

COMMUNITY POLICY ADVISORY GROUP

Meeting - 4 March 2014

Present: Mrs Cranmer, Miss Hazell, Mr Kelly, Mr Sandy and Mr Walters

Apologies for absence: Mr Brown, Mrs Holloway and Ms Vigor-Hedderly

45. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the PAG held on 3 December 2013 were received.

46. COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

The PAG received the latest crime statistics for the District in graph form as follows:

- Number of serious acquisitive crime (SAC) offences for the period April 2011 to January 2014;
- Number of burglaries for the period April 2011 to January 2014;and
- Number of incidents of anti - social behaviour (ASB) for the period April 2011 to January 2014

The PAG was particularly pleased to note that the number of burglaries had continued to fall during 2013/14.

Following a request made by Councillor Hazell the Community Safety Manager undertook to provide more detailed statistics relating to anti- social behaviour in Burnham particularly during the period coinciding with Halloween and Guy Fawkes Night.

47. COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY 2014 - 17 AND POTENTIAL PARTNERSHIP MERGER

The PAG considered a report seeking its views on (a) the new Community Safety Partnership Strategy (CSP) for 2014-17 and Action Plan and (b) a proposal to merge the South Bucks CSP and the Chiltern CSP.

With regard to (a) the PAG noted that the number of priorities had been reduced from 6 to 4 namely:

- Reduce house burglary, non-dwelling burglary, theft from vehicles, and violent behaviour in our communities
- Continue to invest in work to prevent and tackle anti-social behaviour in our communities
- Protect vulnerable individuals and communities
- Reduce the fear of crime and perception of anti-social behaviour

On (b) the report explained the process that would need to be followed to seek authority from the Police Crime Commissioner for the merger of the two CSPs.

The Portfolio Holder, having considered the comments of the PAG which supported both the CSP Strategy and the proposed merger, **AGREED to RECOMMEND** to Cabinet that

1. The Community Safety Partnership Strategy 2014 -17 and Action Plan be endorsed.
2. The proposal to merge the South Bucks CSP and Chiltern CSP be supported.

48. CHAIRMAN'S FUND ARRANGEMENTS

The PAG considered a report setting out a proposal for Buckinghamshire Community Foundation (BCF) to administer the Chairman's Fund the aim of which is to support local charities and groups with finance received through fund-raising events such as charity golf day and evening reception.

The PAG, whilst expressing reservations over the proposal as set out in an appendix to the report, felt there was some merit in exploring the possibility of entering into an agreement with BCF for them to administer the Fund for a year followed by a review to see if the arrangements have operated satisfactorily.

Taking on board the reservations expressed by the PAG, the Portfolio Holder undertook to speak to the Chairman of the Council before making a recommendation to the Cabinet.

49. SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS

Councillor Walters declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the application from Padstones - being Chairman of the Trust - and withdrew from the meeting whilst the application was being discussed. Councillor Cranmer declared a personal interest in the application from Padstones being a Trustee.

The PAG considered a report setting out the requests that had been received from community organisations totalling £45,519 for funding from the Subscription and Donation fund which totalled £31, 680 in 2014/15. A sum of £8,752.62 had been designated to the Bucks Infrastructure Contract leaving a balance of £22, 927.38 for allocation.

The report set out details of the applications in terms of:

- Organisation;
- Amount Requested;
- Grant Awarded last year;
- Recommendation;
- Councillor Feedback;
- Information for Consideration;
- Outline of work;
- Number of residents or groups served;
- Funding from other authorities and trusts;
- Charge for Services;
- Need for financial assistance:
- How work relates to relevant strategies; and
- Other information

The report also set out a proposal for any funds remaining in the Subscriptions and Donations budget, after further invitations for applications have been issued, to be transferred to the Chairman's Fund.

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Having considered the advice of the PAG the Portfolio Holder has **AGREED** to **RECOMMEND** to Cabinet that

1. donations and subscriptions be awarded to the following organisations in the sum stated:

Organisation	Amount £
Headway South Bucks	500
Bucks Vision, South East Division	500
Chiltern Citizen Advice Bureau	1500
Madelene Paton Luncheon Club (Denham)	100
Garvin Avenue Over 65's Club	100
Carers Springboard (Gerrards Cross)	100
Wycombe Women's Aid	7000
Berkshire East and South Bucks Women's Aid	1000
Child Bereavement Trust	500
Alzheimer's Society	500
Padstones (Burnham)	6,200
Relate (Mid Thames and Buckinghamshire)	750
Total allocated	£18,750

2. any funds remaining in the Subscriptions and Donations budget, after further invitations for applications have been issued, be transferred to the Chairman's Fund.

50. PROPOSED ANTI-DOG FOULING AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

The PAG was invited to comment on a project to be discussed at the meeting of the Health and Housing PAG on 6 March 2014 aimed at raising awareness of the anti-social nature of dog fouling and encouraging dog walkers to behave responsibly.

The project, to be developed along the lines of the successful initiative in Chiltern District Council in 2013, would be based on a series of options as set out in the report including

- Publicity campaigns and visual materials based on the CDC material
- Targeted surveillance of hot spot areas by uniformed officers
- Local coordinated publicity events
- Provision of a presence at village or parish events promoting responsible dog ownership and free or reduced fee micro chipping.
- Enforcement visits and use of enforcement techniques
- Distribution of complaint forms and timely response to complaints
- Local signage to support the campaign
- Development of an anti-dog fouling toolkit
- Partnership approach between staff contractors and Parish or Town Council, PCSO's and local volunteers
- Awareness raising
- Publicity for the use of dog waste bins and litter bins
- To increase a street presence
- To increase dog fouling enforcement

The PAG noted that the cost of the project to cover initial events of £3000 would be met from the community safety budget tackling anti-social behaviour.

Having considered the comments the Portfolio Holder **AGREED** to advise the Health and Housing Portfolio Holder that her PAG supported the project.

51. **STATIC CCTV EQUIPMENT**

The PAG considered a report on progress regarding the fixed CCTV equipment that will cease to be in operation from 1 April 2014.

The report, after identifying the options that were currently being considered for the use/removal of the equipment after 1 April 2014, also sought the PAG's views on a proposal for signs to be erected by all the Council's CCTV indicating that the cameras are no longer in use.

Having considered the comments of the PAG the Portfolio Holder **AGREED** to **RECOMMEND** to the Cabinet that the CCTV equipment remain in place beyond April 2014 pending a review of the options and signs be erected to indicate that the cameras are no longer in use.

52. **EXEMPT INFORMATION**

Members noted that the following item contained information which was not available to the press and public.

Farnham Park Sports Field - Proposed New Lease

(Schedule 12A Part 1 Para (3) - because of information relating to the financial and business affairs of any particular individual)

Following the advice of the PAG the Portfolio Holder agreed to recommend to Cabinet that a new lease be granted subject to terms and conditions

The meeting terminated at 7.42 pm