

**PUBLIC PROTECTION AND
 COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY
 COMMITTEE
 17 SEPTEMBER 2019**

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR N H PEPPER (CHAIRMAN)

Councillors A N Stokes (Vice-Chairman), W J Aron, K J Clarke, Mrs C J Lawton, C R Oxby, A H Turner MBE JP, L Wootten, R Wootten and C J T H Brewis

Councillors: R D Butroid and L A Cawrey attended the meeting as observers

Officers in attendance:-

Sara Barry (Safer Communities Manager), Dan Quinn (Assistant Chief Fire Officer), Daniel Steel (Scrutiny Officer), Emily Wilcox (Democratic Services Officer) and Lisa Duckworth (Community Safety Strategy Co-ordinator)

18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE/REPLACEMENT MEMBERS

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mrs K Cook.

It was reported that, under the Local Government (Committee and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, Councillor C J T H Brewis had been appointed as replacement member for Councillor Mrs K Cook, for this meeting only.

It was noted that the Executive Councillor for Community Safety and People Management had also sent his apologies.

19 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

20 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 23 JULY 2019

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 23 July 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

21 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN, EXECUTIVE COUNCILLORS AND CHIEF OFFICERS

The Chairman announced on the 03 September 2019, the Executive had considered the report on the Future of the Heritage service. Comments from the committee had

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been included as part of the report, as well as the statements that had been made by the public at the committee meeting on 23 July 2019.

As part of a discussion between the committee regarding paperless working, the majority of members agreed that they would like to continue to receive paper copies of agendas for the time-being. It was acknowledged that a gradual move towards paperless working would be beneficial.

22 FIRE AND RESCUE - INTEGRATED RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN 2020 - 2023

Consideration was given a report by the Assistant Chief Fire Officer, which invited the committee to consider Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue's draft for the Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP).

Members received a presentation which updated the committee on the following points regarding the IRMP:

- The purpose of the plan
- The key drivers of the plan
- The engagement process that would be undertaken as part of the consultation
- The progress that had been made so far against the IRMP

Members were referred to Appendix A to the report, which set out Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue's outcomes and targets for 2019/20.

Members were invited to ask questions, in which the following points were noted:

- The Assistant Chief Fire Officer outlined the Risk Assessment Matrix used by LFR.
- Evidence suggested that there was sufficient resource within LFR to respond to the current level of dwelling fires. Officers would work to ensure that the high level of cover was maintained.
- Following communication with the community engagement team, officers had been advised that the best way to engage staff in the consultation process would be through a snap survey. All efforts would be made to ensure that as many staff as possible completed the survey. All feedback provided would be acknowledged within the IRMP.
- The Assistant Chief Fire Officer agreed to liaise with the Scrutiny Officer regarding the most appropriate reporting schedule for the IRMP to the committee.
- It was confirmed that a high rise building was currently defined as a building that was 18 metres high and 5 or more floors. Members were advised that the definition for high rise building was currently under consultation and was being reviewed nationally. The UK fire service was looking to implement a more targeted risk based approach to the vulnerability of people within a property.

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- The Assistant Chief Fire Officer was satisfied with a risk rating of 10 for 'Residential High Rise'. Members were advised of the efforts LFR had engaged extensively to mitigate the risk in high rise buildings and that there were policies and procedures in place to ensure the upmost safety in these buildings.
- Following concerns raised regarding the danger of illegal cigarettes, Members were assured that the issue had being considered at the Tobacco Partnership Board.
- It was noted that as part of the new restructure within Fire directorate, officers were looking at how LFR and public protection could work together more on certain issues.
- It was noted that there were a number of reasons that a fire engine may not reach a dwelling within the expected timeframe, such as traffic or wrong location. Members were informed LFR had purchased new road data which would help the service provide a more accurate reflection of the 'actual' time it would take for Fire Fighters to travel from the fire station to the property. This will allow the travel boundaries modelling to be updated accordingly.
- LFR had identified approximately 300 properties that sat outside of the expected response time. Engagement with those properties has been programmed to ensure that properties (both domestic and commercial) have an appropriate fire safety plan in place.

RESOLVED:

That the report and comments made be noted.

23 TRADING STANDARDS IMPACTS AND OUTCOMES FRAMEWORK

Consideration was given to a report by the Trading Standards Manager, which provided a review of the delivery of the Trading Standards Services in Lincolnshire for the financial year 2018-19.

Members received a presentation, which highlighted the following in relation to the work of trading standards in 2017/18:

- There had been 20 defendants prosecuted in 2018-19, compared with 31 defendants in 2017-18.
- Members were advised of the outcomes of the prosecutions
- Trading standards had removed 1,482,460 cigarettes; 769kg of hand-rolling tobacco removed across 24 premises. There had also been 2,972 other unsafe or non-compliant items removed from the market.
- There had been 153 requests for advice from businesses in relation to trading standards.
- 416 businesses had been compliant or brought into compliance on the initial inspection; with 76 businesses being categorised at unsatisfactory.
- There had been 22 victims identified by the National Scams team in 2018-19; 8 victims had been identified by Trading Standards or partners; 446 victims subject to interventions and £200,800 saved through intervention.

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- There had been 72 attempts and two sales of tobacco to children; and 74 attempts and nine sales of alcohol to children in 2018-19.

Members were invited to ask questions, in which the following points were noted:

- Officers acknowledged concerns raised by Members that some people were reluctant to report when they had been scammed due to a fear that they would be perceived negatively.
- It was noted that the council had a good working relationship with District Councils and Environmental Health Officers.
- It was clarified that community punishment orders consisted of unpaid work.
- The Trading Standards Manager agreed to provide a breakdown of the different types of businesses investigated.
- Members were advised that a good indication of a counterfeit product could be the quality of the packaging, labelling, and quality of the finishing of the products.

RESOLVED:

That the report and comments made be noted.

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WORK PROGRAMME

The Scrutiny Officer set out the committee's prospective work programme.

Members were informed that **at** the next meeting **there** would **be** an annual report on the Registration, Celebratory and Coroners Service; as well as an update on the Adults Reoffending.

Members were advised that the committee would receive a report on the outcomes of the Wainfleet flooding investigations once investigations had concluded.

RESOLVED:

That the committee were satisfied with the work programme.

25 ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report by the Community Safety Strategy Co-Ordinator, which provided information on the key actions currently being undertaken by the Safer Lincolnshire Partnership Anti-Social Behaviour Core Priority Group to address anti-social behaviour in the county, and the specific contribution being made by Lincolnshire County Council towards that agenda.

Members were advised of the activity that was being taken to address Anti-Social Behaviour; the implementation of a new shared Case Management System; and the progress that was being made to improve representation from mental health and

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adult safeguarding professionals ~~at the~~ at the Anti-Social Behaviour Risk Assessment Conference that was used to manage high risk victims, perpetrators and locations of Anti-Social Behaviour.

It was noted that the Anti-Social Behaviour Core Priority Behaviour Group had made significant progress in delivering the key detailed in its delivery plan.

Members were invited to ask questions, in which the following points were noted:

- Officers advised that they were working to ensure that the information that was provided to the public was consistent across all partners. It was acknowledged that officers were working to deliver a clear message to the public so that they knew where to report each issue.
- It was noted the Council were working with partners on trying to communicate the impacts of anti-social behaviour on others.
- It was confirmed that reports of anti-social behaviour to District's and the Police were currently recorded separately. Officers were working to bring data from all districts and partners together in order to gain a true understanding of what was happening across the county and support partner agencies in their responses in order to work more effectively.
- Members were encouraged to report any instances of anti-social behaviour.

RESOLVED:

That the report and comments made be noted.

The meeting closed at 11.37 am