

CABINET MEMBER FOR SAFETY IN THE COMMUNITY

RECORD OF DECISIONS of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Safety in the Community held on Wednesday, 15 March 2023 at 2pm at the Guildhall, Portsmouth

Present

Councillor Jason Fazackarley (in the Chair)
Councillor George Madgwick
Councillor John Smith

1. Apologies for Absence.

None.

2. Declarations of Members' Interests.

No interests were declared.

3. White Ribbon Accreditation

Caroline Hopper, Corporate Projects Manager introduced the report.

Councillor Fazackarley stated that he is pleased with the cross-party support that has been given to deal with this very important issue and encouraged all Councillors to sign up individually to the White Ribbon pledge.

DECISION

The report was noted.

4. Private Sector Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator Role

Roy Goulding, Head of Community Safety introduced the report and presented Simon Newell, Private Sector Anti-Social Behaviour Coordinator.

In response to questions from members, they explained that:

- If Simon is involved, the case is included in the cases listed in the report at section 3.4.
- Wardens deal with approximately 1,000 incidents each officer per year but this can be higher.
- Referrals come from Councillors, members of the public and Housing Associations amongst a number of other partners.
- If complaints are received about dog fouling or dogs walking off lead in a cemetery, patrols in the area are increased. The officer looks to educate the offender or if necessary, carry out enforcement action.
- To assist with understanding demand and directing resources accordingly there are standard categories that are used to record the behaviour being addressed. Therefore, whilst there is a category for young people that will predominantly mean the main issue for those issues are related to the behaviour of young people it does not mean that they will not be included in some of the category headings. The caseworker is involved in complex casework so often whilst a main category is recorded it will often include elements of other subcategories.

Councillor Fazackarley confirmed that funding for the position had been secured and asked that future reports show a breakdown of cases over the different wards.

DECISION

The report was noted.

The meeting concluded at 2:20pm

Councillor Jason Fazackarley
Chair