

COMMUNITY SERVICES SCRUTINY AND PERFORMANCE PANEL

Tuesday, 7 June, 2011 at 6.00 p.m. in a Conference Room at the Council House, Walsall

Panel Members Present

Councillor L. Harrison (Chair)
Councillor C. Creaney (Vice-Chair)
Councillor I. Azam
Councillor S. Coughlan
Councillor L. Rattigan
Councillor K. Sears
Councillor I. Shires
Councillor F. Westley

Portfolio holder present

Councillor Z. Ali

Officers Present

Jamie Morris - Executive Director (Neighbourhoods)
Chris Holliday - Head of Leisure and Community Health
Neil Picken - Senior Constitutional Services Officer

74/11 APOLOGY

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Councillor A. Young.

75/11 SUBSTITUTIONS

There were no substitutions.

76/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND PARTY WHIP

There were no declarations of interest or party whip for the duration of the meeting.

77/11 MINUTES

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 7 April, 2011, a copy having been previously circulated, be approved as a true and accurate record.

78/11 WORK PROGRAMME 2011/12

The Panel considered options for their Work Programme for 2011/12. Members reviewed the outcomes of previous consultations, a number of suggestions for Work Programme items and the latest version of the Forward Plan. The Chair took the Panel through the suggestions contained in the agenda which included the following items:-

- Area Partnerships review
- Library service consultation

- Monitoring the recommendations from the Libraries and Leisure Centres Working Group
- Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill
- Crime and community safety in Walsall
- Green Spaces strategy
- The Big Society
- Home Office consultation on anti-social behaviour tools and powers “more effective responses to anti-social behaviour”

Following consideration of each of the above items, the Panel also requested that a Police Authority member be co-opted to the Panel for the rest of the Municipal Year.

Resolved

That:-

- (1) the following items be added to the Panel’s Work Programme for 2011/12:-
 - (a) Area Partnerships review;
 - (b) Library service consultation, to include a review of Libraries recommendations from the Libraries and Leisure Centres Working Group;
 - (c) Monitoring the recommendations from the Libraries and Leisure Centres Working Group;
 - (d) Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill;
 - (e) Crime and community safety in Walsall;
 - (f) Green Spaces strategy;
 - (g) The Big Society;
 - (h) Home Office consultation on anti-social behaviour tools and powers “more effective responses to anti-social behaviour”.
- (2) that Philip Holmes be recommended to Council to become a non-voting Co-opted Member on the Community Services Scrutiny and Performance Panel;
- (3) that the Executive Director, Neighbourhoods, arrange for a training session to be held for all Members to discuss anti-social behaviour;
- (4) that a Working Group be established to consider the Green Space strategy to consist of the following Members:-

Councillor I. Shires
 Councillor L. Harrison
 Councillor C. Creaney
 Councillor I. Azam

and that a further invitation be extended to Councillors Sears, Rattigan and Coughlan who were not in attendance at the meeting.

79/11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the date of the next meeting was 12 July, 2011.

The meeting terminated at 6.25 p.m.

Signed:

Date: