

**SELECT COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SAFETY
AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Thursday, 17th March, 2011 at 6.00 p.m.
in Committee Room 2, The Council House, Dudley

PRESENT:-

Councillor C. Wilson (Chairman)
Councillor Cotterill (Vice-Chairman)
Councillors Attwood, Burston, Caunt, Foster, Mrs D Harley, Mrs P Martin
and Ryder.

OFFICERS

Assistant Director of Corporate Resources (Customer Services),
(Directorate of Corporate Resources), (Lead Officer to the Committee),
Head of Community Safety, Community Cohesion Manager and Crime
Reduction Officer with portfolio of Hate Crime (All Chief Executive's
Directorate), Licensing Officer, Principal Solicitor and Miss K Fellows,
(Directorate of Corporate Resources).

44. **COMMENTS OF THE CHAIRMAN**

This being the last meeting of the municipal year, the Chairman thanked
Members and Officers for their participation and input throughout the
municipal year.

45. **APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence from the meeting was submitted on behalf of
Councillor Ms Wood.

46. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Member made a declaration of interest in accordance with the
Members' Code of Conduct in respect of any matter to be considered at
the meeting.

47. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the
20th January, 2011, be approved as a correct record and signed.

48. PUBLIC FORUM

No matters were raised under this Agenda item.

49. CONSIDERATION OF PETITIONS (IF ANY) REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE BY THE PETITIONS OFFICER.

No Petitions had been referred to the Committee.

50. REPORTING ON SECTION 17 – CRIME AND DISORDER ACT, 1998

A report of the Director of Corporate Resources was submitted detailing the work in which the Directorate of Corporate Resources was involved so as to comply with Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act, 1998.

Arising from the presentation of the report submitted, a Member asked a question in relation to how effective the CCTV monitoring had been in securing prosecutions of those who had committed crimes.

In responding to a question from a Member the Licensing Officer indicated that the tidy up notices in relation to unkempt premises would also include those unkempt premises that were privately owned.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the information contained in report, submitted on the work undertaken by the Directorate of Corporate Resources in response to Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act, 1998, be noted.
 - (2) That the Assistant Director of Corporate Resources (Customer Services) be requested to email the Chairman, detailed information in relation to the successful prosecutions as a result of utilising the CCTV monitoring referred to at paragraph 17 of the report submitted.
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51. DEFINITION OF HATE CRIME

A report of the Director of Corporate Resources was submitted on the Lord MacPherson definition of hate crime.

Arising from the presentation of the report submitted, a Member responded to a question in relation to the how the MacPherson definition of Hate Crime impacted upon the decisions of Local Authorities to take action against the perpetrators, indicating that the Local Authority would carry out their duties in a way that was culturally sensitive, appropriate and act proportionately.

Members raised concerns in relation to the cost implications of investigating hate crimes.

RESOLVED

That the information contained in the report, submitted on the Lord MacPherson definition of hate crime, be noted.

52. PROVISIONAL WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2011/12

A report of the Lead Officer to the Committee was submitted on the provisional work programme for the 2011/12 municipal year with a request that Members consider any additions/deletions they would wish to make to the programme.

Arising from consideration given to this matter Members suggested the following additions to the work programme:-

- Domestic Abuse
- Dealing with Anti Social Behaviour amongst Council House Tenants;
- CCTV Monitoring, whether the costs outweighed the benefits and the effectiveness of monitoring;
- Criminal Behaviour Orders.

In addition it was noted that, there would be further reports in relation to the Domestic Abuse Service and Corporate Anti Social Behaviour reviews.

RESOLVED

That, subject to the inclusion of the additional items indicated, the provisional work programme for the Committee for 2011/12 be noted and that Members be requested to submit to the Democratic Services Officer any further suggestions concerning the work programme by 18th April, 2011 so that all comments received might be circulated to Members of the Committee with a view to a formal work programme being reported to the June 2011 meeting of the Committee for approval.

53. QUARTERLY CORPORATE PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT

A report of the Lead Officer to the Committee was submitted on the performance of the Council in relation to the activities relating to the terms of reference of this Committee for the third quarter of 2010/11.

RESOLVED

That the information contained in the report, and Appendix to the report, submitted on the Council's quarterly corporate performance for the third quarter of 2010/11, on the activities relating to the Terms of Reference of this Committee, be noted.

54. TO CONSIDER WHETHER TO REQUEST THE ATTENDANCE OF ANY SAFE AND SOUND BOARD MEMBER OR THE PROVISION OF ANY INFORMATION AT A FUTURE MEETING IN RELATION TO THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SAFETY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES WORK PROGRAMME.
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Following discussion on this issue it was:

RESOLVED

That the attendance of any Safe and Sound Board Member or the provision of any information at the next meeting be not pursued.

The meeting ended at 6.45 p.m.

CHAIRMAN