Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Agenda

13 June 2012

A meeting of the Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be held at **Shire Hall, Warwick** on **13 June 2012** at **10:00am**

Election of the Chair and Vice Chair
As this is the first meeting of the Committee following the Council AGM, the first order of business is to elect a Chair and a Vice Chair for the following 12 months.

1. **Q&A session with Martin Yardley, Managing Director of the Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership (CWLEP)**
   The meeting will open with an hour long Q&A session with the Managing Director of the CWLEP.

2. **General**

   (1)   Apologies

   (2)   Members' Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

   Members should declare any interests at this point, or as soon as the interest becomes apparent. If the interest is prejudicial, and none of the exceptions apply, you must withdraw from the room. Membership of a district or borough council only needs to be declared (as a personal interest) if you wish to speak in relation to this membership.

   (3)   Chair's Announcements

   (4)   Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising

3. **Public Question Time**
   Up to 30 minutes of the meeting are available for members of the public to ask questions on any matters within the remit of the Committee. Questioners can speak for up to three minutes.

   If you would like to ask a question at the meeting please contact Dave Abbott:
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4. **Questions to the Portfolio Holders**

Up to 30 minutes of the meeting are available for members of the Committee to put questions to the following Portfolio Holders on any matters relevant to the remit of the Committee, and for the Portfolio Holders to update the Committee on relevant issues.

- Councillor Peter Butlin, Portfolio Holder for Transport and Highways
- Councillor Alan Cockburn, Portfolio Holder for Sustainable Communities
- Councillor Colin Hayfield, Portfolio Holder for Customers, Access and Physical Assets
- Councillor Richard Hobbs, Portfolio Holder for Community Safety

5. Anti-Social Behaviour Update

This report gives an overview of anti-social behaviour in Warwickshire - including how it is recorded, upcoming changes to legislation, and what action the Council is taking.

6. Fire and Rescue Service Position Paper

This report gives updates on progress of the Fire and Rescue Service's improvement plan, the strategic commissioning review, and the integrated risk management plan (IRMP).

7. Work Programme 2012 (Standing Item)

The latest version of the Communities Overview and Scrutiny work programme is attached at Appendix A for the Committee to amend and approve as appropriate.

8. Any Other Items

Which the Chair decides are urgent.

JIM GRAHAM
Chief Executive
Shire Hall
Warwick

Membership of the Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Councillors Sarah Boad, Richard Chattaway, Michael Doody, Clare Hopkinson, Barry Lobbett, Chris Saint, Ray Sweet, Claire Watson, John Whitehouse, and Chris Williams

Portfolio Holders
Councillor Peter Butlin –Transport and Highways
Councillor Alan Cockburn – Sustainable Communities
Councillor Colin Hayfield – Customers, Access and Physical Assets
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Minutes of the Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 12 April 2012

Present:
Members of the Committee
Councillors Sarah Boad, Richard Chattaway, Michael Doody, Clare Hopkinson, Barry Lobbett, Chris Saint, John Whitehouse, and Chris Williams

Portfolio Holders
Councillors Peter Butlin, Alan Cockburn, Colin Hayfield, and Richard Hobbs

Other Warwickshire County Councillors (Non-voting)
David Johnston, Barry Longden, and Helen Walton

District and Borough Councillors
Tony Gillias, Rugby Borough Council
David Humphreys, North Warwickshire Borough Council
Noreen New, Rugby Borough Council
Derek Pickard, North Warwickshire Borough Council
Neil Sanderson, Rugby Borough Council

Officers
David Abbott, Democratic Services Officer
Dan Green, Localities and Partnerships Manager (Rugby Area)
John Linnane, Director of Public Health
Kevin McGovern, Transport Operations Group Manager
Jim Onions, Assistant Chief Fire Officer
Gary Phillips, Deputy Chief Fire Officer
Andy Stokes, Passenger Transport Manager
Louise Wall, Head of Sustainable Communities

6 members of the public attended the meeting.

1.   **General**

   (1)   **Apologies**
         Councillors Ray Sweet and Claire Watson

   (2)   **Members' disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests**
         Councillor Richard Hobbs declared a personal interest in Item 6 because a family member is affected by the planned route.

         Councillor Michael Doody declared a personal interest in Item 6 because he is an Executive Member of 51M.

   (3)   **Chair's announcements**
         The Chair informed the Committee that public questions relating to 'Item 4. The Community Impact of Bus Service Reductions' would be taken under that item.

   (4)   **Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising**

         Webcasting of public meetings (P3 of 10)

On the 29 March there was a demonstration of various webcasting and audio/visual technologies in the Council Chamber. Warwickshire County Council (WCC) is looking to upgrade the technology used in the Council Chamber and Committee rooms but no final decisions have been taken yet.

Alan Farnell, Leader of WCC, and Steve Smith, Head of Property Services, are leading the project.

Grit bins (P4 of 10)
Peter Butlin said that there is no change to the current policy; if a District or Parish Council buys a grit bin, WCC will fill it - but in times of increased need it may take longer than usual.

Police Authority budget (P6 of 10)
After the meeting of the Committee it was confirmed by the Chief Executive of the Police Authority that the views of the Committee had been received and considered during the budget debate.

Speed Watch (P7 of 10)
Superintendent Martin McNevin had 'unblocked' the problem raised by the Chair and now a Community Speed Watch volunteer will be trained.

Member involvement in the planning process (P8 of 10)
Members had been sent a proposal for enhanced member involvement in the planning application process. The key change is an 'early warning' email that members would receive at the beginning of the process. This was agreed by the Committee.

2.   **Public question time**

All public questions related to 'Item 4. The Community Impact of Bus Service Reductions' and were taken under that item.

3.   **Questions to the Portfolio Holders**

**Questions to Councillor Colin Hayfield,
Portfolio Holder for Customers, Access and Physical Assets**

Warwickshire PRU - flood alleviation

Councillor Boad asked the Portfolio Holder what was being done about the problem of flood alleviation at the bottom of the Warwickshire PRU's playing fields.

Councillor Hayfield responded that the PRU is still under the control of the People Group at the moment. The future use of the site is still uncertain. If WCC sells the land, the flood alleviation measures, such as embanking and drains under the ground, would affect the value of the land.

The Portfolio Holder agreed to follow up on the issue outside of the meeting.

The new Warwick library

Councillor Saint asked the Portfolio Holder if the size of the book stock in the new, smaller, Warwick library was of a similar size to that of the old library, and where the large collections of historical documents were being stored.

Councillor Hayfield responded that the majority of books are still available at the new library, and that the collections have been relocated to Nuneaton Library.

The official public launch of the new Warwick library will be held on Monday, 23 April.

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**Questions to Councillor Alan Cockburn,
Portfolio Holder for Sustainable Communities**

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Update on the Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership

There are 3 major projects that affect the Council:

1. The Growing Places fund, which was launched on 26 March and has a deadline for bids of 31 April. The total pot is £12.8m. So far there haven't been any formal responses but there have been a number of enquiries.
2. Rural Growth Network - The pilot has a shared pot of £15m - The main centre at Stoneleigh Park is being supported by 2 enterprise hubs in Shipston-on-Stour and Atherstone which will offer 'rural-friendly' enterprise support.
3. Rural Broadband - Warwickshire has successfully bid for £4m to improve rural internet speed and access. That money has been match-funded by WCC to the tune of £3m.

While the key area of work for the CWLEP is still about removing barriers to economic growth, the LEP board have decided to refocus their strategy on the following 4 areas:

1. Low carbon vehicles
2. Advanced engineering (Motorsports)
3. IT and digital media (Game development)
4. Intelligent mobility (Sat-nav and vehicle tracking systems)

The LEP will be supporting these areas through strategic infrastructure projects, access to skills and training, access to finance, and inward investment.

The board are looking at creating a limited liability partnership.

Councillors discussed the CWLEP and the following points were noted:

1. The CWLEP holds a considerable amount of public money - who is accountable?
2. Councillor Cockburn responded that WCC is the accountable body for the Growing Places fund and there is a panel of members and officers who can make recommendations to the CWLEP Board.
3. The performance of the CWLEP should be benchmarked against other areas of the country.

4. A recurring issue that employers raise is a lack of skills in the workforce.
5. Regarding the skills issue - young people are getting mixed messages. There should be clarity and consistency about what employers want and what the Government is encouraging young people to do.

Martin Yardley, the Chief Executive of CWLEP will be invited to the next meeting of the Committee to talk about the progress made so far and plans for the future. Committee members are encouraged to feedback potential areas for discussion to the party spokespeople.

Daw Mill Colliery

With reference to recent news stories about UK Coal reviewing the future of Daw Mill, Councillor Whitehouse asked what contingency planning is taking place. Daw Mill is a major economic driver in Warwickshire.

Louise Wall responded that WCC is in close contact with the chamber of commerce and agreed to keep the Committee up to date with any developments.

Questions to Peter Butlin,
Portfolio Holder for Transport and Highways

Pavement parking

Councillor Whitehouse asked, with reference to the Guide Dogs for the Blind pavement parking campaign, what wider powers Local Authorities had been given to deal with pavement parking.

Councillor Butlin responded that a recent change in legislation meant that Local Authorities no longer have to apply to the Department for Transport to put up parking signs.

Councillor Chattaway asked if it would be possible to implementing a process whereby a Councillor could request enforcement in a particular area and receive feedback on what enforcement had taken place.

Councillor Longden said that there are significant problems with parking in urban areas. Enforcement could just lead to displacement.

Councillor Lobbett asked for clarity over whether it was legal to park on the pavement in certain areas – in some parts of Bedworth it is difficult not to.

The Chair said that there would be a more in-depth discussion about this issue at a future meeting.

'The role of a member to have influence over parking in their patch' should be a future work programme item.

New parking charges in Leamington Spa

Councillor Boad alerted the Portfolio Holder to concerns that were expressed at Warwick Area Committee over the new minimum parking charge of 50p. Councillor Boad requested that the minimum charge be lowered.

Councillor Butlin responded that there is a lower minimum charge for *off-street* parking but the recommendation is to keep the 50p charge for on-street parking to encourage people to stay in the area for longer and use the shops and local facilities.

4.   **The Community Impact of Bus Service Reductions**

Before the meeting Councillors were given a collection of emails from members of the public who wanted to contribute their views but couldn't attend the meeting in person. The emails were also sent to the Transport team who will be replying to the respondents about the issues they have raised.

Dan Green - Localities and Partnerships Manager for the Rugby Area, presented the report:

1.   A huge number of petitions and representations from Councillors, MPs, and residents have been received.
2.   The key issue is access to services – both public and private sector.
3.   The reductions *appear* to be felt more greatly in rural areas. However this could be due to the engagement networks in rural areas (Parish Councils etc.)
4.   The reductions disproportionally affect younger people and older people – both groups tend to have less money and no car.
5.   The process of listening is ongoing. Officers from the transport team have been to numerous Community Forums to hear peoples concerns firsthand.
6.   Feedback has led to a great number of revisions to the network.
7.   Stratford LSP has set up a task and finish group to look at developing sustainable options for community transport.
8.   We need to be aware of the cumulative impact. We can't look at services in isolation – especially in areas of multiple deprivation. These are areas where people typically aren't as familiar with engagement and support systems.
9.   WCC is aware of the impacts, and wherever possible the transport team have worked collaboratively with communities to find solutions.

Kevin McGovern - Transport Operations Group Manager, addressed the Committee and made the following points:

1.   In 2011, 15.2m passenger journeys were made on buses in Warwickshire – 3.2m of those journeys were subsidised by WCC.
2.   We have ensured that every community retains some level of transport provision. The level of service provision is linked to the population.
3.   We worked closely with bus operators to introduce services - parts of the county are now serviced with buses on a Friday and Saturday night that operate on a commercial basis.
4.   Communication has been very comprehensive.
5.   Changes are fast-moving and there is no end date – there are several examples of revisions that have been made since the report was written.

Peter Butlin - Portfolio Holder Community Transport, addressed the Committee and made the following points:

1. While this is mainly a rural issue, there are pockets of deprivation in all areas of Warwickshire.
2. We have to consider how to support people living in the countryside.
3. Funding disappeared overnight – to have done a 6 month consultation would have led to deeper cuts to the network.
4. We will continue to listen and alter the network as we go along.
5. We are plugging the gaps with community transport who have secured funding for the next 3 years.

Councillor Doody asked if bus companies could have improved services without the need for WCC grants.

Councillor Butlin responded that private bus operators will only keep routes that are commercially viable. WCC subsidises services if there is considered to be a social need. It is about finding the right balance between the two.

Kevin McGovern said there was a rigorous tendering process for bus subsidies to ensure WCC is getting value for money.

Area - Stratford

Councillor Saint – the geographic area of Stratford is almost equal to all other areas put together but it has a similar population to Warwick District. It has a unique profile and presents a unique set of problems for public transport.

Members asked to be brought in earlier on decisions to cut individual bus services. In the past, services (the number 23 for example) have been cut without prior discussion.

Depending on where they live, people can't get to Community Forums by bus and therefore aren't represented.

The ability for people to get themselves to hospital is a key concern. Community Links can't always be relied on because the service stops at 3pm.

Stephen Law raised concerns about the withdrawal of the evening 29 service. The bus route covered a large number of villages and towns between Stratford and Evesham - a lot of people have been affected.

Kevin McGovern responded:

1. The transport team oversees the entire home-to-school network. Some services cross-subsidise between schools and day time provision.
2. We recognise that the rural nature of Stratford District creates transport needs which cannot always be met by conventional buses. That is why there are more community transport schemes operating in Stratford than anywhere else in the County; including Community Links, Shipston Link, and the Volunteer Car Scheme.
3. Regarding the 23 Service – Johnsons Coaches made changes on a commercial basis. WCC doesn't have the same input as it would for a subsidised service – but we are working to address the liaison problem.

4. Regarding the 29 service – Members made a decision to cut all subsidies to evening bus services as part of the 2011/12 budget. A meeting was held with Stagecoach about them running a Friday and Saturday evening service on a purely commercial basis but they didn't feel it was economically viable.

Councillors asked to be kept informed of the work of the Stratford LSP task and finish group and the Rural Community Council.

Area - Rugby

Councillor Gillias, Rugby Borough Council, addressed the Committee:

Monks Kirby lost the 8.45am bus to Coventry which many people used to get to their doctors practice. It is now very difficult to get to both the doctors and the nearby hospital. We have also lost the service to Leicester, which services the Leicester Royal Infirmary.

Councillor Sanderson, Rugby Borough Councillor and Chairman of Sustainable Rugby, addressed the Committee:

1. There has been a 'double-whammy' with cuts from both Warwickshire and neighbouring Northamptonshire. Services in both directions have stopped.
2. We have lost inter-urban services which has had an economic impact on the town centre. Bus users tend to spend more time in town centres than car users.
3. Why was there so little communication between Local Authorities?
4. Can there not be more joint working to mitigate the impacts?

Andy Stokes, Passenger Transport Manager, responded:
1. In the case of Monks Kirby, the route was linked to a school run in the area. When the network was reviewed that link was cut. We will look at the network through Monks Kirby to see if anything can be done.
2. In Leicester the network had to be carved back to basics which meant taking out the alternative shopping trips - it was quite an expensive provision.
3. Travel de Courcey run an hourly Coventry service - we will see if we can market it better.
4. The transport team have been in contact with Northamptonshire and we are trying to mitigate problem areas.
5. There have been no changes to inter-urban services in Rugby.

Concerns were raised about people being able to get to hospitals. Kevin McGovern said that WCC didn't liaise directly with the ambulance service but they did work with community transport to provide alternatives.

Area - North Warwickshire

Councillor Derek Pickard, North Warwickshire Borough Council, addressed the Committee:

1. In our rural communities people are suffering.

2. To what extent is this Committee looking at known trends for the future of the service?
3. There have been reductions to a number of community services.
4. Access to services, particularly health services, needs to be thought about ahead of time.

Councillor David Humphreys, North Warwickshire Borough Council, addressed the Committee:

1. Officers on the transport team should be congratulated for their responsiveness.
2. Birch Coppice is seeing a lot of economic growth at the moment - particularly with the Occado distribution centre there.
3. Workers are needed from 6am – 7pm and many people just cannot get to work without walking miles every day.
4. Can services be introduced from major areas to get people to work?

Kevin McGovern responded that he had been at a meeting with Councillors to look at ways in which that issue could be addressed.
A timetable is being worked on - but that is not with new money – we are having to shuffle existing provision around.
There is some Section 106 money to use for transport and there is an on-demand service to work and back but it is very under-utilised. Either people don't know about it or it is too expensive.

Area – Warwick and Nuneaton & Bedworth

Councillors recognised that Warwick District and Nuneaton & Bedworth, being mainly urban areas, hadn't experienced the same problems that were being reported from other areas of the County.

Councillor Boad raised the issue of some buses not being accessible for people in wheelchairs due the height of the floors.

Kevin McGovern responded that all subsidised services are accessible – it is a requirement of the WCC subsidy agreement. It is a Central Government requirement that all buses have to be accessible by 2015.

Councillor Alan Cockburn thanked Kevin McGovern and the Transport Operations team for their continued dedication and hard work, supporting the bus network despite a very challenging budget reduction.

Resolved:
That the Committee undertakes further scrutiny work to identify those areas where the worst impacts are being felt, and to identify the cost of rectifying those problems, with the aim of providing an informed input into the budget setting process.

5. **Improving Fire Control**

Richard Hobbs presented the report and the following points were noted:

1. The bid into Central Government was submitted jointly with Northamptonshire.
2. A 'memorandum of understanding' for strategic alliance is going to Cabinet a week today. Northamptonshire Cabinet passed the memorandum last week.
3. Any major strategic decisions would have to be agreed by both authorities.
4. We will not progress any further until the full business case is presented.

Jim Onions addressed the Committee and the following points were noted:

1. The collapse of the national Fire Control project left the service with ageing infrastructure.
2. Warwickshire successfully bid for £1.8m of government funding to support project work.
3. The procurement process for an ICC system has started.
4. Fire station systems will be upgraded and the county-wide radio systems will be replaced.
5. The new control room would be installed in the existing Leamington fire station and would then be relocated to the new building when it was operational.
6. The work will enable both Warwickshire and Northamptonshire to remove the secondary control rooms.
7. A remote control room will also be identified in case of a wide scale problem (e.g. flooding) that affects the control rooms in both Warwickshire and Northamptonshire.

John Whitehouse asked if strategic alliance with Northamptonshire was compromising choices about Warwickshire's future requirements.
For example – was the decision to go with Fortek solely because that is the system that Northamptonshire uses?

Gary Phillips responded that many other Fire Authorities are linking with other services. Regarding Fortek, their technology is well embedded in UK fire services – it is not a compromise.

Councillor Longden said it was important that the people working in the control rooms need to know the local area. Local knowledge is vital for emergency services.

Richard Hobbs responded that it is important that fire fighters on the ground have local knowledge – but control services employees could be from Coventry or North Warwickshire and they are directing engines to Shipston, an area they might never have been to. The technology is there to allow that to happen already.

Michael Doody expressed concerns that moving to the new Leamington fire station could take up to 4 years. Members voted for the proposals on the basis that the new station would be in a more advantageous position for the people of Warwick.

Gary Phillips responded that the service is meeting its standard response times to Warwick. The residents of Warwick are safe.

Richard Chattaway said there had been endless delays and reviews. The Fire and Rescue Service needs a clear strategic direction as soon as possible.

Richard Hobbs said that he understood the frustrations over the length of time the process has taken.

Jim Onions said that a new Leamington Spa station would be a great opportunity for improved equipment and a bespoke training centre – it shouldn't be rushed.

Resolved:

That the Committee supports moving ahead with Option 2 but only on the provision that it doesn't pre-judge the decision on Option 3.

The Committee would also like to urge Cabinet and the Corporate Board to bring the other major issues (the new Leamington station, strategic alliance, the strategic commissioning review) in to resolution as rapidly as possible.

As a Fire and Rescue Authority we need to give the Fire and Rescue Service both certainty and a clear direction for the future.

6.   **High Speed Rail 2 – Update**

Sara Board presented the report and the following points were noted:

1. 51M (the alliance of local authorities opposed to HS2) has launched a judicial review.
2. The expected court date is late autumn. We should have an outcome from the review before Christmas.
3. WCC are being pragmatic and engaging with HS2 Ltd. We have a good, professional, working relationship with them. WCC also has a dedicated, if limited, resource to ensure the best possible outcomes for Warwickshire.

Councillor Stevens said that there will be significant costs to the County Council due to officer time spent on the project, road closures etc. WCC are hoping to claim those costs back from HS2 Ltd.

Councillor Doody informed the Committee that 51M now have 3 extra members – Coventry City, Cheshire, and Staffordshire.

Sara Board informed the Committee that HS2 Ltd. has said that the line is only partially designed – they want to include mitigation measures from the beginning. There will be an engineer assigned exclusively to Warwickshire.

Councillor Whitehouse noted that Miranda Carter from HS2 Ltd. has made it clear that the Planning Forums are not more influential than the Community Forums – all messages are going straight to HS2 Ltd and are equally weighted.

The Chair requested a more formal relationship between the members working group and the project board. For example - minutes of meetings should be shared between the two to keep everyone informed.

7.   Work Programme 2012 (standing item)

Martin Yardley, Chief Executive of the Coventry and Warwickshire LEP will be invited to the next meeting of the Committee to talk about their progress and plans for the future.

The Committee rose at 1:40pm

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Chair

Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee
13th June 2012

Anti-social Behaviour Update

Report of the Strategic Director for Communities

Recommendations

1. That the Committee agrees that anti-social behaviour (ASB) remains a priority for Warwickshire and endorses the approach being taken by the County Council and its partners to reduce the impact of ASB on individuals and the community in Warwickshire.

2. That the Committee, in the light of proposed legislation, endorses the proposal to prepare for this by developing a new Tackling ASB implementation plan in collaboration with partners.

3. To agree any areas for further scrutiny, as appropriate.

1.0 Background and Context

> *"I don't know what to do anymore. I just keep*
> *taking the pills but I'm getting worse. I need help*
> *before this kills me."*
> (Female victim of anti-social behaviour)

1.1 Anti-social behaviour is a broad term often used to describe the day-to-day incidents of nuisance; disorder and low level crime such as public order offences; criminal damage and intimidating behaviour which make many people's lives in Warwickshire a misery on a daily basis.

1.2 The term has come to include any aggressive, intimidating or destructive activity that damages or destroys another person's quality of life. Examples include littering; vandalism; public drunkenness; aggressive dogs and noisy or abusive neighbours.

1.3 ASB is defined by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 as "behaving in a manner that caused or was likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to one or more persons not of the same household as the perpetrator". Whereas The Housing Act 1996 defines the legal definition of anti-social behaviour in

relation to social housing. ASB covers a wide range of actions therefore the responsibility for dealing with this is shared between a number of agencies, particularly the police, councils and social landlords.

1.4   It should be noted that there is some overlap between ASB and some criminal offences (e.g. damage; harassment and public order)

1.5   There is an expectation on all partners involved in Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) to consider ASB when developing Partnership Plans. This report describes the general situation regarding ASB in Warwickshire and the specific actions of the County Council's Community Safety Team. It recognises but does not detail the contribution of other partners such as the Police and District and Borough Councils.

1.6   **Tackling the long term drivers of ASB**
        Excessive consumption of Alcohol is a contributing factor to some ASB. This Committee scrutinised the Warwickshire Alcohol Implementation Plan on 30th June 2011. Since then a new national Alcohol Strategy has been published and the Drug and Alcohol Action Team are currently updating the Implementation Plan to reflect changes and initiatives some of which will have an effect on ASB.

1.7   Illicit drug use and dependent alcohol treatment is addressed through the new recovery-focussed treatment service and user and carer support commissioned by the Drug and Alcohol Action Team.

1.8   Problems caused by troubled families, where ASB is often a trigger for intervention, will be addressed through a new programme designed to turn around the lives of the most troubled families in in the county.

1.9   There are also national plans to tackle aspects of mental health especially amongst the young. In addition irresponsible dog ownership is to be discouraged.

1.10   **Recording of ASB**
        Changes to the way in which anti-social behaviour incidents are recorded by the Police came into effect on 1st April 2011. For the previous 5 years the police had been using the fourteen categories of ASB as defined by the National Standards for Incident Recording for dealing with incidents that fall short of being notifiable crimes. Whilst these categories provided a suitable data set for recording ASB, they did not encourage call-handlers to consider the risk involved for the caller, other individuals or the community as a whole if the ASB continued

1.11   ASB recording in 2011/2 reflects a 'case management' ethos rather than an 'incident based' approach. Simplified categories are designed to change the emphasis from merely recording and responding to incidents, to identifying those vulnerable individuals, communities and environments most at risk and therefore in need of a response before the problems escalate.

1.12   The three new ASB categories are:

(1)   Personal – designed to identify ASB incidents that the caller, call-handler or anyone else perceives as either deliberately targeted at an individual or group or having an impact on an individual or group rather than the community at large. It includes incidents that cause concern, stress, disquiet and/or irritation through to incidents which have a serious adverse impact on people's quality of life. At one extreme of the spectrum it includes minor annoyance; at the other end it could result in risk of harm, deterioration of health and disruption of mental or emotional well-being, resulting in an inability to carry out normal day to day activities through fear and intimidation

(2)   Nuisance - captures those incidents where an act or person causes trouble, annoyance, inconvenience, offence or suffering to the local community in general rather than to individual victims. It includes incidents where behaviour goes beyond the conventional bounds of acceptability and interferes with public interests including health, safety and quality of life. Just as individuals will have differing expectations and levels of tolerance so will communities have different ideas about what goes beyond tolerable or acceptable behaviour.

(3)   Environmental - deals with incidents where individuals and groups have an impact on their surroundings including natural, built and social environments. People's physical settings and surroundings are known to impact positively or negatively on mood and sense of well-being. The environment can change as a result of people using or misusing that space.

NOTE: Some incidents can be recorded in more than one category. For example 'deliberate small fires' could be classified as Nuisance, Environmental, Criminal or all three.

1.13   These simplified categories are designed to change the emphasis from merely recording and responding to incidents, to identifying those vulnerable individuals, communities and environments most at risk and therefore in need of a response before the problems escalate.

1.14   **Priority Setting**
Based on the strategic assessments produced by the Warwickshire Observatory, all 4 CSPs have now adopted tackling ASB as a priority for 2012/13

Each CSP sets its own local priorities and details vary slightly but all cover:

- Alcohol's contribution
- Young People
- Town centre based disruption
- Public perception of behaviour

1.15 Each year a Community Safety Agreement is prepared with and agreed vision for community safety work across the county. A reduction in Anti-social behaviour is one of the main outcomes. The CSA identifies ways that work can be coordinated to address common priorities.

1.16 **Performance**

In 2011 it was reported that recorded incidents of ASB in Warwickshire had decreased by 19% during the three-year period from 2008/9 to 2010/11 (15% reduction in North Warwickshire Borough; 19% in Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough; 27% in Rugby Borough; 12% in Stratford District and 23% in Warwick District) The majority of the recorded incidents being attributed to 'rowdy/nuisance behaviour'

Nuneaton and Bedworth reported the highest number of ASB incidents in Warwickshire (31% of total equating to 66 incidents per 1,000 residents compared to the county average of 48 per 1,000)

Due to the above-mentioned changes in the way that ASB was to be recorded, it would not be possible to make direct comparisons between 2010/11 and 2011/12 ASB performance. It was therefore proposed that 2011/12 should be a benchmarking year in respect of ASB recording and that no annual target should be set.

1.17 Ongoing performance in respect of the new ASB categories was monitored throughout 2011/12 and the Safer Warwickshire Strategic Group was regularly updated on available ASB trend and performance data.
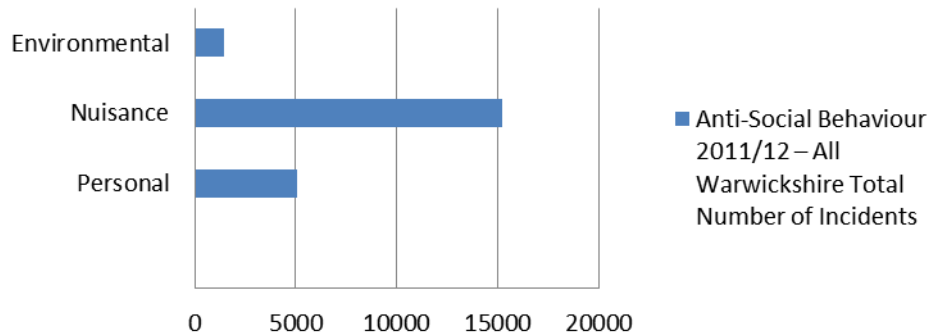
1.18 The 2011/12 end of year data was as follows.

Anti-Social Behaviour 2011/12

Anti-Social Behaviour 2011/12 – All Warwickshire	
Type	Total Number of Incidents
Personal	5,045
Nuisance	15,239
Environmental	1,441
All	**21,725**

(Source: Warwickshire Police)

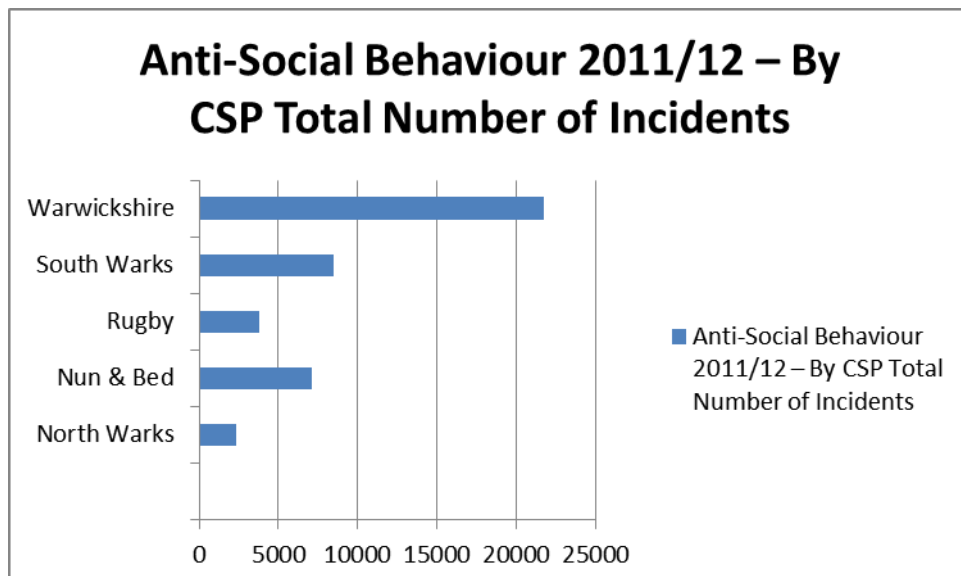## Anti-Social Behaviour 2011/12 – All Warwickshire Total Number of Incidents

Anti-Social Behaviour 2011/12 – By CSP	
CSP	**Total Number of Incidents**
North Warks	2,340
Nun & Bed	7,083
Rugby	3,821
South Warks	8,481
Warwickshire	**21,725**

(Source: Warwickshire Police)

Anti-Social Behaviour 2011/12 – By CSP Total Number of Incidents

1.19 In previous years reported incidents of criminal damage has been used as a proxy measure for ASB and public confidence in the Police and Partners. Here is the data for 2011/12.

iQuanta Comparative Data 2011/12 – Criminal Damage by CSP						
CSP	Rate per 1000 pop 11/12	Av. Rate - Most Similar Group 11/12	Rate per 1000 pop 10/11	iQuanta Rank 11/12	iQuanta Rank 10/11	iQuanta Status*
North Warks	10.39 ↑	9.83	9.52	11th	3rd	Worse
Nun & Bed	13.91↓	12.66	14.37	12th	11th	Worse
Rugby	10.72 ↓	9.83	11.14	13th	13th	Same
South Warks	7.90↓	8.52	10.07	7th	10th	Better
Warwickshire	**10.06↓**	**10.10**	**11.18**	**3rd**	**5th**	**Better**

(Source: IQuanta)

* Year end ranking compared to 10/11 position.

Note: iQuanta is a national performance database which enables Police Forces and partners to compare their performance with similar areas.

1.20 **Warwickshire County Council (WCC) Action**

ASB (and specific areas of crime - usually burglary dwelling and/or vehicle crime) is tackled by our Community Safety Project Officers (CSPOs). Activities are targeted in areas where specific problems have been identified and generally include on-the-ground joint-working involving WCC CSPO's, Police, District and Borough Council Officers, Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) and local residents' groups.

1.21 Positive outcomes of projects include:-

- Public reassurance

- Increase in Neighbourhood Watch membership

- Briefing local people on the issues and identifying solutions that can be applied by citizens agencies or both

- Partnership building between agencies i.e. high-viz jackets supplied by WCC enhancing sense of identity and establishing 'team membership'

1.22 A possible consequence of activities can be a raised level of awareness leading to an increase in reported ASB. This is to be expected given that local people feel empowered and NHW membership encourages the reporting of incidents.

1.23 Specific local projects are detailed below.

(1) ASB Reporting Card – a contact card for victims and witnesses. Distributed across Warwick District identifying the agencies that can respond to specific issues.

(2) Tackling late-night parties in Newbold.

(3) Portobello Way ASB problems (Youths congregating on new housing development) - Multi agency team has worked to reduce ASB problems in the area.   The team consists of County and District Council, Councillors, Housing associations, Community groups and the Police. The work was featured in the Courier Newspaper.

(4) Joint work with Victim Support, who usually only support victims of actual crime, to tackle ASB in villages.

(5) Stratford District - work with Multi agency ASB operational group. Project Officers attend monthly meetings and work with partners to identify and take action against ASB perpetrators and in identified 'Hotspot' areas.

(6) Hams Hall - Working with the Business Improvement District (BID) Company to tackle street racing and other nuisance from vehicles. This ongoing work has included obtaining a High Court injunction and preparing a viable scheme for a gating order.

(7) A high percentage of the reported ASB incidents in Nuneaton and Bedworth have related to 'Nuisance motorcycles'. CSPO's have put together a multi-agency action plan to tackle the problem. The innovative 'Dob Em In' campaign focuses on residents being empowered and encouraged to report incidents and perpetrators. This community-generated intelligence has then led to enforcement activity being taken.

(8) There are a number of other multi-agency action plans to deal with identified hotspots through area forums. E.g. Ansley Common – targeting activity in a specific location with the intention of deterring offenders.

(9) In locations where there is only one complainant, leaflet drops take place to encourage further reporting by other residents to try and determine the true scale of the problem.

(10) CSPs have different tasking arrangements depending on need. These meetings are usually led by the Police and discuss current ASB issues. The appropriate agency, frequently WCC is then 'tasked' to take action such as site visits and instigate crime prevention techniques.

(11) Participation in local partnership events such as 'Your Town Your Choice' evenings targeting 18-30 year olds in Leamington and Stratford.

2.0   Response to HM Inspectorate of Constabulary comments and proposals for the future of ASB

2.1   Earlier this year HM Inspectorate of Constabulary raised the following issues in respect of ASB in Warwickshire:

(1) Ability to identify repeat and vulnerable victims
(2) Improve information sharing
(3) IT system/ Capacity to record
(4) Standardised Process Force wide

2.2　In response to this a Pilot Project has been set up. The group consists of representatives from the Police, County Council (Community Safety), Warwick District Council (Community Safety and Housing Officers), Registered Social Landlord's, Victim support, Environmental Health, and Mental Health Services.

2.3　The aim of this group has been to develop a process to deal with all of the above concerns and implement an agreed process for responding to ASB. Warwick District was chosen to pilot the new process and it is planned to 'roll out' the new system to other areas including Nuneaton, Bedworth, Rugby and Stratford Upon Avon.

2.4　When personal ASB incidents or nuisance are reported, the receiving agency completes a Risk Assessment Matrix (RAM) for the caller/victim.

2.5　Following the completion of the RAM, if the victim is identified as High risk, the information is passed to the District Council's ASB Officer, who will coordinate a partnership response with the relevant agencies. Low/medium risk are still addressed but on a more local basis.

2.6　The County Council is leading on the procurement of a suitable database for the sharing of information quickly but securely. The bringing together of reports and intelligence from partners has already revealed high risk victims that may otherwise have been missed.

2.7　**Future of ASB**
　　 Proposals under the Government's 'Putting Victims First' White Paper published in May 2012 include the following:

(1)　Focusing on victims, continuing support and early identification of vulnerable victims.
(2)　Empowering communities
(3)　Simplifying the relevant powers

2.9　The proposed new powers are as follows:

(1)　The Crime Prevention Injunction – an injunction available to a wide range of agencies, which can be used quickly to protect victims by dealing with anti-social behaviour by private tenants and owner occupiers, as well as social tenants (addressing a criticism of the existing ASB Injunction)
(2)　The Criminal Behaviour Order – an order available on conviction for any criminal offence which will allow courts to attach positive requirements to ensure perpetrators deal with the underlying issues that are driving their behaviour (addressing a criticism of the ASBO), as well as including prohibitions to immediately protect victims.
(3)　The Community Protection Notice – designed to deal with particular anti-social behaviour impacting on a community's quality of life (for example to deal with noise, litter or graffiti).
(4)　The Community Protection Order (public space) – a locally determined order which could impose controls on behaviour in public places, for

example controlling drinking in public as well as preventing other behaviour which has an impact on quality of life.

(5) The Community Protection Order (closure) – simplifying the current complex number of powers available to close premises that are a magnet for trouble.

(6) The Direction Power – a simpler and less bureaucratic power to enable the police to disperse situations to protect victims without needing to go through a long and slow process to designate an area in advance.

2.10 There are also plans to speed up the process of eviction for 'nightmare neighbours' who make victims lives a misery through a new mandatory route to possession for anti-social behaviour for both private and social landlords.

2.11 The above-mentioned legislative proposals will be published as a draft Bill for pre-legislative scrutiny with possible further consultation with those affected by ASB and practitioners. A coordinated response from the wider Warwickshire Partnership will be organised as required.

2.12 It is important that ASB remains a priority in Warwickshire. By working in partnership and by each agency taking action where it is possible to do we may continue to reduce ASB in the county.

3.0   Timescales associated with the decision/Next steps

3.1 Significant changes in the way ASB is enforced and delivered may be occurring in the next few years as the proposals in the White Paper are implemented. In the meantime the new arrangements for assessing risk and supporting vulnerable people can be rolled out across the county.

3.2 In November 2012 the new Police and Crime Commissioner will be elected and will be expected to drive and oversee ASB processes. It is vital that our partnership is prepared to demonstrate its fitness for purpose on this issue. We should aim to have a coherent Implementation Plan in place by November.

Background Papers (Please list below, with electronic links where applicable)

Putting Victims First: More Effective Responses to Anti-social Behaviour. May 2012
http://www.official-documents.gov.uk/document/cm83/8367/8367.pdf
Focus on the victim: Summary Report on ASB call-handling trials
http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/crime/asb-focus-on-the-victim

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Communities Overview and Scrutiny
13th June 2012

Fire and Rescue Position Paper

Report of the Chief Fire Officer

Recommendation

The Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee consider the report and resolves to support the following:

- Bring forward the commissioning of wholetime crewing at Alcester Fire Station to 1st October 2012; and

- Bring forward the decommissioning of Studley Fire Station and the RDS provision at Alcester Fire Station to 1st October 2012.

The Committee to also note and comment as appropriate on the arrangements for the Strategic Commissioning Review and development of the Integrated Risk Management Plan.

1.0   Introduction

1.1   Warwickshire County Council is committed to providing the best possible Fire and Rescue Service for its communities, delivering value for money and ensuring firefighter safety. The Improvement Plan is helping increase the pace of change in delivering a fitter, stronger Fire and Rescue Service. The Service has also commenced a Strategic Commissioning Review to challenge how best the Council can meet the Fire and Rescue needs of Warwickshire citizens, communities and businesses, and deliver the Council's ambitions and aims for safety and protection.

1.2   This report provides an update on progress made by the Service since the last report to Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 28th April 2011.

2.0   Governance Arrangements

2.1   Governance arrangements continue to be applied in line with PRINCE 2 principles. Project teams are delivering positive outcomes and progress is reported monthly to the Fire and Rescue Brigade Command Team and Area Command Team.

3.0   Improvement Plan Programme

3.1   The Fire and Rescue Service is making good progress on its Improvement Plan. Benefits delivered to date include:

- Capacity released from changing the response to Automatic Fire Alarms (AFAs) – attendances reduced by 73 per cent;
- Helping local people be safer in their homes and reducing accidental dwelling fires through our prevention work;
- Increased operational training to improve firefighter safety;
- Reduced days lost to sickness absence; and
- Improving firefighter availability through new duty systems.

3.2 Over half the projects in the Improvement Plan have been delivered so far. A summary of the current programme is shown below.

Table 1: Progress on the Improvement Plan

Project	When
Step 1: Duty systems and Resources	
• New Duty System to improve Firefighter availability	January 2012 Delivered
• Managerial and Support Function Rationalisation	September 2011 Delivered
• Decommission Warwick and Brinklow stations	September 2011 Delivered
• Convert Alcester to a Wholetime station	By March 2013
• Decommission Studley	By March 2013
Step 2: New false alarm policy	March 2011 Delivered
Step 3: Increase Community Fire Safety and Fire Protection	10,000 by 31/3/11 Delivered
Step 4: Additional firefighter training	Annually Delivered
Step 5: Improved performance management **Phase 1: Sickness Absence Management** **Phase 2: Fitness Policy**	March 2011 Phase 1 Delivered July 2012 Phase 2 Commence Rollout
Step 6: Enhanced Flood Response **Phase 1: Rescue Poles, Water Rescue Vehicle and Precautionary Mobilising** **Phase 2: Enhanced Water Rescue Capability (Specialist Training)**	March 2012 Phase 1 Delivered Phase 2 by April 2013
Step 7: Road Traffic Collision Unit/Specialist Rescue	March 2013 On track
Step 8: Deploy Small Fires Unit at Bedworth	March 2012 Delivered

4.0   Progress on the Improvement Plan Projects

4.1   Step 1 - Duty Systems and Resources:

A new duty system came into operation on 2nd January 2012. The system has resulted in increased flexibility and efficiency leading to improved staffing levels on stations, improved availability of fire engines, reduced cover moves and more time for training. It has also given us the opportunity to direct more resources to the south of the county in line with the Improvement Plan. Alongside this, the Service has introduced an availability management system for retained stations which has increased availability by nearly 10 per cent compared with last year.

Strong progress has been made on realigning resources. Warwick and Brinklow fire stations have been decommissioned, Bedworth station's cover has been changed from two fire appliances to one appliance and a small fires unit, and managerial and support functions have been restructured.

4.1.1 Why Convert Alcester to Wholetime Earlier?

Building work to convert Alcester to a wholetime station is now fully complete. As there are currently difficulties with maintaining RDS cover in the area, supplementary crewing is being increasingly used which is applying pressure to existing resources. Bringing forward the permanent wholetime crewing at Alcester to October 2012 would deliver the following benefits earlier for the Service and our communities:

- A faster guaranteed response to Alcester and the surrounding area from an additional wholetime pump in the south of the county;
- Increased gathering of premises risk and community safety information in Alcester, Studley, Bidford and Henley;
- Reduced cover moves, which would allow more training for firefighters and risk reduction work;
- More wholetime firefighters in the area to assist with RDS training; and
- The opportunity for RDS staff at Alcester and Studley to transfer to wholetime vacancies which are currently available in the Service.

No additional funding is required to open Alcester early as the savings from decommissioning the RDS at Alcester and Studley would net off the cost, as shown in the following table:

4.1.2 Formal statutory consultation and notice will take place prior to the 1st October 2012 and consultation has been carried out by officers with the relevant representative bodies.

Table 2: Costs of Introducing Wholetime Crewing at Alcester (01/10/2012 to 31/03/2013)

	£
Costs	
Alcester – funding for additional firefighters over current budget	68,962
Estimated redundancy cost for RDS at Alcester and Studley	19,000
	87,962
Savings	
Alcester RDS Crew	34,665
Studley RDS Crew	50,599
Studley - Premises Costs	7,330
	92,593
Total Cost / (Saving)	**(4,631)**

Progress in Other Areas of the Improvement Plan:

4.2   Step 2 - False Alarm Policy:

The new automatic fire alarm (AFA) policy has resulted in 73 per cent fewer attendances to AFAs. This policy is releasing capacity for more firefighter training and risk reduction work. It also reduces unnecessary journeys which lessens our impact on the environment and potential road accidents.

4.3   Step 3: Community Fire Safety and Fire Prevention:

We met the target of delivering 10,000 home fire safety checks (HFSCs) in 2011, an increase of 33 per cent on the previous year. The approach has now been reviewed and we are targeting the most vulnerable members of our communities to reduce the risk of fire in the home. We plan to use the County Council's Front Office system to improve our processes for dealing with HFSCs and provide a better service to our customers. We have also redirected resources for Fire Protection work, including training wholetime firefighters to carry out inspections of commercial properties in line with the Regulatory Reform Order.

4.4   Step 4: Hot Fire Training:

Phase 1 of the project is complete and all operational personnel have received hot fire training to ensure they have a realistic awareness of the heat and smoke that is experienced in fires. Phase 2, which includes experience of fire in high rise buildings, is 50 per cent complete. Planning is underway to tender for Phase 3 which will comprise of a combination of entering a basement and tackling a large compartment fire.

4.5   Step 5: Performance Management:

Our improved approach to managing sickness absence continues and we are helping people return to work. We also have a new Fitness Service Order to help improve fitness levels across the Service. To date 38 firefighters have been trained as Fitness Instructors to help implement the Service Order and fitness testing will commence in July 2012.

4.6   Step 6: Water Rescue:

We have strengthened our bank side rescue capability by introducing water rescue poles on fire appliances. A new water rescue vehicle is being provided at Rugby to improve our speed of response to flooding incidents. We are currently reviewing plans on water rescue training as part of the Strategic Commissioning Review.

4.7   Step 7: Road Traffic Collision Unit:

We are improving our response to road traffic collisions (RTCs) by providing a specialist pod with cutting gear at Coleshill Fire Station, more equipment on appliances and firefighter training. This project was paused due to organisational pressures and will be delivered by the end of 2012/13.

4.8   Step 8: Small Fires Unit (SFU):

A dedicated vehicle for dealing with small fires went live in the Nuneaton and Bedworth area on the 2nd April 2012. A PCSO, an Outreach worker from the Leisure Trust and a Drugs Worker have also been going out on the SFU, and in the first two weeks of operation it engaged with over 80 young people and dealt with five small fire incidents. Early results are positive with a 52 per cent reduction in small fires compared with the same time last year (down from 109 to 57).

5.0   Strategic Commissioning Review

5.1   The Fire and Rescue Service is undertaking a Strategic Commissioning Review as part of the County Council's programme. The purpose of the review is to consider how best the Council can meet the current and future Fire and Rescue needs of Warwickshire citizens, communities and businesses, and deliver the Council's ambitions for safety and protection to reduce fire related deaths and injuries, and reduce the economic cost of fire.

5.2   **The Scope of the review** includes all elements of the Fire and Rescue Service and will propose sustainable business and financial models for the medium term. The review will follow the County Council's approach for strategic commissioning and include evidence based recommendations and a record of decisions taken. Equality Impact Assessments will be produced, developed and updated throughout the review process.

5.3   **Governance arrangements** are in place including a Lead Strategic Director (Chief Fire Officer Graeme Smith), Critical Friend Director (Strategic Director for Communities, Monica Fogarty), Lead Head of Service (Deputy Chief Fire Officer Gary Phillips) and Review Manager (Area Commander Rob Moyney). The Corporate Programme Management Office (CPMO) is providing support and challenge for the review. A Communications plan has been produced to engage and inform customers, staff, partners and wider stakeholders.

5.4 Areas to be addressed by the review:

Following discussions with stakeholders, including the Communities O&S Spokespersons, the following areas for review have been agreed by Corporate Board:

- In the context of the Council's overall financial position, to clarify the extent to which the Council may require the Fire Service to deliver savings;

- Review the Strategic Alliance proposals with Northamptonshire and identify what benefits will be delivered for citizens, communities, partners and businesses;

- Whilst recognising the Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) is a statutory requirement, consider whether it sufficiently describes improved service outcomes for Warwickshire citizens and businesses including how they will be delivered and to act effectively as the Fire and Rescue Service's Improvement focus;

- Ensure that any Council issues arising from the legal consideration of the Atherstone-on-Stour fire are included in future service improvement plans, (including any implications for the wider council); and

- Provide transparency around the performance of the Fire and Rescue Service coupled with an increased level of awareness across the County Council as a whole.

The review has three overarching prerequisites to provide clarity and shape the options considered in the review:

- Clarify the level of savings / funding for improvements that are likely to be required;

- Understand the legal position for collaborative opportunities for Warwickshire with other Fire Authorities / councils; and

- Articulate the key outcomes and benefits the Fire Service delivers, gain a consensus about their priority and consider how the current resources could be deployed to deliver those outcomes and benefits.

5.5 Leadership Expectations:

- Alignment of the work to update the IRMP and future consideration of the strategic alliance with Northamptonshire with the strategic commissioning service review, based upon "Do once and share" principles. This will include aspirations to complete the full business case for the strategic commissioning service review within the Programme's standard 16 week timeframe;

- Provide analysis of how current resources are allocated to service functions across the Service and evaluate whether the current allocation will continue to best meet the needs of Warwickshire and priorities for the service;

- Test whether the partnership approach is best served through development of a single partnership with another Fire and Rescue Service or whether a broader arrangement, partnering with a number of Fire Authorities to address particular priority areas of need / risk would better service the citizens and businesses of Warwickshire;

- Ensure future requirements, based on Going for Growth across Warwickshire and potential developments such as HS2 are built into the analysis of needs;

- Understand the changes that are needed to improve strategic commissioning for the Fire and Rescue Service against the strategic commissioning framework of principles;

- The review will use learning from best practice elsewhere to deliver improved outcomes;

- The process will identify opportunities for savings and include costs of delivering change as the options are developed; and

- Those involved in leading and undertaking the review will communicate in an open and transparent way and stakeholders will be kept informed about the progress being made and the key findings from the review as they emerge.

5.6   **Approach and Timescales:**

A Strategic Project Team has been set up to ensure the development and delivery of the outcomes associated with the Strategic Commissioning Review and Integrated Risk Management Planning (IRMP). The team is led by Area Commander Rob Moyney to complete a whole service review that will provide the evidence base for the following work:

- Review and analysis of customer demand, need and expectation;

- Review of community risk profile, operational risk profile and business risk profile;

- Review of the costs to deliver all service outcomes;

- Identification of best value partners; and

- Present an Initial assessment, options appraisal and full business case.

The Review has been divided into three phases (with indicative dates):

1.   Phase One – Assessment of Service – (April 23rd - 4th July);
2.   Phase Two – Options Appraisal (4th July - 13th August); and
3.   Phase Three – Business Case – Six Weeks (13th August- 24th September).

6.0 Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP)

6.1 The Strategic Commissioning Review underpins the IRMP and is driving, influencing and informing its development. The Service recognises that the Strategic Commissioning Review gives an opportunity to conduct a complete review of the way its services are delivered to the public. The timing of this review fits well with the review of risks and activity that would be conducted to prepare for the development and publication of the 2013-2016 IRMP, therefore both these areas of work run simultaneously with each other. As the IRMP is a Fire Authority Plan, a cross-party group of Members under the chairmanship of the Portfolio Holder for Community Safety will develop proposals.

6.2 The activity to align strategic outcomes with Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service will be reviewed as part of the commissioning review and this provides an opportunity to ensure that any expected benefits are assessed. A draft IRMP is due to go to Corporate Board in September 2012 with the final plan going for public consultation in December 2012. Following this consultation the plan will be published in April 2013.

Background Papers

Cabinet Paper 20th July 2010 'Improving Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service'

Communities Overview & Scrutiny Report 3rd November 2010 'Implementing the Fire and Rescue Service Improvement Plan'

Communities Overview & Scrutiny Report 28th April 2011 'Implementing the Fire and Rescue Service Improvement Plan'

Integrated Risk Management Plan (2010-2013) Link to IRMP
(www.warwickshire.gov.uk/irmp)

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**Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee
13 June 2012**

Work Programme 2012

Recommendation

That the Committee considers the draft work programme, amends as appropriate, and puts forwards any recommendations for Task & Finish Groups.

1.0   Draft Work Programme

1.1   The Committee's work programme is attached as Appendix A. The work programme will be reviewed and prioritised throughout the year so that the Committee can adopt a flexible approach and respond to issues as they emerge.

Background Papers
None.

Appendices

Appendix A – Draft Work Programme 2012

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Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Work Programme 2012/13

Date of meeting	Item	Date of last report	Date of next report
13 June 2012			
1.	**CWLEP Managing Director - Verbal Update / Q&A** (Louise Wall, Martin Yardley) Item to start at 10am – Questioning areas to be submitted to Martin Yardley before the meeting.		
2.	**Anti-Social Behavior** (Paul Hooper) Update on anti-social behavior work – incident recording, upcoming legislation, and WCC's strategy.		
3.	**Fire & Rescue Improvement Plan Update** (Gary Phillips) Update on the implementation of the improvement plan – includes updates on the strategic commissioning review and the new IRMP (due to be in place April 2013).		Report goes to Cabinet on 14 June
Briefing Note	**Changes to Speed Camera Operation** (Estyn Williams)		
Briefing Note	**Scrutiny of Police and Crime Panels and the impact of Police Commissioners** (Mark Ryder)		
19 September 2012	**All Day Meeting**		
1.	**Concessionary Travel** (Graeme Fitton, Jo Cooper)		
2.	**Scrutiny of the Highways Contract** (Graeme Fitton)		
3.	**Street Lighting Task and Finish Group** (Dave Abbott)		
4.	**Bus Service Reductions Task and Finish Group** (Dave Abbott)		
To be scheduled			
1.	**Fire & Rescue – Strategic Alliance**		

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Date of meeting	Item	Date of last report	Date of next report
2.	**Flood Risk Management** (Mark Ryder)		
3.	**Household Waste Recycling Centres**		
4.	**Fire & Rescue – Community Fire Safety Update** (Gary Phillips)		
5.	**Rugby Western Relief Road** (Graeme Fitton) Update report due this year - 12 months since the previous review		
6.	**Library Service Transformation – Update** (Kushal Birla)		
7.	**Youth Justice**		
8.	**Coventry and Warwickshire LEP - Updates and progress** (Louise Wall)		
9.	**Residual Waste** Following up on the recommendations of the TFG		