

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
ACTING AS THE CRIME AND DISORDER COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 28 MARCH 2017

Present: Councillor Mrs Ring (Chairman), and
Councillors Barned, M Burton, Joy, D Mortimer, Perry,
Mrs Ring, Mrs Robertson, Webb and Webster

Also Present: Councillors Mrs Gooch

72. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

73. NOTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

There were no Substitute Members.

74. URGENT ITEMS

There were no urgent items.

75. NOTIFICATION OF VISITING MEMBERS

It was noted that Councillor Gooch was present as a Visiting Member for Agenda Item 11 - 2013-18 Community Safety Partnership Plan Refresh.

76. DISCLOSURES BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

There were no disclosures from Members and Officers.

77. DISCLOSURES OF LOBBYING

There were no disclosures of lobbying.

78. EXEMPT ITEMS

RESOLVED: That the items on the agenda be taken as proposed.

79. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14 FEBRUARY 2017

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 14 February 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed.

80. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

There were no petitions.

81. QUESTIONS AND ANSWER SESSION FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from members of the public.

82. REPORT OF THE HEAD OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES - 2013-18 COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP PLAN REFRESH

The Chief Executive and the Community Partnerships & Resilience Manager introduced the 2013 -18 Community Safety Partnership Plan Refresh report. It was outlined to Members that the priorities contained in the plan align with the Police Control Strategy and the Police & Crime Commissioners Strategic Plan.

In response to Members questions, it was noted that:-

The action plan in relation to domestic abuse and other violent crime was due for redrafting, and that at this time consideration could be given to action to address violent crime in wards other than the High Street.

There was still lack of clarity around how the police would provide a place a safety when they use their powers under section 136 of the Mental Health Act to detain from 1st April 2017.

There had been a change of practice in the Community Safety Unit weekly meetings to bring different agencies together so that it was easier to identify if there was a mental health component to the case. Further integration was being worked towards over the next 12 months.

There has been a significant reduction in the number of road casualties and responsibility by the relevant agencies such as KCC in relation to road safety information was unchanged and that the activities of the relevant agencies were well established and continuing.

Although a glossary had been included it was felt that the document could benefit from further re-wording for clarity.

RESOLVED: That the 2013-18 Community Safety Partnership's Plan refresh is recommended to Council for adoption and implementation by the Safer Maidstone partnership and its priority subgroups, subject to redrafting to improve the clarity of the document.

For – 9 Against – 0 Abstain - 0

83. DURATION OF MEETING

6.30 p.m. to 7.45 p.m.