

**Decision Maker:** Public Protection and Enforcement PDS Committee

**Date:** 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019

**Decision Type:** Non Urgent Non Executive Non Key

**Title: MATTERS ARISING**

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**Chief Officer:** Mark Bowen, Director of Corporate Services

**Ward:** N/A

## 1. Reason for report

- ## **1.1 Appendix A** updates Members on matters arising from previous meetings.

## **2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to review progress on matters arising from previous meetings.

<b>Non-Applicable Sections:</b>	Policy/Financial/Legal/Personnel
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Previous Matters Arising reports and Minutes of meetings. Previous Agenda Document.

## Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy
  2. BBB Priority: Safe Bromley
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## Financial

1. Cost of proposal: No Cost
  2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable
  3. Budget head/performance centre: Democratic Services
  4. Total current budget for this head: £350,650
  5. Source of funding: 2018/19 revenue budget
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## Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): 8 posts (6.87fte)
  2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: Completion of "Matters Arising" Reports for PP&S PDS meetings can take up to a few hours per meeting.
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## Legal

1. Legal Requirement: None
  2. Call-in: Not Applicable
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## Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): This report is intended primarily for Members of the Public Protection and Safety PDS Committee.
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## Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Not Applicable
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: N/A

<u>Minute Number/Title</u>	<u>Matters Arising</u>	<u>Update</u>
<b>Minute 20 27/09/2018 Police Update</b>	A Member was concerned that Travellers were committing offences but not being arrested. Mr Knight assured that where evidence was forthcoming, Travellers would be arrested just the same as anyone else. In fact there had been some arrests in the previous three months. The Member asked if a report could be brought back to the Committee which detailed the arrests that had been made. It was the case that in many instances, individuals may report crimes, but would not wish to appear in court to provide evidence	The request for a report/written update regarding the arrest of Travellers has been requested from Superintendent Knight.
<b>Minute 39 4/12/2018 Police Update</b>	At the meeting on 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2018, it was agreed that the matter regarding the collation of data relating to the arrest and prosecution of Travellers be deferred to the meeting on January 30 <sup>th</sup> .	<p>Superintendent Knight has provided the following update for the Committee:</p> <p>Having asked our custody colleagues about this I am unable to action this to any reasonable extent. Unless persons arrested identify themselves in custody specifically as Romany, it is difficult to identify on a case by case basis arrests.</p> <p>There are also multiple definitions within the Traveller community such as Irish Traveller, Show People, Romany Gypsy and so on. There are also a number of domestic travellers who reside permanently in premises and as such whilst may define themselves within a traveller group-are in fact locally based residents.</p> <p>I am therefore unable to action the traveller question.</p> <p>I can reassure the Committee that there is no area of the community that the police are afraid or unwilling to prosecute where evidence exists to do so.</p>
<b>Minute 23 27/09/2018 Enforcement of Legislation relating to the Letting Agents and Property Management Sector.</b>	A Member referred to section 3.1 of the report which explained that letting agents and property management operators in England were required to join a redress scheme. He asked if they had to pay a fee to join the scheme. Mr Vale said that he would look into this and come back with an answer.	The Head of Trading Standards and Community Safety will provide an update at the meeting.

<b>Minute 38</b> <b>4/12/2018</b> <b>Matters</b> <b>Arising</b>	Mr Vale was not in attendance on 4 <sup>th</sup> December to provide an update, and so it was resolved that the Assistant Director for Public Protection would look into the matter and report back to the Committee.	There are two redress schemes: The Property Redress Scheme and The Property Ombudsman. Each scheme offers different categories of membership. There is a charge made for membership. The fees are annual and vary between £100 and £1000 depending on the size of the organisation--with additional fees for extra branches. There are also fees for complaint resolution services.
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