

Crime and Disorder Select Committee

A meeting of Crime and Disorder Select Committee was held on Monday, 25th September, 2017.

Present: Cllr David Wilburn(Chair), Cllr Paul Rowling(Vice-Chair), Cllr Carol Clark, Cllr Norma Wilburn (Cabinet Member)

Officers: Reuben Kench (Culture, Events & Leisure), Sara Fortune (Development Operations Manager), Judy Trainer, Annette Sotheby (DCE)

Also in attendance: Cllr Michael Cherrett, Cllr Marjorie Galloway (Preston Parish Council)

Apologies: Cllr Kevin Faulks, Cllr Allan Mitchell, Cllr Mrs Sylvia Walmsley

CAD Evacuation plan

14/17

The evacuation plan was noted.

CAD Declarations of Interest

15/17

There were no declarations of interest.

CAD Draft minutes of 27th April 2017

16/17

The minutes of 27th April 2017 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

CAD Scrutiny Review of Security at Preston Park

17/17

Members received the Scope and Project Plan and discussed the following:-

- Anti-social behaviour with regard to owners allowing dogs to roam freely. Anti-social behaviour on site, particularly around the skate park.

The Director of Leisure, Arts and Events gave an overview - key points included:-

- How to better control the anti-social behaviour within the site, housing a listed building containing valuable historical items, in the centre of a parkland setting, well used by the public at all hours of the day and into the evening.

- Difficulties preventing inappropriate vehicle use of the site.

- Improvements made to CCTV in order to identify perpetrators.

- Presence of 3 residential properties in the park requiring 24/7 vehicle access to site.

- River access and the dangers of swimming, theft and damage to the pontoons and jetty.

- Security and lock-up procedures.

- Vandalism to the café, toilets and Butterfly World.

Members asked about lock-up times and whether overnight security was in operation. It was noted that strict closing times were difficult to enforce especially if there were still unattended vehicles in car-parks. The site did not have an overnight watchman.

Parish Council members discussed complaints from residents with regard to anti-social behaviour issues around dogs, vehicles, parking and noise from events. It was noted that dogs should be kept on a lead around the children's play area and café and picnic areas. A controlled dog exercise area was a consideration, however it was felt that responsible dog owners who allow their dogs off lead in appropriate areas would feel penalised.

It was noted that displaced parking on adjacent streets should now decrease as there were now only two annual daytime events in the park.

A site visit of Preston Park was then undertaken to allow Members to gain an understanding of the park boundaries and points of access.

AGREED – that the information be noted.

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18/17** **Scrutiny Review of Membership of Local Government Bodies**

Members considered the draft final report and whether the amount of additional information could justify the extra cost of LGIU membership. The Committee felt that there was not a strong case in view of information already available from other sources.

AGREED - that the final report be approved for submission to Cabinet.

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19/17** **Work Programme**

Next meeting to be held on 5th October 2017.

AGREED – that the work programme be noted.

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20/17** **Chair's Update**

The Chair had nothing further to update.