

Mae'r cofnodion hyn yn amodol ar gymeradwyaeth yng nghyfarfod priodol nesaf y Pwyllgor.

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RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

PUBLIC SERVICE DELIVERY, COMMUNITIES & PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE SITTING AS THE COUNCIL'S DESIGNATED CRIME & DISORDER SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

(Under Sections 19 & 20 of the Police and Justice Act 2006)

Minutes of the meeting held at the Council Headquarters, The Pavilions, Clydach Vale on Thursday, 22nd February 2018 at 5.00pm.

PRESENT

County Borough Councillor S. A. Bradwick – in the Chair

County Borough Councillors

A. Chapman	W. Treeby
D. Owen-Jones	M. Weaver
M. Fidler-Jones	T. Williams
G. Stacey	

OTHER MEMBERS:-

M. Webber –Deputy Leader & Cabinet Member for Council Business
R. Lewis – Deputy Cabinet Member for Prosperity & Wellbeing
G. Thomas – Vice Chairman, Overview & Scrutiny

OFFICERS:-

Mr. P. Mee –Director Public Health, Protection and Community Services
Mr. G. Black – Community Safety & Licensing Manager
Mr S. Humphreys – Head of Legal, Planning & Environment
Ms L Davies – Head of Environmental Health, Trading Standards & Community Safety

Also in attendance:-

Superintendent Phil Ashby, South Wales Police

6. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology of absence was received from County Borough Councillors P. Howe and G. Jones.

7. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED to note that in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct, there were no personal declarations of personal interests made, pertaining to the agenda.

8. MINUTES

RESOLVED – to approve as an accurate record the minutes of the meeting of the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee held on the 26th October 2017 subject to it being noted that both County Borough Councillor G. Stacey and Superintendent Ashby were present.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman, County Borough Council S. A. Bradwick welcomed to the meeting the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Council Business, County Borough Councillor M. Webber and the Deputy Cabinet Member for Prosperity & Wellbeing, County Borough Councillor R. Lewis. He also welcomed Superintendent Phil Ashby.

10. DRAFT CWM TAF COMMUNITY SAFETY DELIVERY PLAN 2018-21

The Head of Environmental Health, Trading Standards & Community Safety reminded Committee that it had provided feedback in respect of the Cwm Taf Community Safety Needs Assessment 2017 (Draft) which had been undertaken by the Cwm Taf Community Safety Board to review existing service provision and delivery.

Before providing an overview of each of the six priority areas to be included in the delivery plan, the Head of Environmental Health, Trading Standards & Community Safety confirmed that the Cwm Taf Community Safety Board had recently resolved to accept the findings of the Needs Assessment 2017 (Draft) and would now develop the Cwm Taf Community Safety Delivery Plan 2018-21.

Committee was provided with handouts which set out the six priorities within the Cwm Taf Community Safety Delivery Action Plan 2018-21, the actions that will deliver each priority, the sub actions that will help achieve the Action itself, the delivery date and accountable lead partner organisation and governance. The Head of Environmental Health, Trading Standards & Community Safety presented the following six priorities and invited comments from Committee following each priority area:-

Priority A - Reduce the impact of alcohol and drug misuse on our communities

The Deputy Leader commented that there should be in place a cohesive strategic approach to engaging with Elected Members to ensure that they have the correct information to relay to residents and that this approach could be secured via training sessions.

The Chair of the Public Service Delivery, Communities and Prosperity Scrutiny Committee agreed that the training could be rolled out to Town and Community Councils, MP's, AM's and regional AM's to ensure a consistent message is provided.

Priority B – Diverts offenders and reduce re-offending

The Chair requested that further information relating to the two initiatives outlined under this priority, namely DIVERT (a work programme to focus on first time offenders aged 18-25 and those low risk offenders) and WISDOM to gain a better understanding of the programmes and effectiveness.

Priority C – Tackle violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence

Priority D – Promote safe and confident communities

Under priority D, Superintendent Ashby outlined the intention by South Wales Police to undertake a review of PACT to ensure it continues to meet the needs of its communities. The Superintendent stated that initiatives such as MOSAIC, which is used to link into data on a wider scale to define community profiles and improve community engagement, could also be used to improve communications with community hubs for PACT . It was confirmed that members would also be consulted in respect of the PACT review and encouraged to feedback via the Cwm Taf Portal which would facilitate the responses to the consultation quickly and effectively.

Members of the Committee welcomed the opportunity to feed into the PACT review and the Deputy Leader reminded Members that PACT is based on the electoral boundaries of each ward and would continue to work under the Terms of Reference set out under this Council.

The Deputy Cabinet Member for Prosperity & Wellbeing acknowledged the merit in partnerships coming together to share information and databases to improve communications within communities.

In response to a query concerning the implementation of the Plan, the Head of Environmental Health, Trading Standards & Community Safety confirmed that some of the actions within the Cwm Taf Community Safety Delivery Plan 2018-21 refer to individuals and some to specific communities such as Anti-Social behaviour (ASB). Further actions were referred to such as the Community Alcohol Partnership (CAP) which specifically addresses alcohol related anti-social behaviour, initially piloted in Porth with a view to rolling the work out to Pontypridd.

The Deputy Leader commented that having a strategy in place to work with partners to promote a culture of responsible drinking within our communities is a positive step, furthermore the action plan to ensure Cwm Taf fully implements the 'Managing Night Time Economy' framework is welcome in order to address the issues between young people and alcohol consumption.

Priority E – Protect vulnerable groups from harm and victimisation

Following the outline of Priority E, the Head of Environmental Health, Trading Standards & Community Safety stated that there are still areas in need of improvement in respect of services to support people with mental health issues.

Members asked whether they could be provided with the relevant and up-to-date contact details for support services across the County Borough for homeless individuals/ex-servicemen or those in need of mental health support services. The Director Public Health, Protection and Community Services confirmed that the information would be circulated following the meeting.

Priority F—Improve our environment by reducing environmental crime

Following consideration of the six priorities within the Cwm Taf Community Safety Delivery Action Plan 2018-21, it was **RESOLVED** to:-

1. Acknowledge the progress made with developing the Cwm Taf Community Safety Delivery Plan 2018-21;
2. Agree the key actions identified in the Cwm Taf Community Safety Delivery Plan 2018-2, subject to inclusion of the views expressed by Scrutiny;
3. Receive contact details for homeless/ex-servicemen and mental health support services across the County Borough; and
4. Receive further details in respect of DIVERT and WISDOM at a future meeting of the Crime & Disorder Scrutiny Committee.

11. **PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER (INTOXICATING SUBSTANCES INCLUDING ALCOHOL)**

The Community Safety and Licensing Manager presented the report of the Director of Public Health, Protection and Community Services in respect of the Public Space Protection Order which is currently under an eight week consultation exercise with the public, relevant bodies and other interested parties. Members of the Committee were asked to comment on the questions that form part of the consultation process.

Scrutiny was informed that Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council approved a County wide Designated Public Place Order (DPPO) in 2011 which came into force on the 8th March 2012. This automatically became a PSPO on the 20th October 2017 following the enactment of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act.

The Community Safety and Licensing Manager outlined the key issues relating to anti-social behaviour and intoxicating substance issues within Cwm Taf and explained the specific proposals under consideration as part of the consultation process. Additional, updated maps were circulated at the meeting which highlighted the proposed exclusion zones within Pontypridd and Aberdare for intoxicating substances.

Following consideration of the report Scrutiny responded to the PSPO Consultation questions as follows:-

Alcohol Consultation

1. Have you been affected by alcohol related anti-social behaviour in your local area?

Yes

2. Do you agree with the following proposals:

Retain the PSPO designating the whole County Borough of Rhondda Cynon Taf as a Controlled Drinking Zone?

Yes

Vary the PSPO to include an Intoxicating Substance Exclusion Zone in Pontypridd Town Centre?

Yes

Vary the PSPO to include an Intoxicating Substance Exclusion Zone in Aberdare Town Centre

Yes

Allow consumption (of alcohol) in the exclusion zones only where the activity is undertaken at a premises or within the boundary of the premises which is authorised for the supply of alcohol?

Yes

In addition to Licensed Premises and Licensed activities, do you think there should be any other activities in the Town Centres when alcohol consumption should be allowed?

Yes

That the fixed penalty is set at £100 (the max allowed)?

Yes

Have you been affected by anti-social behaviour in Pontypridd or Aberdare Town Centres caused by people you believe were consuming and/ or under the influence of alcohol or intoxicating substances?

If yes where a.) Pontypridd b.) Aberdare

Yes (both)

Have you witnessed people consuming alcohol or intoxicating substances in public places in Pontypridd or Aberdare Town Centres?

If yes, where, a) Pontypridd b) Aberdare

Yes (both)

What impact would the proposals have on the town centres?

A Member raised concern that the proposals may restrict people to pubs or their own homes and become a social activity that they are unable to take responsibility for.

Another Member acknowledged the benefit the proposals will have upon our local businesses within our town centres.

Do you agree with the boundaries on the maps?

Yes

Scrutiny was advised that to date there have been 50 online responses to the consultation and a high volume of paper copies requested, however it was confirmed that the public consultation events were yet to take place.

Following consideration of the report it was **RESOLVED** that the Scrutiny Committee responses to the Alcohol PSPO Consultation would be included as part of the consultation process.

The meeting closed at 6.50pm

S. A. Bradwick
Chair