

Minutes of the meeting of the **Community Safety Sub Committee** held on **8 November 2001** when there were present:

Cllr Mrs H L A Glynn – Chairman

Cllr R A Amner

Cllr Mrs R Brown

Cllr Mrs J Ford

Cllr J E Grey

Cllr D R Helson

Cllr V Leach

Cllr R A Pearson

Cllr Mrs M Vince

Cllr R E Vingoe

Cllr Mrs M J Webster

### **OFFICERS ATTENDING**

R Crofts - Corporate Director (Finance and External Services)

H Drye – Corporate Policy Manager

C A F Thomas – Emergency Planning & Health and Safety Manager

S Garland – Community Safety Officer

A Wyatt – Committee Administrator

Insp. Ian Kennedy – Essex Police

### **197 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 13 September 2001 were approved as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman, subject to amendment to Minute 190, in that Charles Thomas, the Council's Emergency Planning and Health and Safety Manager, had been appointed as a Deputy Lieutenant of Essex.

### **198 MRS HELEN DRYE**

The Sub-Committee welcomed Mrs Helen Drye to her first meeting of the Community Safety Sub-Committee.

### **199 ROCHFORD DISTRICT CRIME STATISTICS**

Members had before them a report of the Chief Executive which presented crime statistics for the month of September 2001 and the cumulative statistics for the 12 months leading up to and including September 2001. It was further considered that the standard item "Police Report" should be placed on all forthcoming Agenda.

### **RECOMMENDED**

- (1) That advice on crime statistics be deferred for detailed information and explanation to be provided for the next available meeting of the Community Safety Sub-Committee.

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- (2) That the standard item “Police Report” be placed on all future Agenda for the Community Safety Sub Committee(Police)

**200 UPDATE ON CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION STRATEGY**

The Sub-Committee noted the report of the Chief Executive, which updated Members on the progress made in implementing the District’s New Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy for April 2002. It was further noted that a special meeting of the Community Safety Sub-Committee had been arranged for 19 November 2001 to consider the draft Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy.

**201 MEMBER TRAINING FOR EMERGENCY PLANNING**

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Chief Executive which gave details of the options available for Member training in respect of Emergency Planning.

Noting the options available including in-house and external training, it was considered that in the short term, in-house training should be arranged for all Members of the Council, with external training being arranged after the elections in May 2001

**RECOMMENDED**

- (1) That Emergency Planning feature as part of in-house Member training.
- (2) That attendance at a Training Seminar at the Home Office Emergency Planning College be held in abeyance pending the In-house Member Training, and the elections in May 2002.

**202 PROVISION OF FLOOD DEFENCES AT THE DEPOT**

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Chief Executive which highlighted the need to maintain simple flood defence measures.

Noting the reasoning behind the provision of flood defence stocks at the Council’s Depot, the Sub-Committee noted that responsibility for flood defences throughout the District lay with both the Environment Agency and also individual householders. It was further noted that an audit on ditch ownership throughout the District was to be undertaken and this could have some bearing on the Authority’s overall budget availability.

**RECOMMENDED**

That a provision of £2,000 be put in the Budget Estimates each year for the provision of simple flood defence measures. (CPM)

**203 ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ORDER PROTOCOL**

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Chief Executive which apprised Members of the Anti-Social Behaviour Order Protocol as collated by Castle Point Borough Council. During page by page analysis of the document, the following points were raised.

- **Section 1 – Partner Agencies**

It was noted that the Partner Agencies with regard to Anti-Social Behaviour Orders (ASBO) were all Members of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership.

- It was considered appropriate for a copy of the finished document to be sent to all Members of the Council as a reference document for future use.

On a show of hands it was

**RECOMMENDED**

That the Council accepts the principles in the Protocol, and that a final version of the Protocol be submitted to Partnership Organisations and Members. (CPM)

**204 THE COMMUNITY AGAINST DRUGS UPDATE**

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Chief Executive which apprised Members of the suggestions put forward so far concerning funding made available under the Government's Communities against Drugs Initiative.

It was noted that some schemes were proposed in conjunction with Castle Point Borough Council, as Police boundaries crossed from the Rochford District through to Castle Point. This funding would be on a pro rata basis based upon each Council's allocated fund. The issue of CCTV and its use to combat drug misuse was mooted during discussion and Members were pleased to note the Police had now recruited an Officer with responsibility for the mobile CCTV unit and also that other Officers had been trained in its set-up and use.

**RECOMMENDED**

That the report be noted and that further reports be submitted in due course. (CPM)

**205 HOME OFFICE PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT FUND**

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Chief Executive, which apprised Members of the successful grant bids submitted to the Home Office in connection with the Partnership Development Fund. Noting the success of the bid, and that the money would be used to fund a one year time limited post to deal with administration and information support across the partnership, It was

**RECOMMENDED**

That the report be noted and that the progress be reported to the next meeting of the Community Safety Sub-Committee. (CPM)

**206 VANDALISM DAMAGE**

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director (Finance and External Services) which provided Members with information regarding the cost of vandalism throughout the District for the period 1 December 2000 to 30 September 2001.

It was noted that the total cost for vandalism as paid for by the District Council was low in comparison with sums which had been paid out by Parish Councils and it was agreed that future reports would include details of the cost for vandalism across the District including Parish costs.

**RECOMMENDED**

That the report be noted. (CD(F&ES))

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

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