern that the team would work in housing blocks and this enabled additional officers to be on duty up to 10 p.m. to cover the additional duties. The team have switched back to their usual operational hours and are now on duty between 08.00 and 02.00.
- 3.4 During the first lockdown, risk assessments were completed in relation to the community warden duties and it did lead to a change of working practices to manage the risks presented by the coronavirus. This included reducing face to face contact, introducing the wearing of additional Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and restricting waste investigations that involve searching through rubbish bags due to the risk to staff involved. This continues to be reviewed based on current guidance but the team are effectively providing a full service.
- 3.5 The community warden team were responsible for completing 24,455 demands in the calendar year 2020. These demands were a combination of pro-active patrolling and direct calls in to the service.

There was a total of 15,529 patrols and an additional 8,926 calls placed on the service. Examples of the type of demand include:

- General patrols 5269
- Dog patrols including dog fouling 2232
- Early refuse 247
- Housing Block patrols 2707
- Unauthorised encampment engagement 350
- Welfare checks 482

- 3.6 The Cabinet on the 3rd November 2020 approved a report to retain 4 additional community warden posts on a permanent basis. It also approved to retain a further 4 additional community warden posts for an extended period until 31 March 2022. Therefore the community warden team will have 12 permanent posts and 4 fixed term posts (31 March 2022) in addition to the existing 2 community warden managers covering the city.

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Signed by James Hill - Director for Housing, Neighbourhood and Building Services

**Appendices:** None

**Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972**

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Retention of Additional Community Wardens Cabinet Report.	<a href="https://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/retention-of-additional-community-wardens.pdf">Retention of additional Community Wardens.pdf (portsmouth.gov.uk)</a>
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# Agenda Item 5



**Portsmouth**  
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## **THIS ITEM IS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

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**Title of meeting:** Community Safety Decision Meeting

**Subject:** Safeguarding Camera Update

**Date of meeting:** 16 February 2021

**Report by:** Director of Housing, Neighbourhood and Building Services

**Report Author:** Roy Goulding, Community Safety Manager

**Wards affected:** All

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### **1. Requested by:**

1.1 Cabinet Member for Community Safety

### **2. Purpose**

2.1 To update the Cabinet Member for Community Safety of the work undertaken by the Safeguarding camera team

### **3. Information Requested**

3.1 Portsmouth City Council (PCC) currently has 133 fixed public space surveillance (PSS) CCTV cameras covering the city. In addition, there are 18 redeployable cameras that are able to be utilised across the city to meet demand at locations that are not covered by a fixed camera. The redeployable suite are of a design that enables a safeguarding camera to be fixed to a lamppost that has a permanent power supply. These cameras are used to assist with preventing and tackling anti-social behaviour across the city. Fourteen of the redeployable units are a triple camera type enabling multiple views to be captured at the same time, whilst the four remaining units are of a single camera type.

3.2 Examples of positive outcomes for the redeployable cameras include identification of individuals being responsible for fly tips at Tangier Road and Kirby Road. Following an investigation, these individuals received fines as they were able to be identified by reviewing the camera footage. Hampshire Constabulary place a large demand on the team for footage for a variety of their investigations and the team provide relevant footage to assist and provide evidence at court as appropriate. This has contributed towards successful criminal prosecutions.

- 3.3 The CCTV system is managed by the CCTV Manager who is also registered as the Single Point of Contact (SPOC) for the authority as required by the Surveillance Camera Commissioner. In addition to the PSS and redeployable cameras the CCTV manager is able to design and install bespoke systems to buildings managed by PCC and partner agencies. Recent installations have included College Park (animal sanctuary), City Museum and Fratton Community Centre. PCC has also been working with Gosport Borough Council and its housing department and installed to date 6 bespoke CCTV systems. This also includes ensuring legislative requirements are met. The CCTV Manager is responsible for ensuring each camera has a data protection impact assessment and the PSS camera positions are publicly available on PCC's website.
- 3.4 The CCTV Manager has responsibility for the entire network of cameras and manages ten officers within the CCTV team. This includes a team of operators who work within the CCTV Control Room. This is a team of 8 staff working in pairs on a rolling shift pattern 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. This team will monitor, review and download footage as required ensuring that they are adhering to all relevant codes of practice and other privacy legislation. The operators managed 7298 incidents in 2020 and produced 1071 copy discs for partners and undertook an additional 235 viewings of recorded material for partners. This is in addition to responding to incidents in 'live' time and they will work with the police often whilst an on going incident is occurring. They will also participate in providing footage to partner agencies during events that require support from the citywide cameras.
- 3.5 In addition to the CCTV operators PCC employ two Security Equipment Engineers. These engineers have responsibility to maintain, repair, replace and install new camera systems as directed by the CCTV manager. The engineers are trained to look after multiple types of equipment and to use multiple types of vehicle when required. In addition to maintain and repairing the Public space and redeployable safeguarding cameras, the engineers are responsible for the maintenance and repair of all PCC housing stock cameras and recording hardware (approximately 1800 cameras). They also currently have responsibility for Gosport's housing stock of 36 cameras.
- 3.6 The safeguarding camera team and infrastructure is wholly funded by Portsmouth City Council aside from the additional income received from Gosport Borough Council for installation work. In 2021 the team will explore the potential to generate additional income to enable continuous improvement towards the infrastructure of the control room and camera system. This will also include consideration of funding towards additional redeployable cameras to continue to contribute towards safeguarding the city.

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 Signed by James Hill - Director of Housing, Neighbourhood and Building Services

**Appendices:** None

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