

COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

29 JUNE 2017

Present: Councillor J Goold, Chair

Councillors: M Brown
B C Carr
T A Cullen
G Harvey
S Kerry
J Longdon
J M Owen
J C Patrick

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D A Elliott and E Cubley.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 April 2017 were confirmed and signed subject to the amendment of the minute and subsequent resolution to item 60 to read:

“The Committee considered the results of the consultations 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.”

3. PRESENTATION FROM WOMEN'S AID INTEGRATED SERVICES

The Committee received a presentation by the Chief Executive Officer of Women's Aid Integrated Services.

It was stated that demand for assistance from Women's Aid Integrated Services (WAIS) was so high that victims who would have previously received assistance for two years were only being helped for 12 – 18 weeks.

It was asked whether the rise in domestic violence represented an increase in violence or an increase in reporting. It was noted that there was now a

culture of encouraging reporting to the police and this was reflected in the figures for instances of domestic violence.

Discussion progressed on to whether there were some women who was more susceptible to becoming a victim of domestic violence than others. It was considered that women from all backgrounds accessed assistance from WAIS. Although it was agreed that reports of domestic violence in affluent areas were lower, it was made clear that this did not necessarily mean that there were lower levels of abuse.

It was stated that men who abuse seek out vulnerable women and in instances where teenagers reported domestic violence there was often a significant age gap between the perpetrator and the victim. It was noted that Equation, a Nottingham based charity, provided a programme of events to raise awareness of domestic abuse in schools. The group work was aimed at ensuring children experiencing domestic violence would know they were not alone. There was concern that this would miss the most chaotic and vulnerable young people who were least likely to attend school.

4. PRESENTATION FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING INSPECTOR

The Committee received a presentation by the Neighbourhood Policing Inspector for south Nottinghamshire.

It was noted that police force in south Nottinghamshire had suffered cuts of around 50%. In spite of this, in Eastwood crime had not risen to the same extent as it had across the rest of the force. The priorities for the Eastwood South Focus Group were tackling dwelling burglary, violence against the person and drugs misuse.

Discussion progressed on to the difficulties for the police in gathering accurate intelligence in Eastwood. There was anecdotal evidence of drugs been sold in view of the public, but precise information that the police could work with was lacking.

There followed a discussion about quad bikes and nuisance motorcyclists. The strategies being implemented to tackle these problems were noted.

It was stated that even if the police do not attend the reporting of a crime, such as a bicycle theft, the report was still important because it might be indicative of a pattern of crime which could be investigated.

5. FOOD SAFETY AUDIT REPORT AND ACTION PLAN

The Committee received a report on the outcome of a food safety audit and the action plan prepared in response to the audit. There were concerns that the policies and procedures for enforcement action had not been updated for a number of years and that the internal monitoring procedure was also out-dated. It was noted that with the additional member of staff the Council hoped

to have completed the outstanding 480 late interventions within six months. However, if further resources were required a report would be brought before the Committee.

RESOLVED that the FSA report be noted and the action plan set out in appendix 1 be approved.

6. ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT 1963 – PROPOSED DAY CARE (DAY CRECHE) LICENCE CONDITIONS

The Committee considered the licensing of animal boarding establishments where there was a single room and the dogs were mixed. The standards were aimed at addressing the risks of mixing dogs and the three businesses who had shown an interest in introducing this business model had been consulted.

There followed a discussion about whether this constituted a community safety matter and fire risk.

RESOLVED that the adoption of specific license conditions for Dog Day Care at commercial premises and the future revision of the conditions (pending review after implementation or if future national conditions are published with additional requirements) within Broxtowe and the fees for this activity be approved.

7. WORK PROGRAMME

RESOLVED that the Work Programme be approved.