
Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities

13th 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

Is this a key decision?

No

Executive Summary:

A petition of 10 signatures, sponsored by Councillor O'Boyle, a St Michaels Ward Councillor, was submitted to Coventry City Council on 4th 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 4th 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/)?

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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