

## COMMUNITY POLICY ADVISORY GROUP

Meeting - 17 June 2014

Present: Mrs Cranmer, Mr Brown, Miss Hazell and Mrs Holloway

Apologies for absence: Mr Kelly, Mr Sandy and Mr Walters

### 1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the PAG held on 4 March 2014 were received.

In connection with minute 47, the PAG noted that the proposed merger of the South Bucks Community Safety Partnership (CSP) and the Chiltern CSP had now been agreed by the Police Crime Commission for the Thames Valley.

The PAG also noted that the signs referred to in minute 51 - Static CCTV Equipment - have now been erected.

### 2. COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

The PAG noted that because of the new way the Police were now recording crime figures it had not been possible to obtain the latest crime figures. However the crime figures for the year ending March 2014 were available and they showed an overall reduction of 2% in all crime. The figures also showed:

- Burglaries down by 1%
- Thefts from vehicle up by 7%
- Violence against the person up by 9%

Following an explanation on how the police divided domestic abuse into recordable crime and non-recordable incidents the Community Safety Manager said that she would endeavour to obtain more detailed information relating to non-recordable incidents.

### 3. SOUTH BUCKS DISTRICT COUNCIL YEAR 2 PLAN OF THE INSPIRING A GENERATION LEGACY PROGRAMME

The PAG received a report which set out the Year 2 action plan of the Inspiring a Generation Legacy Programme (IGLP) for South Bucks (2013 - 2016) which builds on the success of the Olympics and Paralympics.

The PAG noted that the proposed plan was divided into the following areas:

- Community engagement
- Increased sports participation
- Sports club support
- Volunteering
- Elite athlete programme

Following the positive comments of the PAG, the Portfolio Holder **AGREED** to **RECOMMEND** to Cabinet that:

1. the proposed Year 2 Plan of the South Bucks District Council 2012 Inspiring a Generation Legacy Programme be approved.
2. authority be delegated to the Director of Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, to make any minor changes to the Programme during the year.

#### 4. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014

The PAG received a report which informed Members of the incoming Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) powers and the likely implications for the Council, the Community Safety Partnership and South Bucks residents.

In providing an overview of the new powers the report explained the following:

- Community Trigger (Anti-Social Behaviour Review);
- Community Remedy;
- Criminal Behaviour Orders;
- Injunctions to Prevent Nuisance and Annoyance;
- Closure Notice and Orders;
- Community Protection Orders;
- Public Space Protection Orders; and
- Police Dispersal Powers

An appendix to the report outlined the key issues that would need to be taken into consideration in implementing the new powers which came with enforceable penalties as explained in the report which went on to identify the delegations that would need to be made to officers to ensure the powers were enforced.

The report concluded by referring to the need to develop a publicity strategy to support implementation and to provide training to staff as well as members, especially those on Licensing Committee.

Having considered the advice of the PAG, which welcomed the new powers and supported the proposals in the report, the Portfolio Holder **AGREED** to **RECOMMEND** to Cabinet that authority to exercise the Council's functions and enforcement powers under the Anti-Social, Crime and Policing Act (whether as part of joint arrangements or otherwise) be delegated to the Head of Health and Housing, including but not restricted to:-

- a) appointment of authorised officers
- b) in consultation with the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, securing injunctions to prevent nuisance and annoyance
- c) the issue of closure notices and securing of closure orders
- d) the issue of community protection notices
- e) the implementation of public space protection orders.

#### 5. EXEMPT INFORMATION

Members noted that the following items contained information which was not available to the press and public for the reasons under each Minute heading.

#### 6. MINUTES

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

The PAG received the minutes of the PAG held on 24 March 2014.

7. **THE LAURELS AT FARNHAM PARK PLAYING FIELDS**

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

The PAG received a report which set out a number of options regarding the possible future use of The Laurels at Farnham Park Playing Fields.

Having considered the advice of the PAG, which was supportive of option 3, the Portfolio Holder **AGREED** to **RECOMMEND** to Cabinet that

1. option 3, as set out in the report, be approved as the preferred option
2. authority to decide whether to accept the offer and agree the terms of the lease in line with the valuers recommendation be delegated to the Director of Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder and the Head of Legal and Democratic Services.

8. **FARNHAM PARK CHARITABLE TRUST PROGRESS REPORT**

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

The PAG received a report which updated Members on the Farnham Park Sports Fields (Charitable Trust) and the activities which it is responsible for at Farnham Park Playing Fields and The South Buckinghamshire Golf Course. The report also set out a Flexible Membership package and a proposal to delegate authority to the General Manager to carry out a number of operational activities.

Having considered the advice of the PAG, which was supportive of the proposals, the Portfolio Holder **AGREED** to **RECOMMEND** to Cabinet that

1. the new Flexible Membership package and fees as set out in the report be approved
2. order to enable the General Manager to respond effectively to market and trading conditions/demands authority be given to deal with the day to day running and operation of The South Buckinghamshire, including introducing new memberships, running campaigns, and changing prices etc. as necessary, in consultation with the Director of Services.

The meeting terminated at 7.12 pm

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