

Notice of Meeting

Safer Select Committee

Tuesday, 7th July at 6:30pm

in Committee Room 2, Council Offices,
Market Street, Newbury

Date of despatch of Agenda: 26th June 2009

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Agenda – Safer Select Committee to be held on 7th July 2009 (continued)

To: Councillors Hilary Cole (*Chairman*), Jeff Beck, George Chandler, Adrian Edwards, Roger Hunneman (*Vice-Chairman*), Keith Woodhams

Substitutes: Councillors Lee Dillon, Geoff Findlay, Tony Linden, Gwen Mason

Other Andy Day (Head of Policy and Communication)

Invitees:

Agenda

Part I

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| 1. Apologies
To receive apologies for inability to attend the meeting (if any). | |
| 2. Minutes
To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on 12 th May 2009. | 3 |
| 3. Declarations of Interest
To receive any Declarations of Interest from Members. | |
| 4. Work Programme for the Committee
<i>To consider and prioritise items for inclusion on the Committee's work programme. To confirm processes for proposing new items for the work programme.</i> | 4 |
| 5. Public Confidence in Crime and Disorder Management
<i>To agree terms of reference for this review and determine activity to be undertaken.</i> | 5-6 |

Andy Day
Head of Policy and Communication

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SAFER SELECT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 12 MAY 2009

Councillors: Jeff Beck (P), George Chandler (P), Hilary Cole (P), Adrian Edwards (P), Roger Hunneman (P), Keith Woodhams (P)

PART I

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

RESOLVED that Councillor Hilary Cole be elected Chairman of the Safer Select Committee for the 2009/10 Municipal Year.

Councillor Hilary Cole in the Chair.

2. APOLOGIES.

There were no apologies for absence received.

3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

RESOLVED that Councillor Roger Hunneman be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Safer Select Committee for the 2009/10 Municipal Year.

CHAIRMAN

Date of Signature:

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Work Plan for the Safer Select Committee <i>(updated June 2009)</i>		Meeting Dates	Lead Officer	Support Officer	Status
1	Public confidence in crime and disorder management	07/07/09			To assess the performance in respect of addressing residents concerns about crime
2	Preventing road accidents in West Berkshire	To be agreed			Review progress following the KSI task group work of 2008.
3	Annual road safety work programme	To be agreed			To examine the work programme prior to its approval by the Executive
4	Selling of knives and associated knife crime	To be agreed			For review of activity undertaken
5	Mixed parking arrangements	To be agreed			To assess the impact and effectiveness of the new enforcement regime
6	Neighbourhood Action Groups (NAGs)	To be agreed			To examine the effectiveness of NAGs
7	Domestic Abuse	To be agreed			For annual review
8	Gating Orders	To be agreed			For review in Oct 09

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Review Topic: Public Confidence in Crime and Disorder Management

Timescale

Start: 07/07/09

Finish:

Review Rationale:

West Berkshire has achieved the following provisional National Indicator scores for 2008/09:

NI4 – % of people who feel they can influence decisions in their locality – 27.1%

NI21 – Dealing with concerns about anti-social behaviour and crime – 22.6%

Both scores are well below the average when benchmarked against a group of approximately 100 other authorities.

Contrary to this, other indicators relating to perceptions of the level of crime and anti-social behaviour are all in the top quartile when benchmarked.

This review therefore aims to understand the anomaly between these two perception indicators, namely that levels of crime are not perceived to be a problem, but that concerns around crime are not perceived to be dealt with and related to this, that people do not feel they can influence decisions in their locality.

Terms of Reference:

To review

- How West Berkshire Council engages with and informs the public in relation to influencing decisions.
- How West Berkshire Council and Thames Valley Police engage with and inform the public in relation to crime and anti-social behaviour. In particular:
 - Determining local priorities;
 - Informing of local crime statistics;
 - Providing feedback on reported incidents.
- How West Berkshire Council and Thames Valley Police jointly communicate with the public.
- Provide recommendations that will improve current arrangements.

Review Membership:

Councillor Cole

Councillor Beck

Councillor Chandler

Councillor Edwards

Councillor Hunneman

Councillor Woodhams

Chairman: Councillor Cole

Vice-Chairman:

Scrutiny Officer: Elaine Vincent

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Information Required:

- Results of the Place Survey
- Current communication methods for engaging with, and informing the public by West Berkshire Council and Thames Valley Police
- Examples of good practice from other authorities on communicating and engaging with the public

Witnesses:

- Susan Powell, Safer Communities Partnership Team Manager, provide information on how the public are currently engaged with the police.
- Superintendent Robin Rickard, Local Police Area Commander West Berkshire, provide information on how the public are currently engaged with the police
- Kevin Griffin, Head of ICT, provide information on how electronic communication can be utilised
- Jason Teal, Performance, Research and Consultation Manager, provide advice on conducting research exercises with the public and provide information from the Place Survey
- Place Survey respondents (to be identified), provide insight into effectiveness of current West Berkshire Council / Thames Valley Police communications, and identify improvements.
- Other local authorities (to be identified), identify good practice in the area of public communication and engagement