
COMMUNITIES AND WELLBEING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Friday, 22nd January, 2016

Present: Councillor Kerry Molineux (in the Chair),
Councillors Jenny Nedwell (Vice Chair), Judith Addison and
Bernadette Parkinson

In Attendance: Co-optee: Dave Parkins
Vickie Barritt – Principal Policy Officer

Apologies: Kath Pratt and Eamonn Higgins

371 Apologies for Absence and Substitutions

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Higgins and Councillor Pratt.

372 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

There were no declarations of interest or dispensations.

373 Minutes of Last Meeting

To receive the Minutes of the meeting of the Communities and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on Friday 11th December 2015 for approval as a correct record.

Resolved - **That the Minutes be received and approved as a correct record.**

374 Community Safety Plan

The Principal Policy Officer reported on the current priorities of the Community Safety Plan. She reported that the priorities for 2016 were domestic violence and violent crime, substance misuse (alcohol and drugs), youth related issues and threats, acquisitive crime and road safety. She reported that the plan reflected the Partners' wish to focus on areas that would not have got done if the Community Safety Partnership had done nothing. She indicated that these priorities were revised annually to reflect current and emerging priorities.

Members submitted questions on the following issues:

- How priorities of the CSP were identified.
- Details and statistics associated with the Night Safe Zone.
- The length of opening hours of pubs and the effect on alcohol related crime.
- Details of Claire's Law.
- Information on youth threats and targeting of youths and projects.
- If the CSP were intending to restrict access to alcohol by young people.

The Principal Policy Officer referred to her update at the beginning of the meeting on how the CSP identified their annual priorities and provided information and statistical information on the Partners' current work with the Night Safe Zone. She explained that Claire's Law was a new system put in place to help to protect partners at risk. She informed the Committee of the reason why Claire's Law had been introduced and the importance of its launch to people suffering from domestic abuse. In respect of work with youths she reported that they were and had been carrying out a number of projects to protect young people and detract them from being involved in petty crime. She explained that one of the projects was a Friday Night Football project to which the Police would refer suitable people. She also pointed out that they were working with young people on alcohol awareness schemes which were delivered in schools and had been very effective.

Resolved - **That the Communities and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee endorsed the Community Safety Plan and supported its priorities and plan.**

375 Crime and Disorder Update

The Chair reported that the Police had been unable to attend the Committee and that this item would be moved for consideration at the March 2016 Committee meeting.

376 Intelligence Based Targeting and Protecting Vulnerable People

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Signed:.....

Date:

Chair of the meeting
At which the minutes were confirmed