

# COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

20 APRIL 2017

Present: Councillor J Goold, Chair

Councillors: D Bagshaw  
M Brown  
J Briggs  
T A Cullen  
G Harvey  
S Kerry  
R I Jackson  
J M Owen  
J C Patrick  
M Radulovic MBE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B C Carr and M R Kee.

52. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

53. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 March 2017 were confirmed and signed.

54. PRESENTATION BY VICTIM CARE

The Committee noted a presentation by a representative of Victim Support, a charity that had been commissioned to work with victims of crime to help them with their experiences. It was stated that Victim Support worked closely with Catch 22 another charity who made representation to the Committee, who had been appointed by the Police Crime Commissioner to look for restorative justice solutions in circumstances where victims of crime express an interest in entering a dialogue with those who have committed crimes against them.

It was noted that Victim Support was working with two families in the borough offering practical support and restorative justice. The Committee was informed that referrals to Victim Support could come from councillors and that victims of crime could refer themselves for support, regardless of whether the crime had been reported to the police.

There followed a debate on the efficacy of restorative justice. It was noted that offenders did not have their sentences reduced if they engaged with restorative justice and also the restorative justice solutions were only sought

at the request of the victim or families of the victim. There was a lack of awareness of restorative justice and the role it could play in getting closure for victims which was now being addressed through Victim Support and Catch 22. It was noted that 85% of the victims who sought a restorative justice solution felt they got a benefit.

55. NOTTINGHAMSHIRE HYGIENE ACCREDITATION SCHEME

The Committee considered the Nottinghamshire Hygiene Accreditation Scheme which was aimed at premises at which activities including cosmetic piercing, tattooing and semi-permanent makeup application were taking place. The scheme was voluntary because the Council had no legislative power to force businesses to take part. However, it was considered that consumer support for the scheme would encourage business engagement. The cost of the scheme would be offset by charges to the businesses for participation. Each business would get a certificate with an issue date and a sticker with their accreditation to display on the window. Their rating would determine the frequency at which further inspections would take place. These items would remain the property of the Council and would be removed should the business withdraw from the scheme or if the standard of hygiene declined.

The Committee asked that the recommendation be amended to include a suggestion that all registered businesses be listed on the website, so that consumers could see whether they had applied for accreditation in addition to the level of accreditation achieved. It was also asked that gender specific terms be removed from the policy.

**RESOLVED that:**

1. **The adoption of the Nottinghamshire Hygiene Accreditation Scheme within Broxtowe be approved.**
2. **The fees and framework for the scheme's implementation be approved.**
3. **The policy be gender neutral.**
4. **All registered businesses be listed on the website so that members of the public can view whether they have applied for accreditation, as well as the level of accreditation achieved.**

56. FOOD HYGIENE STAFFING

The Committee considered the request to increase the resources available to the Food Hygiene Inspection Team. Discussion centred on concern that even if the extra resource allowed the team to catch up, they were still understaffed when compared with other authorities. It was requested that the item be brought back to the Committee for review at the next meeting.

**RESOLVED that a recommendation be made to the Finance and Resources Committee that the expenditure for the appointment of**

**contractors to complete the backlog of outstanding food hygiene inspections be approved.**

57. CORPORATE ENFORCEMENT POLICY

The Committee considered the Corporate Enforcement Policy.

**RESOLVED that the Corporate Enforcement Policy be approved.**

58. EASTWOOD SOUTH ACTION PLAN

The Committee noted the Eastwood South Action Plan. Some members of the Committee asserted that there had been an increase in crime in Eastwood and that much of it had gone unreported. It was noted that an increase in crime, in line with county-wide increases, had been reported in Eastwood South. It was stated that the schemes that comprised the action plan were small and innovative, with limited budgets. The difficulties in associating scheme with a decrease in crime were discussed as was the need for schemes to show results. Concern was voiced that there was a lack of a police presence in Eastwood South. It was noted that Inspector S Wragg would be attending the next meeting of the Committee and that he would be able to answer questions about crime and enforcement in Eastwood South.

59. EASTWOOD TOWN CENTRE PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER

The Committee considered the conversion of the Designated Public Spaces Order in Eastwood Town Centre into a Public Spaces Protection Order.

There was concern that a lack of police presence in Eastwood would mean that the order would not be enforced.

**RESOLVED that in accordance with the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 the Designated Public Spaces Order in Eastwood Town Centre be converted to a Public Spaces Protection Order with extended area as detailed in appendix 2.**

60. STAPLEFORD PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER

The Committee considered the results of the consultation on the making of a Public Spaces Protection Order in Stapleford Town Centre.

**RESOLVED that in accordance with the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 a Public Spaces Protection Order be created in Stapleford as detailed in appendix 2.**

61. WORK PROGRAMME

There was a discussion concerning the invitation of Inspector S Wragg to the meeting and whether he was sufficiently senior to address the core problems. It was decided that the Committee would hear from Inspector Wragg and then make a decision as to whether or not to escalate the matter.

The invitation of Inspector S Wragg and the update on the Food Inspection Regime were added to the work programme for the meeting on 29 June 2017.

**RESOLVED that the Work Programme, as amended, be approved.**