

Agenda Item 3

AT A MEETING of the Policy and Resources Select Committee of HAMPSHIRE
COUNTY COUNCIL held at The Castle, Winchester on Thursday, 14th
November, 2019

Chairman:

* Councillor Jonathan Glen

* Councillor Keith Evans	* Councillor Jackie Porter
* Councillor Adam Carew	* Councillor Bruce Tennent
* Councillor Fran Carpenter	* Councillor Michael Westbrook
Councillor Adrian Collett	* Councillor Bill Withers Lt Col (Retd)
* Councillor Roger Huxstep	Councillor Christopher Carter
* Councillor Peter Latham	* Councillor Andrew Gibson
Councillor Anna McNair Scott	Councillor Jane Frankum
Councillor Kirsty North	Councillor Mike Thornton
Councillor Russell Oppenheimer	Councillor Wayne Irish

*Present

Also present with the agreement of the Chairman: Councillors Keith Mans, Leader of the Council.

106. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Adrian Collett, Anna McNair-Scott, Kirsty North and Russell Oppenheimer. Councillor Andrew Gibson attended as the Conservative substitute member.

107. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter considered at the meeting they must declare that interest at the time of the relevant debate and, having regard to the circumstances described in Part 3, Paragraph 1.5 of the County Council's Members' Code of Conduct, leave the meeting while the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with Paragraph 1.6 of the Code. Furthermore Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Non-Pecuniary interest in a matter being considered at the meeting they considered whether such interest should be declared, and having regard to Part 5, Paragraph 2 of the Code, considered whether it was appropriate to leave the meeting whilst the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with the Code.

108. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

109. **DEPUTATIONS**

No deputations were received on this occasion.

110. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman thanked Councillor Judith Grajewski, the Executive Member for Public Health for attending this meeting for Item 6 on the agenda.

111. HAMPSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY GROUP

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Adults, Health and Care (Item 6 in the Minute Book) providing an update on the work of the Hampshire Community Safety Strategy Group and progress towards agreeing the Hampshire County Agreement for Community Safety.

Members were made aware that the County Council re-established the Hampshire Community Safety Strategy Group (HCSSG) in July 2018 which had met quarterly over the past 16 months. Its work had focused on the preparation of the Community Safety Agreement based upon priorities stemming from strategic assessments prepared by the strategy groups across the county.

Members were informed that the Hampshire County Agreement for Community Safety 2020-23 was currently in preparation following strong partner engagement and progress since March 2019 through the HCSSG. This would be completed in January 2020. The purpose of the Agreement was to ensure visibility at a countywide level of the strategic risks and the actions to address and mitigate them.

The Committee received a summary of Public Health's Annual report which centred around the theme of reducing serious violence, with four areas of specific focus. The Interim Director of Public Health highlighted the actions being taken by the department to prevent serious violence.

The Interim Director also reported on the work of the Serious Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) which was recently set up with the help of Home Office funding (Hampshire Constabulary is one of 18 forces to receive funding in 2019/20).

The Committee heard that the Unit would focus on tackling the root causes of violence through a programme of early intervention with young people and local communities. Working with relevant partners and agencies including health, education, social services, probation, policing and Community Safety Partnerships, the VRU would bring together existing multi-agency work already taking place into one system, or network, of evidence, support and intervention to prevent violence.

Councillor Jackie Porter declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item as she is a trustee of Street Reach Winchester, a charity involved with reducing serious violence.

RESOLVED:

1. That the leadership of the County Council in promoting community safety with partners through the Hampshire Community Safety Strategy Group (HCSSG) be noted.
2. That the arrangements for establishing a Hampshire Violence Reduction Unit be noted.
3. That the presentation on the Serious Violence Reduction Unit be noted.

112. **WORK PROGRAMME**

The Committee received a report of the Director of Transformation and Governance - Corporate Services on the Committee's forthcoming Work Programme (Item 7 in the Minute Book).

RESOLVED:

That the work programme be agreed.

Chairman,

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