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# CRIME & DISORDER OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY PANEL

will meet on

**THURSDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER, 2018**

**At 6.00 pm**

in the

**COUNCIL CHAMBER - TOWN HALL,**

TO: MEMBERS OF THE CRIME & DISORDER OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY PANEL

COUNCILLORS DEREK SHARP (CHAIRMAN), HASHIM BHATTI, HARI SHARMA (VICE-CHAIRMAN), JOHN STORY, SIMON WERNER, EILEEN QUICK AND MARION MILLS

### SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

COUNCILLORS CLIVE BULLOCK, MOHAMMED ILYAS, GARY MUIR, JULIAN SHARPE, SHAMSUL SHELIM, MALCOLM BEER AND NICOLA PRYER

Karen Shepherd – Service Lead- Democratic Services - Issued: Wednesday, 29 August 2018

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**AGENDA**  
**PART I**

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1.	<u>ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN</u>  To elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman for the municipal year.	-
2.	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u>  To receive any apologies for absence.	-
3.	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>  To receive declarations of interests from Members of the Panel in respect of any item to be considered at the meeting.	5 - 6
4.	<u>MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 20TH MARCH 2018</u>  To note the Part I minutes of the Crime & Disorder Overview & Scrutiny Panels held on the 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2018.	7 - 10
5.	<u>ANNUAL PRESENTATION BY THE CHIEF CONSTABLE, POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER</u>  The meeting will commence with a presentation by the Chief Constable and the Police and Crime Commissioner. Any questions by Members that have been submitted in advance of the meeting will then be considered and answered.	11 - 12
6.	<u>DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS</u>  The following future meeting dates are as listed below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 7pm</li><li>• 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 7pm</li><li>• 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 7pm</li></ul> <u>LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC</u>  To consider passing the following resolution:-  "That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting whilst discussion takes place on item xx on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of part I of Schedule 12A of the Act"	-

**PART II**

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## MEMBERS' GUIDE TO DECLARING INTERESTS IN MEETINGS

### Disclosure at Meetings

If a Member has not disclosed an interest in their Register of Interests, they **must make** the declaration of interest at the beginning of the meeting, or as soon as they are aware that they have a DPI or Prejudicial Interest. If a Member has already disclosed the interest in their Register of Interests they are still required to disclose this in the meeting if it relates to the matter being discussed.

A member with a DPI or Prejudicial Interest **may make representations at the start of the item but must not take part in the discussion or vote at a meeting.** The speaking time allocated for Members to make representations is at the discretion of the Chairman of the meeting. In order to avoid any accusations of taking part in the discussion or vote, after speaking, Members should move away from the panel table to a public area or, if they wish, leave the room. If the interest declared has not been entered on to a Members' Register of Interests, they must notify the Monitoring Officer in writing within the next 28 days following the meeting.

### Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs) (relating to the Member or their partner) include:

- Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.
- Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit made in respect of any expenses occurred in carrying out member duties or election expenses.
- Any contract under which goods and services are to be provided/works to be executed which has not been fully discharged.
- Any beneficial interest in land within the area of the relevant authority.
- Any licence to occupy land in the area of the relevant authority for a month or longer.
- Any tenancy where the landlord is the relevant authority, and the tenant is a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest.
- Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where:
  - a) that body has a piece of business or land in the area of the relevant authority, and
  - b) either (i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body **or** (ii) the total nominal value of the shares of any one class belonging to the relevant person exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

Any Member who is unsure if their interest falls within any of the above legal definitions should seek advice from the Monitoring Officer in advance of the meeting.

A Member with a DPI should state in the meeting: ***'I declare a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in item x because xxx. As soon as we come to that item, I will leave the room/ move to the public area for the entire duration of the discussion and not take part in the vote.'***

Or, if making representations on the item: ***'I declare a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in item x because xxx. As soon as we come to that item, I will make representations, then I will leave the room/ move to the public area for the entire duration of the discussion and not take part in the vote.'***

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A Member with a Prejudicial interest should state in the meeting: ***'I declare a Prejudicial Interest in item x because xxx. As soon as we come to that item, I will leave the room/ move to the public area for the entire duration of the discussion and not take part in the vote.'***

Or, if making representations in the item: ***'I declare a Prejudicial Interest in item x because xxx. As soon as we come to that item, I will make representations, then I will leave the room/ move to the public area for the entire duration of the discussion and not take part in the vote.'***

### Personal interests

Any other connection or association which a member of the public may reasonably think may influence a Member when making a decision on council matters.

Members with a Personal Interest should state at the meeting: ***'I wish to declare a Personal Interest in item x because xxx'. As this is a Personal Interest only, I will take part in the discussion and vote on the matter.***

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# Agenda Item 4

## CRIME & DISORDER OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY PANEL

TUESDAY, 20 MARCH 2018

PRESENT: Councillors D Sharp (Chairman), Story, Sharma(Vice-Chair), Mills and Quick

Also in attendance: Councillors Grey and Hilton

Officers: David Scott and Nabihah Hassan-Farooq

### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Bhatti and Werner.

### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

### MINUTES

The Part I minutes of the meeting were deferred to the next meeting as the Panel Chair and Vice Chair felt that there were discrepancies with the minutes and wished to hear the recording of the last meeting before full approval was sought.

### COMMUNITY WARDEN ENHANCEMENT

David Scott, Head of Communities, Enforcements and Partnerships outlined the Community Warden Enhancement Report. The main points of the report were as follows:

- That the Previous ASB and Rough sleeper report had been re-focused on the Community Warden Functions following the feedback received.
- That there had been an upward trend in anti-social behaviour (ASB) across the Royal Borough over the last nine months experience and reported by residents, businesses and visitors. These had included increased incidents relating to the night time economy, along with the increasing numbers of persons involved in anti-social activities.
- The existing enforcement team size will be increased from 18 full time Community Wardens to 25 full time Community Wardens and will be involved in community engagement, crime prevention, proactive intelligence/detection and enforcement. The increase was reflective of the proportionate needs of the borough in 2018.
- Additional training had been given to achieve the Community safety accreditation scheme (CSAS) in January 2018 with the remainder of the Wardens to receive training in April 2018. Panel Members were reminded that the CSAS training was a nationally recognised scheme and would help Community Wardens understand an array of scenarios to help mitigate risk, help understand safety better and to increase success rates in preventing and addressing a range of ASBs.
- The Panel were reminded that within the report there was the ambition to create a new team of six wardens, with a specialist lead warden who could implement the wider town enforcement options that CSAS accreditation would enable.
- The new team would be funded through the deletion of the vacant 0.65 FTE Community Safety Projects Officer post and by reusing the existing revenue budget included from an amended and modified, Greenredeem scheme keeping the current benefits at a reduced cost.
- All equipment and accreditation for the community warden cohort would be funded from existing related capital provision.

- Enforcement of powers under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing act 2014 would require community consultation prior to implementation. This consultation would be undertaken once the new team were appointed to ensure that the most relevant and effective controls were in place to enable the expansion of the community warden team.

At the conclusion of the verbal presentation, Members discussed whether Community Wardens would have powers of arrest and it was confirmed that they did not; however, they were able to serve breaches and fixed penalty notices. Members highlighted that other local authorities had followed recommendations from recent DfE reports and had held meet the warden surgeries across boroughs and asked whether this had been considered. David Scott confirmed that there would be a range of activities carried out by the wardens and part of their intrinsic work was to be involved with the public and instil confidence in them to carry out their duties. Close work was being carried out with Thames Valley Police to carry out joint patrols, theft from vehicles intelligence and to agree a additional powers through the Chief Constable.

Members also discussed the levels of anti-social behaviour that had occurred throughout the Royal Borough and they were informed that there had been a range of anti-social behaviour issues. In and around the borough there had been instances of drug taking in public, urination and defecation of public places, aggressive and persistent requests for money. There had been a steady increase in the range of anti-social behaviour since the end of early summer 2017 and that this had been monitored by comments and responses received, via in person, email and formal and informal complaints.

**ACTION- That David Scott provide some contextual figures of reported incidents and number of complaints that had been received for the upcoming Cabinet.**

The Panel were informed that there had been a change to the delivery model being proposed and this reflected that parking enforcement officers were no longer employees of RBWM but had been outsourced. It was also highlighted in regards to the anti-social behaviour complaints that businesses were reluctant to be named. Councillor Mills stated that there had been positive feedback at Riverside and Belmont meetings and that the knowledge the wardens had was very useful along with knowledge from TVP Officers. Councillor Sharma wished to place a vote of thanks on records for the work of the community wardens.

Anti-social behaviour in Ascot in the night time economy had been reported as low, however there had been major incidents in the town centre. An increase in gang crimes had been noted however work was being done in the prevention of this. Members felt that the report was a good step forward and that the new team and its structure were working well in an integrated manner. Members queried the feedback received directly from community wardens and if there were any suggested measures to help in their role. It was confirmed that the CSAS accreditation would help with knowledge of enforcement matters and provide more information in relation to cycle zones, local patch management and simulated case scenarios which all community wardens, both existing and new would undertake / experience. There had been no situations where community wardens had been unable to issue fines, however it was noted that there had been a good success rate of prosecutions in court for the Local Authority. Community Wardens had been successful in acquiring details of offenders and this reflected the expertise that they had gained.

**ACTION- That David Scott circulate the number of instances where community wardens were unable to issue fines and number of successful appeals heard in court.**

**Resolved UNANIMOUSLY That: The Authority delegated authority to the Executive Director, together with the Lead Member for Environmental Services (including Parking and Flooding) to undertake the development of detailed plans and the required recruitment and appointment of a team of six additional Community Wardens and a Community Warden Lead.**



DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

That the next meeting would be held on the 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 6.30pm.

The meeting, which began at 6.29 pm, finished at 7.02 pm

CHAIRMAN.....

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## Crime and Disorder Overview and Scrutiny Panel- 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018

### Questions from RBWM Councillors to Chief Constable Francis Habgood

Councillor C Rayner ( Deputy Mayor) posed the following questions;

- **On average, how many hours a week have TVP officers patrolled Horton and Wraysbury over the last 12 months?**
- **Can councillors across the borough be advised of the names and contact of their local police officers?**
- **Most summer evenings and at weekends motorbikes are driven around Horton and Wraysbury on the public highways, with riders often not wearing helmets. How are the police dealing with this issue?**

Councillor Sharma has posed the following question;

- Murders and knife attacks are on the rise in England & Wales, but officials say crime levels are stabilising. Murders have risen by 12% and crime involving knives or sharp instrument by 16% in England and Wales. Overall crime forces logged a total of 5.5million offence a rise of 11% compared with the previous year. **My question is violent sexual offences and anti-social behaviour are on the rise from previous years.What extra measures had been taken by Thames Valley Police to combat these crimes in the Royal Borough?**

Councillor Quick has posed the following question;

- **What provision has been made for a Thames Valley Police base in Windsor where there will be a regular police presence and the public can drop in?**

Councillor Bhatti had posed the following questions:

- **Residents in Clewer North continue to complain about events held at the Windsor Racecourse because of drugs, litter and anti-social behaviour, is the police aware of the problem especially from the 'Tea Party' event and what measures are they taking to prevent this?**
- **My residents in Clewer North over the past year have been disturbed by a number of unauthorised encampments, what measures are the police taking to stop the encroachment of land in RBWM?**
- **Clewer and Dedworth has seen a rise in drug related crime, please can the Chief Constable give me an update on the levels of crime in that area?**

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