Crime and Disorder Select Committee

A meeting of Crime and Disorder Select Committee was held on Thursday, 27th April, 2017.

Present: Cllr David Wilburn(Chair), Cllr Paul Rowling(Vice-Chair), Cllr Carol Clark, Cllr Gillian Corr, Cllr Allan Mitchell, Cllr Stephen Richardson, Cllr Barry Woodhouse

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Officers: Judith Trainer, Annette Sotheby (DCE)

Also in attendance:

Apologies: Cllr Ken Dixon, Cllr Mrs Sylvia Walmsley, Cllr Julia Whitehill, Cllr Stephen Parry

CD Evacuation Procedure

1/17

The evacuation procedure was noted.

CD Declarations of Interest

2/17

There were no declarations of interest from members.

CD Minutes for signature - 23rd February 2017

3/17

The minutes of 23rd February 2017 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

AGREED that the minutes be approved

CD Draft minutes - 23rd March 2017

4/17

5/17

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

AGREED that the minutes be approved

CD Scrutiny Review of Outside Bodies

Members considered a draft scope and project plan for the committee's review of Membership of Local Government Bodies which would look afresh at the council benefits from membership of those bodies within the review and how information is disseminated from them. A table was shown which, once updated, could be presented setting out membership of bodies, subscription, meeting frequency, attendance and funding. It was proposed to send an email to SMT, group leaders and members appointed on the bodies to obtain views as to the benefits of membership.

Members discussed attendance at the meetings of outside bodies and the difficulties experienced in attending outside the area, particularly for a short period of time, also the expense this incurred. It was felt there were other benefits to membership for example information provided, in addition to attending meetings.

Members felt it would be useful to have a list of elected members/officers who

attend meetings, for the purposes of information sharing.

It was suggested that Members be invited to attend or give comments to Select Committee to discuss their involvement and views on membership of outside bodies – this would be reported to the next meeting.

The benefits of collective procurement and discounts available from membership of specific bodies were discussed. It was suggested that information be obtained to quantify savings achieved vs cost of membership.

AGREED – That the scope and project plan be approved and Members be invited to the committee's next meetings.

CD Work Programme 6/17

Discussion took place around the committee's next review which would be security in Preston Park and specifically around anti-social behaviour.

A visit to the park was suggested – this could be added to the draft scope.

AGREED – That the work programme be noted.

CD Chair's Update 7/17

The Chairman advised that committee's report on Safety at Railway Crossing Points had been well received and approved by Cabinet.