

ROYAL BOROUGH OF GREENWICH

COMMUNITY SAFETY & ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY PANEL

THURSDAY, 27 JUNE 2019 AT 7.00 PM

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Members:

Councillor Adel Khaireh (Chair), Councillors Ann-Marie Cousins and John Hills

Under Standing Orders

Councillor Jackie Smith - Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Community Safety

Officers

Assistant Director for Community Safety & Environment, Parking Services Manager, CCTV Manager and Corporate Governance Officer

Item

No.

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received for Councillors Tonia Ashikodi and Ian Hawkins.

2 Urgent Business

There was no urgent business.

3 Declarations of Interest

Resolved -

That the list of Councillors' memberships as Council appointed representatives on outside bodies, joint committees and school governing bodies be noted.

4 Minutes

Resolved -

That the minutes of the meeting of the Community Safety and Environment Scrutiny Panel held on 24 April 2019 be agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

5 2019/20 Work Programme Schedule

The Chair advised the Panel that it was possible to remove items or move them to a new date, within reason, but any new items proposed would need to be put to the Chair of Overview & Scrutiny and Chief Executive for agreement. Consideration would also need to be given to the feasibility of the time available to the Panel to conduct proper scrutiny.

The Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Community Safety addressed the Panel proposing that the Greenwich RESET item be moved to a later point in the programme, as November may be too close to its establishment to provide meaningful data.

The Assistant Director of Community Safety & Environment confirmed that the Police's 3-Borough merger and Safer Neighbourhood Board items, scheduled for February 2020, could be taken at the November Meeting.

The Scrutiny Panel Members indicated agreement to this proposal and that the Work Programme be amended accordingly.

Action: Corporate Governance

With regards to the next upcoming meetings the Chair advised 10 Parks Friends Groups representatives had been invited to the meeting of 25 July, these are a mix of long standing Groups and new Groups and cover the Borough. He requested that Members advise the Corporate Governance Officer, by Thursday 4 July of the details of any Friends Groups representatives they wish to be invited.

Further, that if Members had any specific questions or areas they wish officer to address or put to the Friends representatives to email them to him and the Corporate Governance Officer and by Friday 12 July.

A Member proposed that an invitation be extended to the Friends of Bostall Gardens.

Action: Corporate Governance

In respect of the September meeting, which would be considering a report on Hate Crime, it was proposed that a number of representatives be invited, as set out on the work programme. If Members had suggestions of appropriate invitees, beyond those proposed, they should email the Corporate Governance Officer with the details by Friday 28 July.

Resolved –

That the Community Safety & Environment Work Programme 2019-20 be agreed with the following amendments;

- The Police’s 3-Borough merger be considered at Meeting 4 – 28 November 2019
- Safer Neighbourhood Board be considered at Meeting 4 – 28 November 2019
- Greenwich RESET be considered at Meeting 5 – 27 February 2020

6 CCTV Scrutiny Scoping Report

The Head of Parking advised the Committee that the London Council had approved the Royal Borough of Greenwich’s (RBG) approach to the use of CCTV for Highway Infringements. The Full Council meeting in July will determine the Resolution to Adopt Powers to Undertake Enforcement of Traffic Contraventions by CCTV.

The Chair advised that it was for the Panel, with guidance from Officers, to decide how they wish to focus the review and what aspects of the service they wish to Scrutinise, given that they must meet the Four Principles of Good Public Scrutiny

1. Providing a ‘critical friend’ challenge
2. Reflecting the voice and concerns of the public
3. Taking the lead and owning the scrutiny process
4. Making an impact on the delivery of public services

The Chair proposed that a working group of Members be agreed to consider the scope of the review and method of evidence gathering to inform the Panel’s scrutiny of CCTV provision.

The Corporate Governance Officer confirmed that an initial meeting of the Members working group, would be arranged as well as a meeting between the Members working group and officers to discuss the process for the review.

Action: Corporate Governance Officer

The Chair confirmed to Councillor J. Smith, Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Community Safety, that the scrutiny would consider all RBG CCTV provision, including in parks and cemeteries.

The Panel raised that the mapping of hot-spots for various forms of anti-social-behaviour, be that fly-tipping, drug dealing / use or violent disorder be mapped so that comparisons between perception and fact could be established. The Assistant Director of Community Safety & Environment confirmed that this information could be supplied, as part of the review and include details of the use of the Mobile CCTV.

Action: AD of Community Safety & Environment

Resolved -

That Councillor Khaireh, Cousins and Hills would form the members of the Scrutiny Members working group and would establish the scope of the review and method of evidence gathering to inform the Panel's scrutiny of CCTV provision.

7 Action Monitoring Introduction

Resolved -

That it be noted that future meetings would include a report to monitor that actions raised by the Panel have been completed.

The meeting closed at 7.16 pm

Chair