

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (CUSTOMERS AND PARTNERSHIPS) held in the Civic Suite, Pathfinder House, St Marys Street, Huntingdon PE29 3TN on Thursday, 3 June 2021

PRESENT: Councillor T D Alban – Chairman.

Councillors S J Criswell, Miss R D'Souza, I D Gardener, D A Giles, Mrs M Kadewere, H V Masson, C Smith and Mrs S R Wilson.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors B S Banks, D M Tysoe and Mrs S Smith.

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Inspector Paul Rogerson

5 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings held on 4th March 2021 and 19th May 2021 were approved as a correct record by the Panel.

6 MEMBERS' INTERESTS

No declarations were received.

7 NOTICE OF KEY EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

The Panel received and noted the current Notice of Key Executive Decisions (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) which had been prepared by the Executive Leader for the period 1st June 2021 to 30th September 2021.

8 New Neighbourhood Policing Model

By means of a presentation by Chief Inspector Rogerson (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book), the Panel were appraised of the local policing profile for Cambridgeshire Constabulary.

The Panel were advised that Cambridgeshire Constabulary had split into command units allowing for a leaner and more efficient service. Neighbourhood Policing was discussed with Councillors signposted on best contacts to ensure effective and swift handling of enquiries.

Following a question from Councillors, Chief Inspector Rogerson advised that issues should be reported online wherever possible to allow for effective and targeted response. The Panel were also advised that data is mapped and analysed to highlight where preventative work and intervention is required to minimise and prevent future issues. Police use local knowledge as well as

working with other local authorities and agencies to identify areas and individuals where intervention would be beneficial.

Councillors were advised that Huntingdonshire District Council takes the lead when dealing with fly tipping crimes but that they work collaboratively with the police and Environment Agency for criminal investigations.

Councillors were advised that 89 new police officers have been recruited for Cambridgeshire and reassured that special constables as well as volunteers were utilised wherever possible. It was also noted that whilst this uplift is beneficial to the force, more administrative support is also required.

9 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

With the aid of a report by the Democratic Services Officer (Scrutiny) (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme was presented to the Panel.

Councillors were advised that the draft report from the Flooding Task and Finish Group had been shared with partner agencies and would be presented at a future meeting of the Panel. Councillors were advised to send any concerns or comments to the Chairman, Councillor Tysoe for consideration.

10 CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL HEALTH COMMITTEE

As the Councillor previously appointed to be substitute Member to the Cambridgeshire County Council Health Committee had submitted apologies for the meeting, it was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting of the Panel.

Chairman