

**PETERBOROUGH**



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
STRONG AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
HELD IN THE  
BOURGES & VIERSEN ROOMS, TOWN HALL, PETERBOROUGH  
ON  
THURSDAY 11 JUNE 2015**

**Present:** Councillors: Faustino, Bisby, Coles, Forbes, Ash, J R Fox and Khan

Officers in

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| Attendance: | Kim Sawyer         | Director for Governance                             |
|             | Adrian Chapman     | Service Director for Adult Services and Communities |
|             | Robin Sissons      | Head of Safer, Stronger, Supportive Communities     |
|             | Belinda Child      | Head of Housing & Health Improvement                |
|             | Annette Joyce      | Service Director for City Services and              |
|             | Paulina Ford       | Communications                                      |
|             | Dania Castagliuolo | Senior Democratic Services Officer                  |
|             |                    | Democratic Services Officer                         |

**1. Election of Chair**

The Director of Governance introduced the item in her capacity as proper officer and advised the Committee that, as agreed at Annual Council on 20 May 2015, the appointment of Chair and Vice Chair of the Scrutiny Committees fell to the individual Committees to make these appointments.

The director of Governance requested nominations from the Committee for the position of Chair of the Strong and Supportive Communities Scrutiny Committee.

Councillor Khan nominated Councillor Forbes and Councillor Fox Seconded the nomination.

There be no other nominations, Councillor Forbes was therefore, elected by the Committee as Chair of the Strong and Supportive Communities Scrutiny Committee for the 2015/2016 municipal year.

**2. Election of Vice Chair**

The newly elected Chair of the Committee requested nominations from the Committee for the position of Vice Chair of the Strong and Supportive Communities Scrutiny Committee.

Councillor Fox nominated Councillor Ash and Councillor Coles seconded the nomination.

There be no other nominations, Councillor Ash was therefore, elected Vice Chair of the Strong and Supportive Communities Scrutiny Committee for the 2015/2016 municipal year.

**3. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Iqbal and Councillor Martin. Councillor Coles and Councillor Khan were in attendance as substitutes. Apologies were also received from the Youth Council.

#### **4. Declarations of Interest and Whipping Declarations**

There were no declarations of interest or whipping declarations.

#### **5. Minutes of the Meeting Held on 19 March 2015**

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 March 2015 were approved as an accurate record.

#### **6. Call in of any Cabinet, Cabinet Member or Key Officer Decisions**

There were no requests for call-in to consider.

#### **7. Strong and Supportive Communities: Introduction, Overview and Work Programme**

The Service Director for Adult Services and Communities introduced the report along with his team who delivered a PowerPoint presentation (Attached at appendix 1).

The Committee was asked to discuss the detail contained within the presentation and to agree a Strong and Supportive Communities Scrutiny committee programme for the forthcoming municipal year.

Questions and comments were raised around the following areas:

- The three priorities of the Safer Peterborough Partnership Plan 1) Addressing victim-based crime by reducing re-offending and protecting our residents and visitors from harm. 2) Tackling anti-social behaviour. 3) Building stronger and more supportive communities
- Restorative Justice
- Cyber Crime
- Road Safety
- Communities and Safety Delivery Model
- Alcohol and Drugs
- Rough Sleepers and Homelessness Prevention
- Licensing for the Private rented Sector
- Care and Repair
- Fuel Poverty
- Housing Stock Health Hazards
- Community Cohesion
- Urban Parishing
- Review of the Peterborough 'One Community'
- Community Centres
- Communities Strategy
- Community Capacity Needs
- Travellers in the Wider Community
- City Market, regeneration and Marketing Plan
- Visitor Economy Strategy
- CCTV Service
- Illegal Trading, Chuggers and Begging

#### **ACTION AGREED**

The Committee noted the report and agreed for the Service Director for City Services and Communications to circulate figures on Peterborough's Car parking usage to the Committee.

The Committee agreed to establish a Task and Finish Group to aid the development of a new Communities Strategy.

## **8. Review of 2014/2015 and Future Work Programme**

The Senior Democratic Services Officer introduced the report which provided the Committee with a review of the work undertaken during 2014/15.

The Committee was asked to consider the 2014/2015 year in review and make recommendations on the future monitoring of these items where necessary. The Committee was also asked to determine its priorities and develop a work programme for the forthcoming year.

### **ACTION AGREED**

The Committee agreed the agenda for July's meeting and agreed for the following items to be included within the work programme for the forthcoming year, along with further discussions to be had at the group representatives meetings:

- The City Market (Item from the last municipal year).
- Communities Strategy and the establishment of a Task and Finish Group.
- Community Asset Transfer Programme
- Rough Sleepers, Homelessness, Illegal Traders and Chuggers

## **9. Forward Plan of Executive Decisions**

The Committee received the latest version of the Council's Forward Plan of Executive Decisions, containing key decisions that the Leader of the Council anticipated the Cabinet or individual Cabinet Members would make during the course of the forthcoming month. Members were invited to comment on the Plan and, where appropriate, identify any relevant areas for inclusion in the Committee's work programme.

### **ACTION AGREED**

The Committee noted the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions.

## **10. Date of the Next Meeting**

The Chair advised the Committee that the next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 22 July 2015.

*The meeting began at 7.00pm and ended at 9.10pm*

CHAIRMAN