



***COMMUNITY SAFETY AND PUBLIC PROTECTION  
SCRUTINY SUB COMMITTEE***

***10.00 AM FRIDAY, 9 JULY 2021***

***VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS***

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**PART 1**

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5. Officers Announcements
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Any urgent items (whether public or exempt) at the discretion of the Chairperson pursuant to Section 100B (4) (b) of the Local Government Act 1972

**K.Jones**

## Chief Executive

**Civic Centre  
Port Talbot**

**Friday, 2 July 2021**

### Committee Membership:

**Chairperson: Councillor S.K.Hunt**

**Vice**

**Chairperson: Councillor R.L.Taylor**

**Councillors: D.Cawsey, C.J.Jones, S.Pursey, S.Rahaman,  
N.T.Hunt, S.Bamsey and S.M.Penry**

### 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 SCRUTINY SUB COMMITTEE

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

**Members Present:**

**17 February 2020**

**Chairperson:** Councillor S.K.Hunt

**Vice Chairperson:** Councillor R.L.Taylor

**Councillors:** N.T.Hunt, C.J.Jones, S.M.Penry and S.Pursey

**Officers In Attendance** K.Jones, S.Morris, D.Giles, S.Curran, N.Headon and C.Plowman

**Cabinet Invitee:** Councillor L.Jones

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### 1. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 December 2019 were approved.

### 2. **VAWDASV STRATEGY 2020-2023 - CONSULTATIVE DRAFT**

The committee received a presentation and verbal update on the revised draft of "Healthy Relationships for Stronger Communities Strategy". It was highlighted that the first strategy was launched in 2017, since then a lot of progress had been made which was highlighted throughout the revised strategy. The strategy for 2020-2023 was currently under review and out for consultation, the new version would be published during April 2020.

It was noted that the Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (VAWDASV) Leadership Group had overseen the implementation of the strategy with various sub groups commissioned to undertake certain objectives and actions.

It was noted that partnership arrangements had been strengthened and work was on-going with local employers to help implement Domestic Abuse Policies in the workplace. The Safe Leave Policy had been introduced to the council workforce and an awareness raising events for 150 frontline professionals had been held.

A new service model had been agreed for Refuge and Community Support and the Communications and Engagement sub group were working with the Swansea Bay University Health Board on the new IRIS pilot, which included visiting local surgeries and speaking to health workers, this was an early intervention piece of work being rolled out.

Some of the key areas of progress made against each of the seven objectives in the original strategy included:-

1. Communications and Engagement

To raise awareness of the following initiatives:-

Clare's Law – a Police Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme that enabled people to find out from police if their partner had a history of domestic violence, this information could protect someone from being a victim of an attack.

Bright Sky - a free download mobile app providing support and information for anyone who may be in an abusive relationship or those concerned about someone they know.

Ask Angela - used in licensed premises and other venues to keep people safe from sexual assault by using a codename to ask for help if they were in danger or in an uncomfortable situation. Posters would be placed on the stall doors inside toilets of establishments where the campaign was being implemented. This was rolled out in Neath Port Talbot as part of white ribbon week and 250 licensing premises had been asked to register.

2. Children and Young People

Well-being workshops had taken place in Bae Baglan Comprehensive School and Dwr-y-Felin Comprehensive School. On completion of the workshops teachers at the school would take forward the training. The workshop would be run in Cwm Brombil Comprehensive School this year.

The Crucial Crew initiative had been carried for all year 6 pupils moving onto secondary school, the workshop included a variety of safety messages including an age appropriate presentation on healthy relationships.

### 3. Perpetrators

Officers explained that this work was still in progress as work was being undertaken to establish the correct perpetrator programme. It was essential to ensure the programme worked before taking it forward.

It was noted that a u-tube video which encouraged males to come forward and speak out would be circulated to all members, the u-tube clip was for all victims of domestic abuse and promoted local services.

### 4. Early Intervention and Prevention

It was noted that the Community Safety Team was working closely with domestic abuse specialist providers, it was explained that THRIVE Women's Aid was currently having a lot more referrals through for standard and medium risk.

Officers highlighted that further research was on-going to identify need.

### 5. Training

VAWDASV training (Group 1) was mandatory for all staff. The next training sessions (Group 2) would commence during September 2020. This training would be for selected staff, mainly those who were front line and more likely to come into direct contact with people who were victims.

The Safe Leave Policy was launched during December 2019 and offered staff up to 5 days paid leave if they themselves were affected by Domestic Abuse.

## 6. Accessible Services

Officers explained that they were looking to develop links with specialist providers who would meet the needs of people affected by other forms of violence. Links with local housing providers and Housing Options needed to be established in order to ensure victims in need of alternative housing were supported, this was costing a lot every year, and therefore needed to be looked at more closely. There was also a need to look further into Adults at Risk, specifically in respect of domestic violence and abuse.

## 7. Courts and Criminal Justice

It was highlighted that 30-35% were repeat victims coming through the system. It was explained that there was a specialist domestic violence court budget for training Magistrates, but this had been reduced, therefore the Neath Port Talbot training team had opened up training sessions to Magistrates.

It was noted that the consultation for Healthy Relationships Public for Stronger Communities Strategy would start on Monday 2 March and run for four weeks. Officers explained that a lot of people had already contributed to the consultation, but would encourage more feedback.

A discussion took place around funding and, it was noted that funding was a barrier to making progress quickly and grants were limited.

As it was Sian Morris' last meeting, the chair and committee thanked Sian for all her hard work in the Community Safety Team over the years and wished her all the best in her retirement.

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

## 3. **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2019/2020**

The forward work programme was noted.

Representatives from Drug Agencies and the Health Board would be invited to attend the next meeting to give an update on the 'critical incident group'.

4. **ACCESS TO MEETINGS**

**RESOLVED:** that pursuant to Section 100A(4) and (5) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded for the following item of business which involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the above Act.

5. **CCTV - BUSINESS STRATEGY**

Members were updated on the remodelling of the CCTV Service, as detailed in the private circulated report.

Officers explained that the CCTV service had been subject to service change over a number of years. It was highlighted that the council did not have a statutory duty to provide a public space CCTV service, although it was agreed that this was an important contribution to community safety.

It was emphasised that service re-modelling would bring additional work to the CCTV control room and the service would provide an enhanced monitoring service, although market testing would be required in some areas. It was noted that APSE support had been provided to develop a business case in order to tests the feasibility of diversifying the existing service.

Officers went onto explain that when cameras were put up the council had to abide by human rights and evidence was necessary to put up cameras in certain locations.

It was noted that as well as CCTV there was a range of other initiatives that could help towards public protection. Officers explained that information was available on a range of initiatives and was publicised on social media, and further information could be gathered by contacting the Community Safety Team.

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

**CHAIRPERSON**

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# Community Safety

## Anti Social Behaviour Update



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Agenda Item 6



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## Officers

### NPTCBC

- Chris Millis – Head of Participation
- Claire Jones – Strategic Manager, Partnerships and Community Cohesion
- Elinor Wellington – Principal Officer, Community Safety

### South Wales Police

- Inspector Matt Otteson, Neath Neighbourhood Team

# Neath Town Centre

## **Background and Context**

- In July 2020, there were increasing concerns around Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) in the Neath Town Centre area
- Residents and businesses were speaking to local Cllrs about issues of street drinking, noise nuisance, begging and other general ASB.
- It was perceived that the cause of these issues was the usage of the Ambassador Hotel by Housing Options, since the start of the pandemic

# Neath Town Centre

## Background and Context

- Official reports to the Police and to Council staff were very low and it was felt this may not have been a true reflection of what was happening in the town.
- The Community Safety Team called a partnership meeting to; better understand the problem; look at who was at the centre of the issues; and consider an appropriate action plan to ensure the situation improved and did not deteriorate
- The first meeting was held in July 2020, coordinated by Community Safety.
- The meeting was chaired by Cllr Leanne Jones and attended by ward Cllrs and relevant Cabinet Members, as well as representatives from;
  - South Wales Police (SWP)
  - Housing Options
  - WCADA
  - Licensing
  - Streetcare
  - Salvation Army
  - Neath Business Improvement District (BID)
  - Business Crime Reduction Partnership (BCRP)
  - and many others

# Neath Town Centre

## The Approach

- Partner buy in was excellent from the outset and the initial, and all subsequent meetings, were very well attended.
- There was a will from all partners to take action and instigate change in the area
- It was decided to take a ‘two pronged’ approach;
  1. To identify who was at the centre of the issues and ensure appropriate support was available, and that appropriate measures could be put in place to resolve the issues of ASB
  2. To encourage residents to report any issues through to the right channels, to better equip services with the evidence they needed to address the problems.

# Neath Town Centre

## The Approach

- The group agreed to a series of short term, immediate actions to address the current problem
- The group also agreed to look at longer term, more strategic actions, to ensure the problems did not reoccur
- There was an understanding by all that this would not be an overnight process and would take considerable resource and effort from all partners
- There was a need to work towards improving public perception of the town, some issues were exacerbated by social media and made problems appear worse than they may have been – this is an ongoing challenge

# Neath Town Centre

## Initial Actions Taken

An example of some of the immediate actions taken;

- Licensing to meet all local licensed premises to remind them of responsible selling, and to brief them of the ongoing issues
- Housing Options and SWP to meet regularly and discuss / identify the individuals of most concern
- Increased Police presence in the town
- Press releases / social media posts to encourage reporting through to 101, to allow Police and partners to have a true reflection of concerns and to have hard evidence to take further action against those causing the issues
- To explore s.35 Dispersal Orders, Community Protection Warnings, Community Protection Notices, and Criminal Behaviour Orders for those identified
- To offer more diversionary activities and outreach support to those accommodated in the Ambassador.

# Neath Town Centre

## Longer Term Actions

An example of some of the longer term actions agreed;

- To work with wider council colleagues on the Regeneration Programme for Neath Town Centre – to improve the general look and feel of the town
- To employ more town centre staff to have an increased presence in the town
- To consider longer term Police operations to address the issues
- To speak to Welsh Government about funding to increase provision of Housing Options temporary accommodation so that residents are more dispersed

# Neath Town Centre

## **Longer Term Actions, Continued....**

- To develop and implement a robust Communications Plan to spread positive messages about the town, but also promote reporting mechanisms
- To resume engagement events, as soon as Covid restrictions allowed, to ensure a presence in the town and allow residents and businesses an appropriate place to share their concerns. Also to act as a deterrent to those at the centre of the issues.
- To revamp and extend the existing Business Crime Reduction Partnership (BCRP) to look at further exclusions for prolific offenders, and increased support for traders

# Neath Town Centre

## **Position Early 2021;**

- By January 2021 it was decided to meet less frequently, as issues had subsided, however work was continuing behind the scenes
- Two isolated incidents then occurred in the town, unrelated to the Ambassador, which had much social media attention and took the work of the group back a considerable amount
- Public perception of the town worsened at this time
- Frequency of meetings increased again and initial actions were all revisited and longer term actions brought forward, where possible
- South Wales Police launched Operation Lileum in March 2021

# Neath Town Centre

## **Current Position;**

- There has been a marked improvement over the past 2 months
- Operation Lileum saw an increase in reports through to the right channels, this was made up of Police logging incidents whilst patrolling the town centre, and through regular encouragement of businesses and residents to report their concerns
- Reports are now gradually decreasing
- Traders in particular are reporting an improved 'feel' to the town in recent weeks, both to Police and Council staff
- Membership of the BCRP is increasing, with revised promotional literature and regular visits to traders

# Neath Town Centre

## Next Steps;

- Operation Lileum to continue, with added strands, to ensure opportunities for support are explored before further action is taken
- SWP and Housing Options to continue to meet to discuss those of most concern
- BCRP and Licensing to explore making it a requirement for licensed premises to sign up to the BCRP scheme, if appropriate
- Comms Plan implementation to continue, with launch of #NeathTogether webpage
- Regular / weekly briefings between officers and appropriate Councillors and or Deputy Leader / Leader

# Neath Town Centre

## Next Steps;

- Regeneration of the town continues
- Community Safety engagement events have resumed and will continue, restrictions permitting
- Welsh Government will continue review changes to Homelessness legislation that have been implemented since the start of the pandemic
- Outreach support will continue for those accessing help from WCADA and Salvation Army
- With increased businesses signing up to the BCRP, Neath Town Centre can become an 'Exclusion Zone' with a 'zero tolerance' to ASB – the more businesses in the scheme, the more effective it becomes



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Thank You.

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**SCRUTINY**  
**FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME**

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Education, Skills and Culture Scrutiny Committee	<b>Charlotte Davies</b>
Leisure and Culture Scrutiny Sub Committee	<b>Charlotte Davies</b>
Social Care, Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee	<b>Charlotte Davies</b>
Regeneration and Sustainable Development Scrutiny Committee	<b>Chloe Plowman</b>
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Streetscene and Engineering Scrutiny Committee	<b>Chloe Plowman</b>

### Cabinet Scrutiny Committee (All starting 2pm unless otherwise stated)

Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Contact Officer
<b>2021</b>		
8 <sup>th</sup> March	Budget Special (please see Cabinet FWP for items)	Hywel Jenkins
16 <sup>th</sup> March	Please see Cabinet FWP for items	
7 <sup>th</sup> April	Meeting cancelled	
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Please see Cabinet FWP for items	
29 <sup>nd</sup> June	Please see Cabinet FWP for items	
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Please see Cabinet FWP for items	
28 <sup>th</sup> July	Items to be confirmed	
1 <sup>st</sup> September	Items to be confirmed	
22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Items to be confirmed	
20 <sup>th</sup> October	Items to be confirmed	
17 <sup>th</sup> November	Items to be confirmed	

15 <sup>th</sup> December	Items to be confirmed	
<b>2022</b>		
12 <sup>th</sup> January	Items to be confirmed	
9 <sup>th</sup> February	Items to be confirmed	
9 <sup>th</sup> March	Items to be confirmed	
6 <sup>th</sup> April	Items to be confirmed	
9 <sup>th</sup> May	Items to be confirmed	

## Education, Skills and Culture Scrutiny Committee (All starting 2pm unless otherwise stated)

Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Contact Officer
<b>2021</b>		
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Update Report on Libraries	Andrew Thomas
	Report on the work of Cynnydd and the Wellbeing Service	Andrew Thomas
29 <sup>th</sup> April	Meeting cancelled	
10 <sup>th</sup> June – Postponed to 28 <sup>th</sup> June Page 27	<p>An update on the impact Covid-19 has had on Education and Leisure services;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How has the return to schools been, any issues etc, overcome or still challenging,</li> <li>• Assessment in lieu of exams, how is it going/gone</li> <li>• Staff morale in Council, classroom and wider provision,</li> <li>• New curriculum prep. Simple quick rendering of what was said at school standards.</li> <li>• Adult Education activities</li> <li>• Childcare - as furlough ends after summer what will be the issues for providers / do we know? How many operating</li> </ul>	Andrew Thomas/ Chris Millis

22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Items to be confirmed	
2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Update on capacity at Schools – First and Second Choice	Andrew Thomas / Helen
14 <sup>th</sup> October	Update on Youth and Community Activity	Chris Mills
	Curriculum Reform Update	Andrew Thomas
25 <sup>th</sup> November	Items to be confirmed	
2022		
8 <sup>th</sup> January	Items to be confirmed	
17 <sup>th</sup> February	Consider the impacts that the pandemic has had on Schools - including the impacts from the loss of attendance and wellbeing on pupils and teachers –This will be included in Cabinet Board Report – Pupil Attendance update	
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Items to be confirmed	

**Leisure and Culture Scrutiny Sub Committee (All starting 2pm unless otherwise stated)**

Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Cabinet Board	Contact Officer
<b>2021</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup> July	Items to be confirmed		
23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Christmas/New Year Opening Times (Libraries, Leisure Centres etc)	14 <sup>th</sup> October	Paul Walker
	Service Update Report – Theatre’s, Margam Park (information on the effect that Covid-19 is having on venues)		Paul Walker
	Physical Activity Sport Service Update – pass		Mark Naperella/ Paul Walker
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Library Performance Report	6 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Wayne John
<b>2022</b>			
10 <sup>th</sup> March	Items to be confirmed		

## Social Care, Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee (All starting 2pm unless otherwise stated)

Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Contact Officer
<b>2021</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> April	Update on Homelessness	Angela Thomas
13 <sup>th</sup> May	Please see Cabinet FWP for items	
24 <sup>th</sup> June (Postponed to the 5 <sup>th</sup> July)	Postponed	Postponed
30 <sup>th</sup> July	Update Report on the impact of Covid-19 on Disabled Facilities Grants	Angela Thomas
29 <sup>th</sup> July	Residential Care – update on future plans	Chele Howard
16 <sup>th</sup> September	Impact of dischargers from hospitals on the availability of care packages. An update on Delayed Transfer of Care (DTOCS)	Angela Thomas
21 <sup>st</sup> October	The Neuro Diverse Strategy – Post scrutiny	Keri Warren
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Items to be confirmed	
<b>2022</b>		

20 <sup>th</sup> January	Items to be confirmed	
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Recovery plan – specifically to do with social care, inclusion on care homes – is this going to change people decisions going forward. Welfare of staff to be included in this.	Angela Thomas
7 <sup>th</sup> April	Items to be confirmed	

**To be confirmed:**

- Invite Tai Tarian – Update from Tai Tarian – TBC
- Invite Health Board – TBC

**Regeneration and Sustainable Development Scrutiny Committee (All starting 10am unless otherwise stated)**

Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Contact Officer
<b>2021</b>		
16 <sup>th</sup> April	Trends in Domestic Abuse	Claire Jones/Elinor Wellington
14 <sup>th</sup> May	Update Report on Active Travel	Ceri Morris
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Please see Cabinet Board FWP for Items	
30 <sup>th</sup> July	Items to be confirmed	
10 <sup>th</sup> September	Update on the Audit Wales NPT Action Plan	Simon Brennan
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Items to be confirmed	
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Items to be confirmed	
<b>2022</b>		
14 <sup>th</sup> January	Items to be confirmed	
4 <sup>th</sup> March	Items to be confirmed	

8 <sup>th</sup> April	Items to be confirmed	

**Community Safety and Public Protection Scrutiny Sub Committee (All starting 10am unless otherwise stated)**

Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Contact Officer
<b>2021</b>		
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Neath Town Centre Anti-Social Behaviour	Elinor Wellington
1 <sup>st</sup> October	Environmental Health/Trading Standards – Food Hygiene Inspections (Performance and Impact of Covid 19)	Ceri Morris / Mark Thomas
Page 34	Update on NPT Safe Spaces	Elinor Wellington
17 <sup>th</sup> December (2.00 pm)	Update on Anti-Social Behaviour in general (all town centres and wider)	Elinor Wellington
<b>2022</b>		
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Items to be confirmed	

**Items to be programmed in:**

- CCTV: Position Statement and Update

## Streetscene and Engineering Scrutiny Committee (All starting 10am unless otherwise stated)

Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Contact Officer
<b>2021</b>		
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Please see Cabinet Board FWP for items	
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Please see Cabinet Board FWP for items	
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Please see Cabinet Board FWP for items	
24 <sup>th</sup> September	Annual Parking Report 2020/21	Steve Cook
	Parking Enforcement Operation 2021	Steve Cook
5 <sup>th</sup> November	Items to be confirmed	
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Items to be confirmed	
<b>2022</b>		
28 <sup>th</sup> January	Items to be confirmed	
11 <sup>th</sup> March	Items to be confirmed	
29 <sup>th</sup> April	Items to be confirmed	

