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### **Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities**

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#### **Time and Date**

3.00 pm on Thursday, 13th October, 2016

#### **Place**

Diamond Room 2 - Council House

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#### **Public Business**

1. **Apologies**
2. **Declarations of Interest**
3. **Minutes** (Pages 3 - 4)
  - (a) To agree the minutes of the Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities meeting held on 14 July 2016.
  - (b) Matters arising
4. **Response to a petition from residents of Swan Lane and Thackhall Street relating to Anti-Social Behaviour in the locality** (Pages 5 - 10)

Report of the Executive Director of Place

Note: Councillor O'Boyle, a St Michaels Ward Councillor and petition sponsor and the petition organiser have been invited to the meeting for the consideration of this item.
5. **Response to a petition regarding concerns over; Anti-Social Behaviour, Police Patrols and Street Cleansing in Cawthorne Close** (Pages 11 - 16)

Report of the Executive Director of Place

Note: Councillor Welsh, St. Michaels Ward Councillor and petition sponsor and the petition organiser have been invited to the meeting for the consideration of this item.
6. **Outstanding Issues Report**

There are no outstanding issues to report.
7. **Any Other Business**

To consider any other items of business which the Cabinet Member decides to take as a matter of urgency because of the special circumstances involved.

**Private Business**

Nil

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Chris West, Executive Director, Resources, Council House Coventry

Wednesday, 5 October 2016

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Membership: Councillors P Akhtar (Deputy Cabinet Member), J Birdi (Shadow Cabinet Member) and A Khan (Cabinet Member)

By invitation: Councillor J Birdi (Shadow Cabinet Member)

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**Coventry City Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities held at 3.00**  
**pm on Thursday, 14 July 2016**

Present:

Members:                   Councillor A Khan  
                                  Councillor J Birdi (Shadow Cabinet Member)  
                                  Councillor P Akhtar (Deputy Cabinet Member)

Employees (by Directorate):

People:                    H Shankster

Resources:                U Patel

## **Public Business**

### **23.     Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **24.     Minutes**

The minutes of the Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure, Sports and Parks meeting held on 21 April 2016 were signed as a true record. There were no matters arising.

### **25.     Equalities**

The Cabinet Member considered a report of the Director of Public Health which provided information on the combined analysis of the Equality and Consultation Analysis (ECA) carried out in 2015/2016. The report included the proposed equality objectives for the Council and provided a summary on the analysis of the ECAs.

In addition, the report sought approval to the terms and reference for the Disability Equality Advisory Panel.

The Council has a duty to set at least one equality objective under the Equality Act (specific duty) Regulations 2011. On 14 April 2016, the Cabinet Member for Community Development, Co-operatives and Social Enterprise approved the approach for setting equality objectives for 2016/17 (their minute 29/15 refers).

Currently the majority of the Council's key priorities, as set out in the Council Plan, are equality objectives in their own right and have been adopted by the Council as equality objectives for the purpose of the equality duty. The Council regularly monitors, reviews and reports progress on these equality objectives through the Council Plan. At half year stage in 2015/16 there were 59 equality indicators in the Council Plan. The report provided an overview of the current status and change in equality related issues but it was too broad to clearly identify Council's priorities relating to equalities. The Council's performance indicators were currently being

reviewed therefore this would be an appropriate time to review the way the Council set and monitor equality objectives.

Following collaborative working with the Trade Unions, representatives of Council employees and representatives of the community, 15 equality objectives were being proposed for the Cabinet Member to adopt. These were detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.

The equality objectives for the West Midlands Combined Authority were currently being developed in collaboration with the West Midlands Local Authority Equality Network. Once the equality objectives have been developed for the region, they would also form part of the Council's equality objectives. A report would be submitted to the Cabinet Member once the objectives for the West Midlands Combined Authority have been set.

**RESOLVED that the Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities:**

- 1. Approves the equality objectives (Appendix 1) set out for the Council's key plans and strategies for the next four years or when the Council Plan is reviewed and agrees to receive a report on the progress made twice a year.**
- 2. Agrees to receive a further report on the equality objectives set for the West Midlands Combined Authority which are currently being developed.**
- 3. Considers the summary (Appendix 2) on the combined analysis of ECAs and make recommendations for action.**
- 4. Agrees to approve the terms of reference (Appendix 3) for the Disability Equality Advisory Panel and to agree to receive an annual report on the progress made.**

**26. Outstanding Issues Report**

The Cabinet Member noted a report of the Executive Director of Resources that identified those issues on which further reports had been requested and were outstanding so that progress could be monitored.

**27. Any Other Business**

There were no other items of business.

(Meeting closed at 3.20 pm)



Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities

13<sup>th</sup> October 2016

**Name of Cabinet Member:**

Policing and Equalities – Councillor Abdul Khan

**Director Approving Submission of the report:**

Executive Director – of Place

**Ward(s) affected:**

St Michaels

**Title:**

**Response to a petition from residents of Swan Lane and Thackhall Street relating to Anti-Social Behaviour in the locality**

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**Is this a key decision?**

No

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**Executive Summary:**

A petition of 10 signatures, sponsored by Councillor O'Boyle, a St Michaels Ward Councillor, was submitted to Coventry City Council on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2016 calling for the City Council to place pressure on West Midlands Police to address issues of drug dealing, damage to property and Anti-Social Behaviour occurring in the area. The petition also calls for Coventry City Council to place pressure on the private management company, K T Management, to support residents in their quest for a peaceful life.

**This is an unusual petition in that it doesn't relate directly to Council services.**

This report details actions taken by the City Council and West Midlands Police

**Recommendations:**

The Cabinet Member is recommended to:-

1. Request West Midlands Police and K T Management to continue their monitoring of the area and respond accordingly to residents request for assistance.
2. Encourage residents to set up a Neighbourhood Watch in the area and report incidents of concern to Police as soon as they occur.

**List of Appendices included:**

None

**Background papers:**

None

**Other useful documents**

None

**Has it been or will it be considered by Scrutiny?**

No

**Has it been or will it be considered by any other Council Committee, Advisory Panel or other body?**

No

**Will this report go to Council?**

No

**Report title:****Response to a petition from residents of Swan Lane and Thackhall Street relating to Anti-Social Behaviour in the locality****1. Context (or background)**

- 1.1 On 4<sup>th</sup> July 2016, a petition signed by 10 people called upon Coventry City Council to place pressure on West Midlands Police and the private management company, K T Management, to address issues of drug dealing, damage to property, sex workers and anti-social behaviour in and around Swan Lane and Thackhall Street. The petition is supported by Cllr O'Boyle.
- 1.2 Coventry City Council data shows that a total of 20 reports relating to anti-social behaviour have been logged between July 2015 and July 2016. These relate primarily to noise in and around Swan Lane, Cobb Close and Thackhall Street, these incidents were investigated and not found to be of a level that would require council intervention. Police data for the same period shows a total of 15 logs for Swan Lane, 8 logs for Thackhall Street and 4 logs for Cobb Close. Of these 27 logs, 9 relate to reports of Prostitution, 2 to rough sleepers and 3 to quad bikes in the area as a whole. The remaining 13 are for regular Police business and not relevant for the purposes of this report.

**2. Options considered and recommended proposal**

- 2.1 In response to the petition, West Midlands Police have made contact with the lead petitioner, visited the area and are monitoring the situation. Extra patrols take place as duties allow and individuals found to be causing issues are challenged and appropriate action taken. Residents have been encouraged to report all incidents direct to the relevant agencies, as and when they occur.
- 2.2 Residents are also now in contact with K T Management regarding repairs to their properties.
- 2.3 The relocation of one particular household appears to have made a marked difference to the area as a whole. The lead petitioner has stated that there is a noticeable improvement to the area.
- 2.4 In taking this matter forward the following recommendations are made to Cabinet Member:
  - 2.4.1 Request West Midlands Police and K T Management to continue their monitoring of the area and respond accordingly to residents request for assistance.
  - 2.4.2 Encourage residents to set up a Neighbourhood Watch in the area and report incidents of concern to Police as soon as they occur.

**3. Results of consultation undertaken**

- 3.1 Officers and the Police have been in regular contact with the lead petitioner.

**4 Timetable for implementing this decision**

- 4.1 Officers from the Council and the Police will monitor the area and meet with residents when needed.

## **5 Comments from Executive Director, Resources**

### **5.1 Financial implications**

There are no financial implications arising from this report, all costs will be met from core budgets. There may be financial implications for the private management company regarding the cost of repairs which will need to be met from their budget.

### **5.2 Legal implications**

None

## **6 Other implications**

None

### **6.1 How will this contribute to the Council Plan ([www.coventry.gov.uk/councilplan/](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/councilplan/))?**

#### **Crime and Disorder**

Tackling crime and anti-social behaviour through partnership working is central to the delivery of the Council Plan in improving the quality of life for Coventry people by making communities safer.

### **6.2 How is risk being managed?**

See paragraph 4.1 above.

### **6.3 What is the impact on the organisation?**

None

### **6.4 Equalities / EIA**

N/A

### **6.5 Implications for (or impact on) the environment**

N/A

### **6.6 Implications for partner organisations?**

None, all is included as core business.

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13<sup>th</sup> October 2016

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**Title:**

**Response to a petition regarding concerns over; Anti-Social Behaviour, Police Patrols and Street Cleansing in Cawthorne Close**

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**Is this a key decision?**

No

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**Executive Summary:**

A petition of 32 signatures, sponsored by Councillor Welsh, a St Michael's Ward Councillor, regarding issues of Anti-Social Behaviour, Police Patrols and Street Cleansing in Cawthorne Close was submitted to the Council on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

This report details actions taken by the City Council and West Midlands Police.

**Recommendations:**

The Cabinet Member is recommended to:-

1. Request West Midlands Police and Council officers to continue their monitoring of the area and respond accordingly to residents requests for assistance.
2. Encourage residents to set up a Neighbourhood Watch in the area and report incidents of concern to Police and the Council as soon as they occur.

**List of Appendices included:**

None

**Background papers:**

None

**Other useful documents**

None

**Has it been or will it be considered by Scrutiny?**

No

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No

**Will this report go to Council?**

No

**Report title:****Response to a petition regarding concerns over; Anti-Social Behaviour, Police Patrols and Street Cleansing in Cawthorne Close****1. Context (or background)**

- 1.1 On 4<sup>th</sup> April 2016, a petition signed by 32 people was received by the Council. The petition highlights residents' concerns with anti-social behaviour, the absence of Police patrols and the lack of street cleansing in Cawthorne Close in the St Michaels Ward. The residents highlight that groups of people congregate in the street on a regular basis; socialising, drinking alcohol and smoking drugs.
- 1.2 Residents feel intimidated and are regularly disturbed by the activity of these groups and numerous incidents of littering and fly tipping. This makes the area look dirty and untidy and encourages more flytipping. Residents are keen to have the issues addressed at the earliest opportunity.
- 1.3 Coventry City Council recorded data from July 2015 to July 2016 shows; 9 reports directly related to Cawthorne Close. Of those reports, 5 relate to fly-tipping, 2 relate to pest control, 1 relates to Anti-Social Behaviour and 1 relates to domestic waste in a front garden. Police data for the same period shows a total of 15 logs for Cawthorne Close, 4 of which relate to Anti-Social Behaviour and 1 of which relates to an abandoned vehicle. Other logs relate to regular Police business and are not relevant for the purposes of this report.

**2. Options considered and recommended proposal**

- 2.1 In response to the petition, officers from the Council and the Police have made contact with the lead petitioner.
- 2.2 West Midlands Police and the Council are monitoring the situation. Extra patrols take place as duties allow and individuals found to be causing issues are challenged and appropriate action taken.
- 2.3 This particular area is on a regular fortnightly cleansing schedule by the Barrow man and a 5 weekly schedule for the mechanical sweeper. In addition, specific visits are undertaken to collect reported fly tipping from council land. All cases of fly tipping are investigated, with the appropriate course of action depending on any evidence found at the scene and witnesses to the offence(s).
- 2.4 In taking this matter forward the following recommendations are made to Cabinet Member:
  - 2.4.1 Request West Midlands Police and the Council to continue their monitoring of the area and respond accordingly to residents request for assistance.
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#### **Crime and Disorder**

Tackling crime and anti-social behaviour through partnership working is central to the delivery of the Council Plan in improving the quality of life for Coventry people by making communities safer and our city cleaner and greener.

### **6.2 How is risk being managed?**

See paragraph 4.1 above.

### **6.3 What is the impact on the organisation?**

None

### **6.4 Equalities / EIA**

N/A

### **6.5 Implications for (or impact on) the environment**

The Council has a zero tolerance approach to fly tipping. Where evidence is available, Council officers will take legal action against the perpetrators.

### **6.6 Implications for partner organisations?**

None

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