

Place Scrutiny Committee

Meeting Venue
**Committee Room A - County Hall,
Llandrindod Wells, Powys**

Meeting Date
Thursday, 10 December 2015

Meeting Time
10.00 am



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AGENDA

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| 1. | APOLOGIES | PLSC23-2015 |
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To receive apologies for absence.

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| 2. | DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST | PLSC24-2015 |
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To receive declarations of interest from Members.

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| 3. | DISCLOSURES OF PARTY WHIPS | PLSC25-2015 |
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To receive disclosures of prohibited party whips which a Member has been given in relation to the meeting in accordance with Section 78(3) of the Local Government Measure 2011.

(NB: Members are reminded that under Section 78 Members having been given a prohibited party whip cannot vote on a matter before the Committee.)

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| 4. | MINUTES | PLSC26-2015 |
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To authorise the Chair to sign the minutes of the previous meeting.
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| 5. | CRIME AND DISORDER | PLSC27-2015 |
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To consider the report of the Community Safety Partnership.

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| 6. | COUNTY FARMS | PLSC28-2015 |
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To receive an oral progress report by the Estate Manager.

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| 7. | BRECON CULTURAL HUB | PLSC29-2015 |
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To receive a presentation on progress with the Brecon Cultural Hub.

WORKING GROUPS

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| 8. | STREET LIGHTING | PLSC30-2015 |
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To consider the scrutiny summary report.

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| 9. | WORK PROGRAMME | PLSC31-2015 |
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To consider the forward work programme and whether any additional items should be included.

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| 10. | CORRESPONDENCE | PLSC32-2015 |
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To consider any item of correspondence which, in the opinion of the Chair, is of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration.

PLSC26-2015

Place Committee 02.10.2015

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLACE COMMITTEE HELD AT COMMITTEE ROOM A - COUNTY HALL, LLANDRINDOD WELLS, POWYS ON FRIDAY, 2 OCTOBER 2015

PRESENT

County Councillors R G Thomas (Chair), K W Curry, D O Evans, V E Evans, D C Jones, H Lewis, D H Williams and S L Williams

Officers: Paul Griffiths, Strategic Director, Place, Nigel Brinn, Head of Highways, Transport and Recycling and Leigh Williams, Street Lighting Operations Manager

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| 1. | APOLOGIES | PLSC12-2015 |
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Apologies for absence were received from County Councillors M Dorrance, G G Hopkins, R Mills, G Morgan, D Price, G Price and K Silk.

It was noted that Professor Roffe had resigned from the Committee.

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| 2. | DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST | PLSC13-2015 |
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There were no declarations of interest.

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| 3. | DISCLOSURES OF PARTY WHIPS | PLSC14-2015 |
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There were no disclosures of party whips.

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| 4. | MINUTES | PLSC15-2015 |
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The Chair was authorised to sign the minutes of the last meeting, held on 18 June 2015, as a correct record.

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| 5. | HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORTATION AND RECYCLING | PLSC16-2015 |
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The Head of Service provided an overview of the service – copies of the presentation were circulated after the meeting and are filed with the signed Minutes.

Issues raised:

- Relationship between the County Council, Welsh Government and Trunk Road Agency (TRA) – there appeared to be some difficulty in communication between the parties with a reluctance on the part of the Minister in dealing with County Councillors. There have been recent initiatives with community councils but the process appears to be truncated with a lack of strategic overview
- The Audit Committee had previously been informed that there were outstanding invoices unpaid by the Trunk Road Agency – the Head of Service confirmed that these invoices had now been paid. The process

had been easier when Powys had the TRA – there had been some issues in dealing with queries retrospectively and it was essential that appropriate processes were in place.

- What is the relationship between the Authority and Natural Resources Wales (NRW)? NRW have responsibility for main rivers and the Authority with responsibility for ordinary water courses. NRW will be a statutory partner of the Public Service Board (PSB). The PSB will take over from the Local Service Board (LSB) next year. There is both a consultative and legislative relationship between PSB and the Authority and this relationship can be further developed.
- The Committee noted that the service faced a 53% cut in net controllable budget and had concerns regarding managing expectation of both Members and the general public. There would, inevitably, be changes in the way services would be delivered. Members were of the opinion that officers must ensure that the public are given an honest assessment of what can be achieved at the first point of contact.
- There was a further threat that a grant in relation to waste could be halved which may result, in a worst case scenario, of nearly £2M further reduction in the budget
- It was hoped that the Scrutiny Committee would review the various approaches to budget reduction at every stage to ensure issues were being addressed strategically.
- Community delivery – there seem to be issues with consistency across the authority. Concurrent Functions may be withdrawn from the north to work towards parity across the Authority. In the initial stages of Community Delivery it was anticipated that up to 50% funding could be provided to Town and Community Councils to support service transfer. Under current financial constraints this figure was likely to reduce.
- Members had heard that the depot at Penybont may be under threat and sought clarification. Currently the workshop located at the site was not fit for purpose and, as a short term measure, work would be divided north and south. There are ongoing discussions regarding the future development of the site with other partners and it may become a more specialised facility, subject to a robust business case being provided.
- Winter maintenance – currently it was not possible to deliver 24 hr fleet support service for winter maintenance in the mid area of the County due to contractual arrangements with support staff. Traditionally gritting lorries were multi-purpose but these had not always been used effectively. It was now more cost effective to hire gritting lorries for the winter season only.
- There is an inventory of all equipment and whilst levels of confidence were high that all large equipment was itemised, there was not quite the same level of confidence that all smaller items (handheld tools) were included. This was the responsibility of Area Managers.

County Councillor D O Evans left the meeting at 11.05 am.

- Members asked that they be kept informed of the depot review. It was noted that there would be fewer sites in the future. The Head of Service had visited depots and asked that any member of staff contact him with concerns. However, there seemed to be a high level of misinformation circulating amongst some staff.

- Every option would be considered to deliver an effective service – robust business cases would be produced
- The local Member welcomed the Authority's co-operation with regard to street lighting which led to the Elan Valley being designated an official Dark Skies area. There seemed to be a move to switch streetlights back on once LED lights had been installed. Some residents request that lights be switched off but this would depend on the area and consultation with other residents. A number of options for the future of street lighting were under consideration.

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| 6. | WASTE STRATEGY REVIEW | PLSC17-2015 |
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Documents:

- Scrutiny Summary report

Issues:

- Potential fines if the target for recycling is not achieved, although it is acknowledged that no authority has yet been fined
- 3 weekly residual waste collection – proposed communication plan
- Must continue to highlight the weekly recycling collection
- Trade Waste – the Internal Audit Working Group had requested the Group monitor the implementation of the Action Plan following an Internal Audit in 2014
- Newly contracted HWRCs are exceeding recycling targets but work is still in progress with other sites

The Head of Service gave a presentation on Waste and Recycling – a copy was circulated to Members following the meeting and is also filed with the signed Minutes.

Issues Raised:

- Most recent data shows that the recycling target is being met but a jump from 52% to 58% was a significant challenge.
- The low tonnage of waste and recycling within Powys dictates what measures can be undertaken for disposal
- Bring Sites are popular but not cost effective – Members suggested that fewer sites offering more facilities may be a way forward. Kerbside green waste collection would be welcomed but would involve low tonnages and economies of scale could not be achieved
- Trade Waste – the Welsh Government is reviewing legislation. More work has to be done to improve the efficiency of this element of the service.
- A recent budget seminar on proposals for savings suggested that two HWRCs would be closed – Members were concerned that this was contrary to increasing recycling targets. There was insufficient budget to maintain all sites but other, more cost effective solutions could be considered. It was necessary for residents to travel some distance to access HWRCs under current arrangements and optimum locations would be sought.
- Food Waste – Pembrokeshire has now joined the partnership and tonnages overall are being met.

- Four weekly residual waste collections – further assessments need to be undertaken before a move to four weekly residual waste collections could be considered.
- It was suggested that other considerations should be made regarding the Authority's overall carbon footprint – recycling is encouraged to enable national targets to be met, but consideration to other issues such as collection and travelling to HWRCs etc are not part of the equation.
- Enforcement arrangements need to be strengthened together with legislation
- Information and communication is essential in delivering the service

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| 7. | TRANSPORT SCRUTINY REVIEW | PLSC18-2015 |
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Documents:

- Notes of a meeting of the Place Committee meeting as a Transport Scrutiny Review Group on 3 July 2015

Outcome:

- It was noted that comments had been forwarded to Cabinet for consideration in their deliberations

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| 8. | ICT REVIEW | PLSC19-2015 |
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Documents:

- Scrutiny summary report

Outcome:

- The current situation was noted and that further information would be presented to the Joint Working Group as appropriate.

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| 9. | STREET LIGHTING REVIEW GROUP | PLSC20-2015 |
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The Cabinet had requested that a working group be established to consider evidence as to what effect (if any) reductions in street lighting may have had on crime and accident statistics.

Outcome:

- County Councillors K Curry, V Evans and H Williams be appointed to a Street lighting Working Group to consider any available evidence in relation to crime and accidents following reduction of street lighting.

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| 10. | WORK PROGRAMME | PLSC21-2015 |
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Documents:

- Work Programme

Outcome:

- The work programme be approved

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| 11. | CORRESPONDENCE | PLSC22-2015 |
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There were no items of correspondence

County Councillor R G Thomas (Chair)

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PLSC27-2015

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE AND CRIME AND DISORDER SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

10th December 2015

Report Author: Fay Smith, CSP Co-ordinator

Subject: Community Safety Partnership Update

REPORT FOR: INFORMATION

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Community Safety Partnership has a duty to report biennially to the Scrutiny Committee on its work. The Partnership has a range of associated organisations all of whom report basic statistical information to the CSP Co-ordinator who assembles them and reports them to relevant bodies.
- 1.2 Attached as **Appendix 1** is the Activity Report for the relevant period – it contains details about most recent crime statistics; the current priorities of the CSP; amongst other matters of interest; plus additional CSP duties including CONTEST; IOM (Integrated Offender Management); Serious & Organised Crime; and Community Cohesion.

2. DOG FOULING

2.1 SUMMARY

2.2 Members will be aware that a number of papers have been presented to various Committees over the past 24 months regarding this subject. The Community Safety Partnership is now seen as the vehicle within the authority that can best develop the strategies required to tackle the problem as an Anti-Social Behaviour issue that communities can deal with from within.

3 OPTIONS EXPLORED

3.1 Whilst this subject is perceived to be the area most complained about by the residents and elected members of Powys, the level of dog fouling complaints reported to the local authority or the Police does not tend to support this and does not show that there are any `hot spots` within the County.

3.2 Members will recall the invitation from the Police and Crime Commissioner that the local Police Community Support Officers could be trained to issue Fixed Penalty Notices but the police have insisted that in order to participate, that a regional approach should be adopted where all four counties in the region supported such a scheme to improve consistency and reduce costs. Unfortunately the other areas of

Dyfed Powys do not see this as a viable option going forward and so this option cannot be pursued with the police. Given this information there is no merit in Powys County Council pursuing a Public Spaces Protection Order for the County.

3.3 Cabinet recently considered a response to the spotlight review into enforcement action against dog fouling and whether Civil Enforcement Officers (CEOs) could be empowered to take enforcement action. The Portfolio Holder for Environment and Sustainability advised that the CEOs did not have the capacity to take this work on.

3.4 The option of whether Town and Community Councils could be empowered to take responsibility for enforcement action has been explored. It was reported to the Environment, Infrastructure and Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee that the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 does not allow for Town or Community Councils to declare their own Orders in respect of dog fouling.

3.5 The potential for a private enforcement company to operate within the County serving FPNs for both Dog Fouling and Littering has also been explored. The Environment, Infrastructure and Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee was informed that given the large geographical area of Powys, it was unlikely to be cost effective to employ a private enforcement company to tackle dog fouling.

4 PROPOSALS

4.1 Members will be aware of the financial constraints that the authority finds itself in and whilst this subject is considered anti-social in nature there must be merits in utilising existing resources and arrangements to deliver a viable action plan to tackle this issue.

4.2 There currently exists a Memorandum of Understanding with Dyfed Powys Police with regard to how referrals shall take place between the two organisations. This was created in 2007 and largely remains relevant to the current situation whereby PCSO`s can refer a dog fouling offence to the local authority Environmental Health Service for a fixed penalty notice to be served. This Memorandum of Understanding is currently in the process of being reviewed but it is considered that it will still be relevant going forward.

4.3 A communications plan has been developed to attempt to reduce dog fouling across the county by encouraging dog owners to clear up after their pet. The plan includes the distribution of posters in communities, an ongoing social media campaign highlighting the issues with dog fouling and regular news releases to remind dog owners of their responsibilities.

4.4 It is clear that County Council, Town Council and Community Council Members have a key role to play in creating the atmosphere within their geographical location that highlights the anti-social behaviour aspects of this problem and it is recommended that they encourage their constituents to challenge individuals to report dog owners who do not pick up their dog`s faeces.

| Recommendation: | Reason for Recommendation: |
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| 1. That Cabinet acknowledges that the Council cannot proceed with the Police and Crime Commissioner's request that PCSO be authorised to issue Fixed Penalty Notices and on this basis there is no merit in changing the current legislative framework. | The Dyfed Powys Police Authority will not support one local authority pursuing PCSO's issuing Fixed Penalty Notices unless a regional approach is taken |
| 2. That Cabinet notes that the existing Memorandum of Understanding with Dyfed Powys Police is currently in the process of being reviewed but is generally 'fit for purpose'. | That existing arrangements are fit for purpose and so we can continue to work with the police on intelligence gathering and where necessary taking enforcement action |
| 3. That the proposed communication and education strategy detailed in this report is invoked by the Local Authority. | To assist in the delivery of a change in culture in relation to dog fouling |
| 4. That Cabinet acknowledges the role that County Council, Town and Community Councillors have to play in reducing the anti-social behaviour of dog owners who do not clean up after their animals | Communities need to be encouraged to adopt an approach where this issue can be tackled locally |

4.5 The above report was presented to Cabinet on the 10th November 2015. The recommendations were accepted.

| Recommendation | Reason for Recommendation |
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| The Committee notes the contents of the Report | For Information only |
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| Relevant Policy (ies) : | | | |
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| Within Policy | Y/N | Within Budget | Y/N N/A |

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Responsible authorities:

Dyfed Powys Police Powys Teaching Health Board Powys County Council
Youth Justice Service Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Service
National Probation Service & Community Rehabilitation Company

Changes since last presentation to Scrutiny Committee:

- **CSP Strategy Group**

The Strategy Group will meet once every eight weeks in 2016, three of these meetings will incorporate the Contest Board and the new Serious and Organised Crime Board; the meeting in November will be a FULL CSP meeting/presentation event.

The Strategy Group performance manages the CSP's Statutory Responsibilities, plus the specific work streams of: CONTEST, Integrated Offender Management and Community Cohesion.

- **Governance**

The LSB in September 2015 ratified the decision for the CSP to report directly to the Transformation Board.

- **Prevent Duty**

The Prevent duty is the duty in the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 on specified authorities, in the exercise of their functions, to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism.

Sections 36 to 41 of the CT&S Act 2015 sets out the duty on local authorities and partners of local panels to provide support for people vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism. In England and Wales this duty is the Channel programme.

As Prevent is part of CONTEST, which is a work stream of the CSP, it has been agreed that the CSP Co-ordinator will Chair the Channel Panel. The Channel process has been jointly developed with the Prevent Officer from Dyfed-Powys Police, and guidance from South Wales Police and Local Authorities who were pilot areas for Channel.

Statutory Responsibilities of the CSP – updates:

- **Crime**

There has been a 7.7% increase in crime for Powys during the 9 months Jan – Sep 2015, compared to an increase of 8.8% for the Dyfed-Powys Force.

Sep 2015 YTD: Crime Totals by UA Area

| Unitary Authority Area | No. Offences YTD | Per 1000 Pop | SPLY | Per 1000 pop | Change in Crimes | % Change |
|------------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|------------------|-------------|
| Carmarthenshire | 4,053 | 22.1 | 3786 | 20.6 | 267 | 7.1% |
| Ceredigion | 1,451 | 19.1 | 1310 | 17.3 | 141 | 10.8% |
| Pembrokeshire | 2,581 | 21.1 | 2313 | 18.9 | 268 | 11.6% |
| Powys | 2,534 | 19.1 | 2353 | 17.7 | 181 | 7.7% |
| Total | 10,619 | 20.6 | 9762 | 19.0 | 857 | 8.8% |

| Unitary Authority Area Crime Category | Powys | | | Total | | |
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| | Sep 2015 YTD | % Change | Vol Change | Sep 2015 ... | % Change | Vol Ch... |
| Arson & Criminal Damage | 406 | 1.2% | 5 | 2005 | 12.3% | 219 |
| Burglary Dwelling | 74 | 15.6% | 10 | 290 | 13.3% | 34 |
| Burglary Non Dwelling | 107 | -5.3% | -6 | 397 | 1.3% | 5 |
| Drug Offences | 325 | -24.8% | -107 | 1230 | -16.6% | -244 |
| Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society | 51 | 10.9% | 5 | 155 | -0.6% | -1 |
| Possession of Weapons | 21 | -8.7% | -2 | 64 | -19.0% | -15 |
| Public Order Offences | 132 | 12.8% | 15 | 467 | -2.7% | -13 |
| Robbery | 6 | 500.0% | 5 | 17 | 21.4% | 3 |
| Sexual Offences | 130 | 83.1% | 59 | 441 | 32.8% | 109 |
| Theft | 501 | 17.6% | 75 | 2315 | 15.8% | 315 |
| Vehicle Offences | 94 | -28.8% | -38 | 378 | -31.4% | -173 |
| Violence Against the Person | 687 | 30.4% | 160 | 2860 | 27.6% | 618 |
| Total | 2534 | 7.7% | 181 | 10619 | 8.8% | 857 |

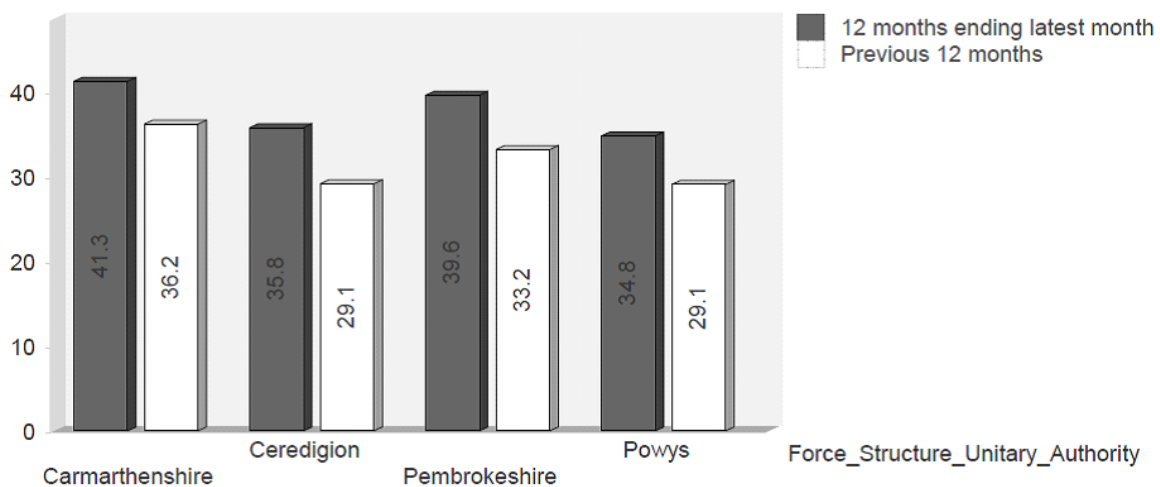
The areas which have seen significant increases are:

- Robbery – however, the actual numbers are low – and increase of 5 offences, giving a total of 6 for the whole of Powys.
- Sexual offences – there has been an increase in the reporting “old” offences due to confidence in reporting following the high profile cases which have been highlighted in the media over the past couple of years (e.g. Jimmy Savile etc.)
- Violence Against the Person – no hotspots have been identified, and this area continues to be monitored closely.

It is pleasing to note that there has also been some significant decreases also:-

- Drug offences have decreased by 24.8% (107 offences)
- Vehicles offences decreased by 28.8% (38 offences)

12 Months ending Sep 2015: Comparative Crime levels by CSP Area



- **Anti-Social Behaviour**

Sep 2015 YTD: ASB Totals by UA Area

| UA Area | Sep 2015 YTD | Per 1000 Pop | ASB SPLY | Per 1000 pop | Change in ASB | % Change |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Carmarthenshire | 3,435 | 18.7 | 4,536 | 24.7 | -1,101 | -24.3% |
| Ceredigion | 909 | 12.0 | 1,222 | 16.1 | -313 | -25.6% |
| Pembrokeshire | 2,270 | 18.5 | 3,076 | 25.1 | -806 | -26.2% |
| Powys | 1,769 | 13.3 | 2,393 | 18.0 | -624 | -26.1% |
| Total | 8,383 | 16.3 | 11,227 | 21.8 | -2,844 | -25.3% |

There has been a reduction of 26.1% in ASB referrals for Powys. The Dyfed-Powys Force has seen a reduction of 25.3%.

In April 2014 Gwalia were commissioned by the Police Crime Commissioner to manage anti-social behaviour throughout Dyfed-Powys. Below is a summary of the main points of difference between the service offered by Gwalia and that previously provided by Local Authority ASB Co-ordinators:-

- Gwalia provide a dedicated Victim Support scheme – whereas LA ASB procedures had a holistic approach and used partners to engage/liaise with victims – e.g. the Housing Officer if it was a neighbour issue etc.
- Gwalia do not record initial ASB incidents, or incidents that don't require a letter. LA ASB co-ordinators used to receive referrals on ALL ASB incidents, and record the first incident as per 4 stage procedures.
- A lot lower referral rate compared to when the service was provided by LA ASB co-ordinators.

Powys CSP also operates Neighbourhood Management, a holistic method to tackle quality of life issues where individual perpetrators have not been identified:-

Example:- *Welshpool Street Drinkers – resulting in a Street Drinking Charter being introduced in Welshpool. The work was supported by Dyfed-Powys Police, WG Community Cohesion Co-ordinator, Kaleidoscope, PAVO, the Welsh/Polish Mutual Association, Welshpool Town Council and the two Polish/Eastern European shops in Welshpool. The Charter was launched at the Welshpool Community Safety Day held on the 9th June – please see attachments at the end this report - Members Bulletin plus the Street Drinking Charter.*

- **Road Safety**

2015 collision data – 7 fatal collisions, resulting in 10 casualties:

- 3 drivers, aged 20, 44, 19
- 4 passengers, aged 20, 20, 60, 80
- 3 motorcyclists, aged 44, 67 & unknown
- Road Traffic collision data shows continuous wave pattern, slight increase since 2013 due to good weather and changing riding habits – out during the week as opposed to just weekends.
- KSIs – showing a slight increase in younger people, but very small numbers. Powys RSP have made changes to courses to target younger riders.
- Accidents are highest on truck roads.

As per request from the Scrutiny Committee in March 2015, below is a breakdown of residency per road traffic accidents in Powys:-

| Year 01/01/2014 - 31/12/2014 | |
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| Powys Residents | 321 |
| Non Powys Residents | 244 |
| Unknown (Via Police) | 15 |
| Non uk Resident | 1 |
| Unknown Postcode | 1 |
| Total Casualties | 582 |

Further information was also requested about motor cyclists:-

Motorcyclists represent 1% of all road users but are involved in 30% of all KSIs. Motorcyclist collisions have increased, in Powys, over the last 3 years, which means it will be difficult to meet the WG target of a 25% reduction.

Courses provided by the Powys Road Safety Partnership:

- **Biker Down** - PCC Road Safety Unit & MWW Fire Service have conducted 4 Biker Down courses this financial year, which were attended by 53 candidates. Another 2 courses have been booked before the end of the year.
- **Bike Safe** courses continue to take place, most recent, 20th September, in Llandrindod.
- 3 **Pass Plus Cymru** young driver courses booked for autumn 2015.
- 2 **Ride On** motorcyclist courses booked for autumn 2015.
- 4 **Mature Motoring** courses booked for autumn 2015.
- 3 **Teen Drive** events took place in August and were attended by 65 Powys teenagers – thanks to the Youth Service for promoting on our behalf.
- 4 **Child Car Seat Clinics** were undertaken across Powys during September.

The RSP took part in the **Community Safety Day** in Welshpool which went very well, with a lot of interest from a wide range of residents / road users.

Funding

3 bids submitted, from RSP partners, for the Dyfed-Powys Road to Safety Scheme 2015 – an educational programme ‘Revolutions’ from the Fire Service, a speed reduction programme from PCC Traffic Section and a Theatre in Education programme from PCC Road Safety Unit, in partnership with Carmarthen & Pembrokeshire.

- **Domestic Abuse**

Domestic Abuse now sits under the CYPP (Children and Young People’s Partnership). The LA’s Senior Partnership Manager is leading on a full review of Domestic Abuse services throughout Powys. There is a Domestic Abuse Project Board in place to undertake this work.

Domestic Abuse is NOT a statutory responsibility of the Community Safety Partnership – rather it is a cross-cutting issue as the CSP has the statutory responsibility to conduct Domestic Homicide Reviews. To ensure continued partnership working, the CSP Co-coordinator now sits on the Domestic Abuse Project Board.

- **Substance Misuse – Area Planning Board**

Substance Misuse is currently being re-commissioned within Powys, with a commencement date of 1st April 2016. This has been an enormous piece of work for the Area Planning Board, the new Strategy will be available on the CSP website in due course.

In terms of current provision, performance:-

- Kalidoscope is the current provider for adult services
- CAIS is the current provider for young people
- The 5 Performance Indicators are all green
- **ADULT data** for latest quarter – July to Sep 2015 show:
 - 60 assessments conducted in relation to alcohol
 - 45 assessments conducted in relation to drugs
 - Cannabis is the primary drug used - 26 assessments
- **YOUNG PERSON data** for the latest quarter – July to Sep 2015 show:
 - 1 assessment conducted in relation to alcohol
 - 11 assessments conducted in relation to drugs
 - Cannabis is the primary drug used – 7 assessments

In relation to the question raised at Scrutiny in March – *the origins of those in receipt of services at Kaleidoscope and CAIS* – this has not been possible to answer – all clients have to be resident within Powys to use the services, but where they were born or originate from is not recorded.

- **Acquisitive Crime**

Trading Standards is adopting an Intelligence operating model to prioritise its work with increased pressures on services whilst they see the vulnerable need to be protected from rogue and scammers. The model will look at strategies and other plans across areas of work involving:

- Preventative actions
- Intelligence systems/actions
- Enforcement activities
- Systems improvement

The following provides an update on each of these areas:

Preventative

- Review of rogue trader control zones (set up to reduce the fear of crime) is ongoing currently running at 10 in Powys-work being considered in Churchstoke and review of Ystradgynlais zones as deemed to be too large
- Joint preventative work with Dyfed Powys Police on rural theft involving sheep theft is ongoing
- Ringmaster (community messaging system) is due to be transferred to a Dyfed-Powys Police system to cover the whole of Dyfed-Powys and works going on with system changes.
- Work with Social Services Adult Team on scams targeted at vulnerable adults has recently involved sessions to carers groups to encourage referrals if spot suspicious activity-sessions at MRC achieved and engaging with Social care on safeguarding and the Care Act
- Visited residents who have been highlighted nationally by The National Scams Hub initiative-10 per month targeted and this links to safeguarding

Intelligence systems

- All intelligence is fed to partners
- High levels of rogue trader activity reported – current issues with e-crime; rogue builders and rogue tarmac contractors - mostly South Powys

Enforcement activities

- Large scale operations underway on rogue companies with a view to gaining compensation for victims and tacking criminal assets - Operation SLICK involves farms being targeted by a nationwide tarmac gang and we are leading this with Scambusters Wales as it is a nationwide investigation
- Quantity of illicit products are high with 50,000 counterfeit cigarettes seized over the last 12 months(Operation DATE) and also counterfeit alcohol-all these have potentially safety issues. We are working on links to criminal gangs here.
- Trading Standards have restrained £3.1 million of rogues assets since February 2014 and use an in house accredited financial investigator to take control of assets on a 3 year spend to save agenda
- In one case we are employing an enforcement receiver to seize the assets of a rogue trader to pay back £121K of compensation and council costs which is progressing in Court
- Range of cases at Crown Court level with regional/national implications including a £5million fraud involving teeth whitening products which started at the Royal welsh show in 2013. We delivered Operation IGNITE at court with a rogue oil installer who used false accreditations being given a suspended prison sentence and a proceeds of crime investigation is ongoing. Operation FLORENCE was delivered with Dyfed Powys Police with a prison sentence being given to a rogue trader who took monies in North Powys without doing any works. A members bulletin has been provided with more detail on this.
- Set of enforcement options under way with partner including Rogue trader patrols and responding to incidents
- Cybercrime action plan being developed with DPP with range of criminals using these outlets and expected a range of actions pre Christmas as criminals use this period to flood social media outlets

Systems improvements

- Taking part in a national study on doorstep crime which will allow us to look at a toolkit to improve on delivery methods and processes and to act consistently. Areas of improvement likely to include:
Reporting of crime; Enforcement procedures; Victim handling
- We are looking to a new IOM (Intelligence Operating Model) to produce reports on rogue trader activity, in liaison with partners-model will be live in April 2016
- Key performance indicators need to be set for this area to truly measure the level of crime and outcomes of this work, based on national models.
- New reporting templates will improve products to all partners including profiles on targets and problem areas.

- **Community Cohesion**

Immigration

WG Community Cohesion Co-ordinator facilitated and co-ordinated engagement with the Nepalese community in Brecon (70-80 households in Brecon). Including arranging a meeting with service providers and the Brecon Wales Nepali Semaj UK. There were specific concerns regarding the support that older community members receive. The barriers are language, transport, IT skills and knowledge of services available.

A report with action points was produced and circulated, also submitted to Welsh Government to form feedback to the Minister and Kirsty Williams AM.

Subsequently:

- A document has been produced outlining services available.
- A range of work has commenced with agencies working directly with the community.
- Additionally funding has been secured for a booklet to be produced outlining Services available – PAVO producing that.

Hate Crime

- PAVO have hosted two multi-agency workshops in 2015. Next year further workshops planned.
- Two workshops have also taken place PCC officers.
- New project being funded by equalities and human rights commission – in Wales the project being implement by Unity Group Wales – putting support in for LGB victims of hate crime and aiming to provide support in a rural context.
- Development of Dyfed-Powys Hate Crime Forum to strategically drive work.
- All Wales Anti Bullying Board are including a section on Hate Crime in the action plan for next year, thus avoiding youths going through criminal route.
- A regional Hate Crime and Bullying on Social Media conference took place October 2015.

Modern Slavery

- Regional Forum Multi-agency Strategic Group has been running for a year and a half, intelligence gathering within the police.
- Regional Forum coordinating first responder training regionally.
- Input on Modern Slavery at the RWS via the Police Stand.
- New Victim Care Pathway developed.
- Multi-agency Modern Slavery forum undertaken in Powys.

Gypsy and Traveller Communities

- Imminent - accommodations needs assessment – being led by Powys LA.
- Dyfed/Powys protocol developed.

Other Work Streams – updates:

Reducing Re-offending:

Integrated Offender Management (IOM)

Local Project named PROP – Powys Reducing Offending Project

The following are the main points from the IOM Cohort Performance report, June 2015:-

- PROP is the longest running IOM Cymru compliant scheme within Dyfed-Powys and have steadily increased their cohort size month on month.
- PROP current reports a cost saving of £411,774 and 50 less crimes.
- There have been 13 offender in (and out) of prison since joining the cohort, totalling 50 months in custody.
- PROP currently showing a reduction of 124 arrests for the cohort during the last 12 months.
- There are 15 person on the scheme who have not been arrested at all since they joined the scheme.
- People are wanting to join PROP which is not happening within any other IOM scheme in Dyfed.
- We have offenders on PROP volunteering to wear the TAGS.
- MAPPA and PROP now linked as Police IOM Officers now attend MAPPA.
- There is good attendance at the meetings.
- MH have now joined the monthly meetings.

Powys Contest Board

The [Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015](#) contains a duty on specified authorities to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism. This is also known as the Prevent duty.

Following the commencement of the Prevent Duty on 1 July, in order to have due regard to the need to prevent people being drawn into terrorism, local authorities will be required to fulfil a range of responsibilities as articulated in the Prevent guidance. Broadly this work falls into the following categories:

- Partnership – local authorities should establish or make use of multi-agency groups to coordinate and monitor Prevent related activity.
- Risk Assessment – local authorities should use Counter-Terrorism Local Profiles (England and Wales) or Emerging or Residual Threat Local Profiles (Scotland), to assess the risk of individuals being drawn into terrorism in their local area. This risk assessment should also be informed by engagement with wider partners in the local area including schools, childcare providers, universities, colleges, local prisons, probation services, health, immigration enforcement and Youth offending teams.
- Action Plan – Using the risk assessment, if the local authority assesses a risk in the local area, a Prevent action plan should be developed to prioritise and facilitate delivery of projects, activities or specific interventions to reduce the risk of people being drawn into terrorism in the local authority.
- Staff Training – local authorities will be expected to ensure that appropriate frontline staff have a good understanding of Prevent and are trained to recognise the vulnerability to being drawn into terrorism and are aware of available programmes to deal with this issue. Local authority staff will be expected to be aware of, and make appropriate referrals to Channel, which has separately been placed on a statutory footing in the CT&S Act 2015.

- Use of local authority resources – local authorities will be expected to ensure that publicly owned venues and resources do not provide a profile for extremists. Consideration should also be given as to whether IT equipment available to the general public should use filtering solutions that limit access to terrorist and extremist material. New contracts for the delivery of services in a local authority should reflect the principles of the duty in a suitable form.
- Other agencies and organisations supporting children – a range of private and voluntary agencies provide services or exercise functions for children, for example children’s homes, independent fostering agencies, and bodies exercising local authority functions. These bodies must ensure as part of their local authority safeguarding arrangements that staff are aware of Prevent.
- Out of school settings supporting children – local authorities should take steps to understand the range of activity in their area in this space and take appropriate and proportionate steps to ensure that children attending such settings are appropriately safeguarded.

Powys activity:-

- The Prevent Agenda continues to be rolled out across Powys – work has been undertaken with Schools, and Health Premises.
- It has been agreed that the CSP Co-ordinator will Chair the Channel Panel.
- WECTU attend every alternative CSP Strategy Group and update on the elements of Contest. This is Restricted Information and cannot be discussed in this forum.

• Serious Organised Crime

The Serious Crime Act 2015 received Royal Assent on 3 March. The 2015 Act gives effect to a number of legislative proposals set out in the Serious and Organised Crime Strategy published in October 2013.

Dyfed-Powys Activity:-

- The CSP was felt to be the best forum to manage the new Act.
- Serious and Organised Crime categories = fraud and economic, drugs, acquisitive, child sexual exploitation, cyber-crime, fire arms
- Every force in the country records their OCG (Organised Crime Group) and where they have an impact across the UK.
- In Dyfed/Powys we have 12 OCGs active – Powys = 3 currently.
- A Dyfed/Powys profile has been developed by the Police, but requires partner’s data to give a full picture – this is an ongoing piece of work.

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.

MEMBERS' INFORMATION BULLETIN.

Date: 19th June 2015

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| REPORT BY: | Powys Community Safety Partnership |
| SUBJECT: | Welshpool Community Safety Day & Launch of the Welshpool Neighbourhood Management Street Drinking Charter |

Powys Community Safety Partnership (CSP) attended a Community Safety Day in Welshpool on the 9th June 2015.

The event proved a popular attraction for people in Welshpool, with no let-up of visitors throughout the day. It was also deemed a very successful day by partners comprising:-



- Change Steps and Listen In – services for Veterans and veteran's Families
- Community Cohesion
- Polish/Welsh Mutual Association

- Police - Welshpool NPT & Roads Policing & Dog Unit
- PAVO
- Victim Support – highlighting Hate Crime
- Powys Foster & Adoption Team
- Kaleidoscope
- Welshpool Youth Centre
- Ponthafren
- Mid & West Wales Fire Service

Welshpool Neighbourhood Management Street Drinking Charter - Launch

The Community Safety Day also provided an event at which to launch the Welshpool Neighbourhood Management Street Drinking Charter – the first in Powys.



Although the Charter applies to everyone who lives, works or visits Welshpool, there is a large Polish community, so Community Cohesion and the Polish/Welsh Mutual Association spent part of the day out and about in Welshpool, visiting Polish shops in Welshpool to discuss the

Street Drinking Charter and Hate Crime. Both shops welcomed the engagement exercise and have agreed to spread the word, by giving out copies of the Street Drinking Charter and Hate Crime leaflets to customers. They have also agreed to discuss with the Polish community if there is an interest in setting up a local Polish group – the Polish/Welsh Mutual Association have agreed to assist establishing a group if the local community wishes.

This piece of work supports the Welsh Government's Community Cohesion National Delivery Programme.



Welshpool Neighbourhood Management Street Drinking Charter

The below activities are either illegal or deemed to be unacceptable behaviour in Welshpool.

All persons are respectfully requested to refrain from the behaviour outlined below in the interest of peace and harmony within the community.

1. **Drinking in public places.** Not an offence unless you are drunk. However this is not common practice in rural Wales. People do not wish to see groups drinking from cans and bottles at bus stops; outside shops; residential areas and in the local parks. Groups of people congregating outside shops discourage people from using the shops and this does not help the owner or the shoppers. Parks are provided for children to play in and groups of adults in parks are intimidating so children are afraid to use the parks.
2. **Drunken and Disorderly behaviour.** This behaviour is illegal and totally unacceptable within the community. This applies to all public areas including public houses.
3. **Dropping litter.** This is an offence and can carry a hefty fine. People do not wish to see litter in the area, which includes parks, canal banks, shopping areas and all footpaths. Please deposit your litter responsibly, using the public bins, or take it home with you.
4. **Urinating in Public.** This is an offence and totally unacceptable within the community. Public toilets are available in Welshpool, please use them.

This charter has been designed to encourage and promote good community relations within Welshpool.

Information / Advice

There are a range of services available to you in Welshpool, some of these are:-

- **Kaleidoscope** – local drug/alcohol agency (adults) - ☎ 01686 610422
www.kaleidoscopeproject.org.uk
- **CAIS** – local drug/alcohol agency (children) - ☎ 0845 06 121 12
www.cais.co.uk
- **Powys County Council** – housing, social services, bin day etc. - ☎ 01597 826000
www.powys.gov.uk
- **Dyfed-Powys Police:** - ☎ 101 all enquiries / none emergency ☎ 999 Emergency
www.dyfed-powys.police.uk
- **Welshpool Town Council** - ☎ 01938 553142
www.welshpooltowncouncil.gov.uk

Respect Begins With You

Place Scrutiny Committee

10 December 2015

Street Lighting

Purpose of Report: Summary Report

At the last meeting it was reported that the Portfolio Holder for Finance had requested that a piece of work be undertaken to consider whether there was any evidence regarding crime and accident statistics following a previous decision to switch off some street lights.

The Group met in early November and considered wide ranging evidence collated across England and Wales together with Powys data. They concluded that there was no evidence to show that there had been an increase in crime or accidents following the switch off of street lights. Although there remains a perception of fear of crime, this is not supported by the evidence.

The Group informed the Portfolio Holder of their findings and that they would support continued Invest to Save Initiatives to replace remaining sodium lights with LEDs and would suggest that any local requests for the switching on or off of individual lights continue to be considered on their merits as and when they arise.

As part of their investigation the Group noted that there had been a considerable reduction in energy consumption between 2007/08, the first full year prior to the original switching off of street lights, and 2009/10, the first full year following the switch off. There have been further reductions in consumption following completion of the initial switch over to LED lights.

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Sources/background papers: Notes of a meeting, Epidemiol Community Health 2015, Elsevier, Health and Place

Group Members: County Councillors E M Jones, K Curry and V Evans

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Work Programme 2015/16

Chair

Vice Chair Cllr E Michael Jones

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| 3 March 2016 | | |
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| Other • Crime and Disorder | Half yearly report | Fay Smith |

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Cllr S Williams

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(on hold) Cllr E T Morgan
Cllr G Williams
Cllr R G Thomas
Mr J Brautigam (Lay Member Audit Committee)

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Cllr K Curry
Cllr V Evans