



COMMUNITY SAFETY AND PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB COMMITTEE

10.00 am TUESDAY, 30 OCTOBER 2018

COMMITTEE ROOM 1/2 - PORT TALBOT CIVIC CENTRE

PART 1

1. Declarations of interest
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting (*Pages 3 - 8*)
3. To resolve to act as the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee in line with Section 19 of the Police and Justice Act 2006
4. Anti-Social Behaviour
Update by Inspector Declan Cahill
5. Cyber Crime
Update by Inspector Declan Cahill
6. Substance Misuse (*Pages 9 - 14*)
Report of the Assistant Chief Executive & Chief Digital Officer
7. Forward Work Programme 2018/19 (*Pages 15 - 16*)
8. Any urgent items (whether public or exempt) at the discretion of the Chairman pursuant to Section 100B (4) (b) of the Local Government Act 1972

S.Phillips
Chief Executive

Committee Membership:

Chairperson: Councillor S.K.Hunt

**Vice
Chairperson: Councillor L.Jones**

**Councillors: C.J.Jones, H.Jones, N.T.Hunt, R.L.Taylor,
R.W.Wood, S.Rahaman and S.Pursey**

Notes:

- (1) If Committee Members or non-Committee Members wish to have relevant items put on the agenda for future meetings, then please notify the Chief Executive/Chair eight days before the meeting.*
- (2) If non-Committee Members wish to attend for an item of interest, then prior notification needs to be given (by 12.00 noon on the day before the meeting). Non-Committee Members may speak but not vote, or move or second any motion.*
- (3) For pre scrutiny arrangements, the Chair will normally recommend forthcoming executive items for discussion/challenge. It is also open to Committee Members to request items to be raised - though Members are asked to be selective here in regard to important issues.*
- (4) The relevant Cabinet Board Members will also be invited to be present at the meeting for Scrutiny/ Consultation purposes.*
- (5) Would the Scrutiny Committee Members please bring the Cabinet Board papers with them to the meeting.*

COMMUNITY SAFETY AND PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB COMMITTEE

(Committee Room 1/2 - Port Talbot Civic Centre)

Members Present:

3 July 2018

Vice Chairperson: Councillor L.Jones

Councillors: C.J.Jones, N.T.Hunt, R.L.Taylor, R.W.Wood,
S.Rahaman and S.Pursey

Officers In Attendance J.Banfield, C.Cole, C.Jones and J.Davies

Cabinet Invitees: Councillors A. J. Taylor and D. Davies

Observers E. Bradfield

1. **MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY SAFETY AND PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY SUB COMMITTEE HELD ON 19TH APRIL**

The Committee noted the Minutes.

2. **SCRUTINY FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2018/19**

The Committee noted the Forward Work Programme.

3. **CABINET BOARD FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2018/19**

The Committee noted the Regeneration and Sustainable Development Cabinet Board Forward Work Programme.

4. **RESOLVED TO ACT AS THE CRIME AND DISORDER SCRUTINY COMMITTEE IN LINE WITH SECTION 19 OF THE POLICE AND JUSTICE ACT 2006**

Members resolved to act as the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee.

5. **SUBSTANCE MISUSE**

The Committee received a presentation in relation to Substance Misuse.

Officers explained that there was a proven link between cheap alcohol and excessive drinking. Officers stated that the Public Health (Minimum Price for Alcohol) (Wales) Bill was approved by the National Assembly for Wales in June, and following Royal Assent would become law. Officers informed the Committee that alcohol consumption was costing the National Health Service in Wales £150m per annum. Officers explained to Members that there was a formula for working out the Minimum Unit Pricing (MUP) based on the strength and volume of a product. Officers informed Members that once the Bill had received Royal Assent that Local Authorities would receive powers to issue fixed notices to retailers who were not complying with the law. Officers explained that Trading Standards would need to be adequately resourced in order to provide effective enforcement when breaches occurred.

Officers informed the Committee that a consultation was currently taking place regarding the formula for the proposed unit pricing. Officers explained that there were issues arising from the introduction of the legislation such as the effect of MUP on dependent drinkers and whether they would detox in a safe environment, and whether some citizens would turn to crime in order to fund their habit. Officers commented that it was important to align services to respond to any issues that would arise as a result of the change to legislation. Officers stated that families with parents who were on low incomes that had a dependency on alcohol could be at risk as the parents may prioritise funding for their habits over the needs of their families'. Officers informed Members that there were also concerns around the production of alcohol at home and it was not fully understood how these issues would be addressed.

Officers concluded that the new legislation overall would make a positive impact. Officers explained that the new legislation would come into effect in the summer of 2019. Officers stated that communication would be really important to raise awareness and to address any misconceptions that the public may have. Officers informed Members that the Area Planning Board (APB) were preparing for the implementation of the legislation and were trying to understand the implications. Officers added that the APB had made links with Public Health Wales and Trading Standards.

Members queried whether the Welsh Government (WG) and APB were keeping an eye on developments in Scotland as they had already implemented the MUP. Officers stated that WG were in close contact with Scotland regarding implementation and any issues arising.

Members questioned what would prevent alcohol being brought into the country from England, as they had not made a commitment to introduce MUP. Officers stated that England were beginning to look at MUP, but were behind Scotland and Wales; however in the meantime there was no provision in legislation to prevent people bringing alcohol into Wales.

Members commented that Trading Standards required additional resources to effectively enforce compliance with the new legislation and that they were already under pressure. Officers stated that the WG had already made a commitment to provide extra funding for Trading Standards Departments in Wales. Members queried whether Trading Standards were ready for the demand created by the change to legislation. Officers stated that Trading Standards had a year to prepare for the increased demand generated by the new legislation.

Following scrutiny, the Committee noted the presentation.

The Vice Chair raised a suggestion on behalf of the Chair who was absent from the meeting to undertake a piece of work to investigate the issues being encountered in the Aberavon Ward in relation to substance misuse and anti-social behaviour. The Committee agreed to the proposal, but requested for the Port Talbot Ward to also be included in the investigation.

6. **ANNUAL REPORT ON THE HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS FOR STRONGER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY - IMPLEMENTING THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, DOMESTIC ABUSE AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE (WALES) ACT 2015**

The Committee received information in relation to the Annual Report on the Healthy Relationships for Stronger Communities Strategy - Implementing the Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015 as contained within the circulated report.

Members informed Officers that they had placed helpline numbers on notice boards in their respective wards.

Members welcomed the progress made and the good work carried out to date by Officers, and stated that it was clearer where victims could go for support. Members commented that the Perpetrator Programme had made the least progress, but Members acknowledged that it was a difficult area to tackle and that individuals were hard to engage.

Members queried when the guidance from WG would be ready and how long would it take to implement. Officers stated that there had been no clear indication to date, but once the information was available it would be circulated to Members.

Following scrutiny, it was agreed that the report be noted.

7. CCTV POSITION STATEMENT

The Committee received a position statement on CCTV as contained within the circulated report.

Members raised a query in relation to Control of Major Accident Hazards (COMAH) sites and questioned whether a levy could be placed on businesses to offset the cost to the Authority for providing CCTV coverage. Officers informed the Committee that CCTV coverage had not been offered to businesses to date and that companies such as TATA Steel already had CCTV arrangements in place. Officers stated that the Authority may be in a position to offer this service to external organisations in future, but it had not been standard practice previously to seek out business opportunities for the Council in relation to CCTV provision.

Members queried whether the mobile CCTV vehicle deployed by the Parking Department linked into the Control Room, and if so, whether there were any income generation opportunities with regard to providing footage to outside bodies and the Police. Officers stated that the vehicle in question was the responsibility of the Parking Department, and there had been no dialogue between the two sections in this regard. Officers informed the Committee that the camera enabled vehicle was independent from the CCTV Control Room, as the CCTV Department were only concerned with public safety cameras and not responsible for traffic enforcement issues.

Members queried whether it was possible to charge a fee for the footage shared with the Police. Officers explained that charging a fee for the footage shared with the Police had been explored but not

progressed to date. Officers informed Members that requests from the police to review CCTV footage had declined in recent times.

Members questioned whether there were any plans to put any new CCTV cameras in place and queried what the criteria was. Officers stated that grant money was received initially in order to install CCTV cameras across the borough, but ongoing associated costs (e.g. maintenance and replacements were not provided on that same basis for this non-statutory service). Officers informed Members that an independent consultant was commissioned as part of the CCTV review resulting in the number of cameras being reduced from 100 to 50 to meet required necessity tests. Officers stated that the remaining cameras were mainly located in both town centre areas and on the Aberavon Seafront. Officers added that if any further cameras were requested that they would need to satisfy specific criteria before being approved along with identification of related funding to provide. Officers stated that there were 12 guiding principles to consider when installing CCTV cameras as outlined by the Surveillance Camera Commission.

Members queried what the process was for requesting a CCTV camera and what criteria would need to be satisfied. Officers stated that a necessity test would need to be undertaken first of all. Officers explained that data would need to be provided to develop a robust business case that demonstrated the need for a public space camera at a particular site. Officers stated that further information would be circulated to the Committee in relation to the process and criteria.

Members queried what information were the Police entitled to access from the CCTV Control Room. Officers stated that the Police were entitled to view the footage captured by the CCTV cameras in relation to their enquiries.

Members questioned why the option to work regionally was never taken up. Officers stated that an option to work jointly was explored in depth with Bridgend County Borough Council and the City and County of Swansea, but unfortunately no agreement was reached. As part of an Income Generating project, alarm system monitoring for buildings such as schools in Neath Port Talbot which have been previously provided by external suppliers was being examined. Officers added that bringing that in house would also help to sustain the CCTV service.

Following scrutiny the Committee noted the report, and requested for an early draft of the report setting out the analysis and conclusions of the feasibility study to be brought back to the Committee for comment in early 2019.

CHAIRPERSON

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Community Safety and Public Protection Sub Committee

30th October 2018

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive & Chief Digital Officer

Matter For Information

Wards Affected: All wards

Outcomes of Joint Public Services Board (PSB): Substance Misuse Issues NPT & Swansea

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to advise members of the outcomes of a recent joint Swansea and Neath Port Talbot Public Services Board (PSB), arranged in response to the serious risk, harm and threat posed by substance misuse issues in Neath Port Talbot and Swansea.

Executive Summary

2. Serious concerns have been raised regarding the risks, threat and harm associated with substance misuse issues, including an increase in violence and preventable deaths. In response to these concerns, this matter was escalated to a joint PSB meeting attended by senior leaders. This meeting received reports on the issue and provided an opportunity for open dialogue. Partners gave their commitment to working together and agreed the establishment of a Critical Incident Group, which will be chaired by Mr Steven Phillips. It was agreed that the current situation relating to substance misuse across the two local authority areas warranted a heightened level of response.

Background

3. Serious concerns have been raised at the Area Planning Board regarding the rate of drug related deaths, serious infections and increasing crime, violence and vulnerability in Swansea and Neath Port Talbot.
4. Given the scale and seriousness of the issues, and the harm risk and threat posed to our communities, a decision was reached to call a special joint Swansea and NPT PSB meeting.
5. The joint meeting of the Swansea and Neath Port Talbot PSBs was held on Monday 10th September, and was attended by senior leaders, including Cllr. Anthony Taylor (Deputy Leader, NPTCBC); Councillor Clive Lloyd (Deputy Leader City & County Of Swansea); Councillor Des Davies (Cabinet Member NPTCBC); Andrew Davies and Tracy Myhill (Chair and CEO of ABMU respectively); Chief Constable Matt Jukes, and Chief Superintendent Martin Jones (SW Police); Alun Michael (Police & Crime Commissioner); Stephen Phillips and Karen Jones (Chief Executive & Assistant Chief Executive NPTCBC); and Alex Williams (Head of Adult Services City & County of Swansea).
6. Senior representatives from Welsh Government, Swansea University, Trinity St David's University; Public Health Wales, Tai Tarian, Probation, Neath Port Talbot CVS, NPT College; Department for Work and Pensions, G4S, Police & Crime Commissioner's Office,

Town & Community Councils and service providers (WCADA & Barod), were also in attendance. Colleagues from Bridgend County Borough Council were also invited to attend but the issues are not as acute in that area. The meeting was chaired by Roger Thomas Assistant Chief Fire Officer, Mid & West Wales Fire and Rescue Service

7. Chief Superintendent Martin Jones gave a presentation on the levels of harm, risk and threat posed in our communities including the criminal intelligence picture and health risks. This presentation was reinforced by information provided by Public Health Wales. Furthermore, Barod and WCADA (Specialist Substance Misuse Service Providers) spoke from an operational perspective, highlighting what is working well and what needs to change to bring about a reduction in the death rate and the level of harm to health.
8. It was concluded that the current situation related to substance misuse across the two local authority areas warranted a heightened level of response. The discussion highlighted that not one organisation could bring about the changes needed, and that solutions depended on all partners playing an active role and being accountable. Consequently, all partners committed to working together to address the serious risks, threats and harms identified in the two local authority areas.
9. Attendees were clear that the outcomes from this meeting needed to be action focused and to address the immediate issues. Consequently, it was further agreed that a Critical Incident Group would be established and would meet at the earliest opportunity. This will be chaired by Steven Phillips.
10. The overarching objective of the Critical Incident Group is to establish a consistent and co-ordinated approach to the situation across the two local authority areas and across agencies/partnerships. The proposed terms of reference for the Critical Incident Group are detailed in Appendix One.
11. Senior level representation from partner agencies has been sought to provide the leadership needed to respond to the situation. It will be expected that the persons nominated to sit on the Group will have sufficient seniority to be able to agree actions on behalf of their

agency and be able to drive change in their organisations. It is likely that input from service operations will also be needed to support the areas identified as in need of priority attention.

12. A follow up meeting of the two PSBs (and other key stakeholders) will be held around Christmas to report progress and agree next steps.

Financial Impact

13. There are no financial impacts associated with this report, in that any service developments or financial costs will be met from within the Regional Substance Misuse Expenditure Plan. This is funded by a specific grant from Welsh Government (Substance Misuse Action Fund), and partner contributions.

Equality Impact Assessment

14. There are no equality impacts associated with this report, although it is noted that Equality Impact Assessments will be undertaken in respect of actions or service changes resulting from the work of the Critical Incident Group.
15. The actions of this group will have a positive impact on some of the most vulnerable persons in our communities.

Workforce Impacts

16. There are no direct workforce impacts associated with this report.

Legal Impacts

17. There are no legal impacts associated with this report.

Risk Management

18. The threat and harm of substance misuse across the county borough and more people placed at significant harm / death, is recorded as a risk by NPTCBC.

Consultation

19. There is no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item.

Crime and Disorder Impact

20. It is anticipated that the actions arising from this report will have a major impact in respect of crime and disorder.

Appendices

21. Appendix One: Proposed terms of reference for the Critical Incident Group

List of Background Papers

22. None

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Appendix One: Proposed terms of reference for the Critical Incident Group

To establish a consistent and co-ordinated approach to the situation across the two local authority areas and across agencies/partnerships with a view to:

- Reducing the number of drug-related deaths across the two local authority areas;
- Assisting the Police to disrupt drug-related organised and serious crime and freeing up Police capacity to do so;
- Reducing incidents of crime, anti-social behaviour, drug litter, fear of crime, street begging and homelessness;
- Safeguarding local citizens and protecting communities particularly children and young people and those most vulnerable;
- Directing and co-ordinating community relations - providing consistent messages to be delivered by agreed spokespersons and ensuring effective communications with clients and their support networks; front-line staff and the wider community;
- Securing public confidence in PSB organisations;
- Considering changes to the pattern of service delivery across partnerships, removing silos and other barriers to effective working; and
- Identifying lessons learned to inform the longer term work of agencies.

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Community Safety and Public protection
Forward Work Programme 2018/19

Date of Meeting	Agenda Item	Cabinet Board	Officer
3 July 2018	Violence Against Women Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence - Update	-	Karen Jones
	Substance Misuse	-	Karen Jones/Claire Jones
	CCTV	-	Karen Jones/Chris Cole
25 Sept 2018	CANCELLED		
30 Oct 2018	Anti-Social Behaviour - Update	-	Inspector Declan Cahill
	Cyber Crime	-	Inspector Declan Cahill
	Substance Misuse – Update	-	Karen Jones/Claire

			Jones
8 Jan 2019	PREVENT Plan	-	Karen Jones / Sian Morris
	CCTV	-	Karen Jones/Chris Cole/Jayne Banfield
26 March 2019	Hate Crime and Community Cohesion	-	Karen Jones / Sian Morris