



Brighton & Hove
City Council

Community Safety Forum

Title:	Community Safety Forum
Date:	18 June 2012
Time:	4.00pm
Venue	Council Chamber, Hove Town Hall
Members:	Councillors: Duncan (Chair), Barnett, Carden, Mac Cafferty, Meadows, Morgan, Pidgeon, Shanks and Simson, Representatives from Communities of Interest
Contact:	Ross Keatley Democratic Services Officer 01273 291065 Ross.keatley@brighton-hove.gov.uk



The Town Hall has facilities for wheelchair users, including lifts and toilets



An Induction loop operates to enhance sound for anyone wearing a hearing aid or using a transmitter and infra red hearing aids are available for use during the meeting. If you require any further information or assistance, please contact the receptionist on arrival.

FIRE / EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

If the fire alarm sounds continuously, or if you are instructed to do so, you must leave the building by the nearest available exit. You will be directed to the nearest exit by council staff. It is vital that you follow their instructions:

- You should proceed calmly; do not run and do not use the lifts;
- Do not stop to collect personal belongings;
- Once you are outside, please do not wait immediately next to the building, but move some distance away and await further instructions; and
- Do not re-enter the building until told that it is safe to do so.

COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

The following are requested to attend the meeting:

Representatives from Statutory Services:

Brighton & Hove Primary Care Trust
British Transport Police
East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service
Surrey and Sussex Probation Trust
Youth Offending Team

Representatives of Local Action Teams

Bevendean	North Laine Community Association
Brighton Old Town (formally Regency Old Town)	Patcham
Bristol Estate Community Association	Portland Road & Clarendon Forum
Brunswick & Adelaide	Portslade
Brunswick & Regency Neighbourhood Action Group	Preston Park & Fiveways
Clarendon	Queen's Park and Craven Vale Community Forum
Clifton Montpelier & Powis Community Alliance	Queen's Park
Coombe Road	Rottingdean
Hanover & Elm Grove	Seafront
Goldsmid	St James' Street
Hangleton & Knoll Community Action Forum	Stanmer and Coldean
Hanover	Tarner Community Safety Action Group
Hollingbury	West Hill
Hollingdean	West Saltdean
Kemptown Community Safety Action Group	Whitehawk Crime prevention Forum
London Road	Withdean
Marina	Woodingdean
Meadowview & Tenantry Community Action Group	
Moulsecoomb	

Other Co-opted Members

Age Concern
Area Housing Panels
Brighton & Hove Community and Voluntary Sector Forum
Brighton and Hove Federation of Disabled People
Brighton and Hove Mediation Service
Independent Advisory Group Sussex Police
Domestic Violence Forum
Sussex Central YMCA
Neighbourhood Watch
Older People's Council Racial Harassment Forum
Victim Support
RISE

AGENDA

1. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

- (a) Declaration of Substitutes - Where Councillors are unable to attend a meeting, a substitute Member from the same Political Group may attend, speak and vote in their place for that meeting.
- (b) Declarations of Interest by all Members present of any personal interests in matters on the agenda, the nature of any interest and whether the Members regard the interest as prejudicial under the terms of the Code of Conduct.
- (c) Exclusion of Press and Public - To consider whether, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, or the nature of the proceedings, the press and public should be excluded from the meeting when any of the following items are under consideration.

NOTE: Any item appearing in Part 2 of the Agenda states in its heading either that it is confidential or the category under which the information disclosed in the report is exempt from disclosure and therefore not available to the public.

A list and description of the categories of exempt information is available for public inspection at Brighton and Hove Town Halls.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

1 - 8

Minutes of the meeting held on 12 March 2012.

3. CHAIR'S COMMUNICATIONS

4. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

To consider the following matters raised by members of the public:

- (a) **Petitions:** to receive any petitions presented by members of the public to the full Council or at the meeting itself.
- (b) **Written Questions:** to receive any questions submitted by the due date of 12 noon on the [11 June 2012].
- (c) **Deputations:** to receive any deputations submitted by the due date of 12 noon on the [11 June 2012].

5. ISSUES RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

To consider the following matters raised by councillors:

- (a) **Petitions:** to receive any petitions submitted to the full Council or at

COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

the meeting itself;

- (b) **Written Questions** : to consider any written questions;
- (c) **Letters**: to consider any letters;
- (d) **Notices of Motion**: to consider any notices of motion.

6. **COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS AND COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES**

This standing item will provide an opportunity for relevant issues to be raised or updated on.

7. **NATIONAL COMMUNITY SAFETY INITIATIVES WHICH IMPACT LOCALLY: STANDING ITEM**

(a) Putting Victims First: More effective responses to Anti-Social Behaviour- Presentation by Commissioner of Community Safety.

8. **LOCAL ISSUES: STANDING ITEM**

9 - 20

This item will provide the opportunity for relevant issues to be updated upon:

(a) Crime Trends and Performance Figures – report of the Commissioner, Community Safety (copy attached);

(b) Sussex Police Plan 2012/13 – oral report by Chief Superintendent of Police.

(c) Update on Police and Crime Commissioner – oral report by Commissioner, Community Safety.

(d) Results of the Big Alcohol Debate – presentation.

9. **SUSSEX POLICE AUTHORITY: MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 FEBRUARY 2012**

21 - 24

(copy attached)

10. **EAST SUSSEX FIRE AUTHORITY: MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2 FEBRUARY 2012**

25 - 28

(copy attached)(minutes for June meeting to follow)

COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

The City Council actively welcomes members of the public and the press to attend its meetings and holds as many of its meetings as possible in public. Provision is also made on the agendas for public questions to committees and details of how questions can be raised can be found on the website and/or on agendas for the meetings.

The closing date for receipt of public questions and deputations for the next meeting is 12 noon on the fifth working day before the meeting.

Agendas and minutes are published on the council's website www.brighton-hove.gov.uk. Agendas are available to view five working days prior to the meeting date.

Meeting papers can be provided, on request, in large print, in Braille, on audio tape or on disc, or translated into any other language as requested.

For further details and general enquiries about this meeting contact Ross Keatley, (01273 291064), email ross.keatley@brighton-hove.gov.uk or email democratic.services@brighton-hove.gov.uk

Date of Publication - Friday, 8 June 2012

COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

Agenda item 2

Brighton & Hove City Council

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

4.00pm 12 MARCH 2012

COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL

MINUTES

Present: Councillor Duncan (Chair); Barnett, Carden, Mac Cafferty, Janio, Morgan, Pidgeon, Robins, Shanks and Summers

Sussex Police: Chief Inspector Mathews, Sergeant Castleton

Fire Authority: Chief Fire Officer Rist

Communities of Interest: Ted Harman, Coldean LAT; Jean Thomas Coldean LAT; Bill Gandey, Bevendean LAT; Councillor Mo Marsh, Coombe Road LAT; Derek Peacock, Bernard Copelin, Patcham LAT; Colin Tribe, Chair, Brighton Marina LAT, Claire Tickly, Goldsmid LAT; Sylvia Howell, Hangleton LAT; Reverend Steven Terry, Central Hove, LAT; Mohammed Aduzzaan, Queen's Park LAT

Officers: David Murray, Strategic Director, Communities; Linda Beanlands, Commissioner for Community Safety, Becky Poole, Community Safety Unit; Liz Woodley, Senior Lawyer and Penny Jennings, Democratic Services Officer

PART ONE

35. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

35a Declaration of Substitutes

35.1 Councillor Shanks declared that she was substituting for Councillor Deane.

35b Declarations of Interest

35.2 Councillor Carden declared a personal but not prejudicial interest in Item 44, minutes of the East Sussex Fire Authority meeting held on 8 December 2011 by virtue of his Membership of the Fire Authority.

35c Exclusion of the Press and Public

35.3 In accordance with section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 ('the Act'), the Community Safety Forum considered whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during an item of business on the grounds that it was likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the press or public were present during that item, there would be disclosure to them of confidential information (as defined in section 100A(3) of the Act) or exempt information (as defined in section 100I of the Act).

35.4 **RESOLVED** - That the press and public be not excluded from the meeting during consideration of any item on the agenda.

36. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

36.1 **RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the Community Safety Forum meeting held on 12 December 2011 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

37. CHAIR'S COMMUNICATIONS**Domestic Violence: Use of Community Resolution**

37.1 The Chair confirmed that there were no recent instances in Brighton and Hove where Community Resolution had been used in cases involving domestic violence. He was also able to confirm that Community Resolution would not be used in relation to any incidents involving domestic violence pending a full review at national level.

Arrangements for Collection of Needle Waste

37.2 The Chair reported that new arrangements had been put into place for dealing with collection of needle waste out of hours whereby there would be a faster response rate. There was also a new contact telephone number (01273) – 292 – 229.

37.3 **RESOLVED** – That the content of the Chair's Communications be noted.

38. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

38.1 There were none.

39. MEMBERS QUESTIONS**Youth Justice Plan**

39.1 Councillor Morgan referred to the Youth Justice Plan which would be considered at the meeting of Cabinet to be held on Thursday of that week querying why it was not also being considered at that meeting of the Forum. It was explained that following discussion by Cabinet meeting this matter would be placed on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting of the Forum.

Current Policing Plan

- 39.2 Derek Peacock referred to the latest updated Policing Plan which had recently been agreed by the Police. He had received and read a copy of this 36 page document and he considered that it would be beneficial for the Forum to have the opportunity to discuss its contents in full. He was of the view that it would have been helpful if the Forum had been given the opportunity to discuss its contents at that afternoon's meeting. Sergeant Peter Castleton responded that the document currently in "draft" would be brought to the Forum for discussion at a later stage. The Plan had been brought to the Forum in the past although that had not happened the previous year. The Strategic Director, Communities explained that the focus of the work carried out by the Youth Offending Service Inspection Team was likely shift and that there would be an opportunity for the Forum to engage with that process at the appropriate stage. It was noted that whilst the Police sought to ensure that discussions took place with partners and other stakeholders at an early stage, the Plan was a matter for determination by the Police Authority itself.
- 39.3 The Commissioner for Community Safety confirmed however, that Local Policing Plans took account of local citywide priorities; procedures for ensuring that these were firmly embedded in the Plans were well established.

Chair's Communications: Forum Meeting Held on 10 October 2011

- 39.4 Councillor Janio was in attendance with Councillor Barnett. Councillor Barnett stated that she had always enjoyed being a member of the Forum but had been unable to attend the scheduled meeting held on 10 October 2011 due to ill health. Councillor Janio then referred in detail to remarks made by the Chair at that meeting in relation to issues relating to the Traveller Community, citing them verbatim as they appeared in the minutes. He had taken exception to those remarks which he considered, were themselves, insulting and inappropriate, giving a political bent to the work of the Forum which it had not previously had and had left the meeting. He considered that the Chair had acted improperly in making these remarks as part of his communications. The Reverend Terry and other Forum Members reminded Councillor Janio that he needed to ask a question under this agenda item.
- 39.5 Councillor Janio then asked the Chair if he would apologise to the Forum for the remarks he had made at its meeting held on 10 October 2011 stating that until or unless he did so neither Councillor Barnett nor himself would be returning as Members of the Forum. The Chair, Councillor Duncan responded that he had contacted both Members separately in respect of this matter. He would not however apologise to the Forum as he stood by the points that he originally made under Chair's Communications.
- 39.6 At that point Councillors Barnett and Janio left the meeting.

40. COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS AND COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

- 40.1 Mr Aduzzaan, referred to problems and concerns particularly relating to the Activities of some young people in the Queen's Park area. It was agreed that he would raise these matters directly with the Police outside the meeting.

**41. NATIONAL COMMUNITY SAFETY INITIATIVES WHICH IMPACT LOCALLY:
STANDING ITEM**

- 41.1 The Commissioner for Community Safety gave a presentation providing an update on the current position in respect of Police and Crime Commissioners and Police and Crime Panels. She explained that the Elected Police and Crime Commissioners would want to have their say across the crime and safety landscape but that the arrangements were intended as a partnership of equals, including Community Safety Partnerships.
- 41.2 The Commissioner for Community Safety went on to explain that Local Protocols would be put into place which would set out how that relationship was to work and that Community Safety grant funding would gradually transfer to the Commissioner. Brighton and Hove's Chief Executive, John Barradell would be the Returning Officer for Sussex. Guidance was still awaited from the Electoral Commission but the necessary arrangements were being put into place in advance of advice on final arrangements. Information packs would be prepared for candidates who declared their intention to stand. The last point at which candidates could declare was October 2012, the Election would take place on 15 November and the successful candidate would take office on 22 November 2012.
- 41.3 It was further explained that following their appointment the Commissioner would be required to have agreed a Police and Crime Plan to cover a five year period by March 2013. The Commissioner would have responsibility to have regard to the priorities of the Community Safety Partnership (the Community Safety, Crime Reduction and Drugs Strategy was a 3 year plan). Likewise, the partnership was required to have regard to the priorities of the Police Commissioner, Police and Crime Panels were required to function by 31 October 2012 and an integral part of that role would be an independent scrutiny of the Police and Crime Commissioner; they could require the Commissioner to attend meetings of the Panel to answer questions. It was currently proposed that there would be 15 local authority members; 7 from East Sussex, 8 from East Sussex plus 2 co-optees. There would be geographical representation but this did not reflect difference in size of population or issues which were specific to a particular locality. Regulations and guidance were awaited which would detail the powers of scrutiny and veto as well as how to achieve balance in terms of representation.
- 41.4 West Sussex would be the host authority and the Shadow Panel was set to have its first meeting in March. The Council's nominated Member was Councillor Duncan, the lead Cabinet Member for Community Safety. The role of the Shadow Panel would be to explore and agree the structure, membership and working practices for the formal Panel for Sussex and subsequently to notify the Home Office of the membership and panel arrangements by July and of the final model by September 2012, During September/October the final nominations for Brighton and Hove had to be made and agreed by Cabinet and then full Council.
- 41.5 Councillor Morgan stated that he was very concerned at the large and diverse geographical area to be covered by the Commissioner. No account appeared to have been taken of the issues which were specific and unique to Brighton, for example those which arose as result of its night time economy and street drinkers and it did not appear likely that the successful candidate would come from East Sussex or would have

grounding or understanding of these matters These arrangements seemed to fly in the face of localism and he was particularly concerned regarding the gradual transfer of funding to the Commissioner's Office. He was also concerned that the timetable for the elections was very tight and that it was proposed that the Shadow Panel would be set up so early in the process. He also enquired regarding arrangements to ensure that opportunities for postal voting were put into place and for arrangements to be publicised.

- 41.6 Councillor Marsh stated that there were a number of areas still appeared to very sketchy and there was a lot of information still to be advised. Derek Peacock and the Revered Terry were in agreement that the proposed arrangements were "woolly and that it was frustrating that they were so lacking in detail.
- 41.7 The Chair concurred in that view stating that despite lobbying to seek recognition of the factors which were unique to Brighton, such overtures had been largely ignored. Concerns about the balance of Membership of the Panel had also been raised. And it was noted that means by which co-optees could be appointed to address this were also being looked into. A report would need to be considered by full Council in due course. The role of the Forum itself and how that fitted into this framework had also yet to be determined. The Forum would be kept updated as the arrangements moved forward.
- 41.8 The Commissioner for Community Safety advised that arrangements for postal voting would be put into place and that the early appointment of the Shadow was positive and would enable further discussions to take place. The Strategic Director, Communities, concurred with all that had been said stating that the arrangements were not of the Police or the Council's asking but that they were seeking to inform the process as far as they were able to do so. Regular update reports would be brought back to the Forum. There would be further exploration of the implications of all these changes for Brighton and Hove's decision making structures, scrutiny and budget setting functions and the implications for the Community Safety Partnership.
- 41.9 –**RESOLVED** - That the position be noted.

42. LOCAL ISSUES:STANDING ITEM

42a Joint Community Safety Delivery Unit

- 42.1 The Commissioner for Community Safety gave a presentation detailing work carried out by the Safe in the City Partnership in relation to the setting up of the New Delivery Unit and relation to the Commissioning arrangements. The Delivery Unit was comprised of Neighbourhood Police Teams, the Neighbourhood Police Support Unit, the Anti Social Behaviour and Hate Crime Casework Team, the Family Intervention Project, Communities Against Drugs and the Environment Improvement Team. The Commissioner went on to explain that the new delivery unit would:
- Respond to new systems of information and intelligence gathering and analysis, assess risks and be clear about operational priorities;
 - Take opportunities to build the resilience of communities and sustainable solutions;
 - Deliver the commissioning priorities of the Community Safety Partnership and priorities of the Police and Crime Plans; and

- Work with Local Action Teams and community led Forums, such as the LGBT and Racial Harassment Forums and with Neighbourhood groups and Councils.

42.2 The Commissioner for Community Safety went on to explain that the new partnership and commissioning arrangements would deliver the statutory duties of the Community Safety Partnership in line with agreed standards and guidelines and would support all multi- agency working groups: e.g., the Integrated Offender Management Board, Safe in the City Partnership and others; also to implement new arrangements for joint working with the Police and Crime Commissioner and Panels. The partnership would also be responsible for preparing and publish annual Strategic Assessments of crime and disorder, Community Safety, Crime Reduction and Drugs Strategy and integrate community safety priorities into all other city wide strategies, would monitor performance and make recommendations and develop commissioning plans, value for money opportunities and gain city wide investment into community safety priorities. Sergeant Castleton confirmed that the new delivery unit had carried out a lot of work to ensure that a set of best practice robust working principles were in place.

42.3 **RESOLVED** – That the content of the presentation be noted.

42b Crime Trends and Performance Figures: Quarter 3

42.4 The Forum considered a report of the Commissioner for Community Safety describing recent activities and progress relating to priority areas in the Brighton and Hove Community Safety, Crime Reduction and Drugs Strategy 2011-14. It also provides statistical updates relating to the first ten months of 2011/12 to January 2012 (or the most recent available). Graphs showing monthly crime data going back to April 2007 were also provided. These enabled recent data to be considered in the context of both longer term trends and also seasonal crime cycles where applicable.

42.3 Councillor Morgan referred to the apparent increase in acquisitive crime and asked whether and to what degree this might be attributable to the current economic climate. Sergeant Castleton stated that this was difficult to determine but that the Police were seeking to analyse this at present.

42.4 Councillor MacCafferty and Mr Peacock expressed notwithstanding improved reporting they still had concerns that LGBT hate crime could be under reported. Sergeant Castleton stated that on-going initiatives were in place to seek to monitor this information and to encourage reporting of any incidents.

42.5 **RESOLVED** – That the contents of the report be noted.

42c Managing the Misuse of Drugs for the Benefit of Families and Communities

42.6 Becky Poole gave a presentation the work carried out by the Safe in the city partnership working with families and communities in response to drug and alcohol misuse. This work had been developed and had been on-going since 2005, it was aimed to identify and address drug and alcohol issues that affect local communities. Officers liaised with the community by attending resident meetings (LATS), talking to other services/organisations, carrying out door knocking and completing geographical audits. It was important to understand an issue, how it was affecting local people and

understanding their perceptions and as a result to identify resident priorities. The following issues and responses to them had been identified:

- Concerns around young people – Diversionary activities alongside drug and alcohol education;
- Drug dealing and anti-social behaviour – reporting campaigns;
- Lack of support for drug users in the area – Drug and alcohol assertive outreach and publicising local and city wide support services; Drugs litter – Public injecting consultation;
- Information and support to families – Commission of PATCHED service and Post Warrant Packs.

42.7 In concluding her presentation Ms Poole referred to the Partners who were involved in this work, referred to the CAFTA Working Group which had been set up and invited those present to give their input in order to shape its future activities.

42.8 **RESOLVED** – That the content of the presentation be noted.

42d Results of the Big Alcohol Debate

42.9 It was agreed that this item would be deferred for consideration at the next scheduled meeting of the Forum.

42.10- **RESOLVED** – That the position be noted.

42e. Successful Initiatives by the Environmental Improvement Team

42.11 It was agreed this item would be deferred for consideration at the next scheduled meeting of the Forum.

42.12 **RESOLVED** – That the position be noted.

43. SUSSEX POLICE AUTHORITY: MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 DECEMBER 2012

43.1 **RESOLVED** – That the contents of the minutes be noted.

44. EAST SUSSEX FIRE AUTHORITY: MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8 DECEMBER 2012

44.1 **RESOLVED** – That the contents of the minutes be noted.

The meeting concluded at 6.20pm

Signed

Chairman

Dated this

day of

Report to Community Safety Forum – 18th June 2012

Subject: Crime trends and performance in Brighton & Hove, Position up to March/April 2012

Contact Officer: Name: *Ruth Condon* Tel: 29-1103
E-mail: ruth.condon@brighton-hove.gov.uk

Wards Affected: All

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 This report describes recent activities and progress relating to priority areas in the [Brighton & Hove Community Safety, Crime Reduction and Drugs Strategy 2011-14](#). It also provides statistical updates relating to 2011/12, ie. April 2011 to March 2012.
- 1.2 Graphs showing monthly crime data from April 2008 to April 2012 are also provided. These set recent data in the context of both longer term trends and also seasonal crime cycles (where applicable).

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (1) The Community Safety Forum notes the information provided in this report and is invited to:
 - i) Feedback on any developments from their community or organisation's experience which may help the understanding and interpretation of the data and trends contained in this report.
 - ii) Consider the potential for supporting crime reduction and community safety priorities within their own organisation or local community.

3. INFORMATION:

Total Police-recorded Crime

- 3.1 Between April 2011 and March 2012 there were a total of 23,668 police recorded crimes, 1.6% fewer than in 2010/11 but falling short of the 3% reduction target.

Neighbourhoods and Quality of Life

- 3.2 In 2011/12 there was a good reduction in police recorded criminal damage (down 6.4%) compared with 2010/11. This continues the downward trend which has been seen now over five consecutive years.
- 3.3 A programme of 'street focus days' has been planned for 2012/13 where there is a focus on city neighbourhoods where the street environment is in need of

improvement. These involve city services (eg. Cityclean and highways) and local residents working together in a co-ordinated way to make a noticeable difference. This approach generally involves cleaning up the local area, work to improve the area visually (eg. work to encourage window boxes, etc.), as well as enforcement action where required.

- 3.4 The bringing together of neighbourhood policing and council community safety teams into the Safe in the City Delivery Unit from April 2012 enables joint resources to take action where there are areas of concern in neighbourhoods and proactively plan projects.

Drugs Misuse

- 3.5 The fourth UK Recovery Foundation walk through Brighton & Hove city centre will take place on the 29th September 2012. This is intended to draw attention to the current focus on recovering from substance misuse, and has been described by the Mayor as a “public and visible...positive affirmation for participants and those watching”. In July, the 16th Annual Sussex DAATs Drug and Alcohol Conference and Exhibition, co-hosted with Drugs and Alcohol Today, will take place, and this will also have a major focus on recovery. During the first 9 months of 2011/12 there has been an improvement in the percentage those in drug treatment who leave treatment in a planned way compared with 2010/11.
- 3.6 Work continues to rollout the distribute the naloxone antidote to counteract drug overdose and administer training. Its effectiveness at preventing drug-related deaths is being monitored, but anecdotal reports have suggested that up to eight possible lives have been saved through this work so far.
- 3.7 Many repeat offenders are people who misuse drugs, and a high percentage of the crimes they commit are acquisitive crimes. In 2011/12 all acquisitive crimes (incl. theft/handling, burglary and robbery) increased by 6% compared with 2010/11. However, for serious acquisitive crimes (burglary, vehicle crime and robbery) there was a decrease of 12%, while on the other hand there continue to be substantial increases in ‘lower level’ thefts, especially in theft from person (up 58%). Thefts from the person increased very sharply in the three months ending in March 2012. This was mainly the result of criminal groups in nightclubs targeting the theft of mobile phones. The largest spike occurred when females aged 18-25 were the focus of these groups; these victims accounted for 80% of the thefts. Work has been undertaken in conjunction with the nightclubs and this likely to be responsible for the reduction in thefts seen in April.

Alcohol Misuse and Alcohol-related Disorder

- 3.8 Alcohol-related hospital admissions have been on an upwards trend since the beginning of 2010. Tackling alcohol misuse has been assigned priority status within the health services and a programme of focussed work to reduce unnecessary A&E attendance and admission rates related to alcohol continues to be developed.
- 3.9 The number of police recorded injury assaults has reduced by 17% in 2011/12 compared with 2010/11, well in excess of the 3% target. Funding has been continued in 2012/13 for the Safe Space and taxi marshal services which help to ensure the night-time economy runs safely.

- 3.10 Following the city's Big Alcohol Debate there are plans to present the findings on YouTube and other relevant websites. In response to the finding that people felt that alcohol was too easily available, work is taking place with local businesses to highlight the financial opportunities to be had through alternative events which are not driven by alcohol. Ways to encourage more responsible approaches to alcohol through off sales are being taken forward with licensees and the possibility of amending planning policies to tighten rules around off licensing is also being explored.

Anti-Social Behaviour

- 3.11 Between July 2011 and March 2012 13% of the 1,014 people surveyed on behalf of Sussex Police believed that one or more of 6 types of ASB (drug dealing/use; drunk/rowdy behaviour; vandalism/graffiti; litter/dog fouling; noisy neighbours; and teenagers hanging around) was a fairly big or very big problem. City-wide, out of these six areas litter/dog fouling was of most concern, with people being drunk or rowdy being perceived as the next problematic.
- 3.12 Brighton & Hove have accepted an invitation from the Home Office to be involved with 'piloting' a local approach to the Community Trigger which is part of the new tools and powers to tackle ASB being introduced in the coming months. The Community Trigger involves local partners in the Safe in the City Partnership, including the police and the council, being required to respond where there is a persistent anti-social behaviour issue which has been reported by a number of different households. This is one of the measures anticipated in the recent white paper on anti-social behaviour.

Domestic Violence

- 3.13 During 2011/12 45% of domestic violence crimes were solved. This is below the result of 49% during 2010/11. However, 78% of DV court cases in 2011/12 resulted in a conviction, compared with 67% in 2010/11.
- 3.14 In 2011/12, 270 referrals were made to Rise independent domestic violence advocacy (IDVA) service which provides support high risk victims to manage their risk. Of the 255 people engaging and receiving support, 79% reported reduced risk at the point when they left the IDVA service and 100% reported feeling safer. There were 286 referrals to the Rise Community Outreach and Family Service in 2011/12 of whom 254 engaged and received support, with a survey revealing a range of positive outcomes being reported by those supported.
- 3.15 Rise has achieved an excellent rating in the national domestic violence accreditation framework for their work with survivors and their families locally. Service outcomes for survivors include: increased awareness of domestic violence and its impact, partner agencies' ability to respond effectively; improved family relationships; increased confidence in disclosing domestic violence; and increased physical and emotional safety of survivors using the service.

Sexual Offences

- 3.16 The number of police recorded serious sexual offences in 2011/12 was 277, slightly fewer than the 285 recorded in 2010/11. In 2011/12, 21% of serious sexual offences

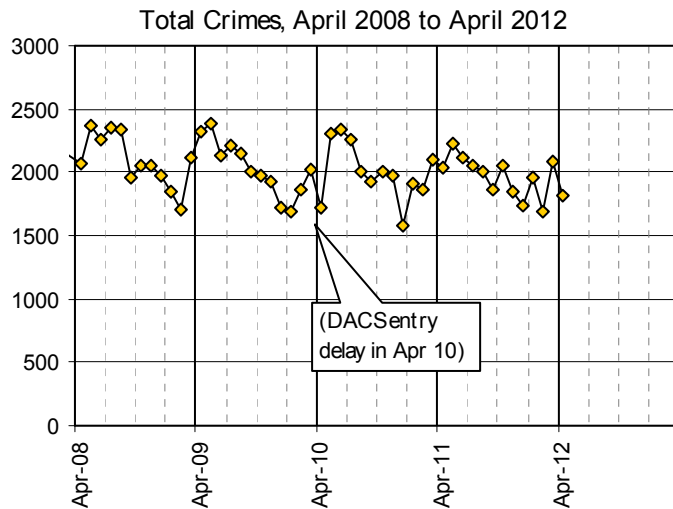
were detected by the police and 75% of finalised court cases for (all) sexual offences resulted in a conviction.

- 3.17 We continue to encourage the reporting of sexual crimes and incidents to the police when they happen so that steps can be taken to bring the perpetrator to justice and to prevent reoccurrence. This also leads to a pathway for victims to attend the Sexual Assault Referral Centre where they can receive support and be referred on to counselling and advocacy services provided by Survivors Network and other local agencies.

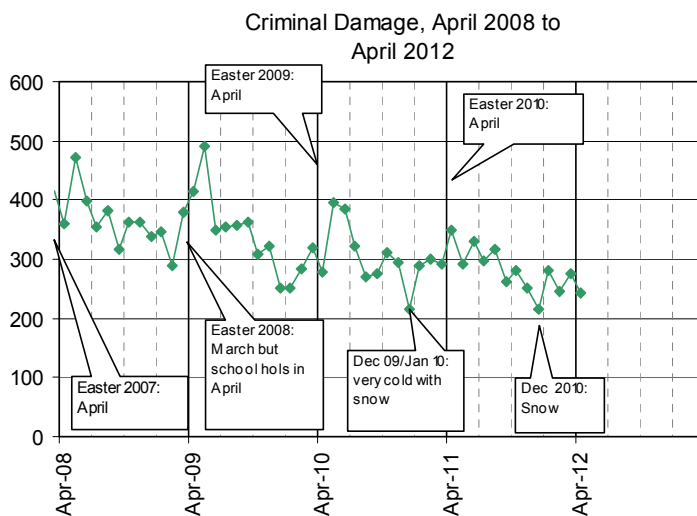
Hate Incidents and Crimes

- 3.18 In response to community concerns, a direct reporting telephone line (01273 292735) to simplify the process of reporting hate incidents to the Community Safety Casework Team was introduced in April 2012.
- 3.19 There is risk assessment process now in place to assess and manage risk and harm caused to victims of hate crime and anti-social behaviour who report to the police and a number of other agencies. There is a monthly Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference meeting which oversees and manages high risk cases in partnership.
- 3.20 The number of police-recorded **racist and religiously motivated incidents and crimes** have continued to decline in 2011/12 compared to 2010/11. The percentage of prosecutions resulting in a conviction continues its year on year rise and was 89% in 2011/12. The Racial Harassment Forum remains concerned about under-recording of hate incidents by the police on their IT and monitoring systems and the potential impact this may have on the strategic aim of encouraging people to report incidents when they happen, providing support to victims and reducing harm.
- 3.21 In 2011/12 there have been 63 **LGBT hate incidents and crimes** recorded by the police, 13% fewer than in 2010/11. In 2011/12 30 crimes have been detected or solved and 18 resulted in a charge being made. There were 25 prosecutions finalised at court and 21 of these resulted in a conviction (84%). A number of opportunities have been taken to engage with marginalised and vulnerable LGBT groups including International Day against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia and the LGBT Health Day.
- 3.22 The police have recorded four **disability hate crimes** and one crime-related incident on the crime database during 2011/12. Once at court 5 out of the 7 cases which have been concluded in 2011/12 (71%) have resulted in a conviction. There have been 31 disability hate incidents reported to the Community Safety Casework Team in 2011/12. This remains on a par with last year, but it had been hoped that the number reported would increase in the light of work to publicise and encourage reporting. In response, further work has taken place or is planned to further increase the number of reporting centres and training for staff. There are new police disability liaison officers providing an improved link between the police and disabled people. This will be especially helpful for improving reporting from people with learning disabilities and other vulnerable clients.

Crime trends up to April 2012

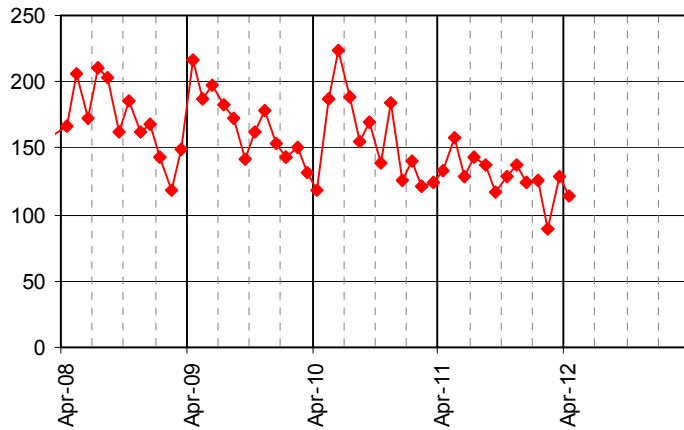


3.23 The number of total crimes shows a declining long term trend, although data since Jan 2012 have fluctuated more than usual. The peak in March 2011 and subsequent April drop has been influenced by a very high number of theft from person offences recorded in March.



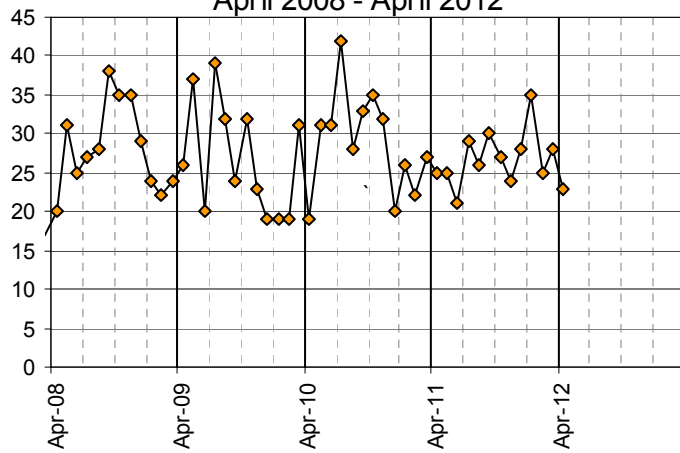
3.24 The long term downward trend in criminal damage continues.

All Injury Violence
April 2008 to April 2012



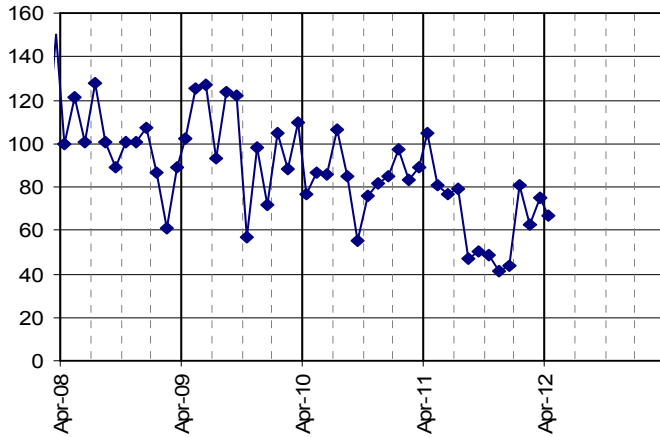
3.25 The declining trend in injury violence continues, and the number in February dropped below 90.

Sexual Offences
April 2008 - April 2012



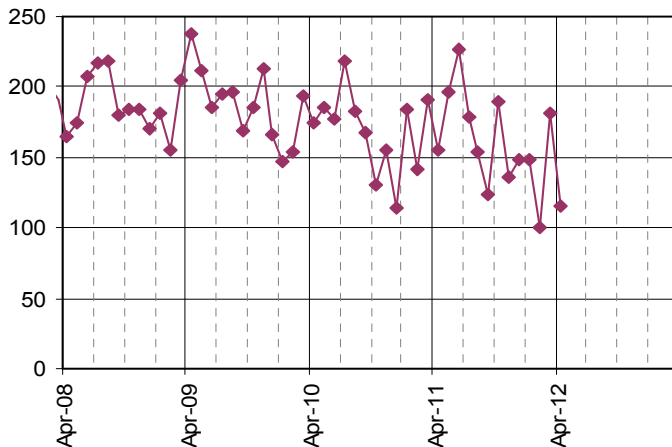
3.26 The number of police recorded sexual offences has remained between 20 and 35 per month. Work continues to encourage reporting of incidents.

Domestic Burglary, Apr 2008 to Apr 2012



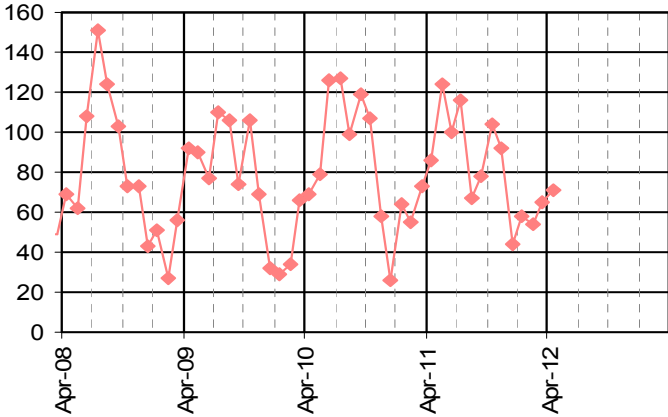
3.27 There has been a long term declining trend in domestic burglaries, with numbers between August and December 2011 being particularly low (40-50 crimes per month). From January onwards the number has risen again to between 60 and 80 per month.

Vehicle Crime, April 2008 to April 2012



3.28 Vehicle crimes have fluctuated over the past year, but the general trend is downwards. 100 crimes were recorded in February which is the lowest monthly number recorded for many years.

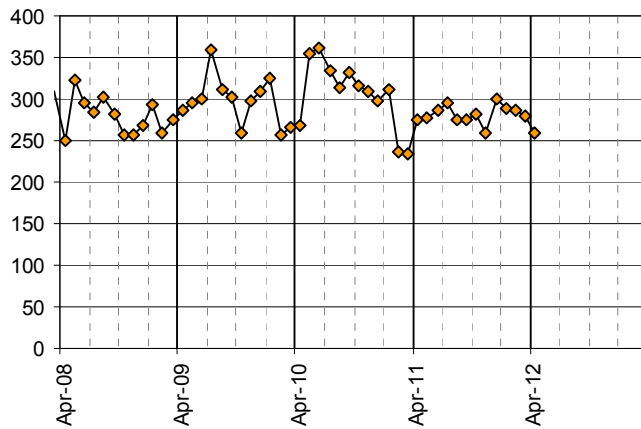
Theft of a Pedal Cycle,
April 2008 to April 2012



3.29 A seasonal pattern in cycle thefts continues and numbers would be expected to rise in the coming months as more people cycle.

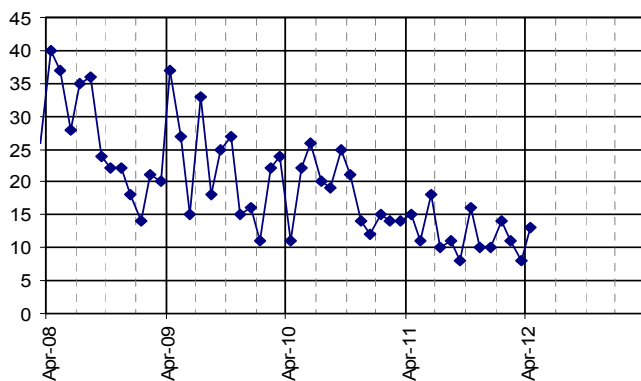
Police crime data presented in this report only reflect those crimes which are reported and recorded. There is likely to be a level of underreporting in many crime types. However, domestic violence and the hate crimes on this page may be particularly liable to underreporting.

Domestic Violence Crimes and Incidents,
April 2008 - April 2012



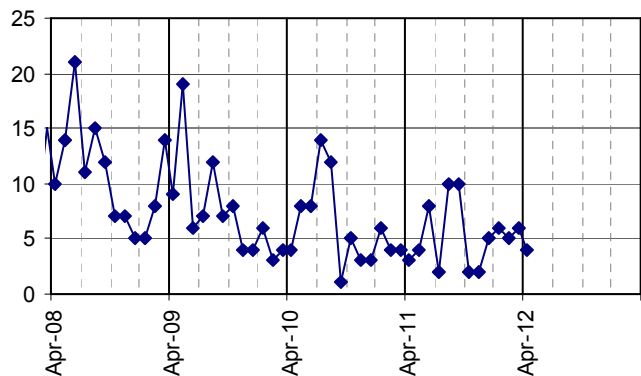
3.30 The number of domestic violence crimes and crime-related incidents recorded during 2011/12 has been between 250 and 300 each month.

Racist and Religiously Motivated Crimes and Incidents (police crime database),
April 2008 to April 2012



3.31 The declining trend in police recorded racist and religiously motivated incidents and crimes appears to be continuing. Recorded numbers have been between 8 and 18 per month since summer 2010.

LGBT Hate Crimes and crime-related Incidents
(police crime database),
Apr 2008 to April 2012



3.32 The number of police-recorded LGBT hate crimes and crime-related incidents and has remained at ten or below since summer 2010. Aug and Sept saw the highest number (ten) over this period.

Performance data for key crime types, 2011/12

Police recorded crimes	number of crimes Apr 10 – Mar 11	number of crimes Apr 11 – Mar 12	reduction target (from 2010/11 baseline)	performance against target to date		rank within 15 benchmarked CSPs ¹
Total Crimes	24052	23668	-3%		not on target	6
Criminal Damage	3629	23398	-5%	on target		14
Injury Violence	1880	1552	-3%	on target		8
Sexual Offences	346	323	-	-		n/a ²
Domestic Burglary	1008	793	-	-		2
Theft from/of a Motor Vehicle	2022	1937	-	-		4
Pedal Cycle Theft	1003	988	-	-		6
Domestic Violence Crimes and Incidents	3672	3385	-	-		n/a
Racist/Religiously motivated Crimes and Incidents	215	142	-	-		n/a
LGBT Hate Crimes and Incidents	72	63	-	-		n/a
Disability Hate Crimes and Incidents	2	5	-	-		n/a

¹ Brighton & Hove is matched for comparative purposes with 14 other Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) according to a range of socio-demographic and geographic variables. A rank of 1 is the best; 15 is the worst; 8 is the middle position.

² Because sexual offences, DV and hate crimes are subject to underreporting and local work is being undertaken to increase reporting of these crimes, it is not appropriate to judge performance in comparison with other Community Safety Partnerships based on the number of police recorded crimes.

Community Safety Forum

Agenda Item 8a

Brighton & Hove City Council

--	--	--	--	--	--

REPORT OF THE SUSSEX POLICE AUTHORITY

The Sussex Police Authority met at Sackville House, Lewes, on 16 February 2012

Attendances:

Mr S Waight (Chairman), Mrs C Shaves MBE JP (Vice-Chairman), L Barnard, Mr P Bratton, Prof G Bull, Dr L Bush, Ms E Daniel, Mr G Daniel JP, Mr B Duncan, Mr P Evans, Mr F Faiz, Mr P Jones, Mrs S Knight, Mr A Price JP, Mr A Smith, and Dr R Walker.

The Police Authority considered a wide range of policing issues at the meeting including the following matters. The full set of reports to the Police Authority can be accessed on the Authority's website www.sussexpoliceauthority.gov.uk

Local Policing Plan (LPP) 2012-2015

- 1.1 Each year the Police Authority, in consultation with the Chief Constable, sets out the arrangements to police Sussex for the next three years. The introduction of Police and Crime Commissioners in November 2012 has led the Home Secretary to introduce a Strategic Policing Requirement (SPR) which will outline what the national threats are and the policing response required to counter them. Further information about the election and role of the Police and Crime Commissioner can be found at www.sussexpcc.co.uk.
- 1.2 The Local Policing Plan is structured around a clear set of priorities. It indicates how these will be met within the budget and recommends a set of targets to assess delivery against the priorities. The planned targets aim to measure critical outcomes for service users and to assess business efficiency and are driven by feedback from local people and businesses as well as national priorities through the Shadow Strategic Policing requirement.
- 1.3 The priorities have been divided into key areas forming the three strategic pillars for policing in Sussex: Neighbourhood policing; Keeping People Safe and Best use of Resources.
- 1.4 The objectives and targets in the LPP seek to balance the continuing aspiration to provide high quality policing and to minimise the cost of the service to local tax payers. This is particularly important in the current economic environment with reduced resources. Members welcomed the continuous striving for improved performance on a reduced budget.
- 1.5 The plan is primarily internet based and will be embedded throughout the Sussex Police website. This allows for a more accurate up to date plan with increased public accessibility.

- 1.6 This will be the last LPP to be set by the Sussex Police Authority. In future years the elected Police and Crime Commissioner will set the Police budget, local policing and crime priorities in a Police and Crime Plan.

Revenue Budget and Capital Strategy

- 2.1 The Police Authority approved its revenue and capital budgets for 2011-12 and capital programme and Medium Term Financial Forecast (MTFF) for the period 2012-15.
- 2.2 The Authority approved a revenue budget for 2012-13 of £252.826m inclusive of a pay and price contingency provision of £585,000 and a total capital programme of £38.541m, which includes a proposed capital budget for 2012-13 of £14.904m. The budget was prepared based on a 0% precept increase which attracts funding of a one-off specific grant to a level equivalent to a 3% precept increase.
- 2.3 The revenue budget and capital programme has been prepared to deliver the Local Policing Plan approved by the Authority (paragraphs 1.1 to 1.6 refer). The revenue budget seeks to ensure that Sussex Police continues to deliver a good policing service. Over the last few years, Sussex Police has continued to deliver a high level of performance and achieved significant efficiency savings, all against a background of low grant funding and one of the lowest levels of precept for policing.
- 2.4 The Police Authority previously approved the use of A19 (which allows for the compulsory retirement of officers upon reaching 30 years pensionable service) in May 2011. This was based on the fact that without A19 the Authority would be unable to achieve planned savings that required reductions in police officer establishment by 2015. The Authority considered the effect of A19 as part of the Local Policing Plan and budget setting proposals.
- 2.5 A further report will be presented to the May meeting of the Sussex Police Authority regarding A19. The report will review the use of reserves and any new powers under police regulations as an alternative to A19.

Treasury management

- 3.1 The Authority approved a report by the Treasurer which detailed a mid-year review of the Authority's treasury management processes as required by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy's (CIPFA) Code of Practice for Treasury Management in Public Services and the Prudential Code.
- 3.2 The Authority has complied with all of the relevant statutory and regulatory requirements, which require the Authority to identify and where possible quantify the levels of risk associated with its treasury management activities.
- 3.3 In the light of global economic conditions the treasurer recommended a prudent treasury management strategy with continued emphasis on the security of capital sums invested as opposed to investment returns.

Surrey Sussex Bilateral and Regional Collaboration

- 4.1 The Authority considered a report setting out the progress made towards the collaboration opportunities between Sussex and Surrey. A number of teams including Major Crime, Tactical Firearms and Scientific Support are now working successfully together and further opportunities had been identified.

Chief Constable's Update

- 5.1 The Chief Constable provided an overview of Force performance for the period April to December 2011.
- 5.2 Neighbourhood Policing has been a main focus for the Force and Police Community Support Officers (PCSO's) have been given more powers to deal with anti-social behaviour. PCSO's are now better placed to deal with the kinds of incidents which can have a huge impact on people's lives.
- 5.3 In November, Sussex Police held a conference on how to tackle the growing crime of metal thefts and the effect of these thefts on communities. Railways, utilities substations, businesses, houses, power cables, road grids and manhole covers have been particularly targeted.
- 5.4 In October Sussex Police launched 'Sussex Police People'. This is the Force commitment to provide an open, honest and personal view of policing to the public. The project promotes new ways for the public to get in touch and for officers and staff to talk directly to the public about the jobs they do. The launch included a live event with members of staff streaming live videos of their work on the Sussex Police website and a question and answer session with the Chairman of the Police Authority. In total over 70,000 logged on to view the live streaming. Officers taking part continue to update blogs and use a variety of social media to engage with members of the public.

National Police Air Service (NPAS)

- 6.1 The Chief Constable provided an update on operating base options and on funding for the NPAS provision for Sussex. Sussex and Surrey Police Authorities had previously raised issues about the initial proposals and implementation timing of the changes suggested by the NPAS Project team. These concerns have been considered and the NPAS project team has now recommended that the Redhill Airfield be used as a base for the Sussex and Surrey Air service provision. It was recognised that this would be sufficient to meet the needs of Sussex and Surrey Police Forces and would not have a detrimental impact on services. Concern was raised, however, at the change in sequencing to bring forward the date of implementation.

STEVE WAIGHT
Chairman
December 2011

COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

Agenda Item 10

Brighton & Hove City Council r

EAST SUSSEX FIRE AUTHORITY

Report of a meeting of the East Sussex Fire Authority held at Fire & Rescue Service Headquarters at 10.30 hours on Thursday 2 February 2012.

Present: Councillors Carden, Fawthrop, Healy, Heaps, Howson, Kenward, Livings (Chairman), MacCafferty, Ost, Pidgeon, Rufus, Scott, Sparks, Theobald, Thomas, Tidy, Waite and Wakefield.

Also present:

Mrs Redman, Chair of the Standards Panel and Mr Wheeler, Independent Person and Member of the Standards Panel.

1. **FIRE AUTHORITY SERVICE PLANNING PROCESSES FOR 2012/13 AND BEYOND**

1.1 The Fire Authority considered reports on the Service Planning Processes for 2012/13 and beyond, for approval for the purpose of setting the 2012/13 Council Tax precept and other relevant matters.

1.2 **Draft Annual Plan 2012/13**

1.2.1 The Fire Authority considered a report that summarised the outstanding actions required to complete the Draft Annual Plan 2012/13 for approval and for final completion by the publication date of 30 June 2012.

1.2.2 The Fire Authority resolved that:

- a) the roll forward of the draft Annual Plan for publication by 30 June 2012, be approved, in principle, subject to any final amendments once the Revenue Budget has been approved at this meeting and other outstanding information set out in the report; and
- b) authority for the approval of the final version of the Annual Plan be delegated to the Chief Fire Officer & Chief Executive in consultation with the Chairman.

1.3 **Draft Revenue Budget 2012/13**

1.3.1 The Fire Authority considered a report on the final draft Fire Authority Revenue Budget 2012/13. The Deputy Treasurer reported that both he and the Treasurer were satisfied that the estimates used for calculating the budget and council tax requirement were produced in a robust and transparent way and the proposed financial reserves were prudent and necessary and in line with Fire Authority policy.

1.3.2 The Deputy Treasurer reminded Members that this budget was being set in the context of some considerable financial challenges in future years. Based on current modelling, further savings in excess of £1m would be required by the end of the CSR period. However, there was a degree of uncertainty as a result of the general economic outlook, the potential for further reductions in public sector

funding set out in the Chancellor's Autumn Statement, and the impact of both the localisation of business rates and of council tax benefits.

- 1.3.3 The Deputy Treasurer reminded Members that, in view of the nature of its business, the Fire Authority needed to recognise that risks, financial and otherwise, and their impact on the budget and reserves, may change during the year and would need to be continually reviewed and managed in line with the Authority's policy.
- 1.3.4 Councillors MacCafferty, Rufus and Wakefield wished it to be recorded that they voted against accepting the Council Tax Freeze Grant.
- 1.3.5 The Fire Authority has approved the necessary detailed budget and service planning decisions, including
- a) approving its budget requirement for the year 2012/13 as £40.030m; an increase of 2.1% on the 2011/12 base budget of £39.203m giving a Council Tax requirement of £24.764m in 2012/13;
 - b) approving a council tax precept (Band D property) for the year 2012/13 of £81.36; and
 - c) agreeing that Brighton & Hove City Council and the borough and district councils (the billing authorities) be advised by the Treasurer of the relevant amounts payable and the council tax in the other bands.

2. JOINT BUSINESS CASE FOR INCREASED COLLABORATION AND POSSIBLE MERGER

- 2.1 Members considered a report that advised them of the outcome of latest advice from the DCLG on potential formula grant implications arising from a possible merger and sought their decision on the most appropriate way forward.
- 2.2 The Chief Fire Officer & Chief Executive informed Members that a full business case had been prepared which indicated a positive outcome for merger. Unfortunately, the remaining financial issues could not be resolved which included the necessary outstanding information from the DCLG on Formula Grant exemplifications, thereby preventing a full and final evaluation of the strategic financial issues involved in a possible merger. On this basis, the business case could not be completed and neither the Chief Fire Officer & Chief Executive nor the Deputy Treasurer was able to recommend that Members approve a merger proposal at this time.
- 2.3 It was moved by Councillor Sparks and seconded by Councillor Thomas that, following the outcome of the continuing discussions with West Sussex County Council, the work of the Joint Steering Group and discussions with DCLG, it has become apparent that, as a direct consequence of the Local Government Resource Review, West Sussex County Council has been unable to obtain sufficient clarity on its Fire grant element to enable the Business Case to be completed, despite the best efforts of all involved. On that basis, East Sussex Fire Authority is unable to take a decision to agree to a merged Fire Authority from 1st April 2013.

3. **JOINT CONTROL PROJECT – PROGRESS UPDATE**

- 3.1 Members of the Fire Authority considered an oral report that updated them on progress with the Joint Control project.
- 3.2 The Deputy Chief Fire Officer informed Members of the successful bid to DCLG for funds to assist in the creation of a new merged East and West Sussex Control Room. Funds totalling £3.6m had been allocated.
- 3.3 The search was progressing to find a mutually suitable site along the A23 corridor and a 'go live' date of September 2013 had been agreed. Future increased operational resilience was expected and a team was now in place to oversee the process.

4. **MEMBER ALLOWANCES**

- 4.1 The Fire Authority considered a report on the annual review of the Member Allowances Scheme and resolved that a nil increase in rates be approved with effect from 1 April 2012, and the special responsibility allowance for a Director of the South East Fire & Rescue Control Centre (SEFRCC – (the 'LACC')) be deleted from the scheme.

COUNCILLOR JOHN LIVINGS
CHAIRMAN OF EAST SUSSEX FIRE AUTHORITY
3 February 2012

EAST SUSSEX FIRE AUTHORITY

Report of a meeting of the East Sussex Fire Authority held at Fire & Rescue Service Headquarters at 10.30 hours on Thursday 7 June 2012.

Present: Councillors Carden, Fawthrop, Healy, Howson, Kenward, Livings, Ost, Pidgeon, Powell, Rufus, Scott, Sparks, Summers, Theobald, Thomas, Tidy and Waite

Also present: Mrs Redman, Chair of the Standards Panel and Mr Wheeler, Independent Person and Member of the Standards Panel.

1. URGENT ITEMS AND CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

- 1.1 The Chairman welcomed Councillors Stephanie Powell and Christina Summers to their first meeting of the Fire Authority; they had replaced Councillors MacCafferty and Wakefield as two of the three Green Party Members from Brighton & Hove City Council. Councillors MacCafferty and Wakefield had been invited to attend this meeting, but Councillor Wakefield was away on holiday.
- 1.2 Councillor Livings welcomed Councillor MacCafferty to the meeting and presented him with a plaque in recognition of his work for the Fire Authority during the last twelve months. Councillor MacCafferty thanked the Chief Fire Officer & Chief Executive and his officers for an enjoyable year and wished everyone good luck for the future.

2. NOTE OF THE PANEL MEETINGS HELD SINCE THE LAST MEETING OF THE FIRE AUTHORITY

- 2.1 The Fire Authority considered a report on the Panel meetings held since the meeting of the Fire Authority with regard to those issues of greater significance or requiring a decision from the Fire Authority.
- 2.2 The report of the Policy & Resources Panel meeting held on 24 May 2012 covered the current position on property options for the Sussex Control Centre (paragraph 10). Members had formally approved, on behalf of the Fire Authority, Haywards Heath Fire Station as the location for the Sussex Control Centre. Members noted that, once this decision had been ratified by West Sussex County Council, a formal announcement would be made and it was hoped that the project would now meet its deadline of September 2013. Although the original preference was for a stand-alone building, the costs had proved prohibitive and the accommodation at Haywards Heath Fire Station would realise considerable savings as it is an established building, owned by the Fire & Rescue Service.

COUNCILLOR JOHN LIVINGS
CHAIRMAN OF EAST SUSSEX FIRE AUTHORITY
11 June 2012