

PUBLIC PROTECTION AND SAFETY POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at 7.00 pm on 18 June 2013

Present

Councillor Kate Lymer (Chairman)
Councillor Gordon Norrie (Vice-Chairman)
Councillors Douglas Auld, John Canvin,
Roxhannah Fawthrop, Peter Fookes, David Hastings and
Harry Stranger

Dr Robert Hadley, Samantha Popely, Andrew Spears and
Abdulla Zaman

Also Present

Councillor Tim Stevens J.P. and Councillor John Ince

1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Following the recent resignation of Councillor Douglas Auld as Chairman of the Committee, it was agreed to appoint Councillor Kate Lymer as the new Committee Chairman for 2013-14.

In so doing, a vacancy was thereby created for the position of Committee Vice-Chairman and it was agreed to appoint Councillor Gordon Norrie to this role.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

Apologies were received from Councillor Jane Beckley and Mr Ian Smith.

3 APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTED MEMBERS 2013/14

Report RES13120

Members agreed the appointment/re-appointment of Co-opted Members to the Committee for 2013/14.

Details were awaited of a nomination from Bromley Neighbourhood Watch.

RESOLVED that:

(1) the following Co-opted Members be confirmed for 2013/14:

- **Dr Robert Hadley (Bromley Federation of Residents Associations)**
- **Ian Smith (Bromley Community Engagement Forum)**

- **Samantha Popely (Bromley Victim Support)**
- **Andrew Spears (Bromley Youth Council)**
- **Abdulla Zaman (Bromley Youth Council); and**

(2) a Bromley Neighbourhood Watch representative be appointed as a Co-opted Member for 2013/14.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5 QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ATTENDING THE MEETING

There were no questions from Councillors or Members of the Public.

6 MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC PROTECTION AND SAFETY PDS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 26TH MARCH 2013

The minutes were agreed.

7 MATTERS ARISING

Report 13104

Members noted the position on matters arising from previous meetings.

8 CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

In her update, the Chairman referred to a recent large 'Community Clean Up' at Star Lane and on the Riverbirds Estate at St Mary Cray to target criminal and environmental concerns and clear long term rubbish.

In addition to Council staff, the joint operation included the Police, staff from the Vehicle and Operator Services Agency (VOSA), Affinity Sutton and local residents. The Chairman highlighted that 17.4 tonnes of rubbish was cleared from the estate and enforcement officers also obtained evidence leading to prosecutions. Residents had commented that there had been marked improvements including on the estate around the environment especially.

Going forward, the Chairman referred to partnership working with the police to tackle "hot spots" and before each "hot spot" was tackled, ward Councillors would be informed.

9 POLICE UPDATE

The Chairman invited the Portfolio Holder to make a short statement on the recent shooting of a young Somali man in Penge and the recent arson attack at the Darul Uloom School at Chislehurst.

The Portfolio Holder advised that he had been actively engaged with local ward Councillors for Penge and had visited the Darul Uloom School that morning. He added that the Council were in contact with community groups. Attending the meeting to provide an update on police matters, Chief Inspector Carron Schusler explained that investigations on both the Penge shooting and school arson attack were ongoing. There had been some arrests concerning the arson incident and police were looking at scaling down their 24/7 presence at the school.

The Chief Inspector advised that the former Orpington Police Station building and car park area was now for sale having been placed on the market the previous day. Members would also be informed of the Safer Neighbourhood bases as soon as these were known. New staff were also arriving locally including 24 special constables. Welcoming the addition of ten police officers to the borough, Councillor Auld asked if there was a date for starting the new policing model in the borough. Members were advised that police officers locally were currently involved in a preference exercise i.e. who wanted to go where. Bromley Police were in Tranche 2 for introducing the new police model which was expected to start in September 2013. There was no further development concerning cluster bases in the borough.

Residential burglaries had reduced in the year to date and there had been a large number of arrests. With burglaries, criminals often travelled into the borough and the Met Police locally worked closely with Kent police.

Police were also pursuing a line of enquiry on an incident earlier in the day at a Jeweller's shop at Locksbottom.

10 QUESTIONS TO THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND COUNCILLORS ATTENDING THE MEETING

A question was received from Mr Colin Willetts for written reply. Details of the question and reply are at **Appendix A**.

11 PUBLIC PROTECTION AND SAFETY PORTFOLIO - PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Members noted Decisions of the Portfolio Holder made since the previous meeting of the Committee.

12 PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY OF REPORTS TO THE PUBLIC PROTECTION AND SAFETY PORTFOLIO HOLDER

A) PROVISIONAL OUTTURN 2012/13

Report ES13064

The provisional 2012/13 final out-turn for Public Protection and Safety showed a £17k under-spend against a controllable budget of £3.325m, representing a 0.51% variation. Details of the variations were outlined.

Against the Member Priority Initiative of Targeted Neighbourhood Activity, £16k has been spent in 2012/13 leaving a balance of £134k.

RESOLVED that the Portfolio Holder be recommended to:

(1) endorse the 2012/13 provisional outturn position for the Public Protection and Safety Portfolio; and

(2) note the outturn position in respect of the targeted Neighbourhood activity project.

B) PORTFOLIO PLAN 2013/14

Report ES13053

Members considered a draft of the 2013/14 Public Protection and Safety Portfolio Plan. This included an addendum to the Plan tabled at the meeting entitled "*Services to Young People*".

Councillor Fookes felt that the Plan should make more reference to measures against crime and include reference to reducing burglary. He considered drinking a major issue and suggested that the Council was not taking a major lead in co-ordinating a drugs policy. He referred to drug dealing in the Penge area and at Beckenham he suggested there was evidence of significant drinking e.g. waste cans and bottles - this was also a public health matter. He also felt there was no joined up approach to mentoring across the Council e.g. with the Education Portfolio and was also concerned that charitable organisations had been prosecuted over material deposited on their premises.

The Portfolio Holder explained that enforcement against burglary was a partnership issue and one of the top three priorities for the police. The Portfolio Holder felt that convicted burglars often received prison sentences that were not long enough. He explained that the police were consistently being given targets for reducing the level of burglary. He shared the concerns of Councillor Fookes for drug crime in the Penge area and felt that a high level of community tension should not be a reason to forego efforts to ensure adherence to the law.

Concerning alcohol abuse, the Portfolio Holder referred to work of the Council's General Purposes and Licensing Committee (and Licensing Sub Committee hearings). He also referred to test purchasing and where there were failures by premises, ward Councillors would be informed and failures tackled. There was a reliance on the police but the Council tackled abuses.

On mentoring, the Portfolio Holder indicated that Care services were now involved. The mentoring initiative would be continuing and would be expanded.

On illegal dumping of waste and fly-tipping the Portfolio Holder explained that he and the Environment Portfolio Holder wanted a more aggressive approach. It was necessary for action to be taken. There were concerns for the position at Cotmandene Crescent and enforcement measures in the location would be resourced - there would be a drive against illegal dumping there.

Concerning a re-focus of the test purchase service towards educating businesses, Councillor Auld asked if it would be possible to include a target for the number of businesses to be educated. The Assistant Director (Public Protection) confirmed that a target would be included.

RESOLVED that the Portfolio Holder be recommended to adopt the Public Protection and Safety Portfolio Plan for 2013/14 including the addendum to the Plan, "*Services to Young People*", tabled at the meeting.

C) FOOD SAFETY SERVICE

Report ES13067

Members considered the Annual Food Safety Service Plan 2013/14 along with background information on the work of the Food Safety Team including references to key legislation, the role of the Food Standards Agency (FSA) and the Council's responsibilities under the FSA Food Law Code of Practice (COP) (April 2012).

Responding to questions from Councillor Auld, the Head of Food Safety, Occupational Safety and Licensing highlighted the importance of inspection frequency, with the rating of a business following inspection informing the frequency of forthcoming inspections. He also advised that a reduction in food safety officers at 1.5fte and administration staff at 0.5fte had taken place over approximately five years. Inspections were slightly reduced this year and what was not achieved in a year is carried forward to the following year's inspection plan. Although the focus was on higher risk premises it continued to be necessary to carry out inspections of other food businesses at the frequency required by the FSA to ensure continued compliance.

With the number of registered food businesses in the borough and the inspections needed, Councillor Auld thanked the Food Safety team for their work.

The work and inspections of the team was also briefly compared to that of the LB Bexley and statistical and graphical information was made available for Members at the end of the meeting. Shortcomings highlighted by the FSA on the LB Bexley Food Safety service were outlined to Members.

It was confirmed that the complement of the Food Safety team was not based on a ratio of the number of food businesses in the borough. Officers would therefore have to do more with an increased number of food businesses. In the current economic climate increased numbers were turning to an involvement in catering at home.

LB Bromley had not been audited by the FSA for some time - the Agency monitored the work of the Food Standards team based on performance figures the team supplied to the Agency.

RESOLVED that:

(1) the legal framework within which the Food Safety team operates be noted along with the extent and scope of work undertaken by the team; and

(2) the Portfolio Holder be recommended to approve the Annual Food Safety Service Plan for 2013/14.

D) PROPOSED FEES FOR ANIMAL BOARDING & RIDING ESTABLISHMENTS LICENCES AND STRAY DOGS

Report ES13050

In the context of the Council's responsibilities for licensing (i) premises where cats and dogs are boarded under the provisions of the Animal Boarding Establishments Act 1963 (Animal boarding establishments) and (ii) riding establishments where horse riding lessons are provided under the Riding Establishments Act 1964 and 1970, Members supported proposals for a revised fee structure for animal boarding and riding establishments.

To reflect the range of operations and make fees fairer, a new fee structure was proposed based on two elements:

- a. a basic fee element common to all businesses of that type irrespective of the number of animals boarded or horses available for riding and
- b. an additional fee per head of animal.

For animal boarding establishments, it was proposed to introduce a basic core fee of £200 plus an amount of £4.00 per animal, with a cap at 100 animals. For Riding establishments, a core fee of £640 was proposed plus a charge per horse of £7.00. Appendices to Report ES13050 illustrated the effect on individual businesses for both types of establishments. The proposed fee structures would achieve a wider spread of fees which more fairly reflects the number of animals involved. The smaller businesses would benefit from reduced fees whilst the larger ones would have higher fees.

It was proposed to introduce the revised fees from 1st October 2013 to provide adequate time to advise businesses of the changes to the fees.

Members also supported proposals related to Stray Dog Fees. Charges currently included a statutory fee of £25 and a contractor's fees for collection and return of a dog. This part of the fee varied, depending on whether the dog was collected in or outside of office hours. Kennelling costs are also recovered.

As the service was due to be re-tendered, it was proposed to rationalise the fees by applying a single, average, fee irrespective of the time of day an animal was picked up. A flat fee of £100 was proposed from 1st July 2013 for the collection and return of a dog making the fees fair and in line with neighbouring London Boroughs. The new fee structure was outlined in Report ES13050.

RESOLVED that the Portfolio Holder be recommended to approve the revised fee structure for:

- **animal boarding and riding establishments with effect from 1st October 2013; and**
- **the stray dog service with effect from 1st July 2013.**

13 BETHLEM ROYAL HOSPITAL UPDATE

Representing the South London and Maudsley (SLaM) NHS Foundation Trust, Dr Martin Baggaley, Medical Director of the Trust and lead for Clinical Governance attended the meeting along with Eleanor Davies, Service Director, Behavioural and Developmental Clinical Academic Group.

Dr Baggaley provided a brief outline of the Bethlem Royal Hospital. He indicated there were some 300 beds at the hospital, a number of which were for forensic patients. There were also some specialist units. A wide range of patients were provided for but there had been no escapes from the medium secure unit at the Riverside (middle house) building since its opening in February 2012. Most absconding incidents occurred when patients were on leave from the hospital. Patients were permitted back into the community as their condition improved. Within the last year, four patients had absconded when off site and eight patients had breached their leave. Between April 2012 and April 2013 there had been some 18,000 instances of leave. There had been a serious incident last October involving patient unrest on a ward. Police attended and the incident was contained with no absconding. A review had been undertaken and the findings would be passed to the Council.

Following the February 2012 incident where four young men escaped from the Bill Yule adolescent facility, the unit was now closed with no intention to re-open it - the facility had now been converted to another ward.

Dr Baggaley referred to the buddy tagging system operated via GPS, enabling patients who had escaped/absconded to be tracked and returned. Dr Baggaley explained that safety and security was taken very seriously and it was necessary to keep lines of communications open.

Members asked a number of questions. Councillor David Hastings asked why SLaM representatives had not attended recent meetings of the Committee when invited to do so. Dr Baggaley advised that the Committee's previous two meetings clashed with dates for the Trust's Board meeting. Responding to a question from Dr Robert Hadley on the type of police restraint necessary for the October incident, Dr Baggaley advised that staff found themselves isolated during the incident and were calming down patients; police applied no physical restraint.

Councillor Fookes asked whether SLaM would welcome Bromley Councillors on to the Trust Board. Dr Baggaley suggested that it would be unusual for representation on the Trust's Board of Directors but there might be an opening for Councillors to be elected to the Trust's Council of Governors. He would follow this up. Eleanor Davies indicated that the Council of Governors and Members' Council have a significant influence.

Councillor Auld enquired of progress with an independent review following the February 2012 incident. Eleanor Davies advised that a report had been completed and a summary of findings could be provided to the Portfolio Holder. Dr Baggaley highlighted that it was an independent report and indicated that the Trust were also frustrated at not receiving it sooner.

Councillor Auld also enquired about staff training following the incident. Eleanor Davies referred to the need for staff to be refreshed. It was demanding working on wards and she was looking at how to support staff. Consideration was being given to rotating staff with other settings e.g. work at a prison, so that staff were not locked into one place of deployment.

The Chairman referred to a recent incident of a patient absconding whilst off site at West Wickham Post Office. Dr Baggaley explained that a patient had leave to collect some money from the Post Office. When considering leave, a risk assessment is undertaken on the likelihood of the patient absconding. An absence of leave provision could cause frustration on the ward. In this case the absconder was not from a forensic ward and was not regarded as a risk. There would be incidents of absconding from time to time. On having a "*no surprises*" policy, Eleanor Davies indicated that SLaM needed to improve. If there was an escape from the Riverside building, SLaM would brief thoroughly.

The Chairman enquired whether there was any scope for rolling out the "Buddy" system more extensively. Eleanor Davies indicated there were plans to develop the technology so that an individual could, if they wished, call a key contact. If messages were left with the contacts e.g. Doctor, the individual could be called back. This would be a voluntary arrangement for the patient. It

was the intention to profile this and carry out some clinical evaluation. The economic evaluation would be for O2, with SLaM updating clinically.

The Portfolio Holder welcomed the openness of SLaM and comments concerning the Trust's Council of Governors. He asked that the independent review of the February 2012 incident be provided before 26th July 2012. Acknowledging the need for patients to have leave, he felt that it was necessary for hospital staff to be sharper in their response and more alert when escorting patients. Dr Baggaley felt that "escorting" patients was not an appropriate description - non-forensic patients were accompanied rather than escorted. Additionally, the hospital did not have the staff to guarantee that a patient would not abscond. On ward rounds an assessment is made of whether a patient can be given leave. But in the case of the individual absconding from the West Wickham Post Office, it was acknowledged that a wrong judgement had been made.

In concluding, Dr Baggaley confirmed that SLaM would be willing to update the Committee further and would provide further advice on both membership of the Trust and the Trust's Council of Governors.

14 MOPAC CRIME PREVENTION FUND - BID OUTCOME

Report ES13055

Concerning the London Crime Prevention Fund, Members were informed of decisions by the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) on the level of Crime Prevention funding for Bromley. The notification received was indicative and subject to specified conditions. It was also subject to the signing of a grant agreement (yet to be signed).

The funding decisions for LB Bromley (2013/14) comprised:

Bids funded

Domestic Abuse Strategy £45,000
Domestic Abuse Advocacy Project £22,539
Community Domestic Abuse Projects £59,619
Safer Bromley Van £27,073
Community Safety Mentoring Programme £58,000

Bids to be amended before funding is granted

(funding for these bids might be subject to conditions, such as outcomes being more specific and measurable)

Substance misuse, Intensive Support Programme £86,000

Unsuccessful Bids

Part funding for Bromley's Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) Team £55,000
Part funding for Safer Neighbourhood Officers £59,350

Junior Citizens Scheme £5,918
Youth Offending Team (YOT) Substance Misuse Worker £40,000
Summer Diversionary Activities £58,000

Concerning the unsuccessful bids for part funding Bromley's ASB Team and Bromley's Safer Neighbourhood Officers, a consultation document set out proposed staffing reductions to achieve budgetary savings required from the loss of funding. The consultation period ended on 1st June 2013.

At a meeting with the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime on 9th May 2013 the Leader of the Council and the Portfolio Holder expressed their concern over the funding decisions by MOPAC. At the meeting it was agreed that it might be possible to re-allocate the £86k *Substance misuse, Intensive Support Programme* grant to ASB initiatives provided a new bid was submitted and approved. A new bid had been submitted but no formal MOPAC decision had been received on the re-allocation.

MOPAC funding of £212,231 for 2013/14 is split between the Public Protection and Safety and Education Portfolios as outlined below:

<u>MOPAC Funding</u>	£	£
Public Protection and Safety Portfolio		
Domestic Abuse Strategy	45,000	
Domestic Abuse Advocacy Project	22,539	
Community Domestic Abuse Projects	59,619	
Safer Bromley Van	27,073	
Total for PPS Portfolio		154,231
Education Portfolio		
Community Safety Mentoring Programme	58,000	
Total Education Portfolio		58,000
Total MOPAC funding for LBB		<u>212,231</u>

Although disappointed on the bid outcome, particularly in view of the high priority given by LB Bromley to tackling ASB, the Portfolio Holder was confident that MOPAC would provide funding towards Bromley's ASB Team given the possibility raised when meeting the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime on 9th May 2013. The Portfolio Holder also referred to funding from Public Health and Education and Care Services in the context of troubled families.

The Portfolio Holder expected that the Council would be able to deliver a level of service in tackling ASB. Although measures had been taken to manage the effect of the funding outcome for Bromley's ASB Team, the Assistant Director (Public Protection) indicated that the position might change should the bid become successful.

To meet additional staffing costs in the ASB and Safer Neighbourhood teams due to MOPAC's late notification of funding withdrawal, a further recommendation was tabled that the Executive approve a transfer to Community Safety (for 2013/14 only) of £46k set aside for the mentoring service.

Dr Hadley enquired whether the notification of funding withdrawal for the ASB and Safer Neighbourhood teams ran in parallel with the Police Safer Neighbourhood Panels. The Portfolio Holder advised that the Police wanted to move to Sector Panels although the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime preferred to keep to Ward Panels. Sector Panels would set priorities for the whole sector.

Councillor Auld considered the Junior Citizens Scheme a good investment. In view of the £5,918 bid for the scheme being unsuccessful with MOPAC, the Portfolio Holder confirmed that it would instead be funded from Portfolio funds.

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the grant funding decision by MOPAC be noted;**
- (2) a report be submitted in 12 months detailing progress on the funded projects; and**
- (3) the Executive be recommended to approve that the £46k set aside for the mentoring service be transferred to Community Safety for 2013/14 only, to meet additional costs of staffing within the Anti-Social Behaviour and Safer Neighbourhood teams incurred due to the late confirmation of funding withdrawal from MOPAC.**

15 ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY - OCTOBER 2012 - MARCH 2013

Report ES13054

For the period 1st October 2012 to 31st March 2013 Members noted activity related to the annual Portfolio Plan and enforcement under delegated powers.

Councillor Fookes highlighted a problem of excessive noise from car music systems. Members were advised that this type of nuisance from moving cars is not easily enforced under the Environmental Protection Act 1990. In instances of noise associated with drivers leaving licensed premises, there is liaison between the Council's Noise team and the Council's Licensing team. Where appropriate, action is taken against the licensee of a licensed premises.

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the contents of the report be noted; and**

(2) further reports be received every six months on activity related to the Portfolio Plan and enforcement under delegated powers.

16 BROMLEY YOUTH COUNCIL MANIFESTO 2013/14

Report RES13123

Information briefing to the Education PDS Committee on the Bromley Youth Council Manifesto 2013/14 was provided to the PP&S PDS for consideration. Andrew Spears outlined background to the Manifesto.

At the BYC Manifesto event in March 2013, Mental Health was identified as a key issue for 2013/14 with Youth Activities, Staying safe and Tuition Fees as the next most prioritised concerns. Mental Health was identified to be the Youth Council's primary campaign for 2013 with the others as secondary campaigns. Last year, there was a successful campaign on bullying as the key issue.

Andrew Spears outlined some views of young people on what needed to change e.g. having more awareness to get help and advice and where to direct friends in order to get help. Reference was made to a number of young people having concerns about admitting a problem. There were pressures for example with adolescence in addition to those related to exams, relationships, transition, and any additional stress from family relationship issues and breakdown problems etc.

It was intended to campaign with Public Health and design and distribute an information leaflet to raise awareness of the signs and symptoms of mental health issues and services available to support young people. It was also intended to produce an information film for use in schools/colleges and community facilities to raise awareness of services and how to access them. Work would also be undertaken alongside Public Health to offer training to schools, colleges and Governors about mental health issues in adolescents. An awareness campaign would also be delivered with a focus around anti-bullying week 'I'm not mad'. Additionally, and using the BYSP summer diversionary programme, it was intended to speak to young people and distribute leaflets etc. Information would also be provided on Facebook to facilitate and support the campaign and signpost young people to appropriate help.

The Youth Council would produce a mid term progress report in October 2013 and an end of Year Report would look at the impact of the campaign as well as reporting individual and group outcomes and achievements. This would be the subject of a briefing for elected members in early 2014.

The film and leaflet would be provided through Youth Councillors represented at the majority of schools in LB Bromley. The Youth Council was currently in the process of seeking funding and exploring opportunities to resource the campaign. Costs related to the film would comprise some £4k.

RESOLVED that information provided in the briefing be noted.

17 WASTE 4 FUEL LTD (ORAL REPORT)

The Head of Environmental Protection provided an oral update on matters concerned with the *Waste 4 Fuel* transfer station at Cornwall Drive, Orpington.

The company was authorised by the Environment Agency with a licence to operate. There had been a number of fires on the site and a suspension notice was placed on the company. The Agency had provided the company with a target to reduce the amount of waste on site. By June 2013, the waste should have reduced to zero but only about one-third had been removed. As such the company was not compliant with the notice.

Although the fire risk was reducing (as the amount of waste reduced) enforcement options continued to be open to the Environment Agency. No decision had been taken on enforcement action and prosecution and there continued to be a significant amount of waste on site. The Director added that the matter was within the governance of the Environment Agency and the Council along with the Fire Brigade were pushing hard for action.

Councillor John Ince as a Ward Member for Cray Valley West was invited to address the Committee. He acknowledged that responsibility for action lay with the Environment Agency but there were serious concerns from local residents and considerable distress had been caused. He felt it was necessary for the Council to take whatever action it could to influence the Agency.

Members for Cray Valley West had met Environment Agency officials. Councillor Ince hoped the Council would use its authority to help end the licence for *Waste 4 Fuels* to operate. There had been much pollution and it was also dangerous with heavy goods vehicles "backing up".

Councillor Ince added that the company should have cleared the site of waste by 10th June 2013. However, if the licence is subsequently withdrawn, he also acknowledged there would be a fire risk and other problems from the waste left on site. He indicated that the company had received Planning Permission on appeal and could only operate with builder's waste.

Councillor Fookes asked if it would be possible to ask the Environment Agency to attend the Environment PDS Committee meeting on 25th June 2013. The Director advised that the matter was more within the governance of the Public Protection and Safety Portfolio but would nevertheless put the request to the Environment PDS Chairman. The Director also referred to meeting at senior level with the Fire Brigade and the Portfolio Holder indicated that Bob Neill M.P. was aware of the matter. The Portfolio Holder added that the Agency could be invited to the September PP&S PDS meeting - it would then be possible to see whether the company improves during this time.

Members were advised that the waste was liable to combustion when broken up and loaded on to lorries. Councillor John Canvin felt the company should restrict its operations to builder's waste and not have combustible material; Councillor Ince suggested the problems had occurred because the company had taken on material beyond building rubble.

RESOLVED that the Environment Agency be invited to the Environment PDS Committee meeting on 25th June 2013 (subject to the agreement of the Environment PDS Chairman) but if this is not possible to arrange, the Agency be invited to the PP&S PDS Committee meeting on 10th September 2013.

18 WORK PROGRAMME AND CONTRACTS REGISTER

Report RES13064

The Portfolio Holder indicated that as from Annual Council on 15th May 2013, daily operational responsibilities for the Council's Youth Offending Team (YOT) and Youth Service passed to the Public Protection and Safety Portfolio. The Committee would therefore have scrutiny responsibility for these services. However, the Portfolio Holder for Education retained overall strategic management responsibility for the services via the Executive.

The Youth Service was a new area for the Public Protection and Safety Portfolio and a report would be provided to the Committee's September meeting on the role of the Bromley Youth Support Programme. An update report on the Summer Diversionary Programme would also be provided to the meeting.

On enforcement matters the Public Protection and Safety and Environment Portfolios were working together on increased enforcement activity which would lead to high profile prosecutions in some cases. The emphasis would be on enviro-crime with a message that if waste is illegally dumped, enforcement activity will follow. A report on this would be additionally provided to the September meeting.

A progress report on delivery against the MOPAC funded programme would be added to the Committee's 5th November meeting.

RESOLVED that:

(1) the Committee's Work Programme be agreed subject to the additional reports outlined above; and

(ii) the Public Protection and Safety Portfolio Contracts be noted.

19 MEMBER VISITS

Members were advised that a visit has been arranged to the Bromley Ambulance Station, Crown Lane, Bromley for 4th July 2013 at 11.15 a.m. The

Portfolio Holder, Chairman and Dr Robert Hadley had already registered their intention to attend and Councillors David Hastings and Harry Stranger also expressed a wish to attend. Councillor Peter Fookes asked to be added as a possibility.

For a subsequent visit to the London Ambulance Centre Control Room at Waterloo (to be arranged), the Chairman, Councillor Gordon Norrie, Councillor Douglas Auld, Councillor Peter Fookes, Dr Robert Hadley, Councillor Harry Stranger and Abdulla Zaman expressed a wish to attend.

The possibility of visiting one or more Youth Centre Hubs and the Youth Offending Team had also been suggested and the Chairman, Councillor Gordon Norrie, Councillor Douglas Auld, Councillor Peter Fookes and Samantha Popely expressed a wish to attend.

APPENDIX A

QUESTION TO THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FROM MR COLIN WILLETTS FOR WRITTEN REPLY

With regard to the 25 sacks of arisings and 20 sacks of arisings/one builders bag/five wheelie bins filled with arisings dumped at the northern end of Cotmandene Crescent during our late Sunday afternoon inspections 19th and 26th May 2013 respectively, could the Portfolio Holder tell us if this fly tipping was caught on CCTV camera and was any action taken against the offender/s?

Reply

The cameras have only just been connected and were being tested over the last few days, during which time they were set in the default position. Although they might have possibly picked up some movements, the fly tipping referred to would not be picked in sufficient detail to identify any perpetrators. As such we would be unable to take formal action against any perpetrators in this instance.

However, for the purposes of the operation, recently instigated by one of the enforcement officers, we have now re-orientated the Control room so that these cameras are wired in to a single dedicated screen and the operators have instructions to monitor this screen now for all incidents of fly tipping.

Once identified, they have the authority to zoom in on the perpetrators and obtain full details, including car registration numbers and this will allow the Council to properly identify any such fly tippers.

The Meeting ended at 9.07 pm

Chairman