



Minutes

Community Focus Scrutiny Committee

Date:	Thursday, 22 January 2015
Venue:	Town Hall, St Annes
Committee members:	Councillor Kiran Mulholland (Chairman) Councillor Christine Akeroyd (Vice-Chairman) Councillors Fabian Craig-Wilson, Tony Ford JP, Gail Goodman JP, Paul Hodgson, Barbara Nash, Edward Nash, Linda Nulty, Dawn Prestwich, John Singleton JP, Vivienne M Willder
Officers:	Paul Walker, Mark Evans, David Gillett, Bryan Ward, Lyndsey Lacey
Other Representatives:	Gill Brown, Chief Executive, Healthwatch (Lancashire)

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There were no representations

1. Declarations of interest

Members were reminded that any disclosable pecuniary interests should be declared as required by the Localism Act 2011 and any personal or prejudicial interests should be declared as required by the Council's Code of Conduct for Members. There were no declarations on this occasion.

2. Confirmation of minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Community Focus Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 4 December 2014 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

3. Substitute members

The following substitutions were reported under Council procedure rule 23(c):

Councillor Fabian Craig-Wilson for Councillor Nigel Goodrich.

Councillor Edward Nash for Councillor Susanne Cunningham.

4. The Future of CCTV in Fylde

Further to approval by Cabinet in 2013, to finance a replacement programme of 'Rapid Deployment' CCTV Cameras in Fylde, David Gillett (Head of Environmental Health and Housing) and Bryan Ward (Community Safety Manager) were invited to the table to present a comprehensive updated report on the future of CCTV provision in Fylde.

The committee was advised that subsequent to the report to Cabinet, a new Government Code of Practice and CCTV Regulation had focussed attention on the legitimate aim and purpose of all CCTV cameras operating in Fylde. These issues and associated implications were highlighted in the report. In essence, the fact that it is possible, affordable or has public support should not be the justification for processing personal information.

In brief, the report provided an overview of the background and current position with regard to CCTV provision in Fylde. It also provided an outline of the limited police support/capability, current and proposed funding arrangements, operational issues and details of the various options available to develop the service in light of the legal implications/ government guidance highlighted.

Members were reminded of the three systems operating in Fylde:-

- A monitored system which includes the two town centres of St Annes and Kirkham (9 cameras in total, in permanent positions)
- A range of 18 rapid deployment cameras which can be transferred to any of 30 locations
- Two CCTV cameras on board the two mobile CCTV Vans operated by the Police

Members were also reminded that an agreement is now in place to have the monitored cameras controlled from Wyre Civic Centre and this will come on line by March.

Included as appendices to the report was a copy of the current and proposed Rapid Deployment Camera locations.

Councillor Edward Nash asked about the possibility of Blackpool Council offering to reinstate the monitoring arrangements in the future. In response, Mr Ward referred to the new collaborative arrangements/5 year service level agreement that the Council had in place with Wyre Council.

Councillor Nulty enquired about the contributions made by the various town and parish councils (as detailed in the report) and made particular reference to any on-going costs for the councils concerned. Mr Ward addressed this by stating that there would be no on-going costs as they were 'one off' costs towards the purchase of the cameras.

Following consideration of all the matters highlighted in the report it was RESOLVED to recommend to Cabinet:

1. To note the current position with regard to the management and monitoring of the Rapid Deployment and the fixed CCTV cameras in Fylde Borough.
2. To approve the option of adding the three Lytham Town centre cameras to the existing monitored system (as outlined in the report) to be delivered through the Wyre BC and Fylde BC CCTV monitoring partnership, funded from the approved Capital programme at an estimated cost of £11,185

3. To approve a fully funded budget increase of £2,151 to the CCTV replacement scheme within the approved Capital programme and that this increase be met for the additional LSP final balance.
4. As a consequence of the high risk to the existing downloading facility (outlined in paragraph 7 of the report) no further maintenance or renewal works be undertaken to other existing rapid deployment cameras, (as listed in Appendix 1 of the report) and they be decommissioned where such works are required.
5. To approve the continuation of the existing maintenance work for the existing CCTV vans, where such works are a Fylde BC responsibility, whilst the Police provide ongoing support.
6. To note that any further works that may be approved would be delivered in 2015/16.

5. Healthwatch Lancashire

Gill Brown, Chief Executive of Healthwatch Lancashire attended the meeting to give a brief presentation on the work of the organisation.

By way of introduction, Ms Brown provided an overview of her professional and clinical background. She then went on to outline the role, responsibilities, key objectives and challenges of Healthwatch Lancashire. In doing so, she stated that it is one of 152 local Healthwatch organisations which, together with Healthwatch England, make up the Healthwatch Network across the country.

Ms Brown further reported that the body acts as an independent consumer champion for health and social care with the role to listen and the power to significantly influence change within the health and social care system. She added that it gives children, young people and adults a powerful voice, making sure their views and experiences are heard by those who run, plan and regulate health and social care services in Lancashire.

Ms Brown then went on to outline the 5 key projects planned by Healthwatch Lancashire for the period January 2015 to March 2016 and these related to: developing an engagement data base; facilitation of roadshows across the county; communication/online activities; recruitment and training of volunteers and the scrutiny of residential care.

Various questions were raised by members at the conclusion of the presentation including: the perceived anomaly between the Blackpool and Lancashire Healthwatch (particularly when the residents of Fylde tend to use the services of Blackpool Victoria Hospital), links with other health care bodies, funding arrangements and details of the key projects proposed. These were addressed in turn by Ms. Brown.

Following consideration of this matter it was RESOLVED:

1. To note the report and thank Ms Brown for her attendance at the meeting.
2. To request that an updated report be presented to an appropriate programme committee later in the year.

6. Planning Improvement Plan 2013/14

Further to previous reports submitted to scrutiny and Cabinet, Mark Evans (Head of Planning and Regeneration) presented an updated report on progress made with the actions contained in the Planning Improvement Plan 2013/14 (previously adopted).

In summary, the report provided details of the tasks/actions remaining from the Improvement Plan and provided commentary against the performance/ progress of each of the actions concerned.

Mr Evans indicated that the report concluded that overall, good progress had been made with the plan which has been detailed in nature. There were however some strands of work that continue which are vital to the long term success and improvement of the planning service. They included: progression with the Local Plan, business process re-engineering and member development (involving new and existing members post May 2015 elections)

Various members commented on key aspects of the report with particular reference to: customer experiences, website improvements and Neighbourhood Planning strategies. These points were addressed by Mr Evans.

Following consideration of this matter it was RESOLVED:

1. To note the outstanding actions from the Planning Improvement Plan.
2. To note the ongoing improvement work (as outlined in section 3 of the report) and seek support for their delivery.
3. To present an updated progress report to the appropriate committee later in the year.

7. Overview and Scrutiny Work Plans - Update

Following consideration of the overview and scrutiny workplans (which were included as an appendix to the report) it was RESOLVED to note the report.

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