Thursday 26 February 2014, 7pm, Committee Room 1

Notes of Meeting


In attendance – Natalie Anderson (Head of Organisational Development)  
                  Peter Kipps (Elmbridge Community Safety Partnership Manager)  
                  Annabel Crouch (Policy Officer)

1. Apologies for absence

No apologies for absence were received.

2. Notes of previous meeting

The notes of the meeting held on 11 November 2014 were confirmed as an accurate record.

It was noted that the Walton and Weybridge Churches are still in discussion regarding the use of Street Angels in Weybridge.

3. Fly-tipping

Laura Dowsett, Senior Enforcement Officer in Environmental Services provided an overview of the current fly-tipping issues in Elmbridge.

It was noted that in 2014 there were 661 fly tips, which is similar in number to each of the last three years. The types of fly-tip haven’t changed, with half being made up of household waste, such as furniture. Over all, the number of larger tips has been decreasing, although these are the more high profile cases.

It was noted that there has been an increase in the promotion of the fly-tipping reward scheme which has led to some positive results, however it was pointed out that a prosecution is a long and difficult process. The fly-tipping rewards scheme poster is attached at Appendix A.
Statistics on the remote locations that regularly suffer from fly-tipping were presented to the Group.

The issue of using CCTV cameras to capture those responsible for fly-tipping was discussed. It was noted that this has been trialled but within days they were stolen. It was agreed that there are costs and risks associated with using CCTV to capture fly-tippers, particularly the issues surrounding deployment and capturing good quality images.

It was agreed that promotion of the fly-tipping reward scheme will continue.

4. **CCTV**

**CCTV Performance**

The Task and Finish Group noted the overall improvement in the CCTV performance figures. However Members were disappointed to see a decrease in the number of incidents located by camera. The group agreed to continue to monitor the trends in overall performance.

**CCTV Review**

It was noted that a review of the service has taken place and a number of options were presented to Members which included in house monitoring and recording, contracting out of the service in its current form, reduction in provision, move to a recorded service. The option of ceasing the CCTV service was also examined. Capital and revenue costs, along with the risks and benefits of each option were discussed. It was noted that the use of wireless CCTV is not possible in Elmbridge due to the lack of high buildings from which to transmit a signal.

The group also reviewed the lowest performing cameras and the number of incidents captured.

The Task and Finish Group noted all options for the future of CCTV and agreed that further advice on the tendering process is required, particularly around whether the Council can go out to tender early to better understand the market and options available.

5. **Date of next meeting**

The Task and Finish Group discussed its findings from the session and agreed a report should be taken to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Members agreed the next meeting should take place in the new municipal year once the group has been re-established.