

**Coventry City Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities held at 3.00 pm on Thursday, 8 December 2016**

Present:

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

Employees (by Directorate):

Place: C Hickin, M McHugh

Resources: U Patel, R Sharma

In Attendance: PC 7253 Farrelly  
V Flynn (Petition Organiser)

### **Public Business**

#### **34. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **35. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 October 2016 were signed as a true record. There were no matters arising.

#### **36. Response to a petition regarding the safety and appearance of Craners Road and surrounding streets**

The Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities considered a report of the Executive Director of Place which responded to a petition regarding the safety and appearance of Craners Road and surrounding streets.

The petition bearing 39 signatures was submitted by Councillor Welsh, a St Michaels Ward Councillor, and expressed residents' concerns over anti-social behaviour, including persistent fly-tipping, social drinking in the street, poor state of repair of the flower beds in the streets and the run down state of rented properties in the area. The report detailed actions taken by the City Council and West Midlands Police.

The petition organiser attended the meeting and spoke in detail about the problems being experienced in the area. A representative from West Midlands Police also attended the meeting and reassured the petition spokesperson that their resources would be focused in the area to address the problems being experienced. In addition, it was hoped that police presence in the area would deter some of the problems from occurring in the first instance.

City Council Officers and West Midlands Police undertook to liaise with the petition organiser outside of the meeting to discuss options available to them.

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

- 1. Requests West Midlands Police to continue their monitoring of the area and respond accordingly to resident request for assistance and encourage residents to set up a Neighbourhood Watch in the area and report incidents of concern to eth Police as soon as they occur.**
- 2. Requests that the Street Enforcement Team to continue monitoring of this area and work with the lead petitioner concerning fly tipping and run down properties.**
- 3. Requests the Council's Highways Department to continue their feasibility study into either removing some of the flowerbeds or ensuring that repairs are undertaken to deter fly tipping.**

**37. Outstanding Issues Report**

There were no outstanding issues.

**38. Any Other Business**

There were no other items of business.

(Meeting closed at 3.40 pm)