

Crime and Disorder Select Committee

A meeting of Crime and Disorder Select Committee was held on Thursday, 23rd March, 2017.

Present: Cllr David Wilburn(Chair), Cllr Paul Rowling (Vice-Chair), Cllr Stephen Parry, Cllr Stephen Richardson, Cllr Julia Whitehill, Cllr Carol Clark (Sub Cllr Barry Woodhouse)

Officers: Colin Snowdon (Environmental Health Unit Manager), Jo Roberts (Traffic & Network Safety Manager), Judith Trainer (Team Leader - Scrutiny & Electoral)

Also in attendance: Cllr Nigel Cooke (Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Transport), Cllr Steve Nelson (Cabinet Member for Access, Communities and Community Safety)

Apologies: Cllr Allan Mitchell, Cllr Mrs Sylvia Walmsley, Cllr Barry Woodhouse

1 Evacuation procedure

The evacuation procedure was noted.

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3 Minutes for signature - 22nd December 2016

The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd December 2016 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

AGREED that the minutes were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4 Minutes for signature - 26th January 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th January 2017 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

AGREED that the minutes were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

5 Draft Minutes - 23rd February 2017

Consideration was given to the draft minutes of the meeting held on 23rd February 2017.

AGREED that the minutes be approved.

6 Action Plan - Scrutiny Review of Dog Fouling/DNA Testing

Consideration was given to the Action Plan for the Scrutiny Review of Dog Fouling.

Members raised the following points/questions:

- It was asked whether members of the public often made calls to report individuals that did not pick up after their dogs. In response, it was noted that

while some did call the service to report repeat offenders, in order for any action to be taken, an officer would need to witness the offence first hand.

- The Committee agreed that if offenders were issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice, it would raise awareness of the implications of irresponsible ownership.

- Members commended the service on the results achieved despite low staff numbers.

- Concerns were raised around members of the public resorting to dealing with problems personally if the Local Authority did not take action. It was explained that members of the public should report incidents to the Cabinet Member who would then arrange to send a letter to the offender.

- Members noted that if the address of the reported offender was known, an officer would hand deliver a warning letter to the address.

- It was agreed that engagement with the public was important. It was explained that officers engaged with all dog walkers and not only those reported as offenders.

AGREED that the action plan be approved.

7 Scrutiny Review of Safety of Railway Crossing Points

Consideration was given to the final report on the Scrutiny Review of Railway Crossing Points.

AGREED that the report be approved for presentation to Cabinet in April 2017.

8 Work Programme

Consideration was given to the work programme 2016-17.

AGREED that the work programme be noted.