

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

6.00 P.M.

8TH FEBRUARY 2017

PRESENT:- Councillors June Ashworth (Chairman), Caroline Jackson (Vice-Chairman), Alan Biddulph, Tracy Brown, Roger Mace, David Whitaker and Phillippa Williamson

Apologies for Absence:-

Councillor Rob Devey

Also in Attendance:-

Councillor Margaret Pattison - Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Markets, Voluntary Sector, Older People and Rural Affairs
Steve Scott - Head of Waste Management, Lancashire County Council

Officers in attendance:-

Mark Davies

Stephen Metcalfe

Jenny Kay

Chief Officer (Environment)

Principal Democratic Support Officer

Civic & Ceremonial Democratic Support Officer

38 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings held on 21st December 2016 and 4th January 2017 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

39 FLY TIPPING AND LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S PERMIT SCHEME AT RECYCLING CENTRES

The Chairman welcomed Steve Scott, Head of Waste Management, Lancashire County Council and the Chief Officer (Environment) to the meeting.

Steve Scott provided the Committee with an update on recycling and waste management within Lancashire including details of the permit scheme that had been introduced at the County's Recycling Centres. It was reported that each household could apply for a permit to dispose of a quarter of a tonne of building waste each year.

With regard to the impact on fly tipping, it was reported that there had been a slight increase in the district but it was only at the level it had been in 2011/12. Across the County it was still a problem.

To tackle fly tipping across Lancashire, the Waste Partnership, which consisted of officers from all of the local authorities from the County, was working on proposals to combat the problem. Centrally funded enforcement was being investigated and the Partnership had signed up to the Environment Agency's 'Right Place, Right Waste' campaign.

Members were advised that the County Council had recently opened a re-use shop in Preston which sold re-usable items that had been brought to the recycling centre. The shop was working well and it was hoped this could be replicated around Lancashire. The

County Council was also proposing to re-use items by donating them to vulnerable people if it could arrange storage.

Committee Members asked a number of questions relating to fly tipping and the permit scheme.

Resolved :-

- (1) That Steve Scott be thanked for his attendance at the meeting.
- (2) That officers make enquiries regarding a site visit by Members of the Committee to the waste management facility within the County.

40 DISCUSSIONS WITH COUNCILLOR PATTISON

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Margaret Pattison, Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Markets, Voluntary Sector, Older People and Rural Affairs, to the meeting.

Councillor Pattison provided the Committee with an overview of her portfolio. It was reported that the Markets were generally doing well and officers were investigating the possibility of some extra specialised markets.

It was reported that the Cabinet Member had a place on the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority as the District had Lancashire's 1% of the National Park within its boundaries.

The Committee was informed that the Cabinet Member was willing to attend a meeting of the Voluntary and Faith Sector Commissioning Informal Task Group to give evidence.

With regard to older people it was noted that Councillor Pattison attend the Older People's Forum where champions from across Lancashire shared good practice. Members were also informed of the good work being undertaken at the Dementia Hub that had been established.

Members of the Committee asked a number of questions relating to Councillor Pattison's portfolio.

Resolved :-

That Councillor Pattison be thanked for her attendance at the meeting.

41 LATE NIGHT ECONOMY IN THE LANCASTER DISTRICT INFORMAL TASK GROUP

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Charlie Edwards, Chairman of the Late Night Economy in the Lancaster District Informal Task Group, to the meeting.

Councillor Edwards gave the Committee an overview of the work that had been undertaken by the Informal Task Group.

It was reported that the Task Group had gathered evidence from many different sources such as the Police, Pubwatch, NHS, BID both Morecambe and Lancaster, as well as Council officers from Licencing, Environmental Services and Street Cleansing.

The following issues were highlighted by the Task Group through its themed meetings:

- Littering
- Night-time economy blending with the day time economy
- 4.00 am to 6.00 am most problematic time
- Litter
- Music
- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Safety of women
- Serving alcohol to people who are intoxicated
- Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) for Lancaster

The report highlighted the good work that was being undertaken by the local Pubwatches and the need for a group to continue the work and liaison that had been established by the Task Group.

One key issue that emerged was the need to continue, in some form, CCTV within Lancaster City Centre.

The Committee discussed the findings and recommendations of the Informal Task Group and made a few minor amendments to the recommendations.

Resolved :

It was unanimously agreed that the report of the Informal Task Group be approved, with the recommendations as amended and set out below :-

Recommendation 1

- (a) That the Community Safety Partnership be requested to establish a Sub-Group to continue the work of the Scrutiny Informal Task Group with the membership mirroring the existing Task Group, including Pubwatch.
- (b) That the Community Safety Partnership Sub-Group consider appropriate levels of training of licensed premises staff and receive updates provided by Pubwatch representatives of Lancaster and Morecambe.
- (c) That the newly formed Sub-Group consider the city centre's ability to gain Purple Flag Status and also investigate the introduction of a rewards system for well-run licensed premises.

Recommendation 2

- (a) That based on the evidence heard, the Task Group recommends to Council that it continues to give its full support to the Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) covering the central area of Lancaster.
- (b) That updates on the use of the PSPOs be reported to the annual Community Safety meeting of the City Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- (c) That the feasibility of the PSPO for Morecambe Town Centre and Promenade be assessed by Lancaster City Council and the Police and reported to the City Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Recommendation 3

That, after considering the evidence provided, it be recommended that CCTV is vital to the infrastructure of Lancaster city centre and Morecambe. The Task Group agrees that public CCTV is a vital community asset which provides reassurance, deterrence and response.

Further to this, it is recommended that work continues with all of the potential partnership participants on building a business case for how a partnership approach to the delivery of a repurposed CCTV system might operate and that a report on this is quickly developed and presented to the Cabinet for consideration.

Recommendation 4

- (a) That the proposed Community Safety Partnership Sub-Group meet with Lancaster University and the University of Cumbria's senior management and the Student Unions regarding policy and practice on alcohol education, consent, health and safety, alongside the annual consideration regarding student admissions to A & E and calls upon the Emergency Services, in liaison with the University Hospital of Morecambe Bay Trust (UHMBT) and the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).
- (b) That the proposed Community Safety Partnership Sub-Group examine the Universities' Codes of Conduct regarding off-campus behaviour and the use of sanctions for anti-social behaviour relating to alcohol and put forward any recommendations to the Universities for consideration.

Recommendation 5

That all Members of the Licensing Act Committee take part in an annual early hours visit with the Licensing Team as part of their mandatory training.

Recommendation 6

That the City Council's Policy on the training of staff in licensed premises be reviewed.

42 CONSIDERATION OF ANY REQUESTS FOR COUNCILLOR CALL FOR ACTION (IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCESS)

It was noted that there had not been any requests for items to be considered in accordance with the Councillor Call for Action process.

43 CONSIDERATION OF ANY PETITIONS (IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCESS)

It was noted that there had not been any requests for items to be considered in accordance with the Petition process.

44 LOCALITY WORKING

It was noted that an update had been requested from Lancashire County Council on locality working.

Resolved :-

That the update be noted.

45 WORK PROGRAMME REPORT

Members considered the Committee's Work Programme including an update on the meeting to consider the Civic Task Group's final report which would meet shortly and report back to the next meeting of the Committee.

With regard to an update on pot holes, Members were advised that Lancashire County Council had offered to attend a future meeting of the Committee to give Members details of the current situation within the district.

Members were reminded that the Community Safety Partnership meeting to consider the Council's referral on hate crime was taking place on Wednesday, 15th February 2017 at 10.00am, with all Overview and Scrutiny Committee Members invited to attend.

Resolved :-

That the report be noted.

Chairman

(The meeting ended at 8.20 p.m.)

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