

Notes of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee
Crime and Disorder Working Group
22nd June 2015

Present: Councillors: Roger Clarke (Chairman) Alan Britten, David Coldwell, Adrian Lee, Tim Lloyd

Apologies: Councillors: Jim Sanson, David Skipp

Also present: Councillor: Leonard Crosbie

Officers: Greg Charman, Community Safety Manager

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor Roger Clarke was elected as Chairman of the Working Group for the ensuing year.

2. TIME OF MEETINGS

The meetings of the Crime and Disorder Working Group would be held at 5.30pm for the ensuing year.

3. TO APPROVE AS CORRECT THE RECORD OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15TH DECEMBER 2014

The notes of the meeting held on 15th December 2014 were approved as a correct record.

4. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN OR CHIEF EXECUTIVE

There were no announcements.

6. TO APPROVE THE WORKING GROUP'S TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Terms of Reference were approved by the Working Group.

7. **PROTOCOL FOR THE SCRUTINY OF CRIME AND DISORDER MATTERS**

The Working Group noted the protocol which outlined the key provisions of the relevant legislation, the Terms of Reference of the Working Group, its duty to meet at least once a year, the role of scrutinising the CSP Plan and performance reports, the ability to give notice to responsible authorities to require their representatives to attend Working Group meetings or to provide information required for Scrutiny.

8. **DEMONSTRATION OF THE HORSHAM DISTRICT COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP WEBSITE**

The Community Safety Manager provided the Members with a brief introduction on the Horsham District Community Safety Partnership (HDCSP).

It was within the role of the Community Safety Manager to ensure that the Council met its statutory duties under the Crime and Disorder Act.

From 1st April 2015 each priority action plan would take effect for the new year.

The Community Safety Manager provided the Working Group with a demonstration of the Horsham District Community Safety Partnership website.

The Working Group noted the different aspects of the website such as the newsletter, which was produced bi-annually. The newsletter covered a number of current issues in the District which fell within the remit of the Partnership such as antisocial behaviour, drink-driving, and street pastors. The next newsletter would be produced in autumn 2015.

The Website also detailed Watch Schemes, the Partnership's Priorities and relevant and current information on keeping safe in the District, taking into consideration any issues which may have been prevalent at the time.

7. **REVIEW OF THE HORSHAM DISTRICT COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP (HDCSP) ACTION PLANS FOR THE 2015-2016**

The Community Safety Manager explained that there were three priorities of the HDCSP for the year 2015-2016: Vulnerable Victims, Road Safety and Drugs and Alcohol.

The Working Group received the priority action plans for Alcohol and Drugs and also for Road Safety, however Members noted that the action plan for Vulnerable Victims remained outstanding.

In relation to the action plan for Alcohol and Drugs, the Members questioned why the status of the priority to raise awareness of the issues surrounding legal highs was highlighted red. The Community Safety Manager, who was responsible for this action plan, explained that a specialist trainer would be providing 18 representatives from the Partnership with training on this aspect in order to be better equipped to tackle this problem in the District.

The Community Safety Manager explained that the reason that many of the priorities were highlighted amber or red was due to the fact that the action plans were prepared at the beginning of the year with a view to address all the priorities by the end of the Partnership's year, at which point they would be highlighted green.

The Working Group noted the information provided and would review the progress of the action plan priorities again in October 2015.

9. FUTURE MEETINGS

The Working Group agreed that it would meet again in October 2015 to review the progress in delivering the 2014/15 action plans. The Scrutiny and Committee Support Officer would schedule the meeting for a suitable date.

It was suggested that a presentation from the Deputy District Commander also take place at that meeting.

Members expressed some concern that the presentation from the Police and Crime Commissioner, scheduled for 24th June 2015, had been cancelled and it was agreed that the Chairman of the Working Group monitor this to ensure the presentation was rescheduled in due course.

The meeting finished at 5.08 p.m. having commenced at 4.00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN