

Community Protection Overview and Scrutiny Committee

18 November 2008

Agenda

The Community Protection Overview and Scrutiny Committee will meet at the **SHIRE HALL, WARWICK** on **TUESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2008 at 2:15 p.m.**

The agenda will be: -

1. General

(1) Apologies for absence.

(2) Members' Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

Members should disclose the existence and nature of their personal interests at the commencement of the relevant item (or as soon as the interest becomes apparent). If that interest is a prejudicial interest the Member must withdraw from the room unless one of the exceptions applies.

Membership of a district or borough council is classed as a personal interest under the Code of Conduct. A Member does not need to declare this interest unless the Member chooses to speak on a matter relating to their membership. If the Member does not wish to speak on the matter, the Member may still vote on the matter without making a declaration.

(3) Minutes of the meetings held on 3 September 2008 and Matters Arising

The public reports referred to are available on the Warwickshire Web
www.warwickshire.gov.uk/committee-papers

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2. Public Question Time

Up to 30 minutes of the meeting is available for members of the public to ask questions on any matters relevant to the business of the Community Protection Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Questioners may ask 2 questions and can speak for up to three minutes each.

To be sure of receiving an answer to an appropriate question, please contact Jean Hardwick on 01926 412476 or e-mail jeanhardwick@warwickshire.gov.uk at least 15 minutes before the start of the meeting and ensure that Council staff are aware of the matter on which you wish to speak.

3. Review of PCSO's in the Community - Presentation by David Whitehouse, Warwickshire Police.

4. Virement Proposal - Community Safety

Report of the Strategic Director for Community Protection and County Fire Officer.

This report gives details of a forecast underspend on the £125,000 allocation made for this year in relation to the funding of 5 Police Community Support Officers to specialise in addressing anti-social behaviour. The report proposes an alternative use of this underspend - on related activity and for this year only.

Recommendation

That Committee recommend the proposed virement to Cabinet as set out in Para 3 of this report.

For further information please contact Kate Nash, Head of Community Safety, Tel., 01926 423231 e-mail katenash@warwickshire.gov.uk.

5. Mid-Year Directorate Report Card – 2008/09 (April – Sept 2008)

Report of the Strategic Director of Community Protection and County Fire Officer.

This report provides an analysis of the Community Protection Directorate's performance at the mid-year point for 2008/09. It reports on performance against the key performance indicators as set out in the Directorate Report Card.

Recommendation

That the Community Protection Overview and Scrutiny Committee are recommended to:

- Consider both the summary and detail of the performance indicators within the Directorate Report Card at the mid-year point of 2008/09 (Appendix 1).

For further information please contact Balbir Singh, Policy and Planning Officer. Tel 01926 450332 email balbirsingh@warwickshire.gov.uk

6. Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy 2006 - 2009

Report of the Strategic Director for Community Protection and County Fire Officer.

Progress made against the Warwickshire Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy 2006-09 is offered for comment. The report identifies what has gone well, what actions have not been adequately delivered and proposes steps that can be taken to improve the delivery of the plans in future.

Recommendation

That Members comment upon the attached progress report on the Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy 2006-09.

For further information please contact Kit Leck, DAAT Manager, Tel: 01926 746800 e-mail kitleck@warwickshire.gov.uk or Kate Nash, Head of Community Safety, Tel., 01926 423231 e-mail katenash@warwickshire.gov.uk.

7. Trading Standards Anti-Counterfeiting Enforcement Strategy

Report of the Strategic Director Adult, Health and Community Services.

Prior to 2007 anti-counterfeiting enforcement was not a key priority for the Trading Standards Service due to the resource-intensive nature of this work and limited success in securing ongoing compliance. However surveys carried out in 2007 revealed significant volumes of counterfeit products openly being offered for sale at Warwickshire's weekend markets and car boot sales, prompting a fresh approach.

In 2007/08 the Trading Standards Service received £39,686 additional funding from Central Government for anti-counterfeiting enforcement work. The additional funding has been utilised to bring dedicated, specialist resource to this area. An enforcement strategy was devised utilising the latest enforcement methods to persuade market organisers to work with Trading Standards Officers to rid markets of illegal merchandise.

This report provides an update on progress made to date and outlines further work needed in this area.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to consider and comment on the progress made by the Trading Standards Service in reducing the level of counterfeit products offered for sale at Warwickshire's markets, and endorse continued anti-counterfeiting work in accordance with the strategy outlined in the report.

For further information please contact Mark Ryder, Head of Trading Standards
Tel 01926 414020 email markryder@warwickshire.gov.uk

8. Provisional Items for Future Meetings and Forward Plan Items Relevant to this Committee

(a) Provisional Items for Future Meetings

A table setting out provisional items for future meetings is attached.

(b) Forward Plan – Items Relevant to this Committee

Cabinet – 27 November 2008

Bancroft Gardens – Commemorative Area.

Council – 21 October 2008

Vision for Community Safety - Presentation by Warwickshire Police

For further information please contact Jean Hardwick, Principal Committee Administrator, Tel 01926 412476 E-mail jeanhardwick@warwickshire.gov.uk

9. Any Other Items

which the Chair decides are urgent.

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Overview and Scrutiny Committee Membership

County Councillors:- David Booth, Richard Chattaway (Chair), Gordon Collett, Chris Davis, Bob Hicks, Katherine King, Bernard Kirton, Barry Longden (Vice Chair), Philip Morris-Jones, Mike Perry, John Ross and Dave Shilton.

Cabinet Portfolio Holder:- Councillor Richard Hobbs (Community Protection)

The reports referred to are available in large print if requested

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Enquiries about specific reports: Please contact the officers named in the reports.