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AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO CABINET

9 FEBRUARY 2012

REPORT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY SELECT COMMITTEE

CABINET DECISION

Housing and Community Safety – Lead Cabinet Member – Councillor Steve Nelson

EFFICIENCY, IMPROVEMENT, AND TRANSFORMATION (EIT) REVIEW OF COMMUNITY SAFETY AND SECURITY SERVICES

1. Summary

This report presents the findings of the Housing and Community Safety Select Committee following the EIT review of Community Safety and Security Services.

The review encompassed the following areas within Community Safety and Security Services; ASB Team, Community Safety, Community Safety grants, Security and Surveillance (CCTV, alarm monitoring, etc), Care Call (community alarm service, Telecare, Telehealth, Domicillary Care), Neighbourhood and Enforcement Service, Caretaking Services (Admin Buildings), Town Hall Housekeeping Service, Concierge Security (fully funded by Tristar Homes Ltd).

The overall aim of the review was to identify options for future strategy, policy and service provision that will deliver efficiency savings while sustaining/improving high quality outcomes for SBC residents.

2. Recommendations

The Committee recommend:

1. Based upon successful consultation with staff members, it is recommended that the identified vacant posts across the service are deleted with duties being absorbed by other posts across the authority.
2. Based upon the agreed criteria with trade unions and after successful consultation with staff members, it is recommended that two of the four posts of Senior Neighbourhood Officer are deleted.
3. The Committee recommend a reduction in the contribution to the Cleveland Emergency Planning Unit.
4. The Committee recommend a reduction in the Services and Supplies Budget directly associated with deleted posts.

3. Reasons for the Recommendations/Decision(s)

As part of the Council's EIT Programme, the Committee has undertaken the review with the aim of identifying options for future strategy, policy and service provision that will deliver efficiency savings while sustaining/improving high quality outcomes for SBC residents.

4. Members' Interests

Members (including co-opted Members with voting rights) should consider whether they have a personal interest in the item as defined in the Council's code of conduct (**paragraph 8**) and, if so, declare the existence and nature of that interest in accordance with paragraph 9 of the code.

Where a Member regards him/herself as having a personal interest in the item, he/she must then consider whether that interest is one which a member of the public, with knowledge of the relevant facts, would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the Member's judgement of the public interest (**paragraphs 10 and 11 of the code of conduct**).

A Member with a prejudicial interest in any matter must withdraw from the room where the meeting considering the business is being held -

- in a case where the Member is attending a meeting (including a meeting of a select committee) but only for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence, provided the public are also allowed to attend the meeting for the same purpose whether under statutory right or otherwise, immediately after making representations, answering questions or giving evidence as the case may be;
- in any other case, whenever it becomes apparent that the business is being considered at the meeting;

and must not exercise executive functions in relation to the matter and not seek improperly to influence the decision about the matter (**paragraph 12 of the Code**).

Further to the above, it should be noted that any Member attending a meeting of Cabinet, Select Committee etc; whether or not they are a Member of the Cabinet or Select Committee concerned, must declare any personal interest which they have in the business being considered at the meeting (unless the interest arises solely from the Member's membership of, or position of control or management on any other body to which the Member was appointed or nominated by the Council, or on any other body exercising functions of a public nature, when the interest only needs to be declared if and when the Member speaks on the matter), and if their interest is prejudicial, they must also leave the meeting room, subject to and in accordance with the provisions referred to above.

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SAFETY AND SECURITY SERVICES**

SUMMARY

This report presents the findings of the Housing and Community Safety Select Committee following the EIT review of Community Safety and Security Services. The review examined a variety of services that are delivered by Community Safety and Security Services across the borough that ensure the borough is safe and crime and disorder is prevented.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee recommend that:

1. Based upon successful consultation with staff members, it is recommended that the identified vacant posts across the service are deleted with duties being absorbed by other posts across the authority.
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DETAIL

1. The attached report presents Cabinet with the findings of the EIT Review of Community Safety and Security Services undertaken by the Housing and Community Safety Select Committee between April 2011 and January 2012.
2. The review forms part of a three year programme of EIT (Efficiency, Improvement and Transformation) reviews covering all services provided by the Council. The programme aims to ensure that all services are reviewed in a systematic way to ensure that they are provided in the most efficient manner, provide value for money and identify opportunities for service improvements and transformation. This review examined a number of highly visible front line services delivered by Community Safety and Security Services.

3. Following consideration by Cabinet, an action plan will be submitted to the Select Committee setting out how approved recommendations will be implemented detailing officers responsible for action and timescales.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4. It is estimated that recommendations 1 - 4 would save the Authority £152,000 as detailed within the main body of the report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5. There are no specific legal implications emanating from the review at this stage.

RISK ASSESSMENT

6. This report is categorised as low to medium risk. Existing management systems and daily routine activities are sufficient to control and reduce risk.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY IMPLICATIONS

7. This review impacts upon the core theme of Environment and Housing, and Stronger Communities and Older Adults supporting themes.

EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

8. This report has been subject to an Equalities Impact Assessment and has been judged to have a neutral impact (score of 60).

CONSULTATION INCLUDING WARD/COUNCILLORS

9. No specific consultation exercise was undertaken as part of the review.

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Education related?

No

Background Papers

None

Ward(s) and Ward Councillors:

Not ward specific.

Property

None