

AT A MEETING of the POLICY AND RESOURCES SELECT COMMITTEE of the COUNTY COUNCIL held at The Castle, Winchester on Tuesday, 22 November 2016.

PRESENT

Chairman:
p Councillor Elaine Still

Vice-Chairman
p Councillor Keith Evans

Councillors:

p Ray Bolton	p Anna McNair Scott
p Adrian Collett	p Andy Moore
p Criss Connor	p Mark Staplehurst
p Keith House	p Bruce Tennent
p Roger Huxstep	a Ken Thornber
p Robin McIntosh	p Sharyn Wheale

145. **BROADCASTING ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Chairman announced that the press and members of the public were permitted to film and broadcast the meeting. Those remaining at the meeting were consenting to being filmed and recorded, and to the possible use of those images and recording for broadcasting purposes.

146. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Ken Thornber. The conservative Substitute Member had been invited but was unable to attend.

147. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter considered at the meeting they must declare that interest at the time of the relevant debate and, having regard to the circumstances described in Part 3 Paragraph 1.5 of the County Council's Members' Code of Conduct, leave the meeting while the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with Paragraph 1.6 of the Code. Furthermore Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Personal interest in a matter being considered at the meeting they considered whether such interest should be declared, and having regard to Part 5, Paragraph 4 of the Code, considered whether it was appropriate to leave the meeting whilst the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with the Code.

148. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Policy & Resources Select Committee meeting held on 14 July 2016 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising: Minute 141 – The Chairman reported that following Cllr Connor’s request at the last meeting that concessionary fares be scrutinised, this topic was considered at the Economy Transport & Environment Select Committee meeting on 3 November 2016 and Cllr Connor attended to put his points forward.

149. **DEPUTATIONS**

No deputations were received at this meeting.

150. **CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman had no announcements to make on this occasion.

151. **COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE**

The Select Committee heard from the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire, Michael Lane, following his election in May 2016, who provided an overview of his role and his intended approach.

Members heard that:

- One of the roles of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) is to produce a Police and Crime Plan. His Plan would be finalised shortly, and the four pillars of the plan were: Champion Community Needs; Strengthen Partnerships; Reduce Offending; and Enable Effective and Efficient Operational Policing
- The PCC is held to account by the Police and Crime Panel (PCP), and the PCC would be presenting his delivery plan for scrutiny by the PCP in January 2017

Following questions, Members heard:

- The PCC works with the Chief Constable, and discusses with them the resources required for operational policing, as the PCC sets the council tax precept that forms one third of the funding for Hampshire Constabulary
- The PCC would be holding events in February 2017 to engage with stakeholders regarding rural policing issues

The Select Committee then considered a report from the Director of Transformation and Governance (see Item 6 in the Minute Book) providing an update on the partnership role of the County Council in promoting community safety.

Members heard that:

- The County Council works closely with the PCC to support his Police and Crime Plan
- Many programmes that impact on crime and disorder form part of the core services that the County Council delivers
- Due to the breadth of topics relevant to crime and disorder, the approach taken had been to provide an overview report, and cover one aspect in further detail at each crime and disorder scrutiny meeting

Following questions, Members heard:

- That the Hate Crime Action Plan covers: encouraging reporting of incidents, supporting people who experience hate crime, education of perpetrators, and opportunities for use of restorative justice. It was offered that the published plan could be shared with committee members.
- The rate of first time entrants into the youth justice system had been steadily falling over recent years. It was offered that a report providing further detail could be circulated.
- The evaluation report on the Supporting Troubled Families Programme in Hampshire could be provided to members

The Select Committee then received a presentation on the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Prevent Partnership Board, as the detailed topic for this meeting (see Item 6 in the Minute Book).

Members heard that:

- The Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 places a duty on specified authorities to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism
- A Hampshire Prevent Partnership Board has been established and produced a multi agency strategy and action plan
- The current terrorist threat level in Hampshire is Low
- A Counter Terrorism Local Profile (CTLP) is produced for local areas by the Police and used to identify priority activity
- A stakeholder conference had been held in October on preventing violent extremism, and the feedback would be considered by the Prevent Board to inform its future work

Following questions, Members heard:

- No individuals were known to have travelled to Syria from Hampshire, however six had from Portsmouth.
- There was an emerging picture of far right extremism, however this had not yet manifested in violence.

Plans and reports to be circulated

Members commented:

- That hate crime on social media was an area of concern. It was noted this type of issue required a national response
- Good Religious Education has a part to play in preventing extremism

RESOLVED:

The Select Committee thank the Police and Crime Commissioner and officers for attending to present and take questions.

The Select Committee note the report and presentation.

152. **WORK PROGRAMME AND ONGOING WORK ACROSS ALL SCRUTINY COMMITTEES**

Members noted the work programme for the Committee and the overview of scrutiny activity across all Committees (see Item 7 in the Minute Book).

It was requested that for the next meeting covering the Crime & Disorder scrutiny duty, the Police and Crime Commissioner be available for a longer slot, a briefing note be provided for background to confirm the remit of this scrutiny duty, and the report cover fewer topics in a greater degree of detail.

Cllr Collett, seconded by Cllr House, requested that the Policy & Resources Select Committee scrutinise the budget for the whole council at the January meeting, not just the Policy & Resources budget. Following debate, this proposal was put to the vote and was not carried.

RESOLVED:

That the work programme is agreed, subject to any amendments arising from this meeting.

Work programme be updated

Chairman, 20 January 2017