

RECOMMENDATIONS MONITORING REPORT 2017 - 2018

ADULTS AND COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Meeting date Recommendations Made	Portfolio Holder / Directorate Responsible	Agenda Item Title	Recommendation Made	Action Taken	Progress Status
21 June 2017	Cabinet Member for Communities/ People and Communities	Proposal for a Cross Party Task and Finish Group To Review Community Involvement In Neighbourhood Issues	The Committee recommended that a Cross Party Task and Finish Group be established to review community involvement in neighbourhood issues and agreed to the Terms of Reference of the Task and Finish Group as attached at appendix 1 of the report	The first meeting of the newly established Task and Finish group was convened on 30 th Aug 2017	Complete
21 June 2017	Cabinet Member for Communities / People and Communities	Safer Peterborough Partnership Plan 2017 – 2020	That the Committee approved the Safer Peterborough Partnership Plan 2017-2020 for presentation to Cabinet on 10 July 2017 and then approval at Full Council, subject to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - That the term “substance <i>misuse</i>” be replaced with the term “substance <i>abuse</i>”. - That there is reference in the document to community involvement in neighbourhood issues and the role of the Task and Finish group. 	The Safer Peterborough Partnership Plan was amended as recommended by the Scrutiny Committee and presented to Cabinet on 10 th July 2017. The Plan was considered and approved by Cabinet but will need to be approved by Full Council before it is implemented by the Safer Peterborough Partnership.	In light of the countrywide policing review that is taking place, The Safer Peterborough Partnership Plan will not be presented to full Council until the review’s findings are known. If, as a result of these findings, changes to the Plan need to be made it will be re-presented to the Scrutiny committee. Update: Briefing note submitted to Scrutiny Committee

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - That the effects of the Safer Peterborough Partnership (SPP) on the reduction on crime rates be made clear as currently the report refers to the successes of the SPP but also suggests that this reduction would have happened regardless of specific SPP actions as it is in line with national trends. 		<p>on 16/01/18 The only amendment to the Plan, which had been previously agreed by both the Adults and Communities Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet, is the addition of a new priority, Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour and Environmental Crime.</p> <p>Complete.</p>
21 June 2017	Governance Directorate	Review of 2016/17 and Work Programme for 2017/18	The Committee recommended that the monitoring of future recommendations as proposed in paragraph 5.2 of the report be agreed and that a report be provided at each meeting to note the outcome of any recommendations made at the previous meeting held thereby providing an opportunity for the Committee to request further monitoring of the recommendation should this be required.	A report will be presented to each meeting following any recommendations made at the previous meeting. This report is the first report in accordance with the agreed recommendation.	Complete

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12 September 2017	Cabinet Member for Communities/ People and Communities	Update On The Management of Rough Sleepers: Monitoring of Recommendations	The Committee RESOLVED to recommend that an alternative strategy or option 'B' be developed if funding was denied following the submission of a bid to the DCLG for extra funds to recruit 3 additional workers. This bid would provide the required resources to progress many of the recommendations.	The DCLG bid was successful and three extra workers are being recruited.	Complete
12 September 2017	Cabinet Member for Communities/ Adults and Communities	Homelessness and Homelessness Prevention	<p>The Adults and Communities Scrutiny Committee resolved to agree to the proposed amendments to the Housing Policy as listed below:</p> <p>Under occupation - To allow households with a 2 bedroom need, with 2 children, who are working and will not be affected by the removal of the spare room subsidy to express interest in and be housed in 3 bedroom accommodation.</p> <p>Additional Preference - As demand for accommodation has grown it has become apparent that households to which the Council owes a full housing duty but who do not have additional preference through a strong local connection, face the prospect of not being successful for an allocation of accommodation as they are always considered after a household who does. It is proposed that a category for accepted homeless households who have been accepted for at least 3 months is added as an additional preference category.</p>	<p>As the Peterborough Homes Allocation Policy is part of the major policy framework, the changes have to be approved by Council.</p> <p>The item was approved by Council at its meeting on the 12 December.</p>	Complete

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			<p>Refusals and non-attendance at viewings - The demand for accommodation is now so great that we now no longer have the luxury that we are able to give applicants extensive choice when it comes to allocations. Applicants are currently permitted to refuse up to 3 offers of accommodation before they are penalised. It is proposed that this be reduced to 2 offers for general applicants. No change is proposed for applicants who are accepted as homeless, they must still accept the 1st offer of suitable permanent accommodation.</p> <p>Number of bids - Currently applicants are able to bid on up to 3 properties per week. They could also shortlist for up to 3 properties per week. This has often resulted in delays in lettings and some applicants bidding for properties without any knowledge of the area the property is located in as they face no penalty. It is proposed that the number of bids applicants can place be reduced from 3 to 1. This should encourage applicants to review all properties in more detail and to place their bids on properties they are really interested in securing.</p>		
12 September 2017	Cabinet Member for Communities/ People and Communities	Homelessness and Homelessness Prevention	The Committee recommended the establishment of a Cross Party Task and Finish Group to support the development of a new homelessness reduction strategy as outlined in paragraph 4.47 of the report and endorsed the terms of reference for the Task and Finish group as stated in paragraph 4.49 of the report	The first meeting of the newly established Task and Finish group was convened on 16 October 2017	Complete

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			<p>The Committee RESOLVED to endorse the terms of reference for the Task and Finish group as stated in paragraph 4.49 of the report subject to the following addition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - that the Task and Finish group, in developing a new homelessness strategy, give particular consideration to the medium and long term solutions to homelessness and take into account if there is a link between homelessness and the lack of affordable housing. 	<p>The terms of reference for the newly established task and finish group were amended to reflect this recommendation and adopted by the Task and Finish group.</p>	Complete
16 January 2018	Cabinet Member for Communities/ People and Communities	Community Asset Transfers	<p>The Adults and Communities Scrutiny Committee considered the report and RESOLVED to recommend that;</p> <p>The Community Asset Transfer programme and its current approach be continued but that the March deadline be extended in order that Community organisations had longer to consider and confirm their intentions around community asset transfer</p>	<p>Community organisations have been written to and asked to consider the date of 31st March as a date to work towards for their reply.</p> <p>Ward councillors have been copied in to the letters that have gone out</p>	Complete
13 March 2018	Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, Housing and Economic	Report Of The Task And Finish Group To Assist The Development Of A New	<p>The Adults and Communities Scrutiny Committee considered the report and RESOLVED to recommend that;</p>	<p>Recommendation 1 - The Strategy was considered at Cabinet on 26 March 2018 where</p>	Complete

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	Development / People and Communities	Homelessness Reduction Strategy	<p>1. The Homelessness Strategy 2018 - 2020 be endorsed and to be taken to Cabinet for approval and adoption.</p> <p>2. The Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, Housing and Economic Development contacts (i) the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, (ii) the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, and (iii) the Local Government Association, seeking their support to amend legislation so that:</p> <p>(a) the Housing Benefit element of welfare benefit payments are paid direct to landlords rather than to tenants, in an attempt to encourage more landlords to offer their properties for homeless households or those at risk of becoming homeless; and,</p> <p>(b) Section 21 of the Housing Act 1988 (<i>Recovery of Possession on Expiry or Termination of Assured Shorthold Tenancy</i>) is reviewed with a view to ending its widespread use, and in its place introduce legislation that provides for greater tenancy security in the private rented sector.</p>	<p>it resolved to recommend that Council approve the report and recommendations contained within.</p> <p>The Cabinet recommendation was then presented to Council at its meeting on 21 May 2018 where Council resolved to approve the report of the Task and Finish Group and the recommendations contained within.</p>	
13 March 2018	Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, Housing and	New Council House Provision	The Committee RESOLVED to recommend to full Council that:	The recommendation will be presented to Full Council on 25	Complete

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	Economic Development / People and Communities		1. The Council's focus for delivering social housing should continue to be through the now established joint venture housing company, Medesham Homes, rather than seeking to return to providing council housing in the traditional sense; this vehicle having the flexibility to deliver a range of tenures and to take advantage of the capability of each partner to provide land, funding and capacity and share risk when responding to the challenges of austerity and the housing crisis	July 2018	

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