

EXETER Board

Date: Wednesday 17 February 2016
Time: 5.30 pm
Venue: Civic Centre

Members are invited to attend the above meeting to consider the items of business.

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Membership –

Exeter City Council

Councillors Sutton (Chair), Denham, Edwards, Mottram and K Owen

Devon County Council

Councillors Foggin, Hannaford, Hannan, Hill, Leadbetter, Morse, J Owen, Prowse and Westlake

Associate Members

Mr Richard Atkins (Exeter College), Phil Atwell (Exeter University), Sara Bond (Exeter Chamber of Commerce), Simon Bowkett (Exeter CVS), Gillian Champion (Exeter sub-locality of the Eastern Region New Devon CCG), Superintendent Sam De Reya (Devon and Cornwall Police), Dr Jonathan Draper (Exeter Cathedral), Angela Pedder (RD & E), Jude Taylorson (Faith Groups), Christine Fraser and Diana Moore (Exeter Community Forum)

Agenda

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(b) Community Safety Partnership – Executive Group

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(c) Exeter Community Forum – Feedback from Christine Fraser.

10 **Dates of meetings and Future Business**

Board Meetings – at the Civic Centre starting at 5.30pm

Thursday 28 April 2016

Thursday 14 July 2016

Thursday 22 September 2016

Thursday 17 November 2016

Thursday 2 February 2017

Thursday 20 April 2017

Thursday 13 July 2017

Thursday 21 September 2017

Future Business

Members are asked to consider topics and themes and whether to have sight of the forward plans of the City Council's Executive and the County Council's Cabinet and of Scrutiny Committees.

Date of Next Meeting

The next **Exeter Board** will be held on Thursday 28 April 2016 at 5.30pm

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Agenda Item 2

EXETER BOARD

Thursday 19 November 2015

Present:-

Exeter City Council
Councillors Sutton (Chair), Denham, Edwards and Owen

Devon County Council
Councillors Hannaford, Hannan, Owen, Prowse and Westlake

Associate Members
Superintendent Sam De Reya (Devon and Cornwall Police), Jude Taylorson (Faith Groups) and Christine Fraser

Also Present

Councillor John Hart : Leader Devon County Council
Superintendent Perkin : Devon and Cornwall Constabulary
Head of Policy, Strategy and Organisational Change, Head of Youth Services, Head of Capital Development and Waste Management, Community Involvement and Inclusion Officer and Democratic Services Officer (Committees) (HB)

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APOLOGIES

These were received from Councillors Foggin, Hill, Leadbetter and Morse, Phil Atwell and Simon Bowkett.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24 SEPTEMBER 2015

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 24 September 2015 be taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

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OPEN FORUM

Questions on the following topics were put to the Board under the Open Forum arrangements.

Broadband Speed - David Russell

Mr Russell explained that, having recently moved from West Hill into the area, he had been surprised to find that the broad band coverage was very poor. A satellite alternative would be too expensive.

Councillor Hart, the Leader of Devon County Council, stated that, although a successful bid for funding had been made for Devon, this had predominantly covered the rural areas and BT was not obliged to cover Exeter and, as a commercial company, it looked to the urban areas to maximise profits. He suggested pressurising BT on this issue as well as emphasising to housing developers the value of future proofing homes with broad band provision.

Both the Chair and the City Council's Portfolio Holder for Economy and Culture agreed that broadband coverage was now a fundamental element of infrastructure provision and, as well as inviting BT to attend a Board meeting, suggested the City Council examine its planning procedures with view to influencing housing developers through planning conditions backed by agreed planning policies.

RESOLVED that:-

- (1) a representative of BT be invited to a future Board meeting to discuss Broad band provision in the City; and
- (2) the Portfolio Holder for City Development and the Assistant Director City Development examine whether changes in planning policy and processes can influence housing developers in their commitment to broad band provision.

Refugees – Anthony Appleby

Responding to Mr Appleby, the City Council Leader advised that the City Council had agreed to the Home Office request to help support refugees and people seeking asylum, subject to the involvement of other Devon Authorities, but was awaiting further information.

The County Council's Head of Strategy, Policy and Organisational Change advised that the crisis comprised different elements, including the Prime Minister's pledge for the UK to take 20,000 Syrian refugees, the migrant situation at Dover and asylum seekers who were not refugees and for whom the Government was starting to home through dispersal sites. The Government was looking for assistance from Devon, given that Plymouth, Bristol and Gloucester were at capacity.

Councillor Hart stated that the Government had engaged a private sector company to organise the accommodation and deliver private sector housing and that it would be for local authorities to support thereafter as part of their service delivery responsibilities. Funding through the International Development Fund would be available for Year 1, with the LGA in discussions with the Government to identify funding for Years 2-5. Councillor Hart emphasised the complexity of the problem and added that it was likely that support beyond Year 5 was likely to be necessary.

Board Members acknowledged the traumatic and complex nature of the issues but felt that Exeter and its citizens had shown a genuine commitment to assist wherever possible.

The questions and the tabled replies (in italics) are appended to the minutes.

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COUNCILLOR JOHN HART, LEADER OF DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL

The Chair welcomed Councillor John Hart, Leader of Devon County Council. As part of the 'Tough Choices' theme he was meeting with District/Town/Parish Councils to explain the kind of future the County Council faced.

The current year, 2015/16, had seen cuts to the County Council's funding for the fifth year in succession. Since the Government's Comprehensive Spending Review in 2010, the County Council's core funding had reduced by £109 million. With inflation, demographic and demand pressures this translated into savings in Council services of £175 million with another £40 million likely to be sought for 2016/17 and £34/35 million for 2017/18. Cuts to Local Government funding would continue

throughout this period and the Government had indicated that the Revenue Support Grant would reduce to £nil by 2019/20. The County Council's Revenue Support Grant in the current year was just under £87 million.

Demand for services and cost pressures were increasing. The County's response had been to reshape its services including youth, libraries, day care, closure of residential homes, the removal of £1.7 million from rural transport and the sale of over a 100 properties. The introduction of a National Living Wage would lead to additional costs of £7.2 million.

The Government intended to move to a 100% Business Rates Retention although there was currently no detail and valuation figures would impact. The County Council currently received 9%, just under £22 million, of the Devon Business Rates with a top-up from Central Government of £72 million. The potential risks and rewards of this policy change were significant.

On 25th November, the Chancellor would announce the Government's Autumn Statement and the outcome of the Comprehensive Spending Review 2015. The content was unknown but was expected to include the changes to Revenue Support Grant and Business Rates. As the County Council would not know its level of Government funding until the middle of December the way forward was uncertain but it was clear that the ongoing challenges were being intensified. Specific to Devon were a growing population, increase in over 65's and over 80's, 17% increase in childbirths and challenges of providing broadband provision in a largely rural area. The situation relating to weed clearance beyond three years was also uncertain.

Responding to Members' issues, Councillor Hart made the following comments:-

- Living Wage costs of £7.2 million translated into a direct cost on the County Council of between £200,000 to £250,000 with a further cost of £800,000 falling on schools/education;
- evidence of greater resilience in face of cuts with increasing self help evident;
- greater public support for Local Government than for the Government;
- Pay and Display parking proposals for seaside and market towns had not been implemented due to significant (4,000) opposition and some machines had been made available to Devon authorities. Although Pay and Display generated £3million income per year its use was governed by legislation;
- opposed to a referendum on whether to increase the Council Tax above the 2% cap as the public were likely to resist. The County had been forced to back down when this had been attempted in the past. Furthermore, the cost of re-billing was likely to be in the region of £2million;
- plans were being developed for upgrading the North Devon Link Road subject to funding, and improvements to the A30/A303 was a further aspiration; and
- with regard to meeting aspirations through reducing the defence budget, the Defence of the Realm was a major focus/problem for all Governments.

Councillor Hart was asked to ensure that, in future, the County Council would engage at an earlier stage when policy decisions were likely to impact significantly on services in the City. It was accepted that severe challenges faced both authorities, but advance consultation, as well as helping to secure savings, could offer greater likelihood of achieving quicker and more acceptable outcomes for the community. Unfortunately, youth provision was an example where the future remained unclear and other areas, such as highways, could also benefit from this approach.

Councillor Hart advised that the County Council remained keen to work in partnership with all Devon Districts and that both this Board and Exeter HATOC provided opportunities for collaborative working.

The Chair thanked Councillor Hart for attending.

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CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

Superintendent Perkin, as Force Head of the Public Protection Unit and Chair of the Devon Child Safeguarding Board, updated the Board on Child Protection and Child Sexual Exploitation issues. The Unit was responding positively to a recent Ofsted/Inspector of Constabulary's Inspection report and to its 28 recommendations. Some of the 43 Forces assessed had challenged the content of their reports but Devon and Cornwall was seeking to move forward with addressing issues raised, some, such as a new IT system, improved information sharing and attendance at inter agency client meetings having been identified prior to the inspection. The Force had been ranked 7th nationally for its expertise regarding on line exploitation and would receive a National Police College fact finding mission on its systems in early December.

As well as seeking to ensure justice was done, focus was also on safeguarding and early identification of potential exploitation and a pilot scheme in Torbay would be rolled out across Devon with this key change playing a central part and all 1,800 Devon and Cornwall staff were to be trained in child protection issues.

The importance of extending training and awareness to others in the public sector was recognised, The Head of Youth Service referring to the role of youth service in this respect and Councillor Owen adding that the City Council's Taxi Forum met regularly with representatives of the trade and that this issue was covered in the training all taxi drivers were required to undertake. All District Councils had been surveyed on measures undertaken to ensure all front line staff were familiar with this complex matter.

Councillors Edwards and Denham referred to the street homeless, a small cohort of whom may have fallen within this area of work but would, nevertheless, have missed the safeguarding nets. It was suggested therefore, that a gap in core/statutory mechanisms could exist and Superintendent Perkin agreed to look further into this.

The Chair thanked Superintendent Perkin for his presentation and requested that further updates be provided. It was noted that he would speak further at the next Board meeting on 14 January on Modern Day Slavery in Devon.

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FUNDING SUB GROUP UPDATE - MINUTES OF MEETING OF 29 OCTOBER 2015

The minutes of the Funding Sub Group of 29 October 2015 were noted.

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FEEDBACK FROM MEMBER REPRESENTATION ON MULTI AGENCY GROUPS

The Chair welcomed Christine Fraser who, as Joint Chair of the Exeter Community Forum, reported on progress made by the Forum and on its work in bringing forward the Community Strategy for the City in relation to CIL. Professional consultants had been engaged to assist and the goal was to produce a draft by May 2016. A series

of meetings had been held, beginning in Local Democracy Week with a Our City, Our Future event, with the following six communities of place identified for community consultation meetings - Alphington, Countess Wear, St James, Pinhoe, Exwick and Beacon Heath.

The Forum was working closely with local communities and with the University Guild of Students through both its Community Volunteer programme and the engagement of a student graduate to help with communication/social media. Plans were in place for engagement with young people as part of the consultation process with the support of the Devon Youth Service.

The Chair thanked Christine Fraser for the update.

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DATES OF MEETINGS AND FUTURE BUSINESS

RESOLVED that the following dates for meetings of the Board be noted:-

Thursday 14 January 2016
Thursday 28 April 2016
Thursday 14 July 2016
Thursday 22 September 2016
Thursday 17 November 2016
Thursday 2 February 2017
Thursday 20 April 2017
Thursday 27 July 2017
Thursday 21 September 2017

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985 - EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3 of Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Act.

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YOUTH SERVICE UPDATE

The Head of Youth Services Devon County Council explained the background to the re-organisation of the County Council's youth service made in response to budget cuts and to the establishment of eight youth centres across Devon including one for Exeter at the 100 Club Countess Wear. The re-organisation would see the creation of a separate staff mutual operating out of the 100 Club with 1 October 2016 identified as the date for a full transfer. He explained the role of remaining staff, the 100 Club now providing five youth sessions a week, three open access, one for LGBT and one for those in care/adoption. It was also integrating young people from other centres.

The following updates were provided:-

Beacon - Knight Club

The transfer had been very successful with additional activities launched even though a number of youngsters were challenging. The youth workers worked closely with the 100 Club in sharing policies, training and advice.

Phoenix Club

Councillor Hannan reported on progress with the Youth Centre which required the agreement of the Wonford Community and Learning Centre who were keen to extend the existing community centre as part of the agreement to provide youth services and also welcomed opportunities to generate income through increased activity. The draft agreement was not dissimilar to that considered by the YMCA who had also expressed an interest in operating the centre initially, but fine tuning in respect of the lease arrangements had been delayed.

Discussions between the County Solicitor and the Wonford Community and Learning Centre Solicitor were on-going to clarify terms and conditions of the lease and Councillor Hart confirmed that he had asked for an early resolution of the legal issues. It was noted that one of the youth workers made redundant had offered to assist at the Phoenix.

West Side

There had been lengthy discussions with Exeter YMCA about the future of the former Devon Youth Services facility at Buddle Lane (Westside) but the position of the YMCA remained unclear regarding their commitment to providing youth provision at the centre. An allocation of £57,000 had been reserved from the Invest in Devon Funds for capital works, the main element being the replacement of the roof of this large building. NPS had undertaken minor repairs, the contractor utilised having estimated the cost of roof replacement to be in the region of £45,000. The YMCA had received a quote of £99,000.

The Community Involvement and Inclusion Officer explained that the Board monies earmarked for Westside were yet to be released.

The Board asked for clarification on the YMCA's position. An urgent meeting was required to confirm their commitment to assuming responsibility for the building, associated repairs and refurbishment as well as youth provision in the area.

Possible alternative uses of the site were briefly discussed.

General

With regard to the overall delivery of youth services, the Board had previously called for the development of a youth strategy for Exeter in order to ensure as strong a youth service as possible for the City, but this had not been progressed. The Head of Youth Service advised that a previous move to develop a comprehensive approach to youth issues had stalled due to the lack of engagement of other agencies. He believed that such a strategy should embrace a number of issues – housing, health, education, leisure activities - and that, as such, the full involvement of a number of parties was essential. He was prepared to commit youth service resources to this initiative and hoped that others would also contribute. He was clear that the County Council shouldn't necessarily be the lead agency and that any such strategy may be more objective if it were not one of the key statutory interested parties. He suggested that the Exeter Community Forum or another independent group could play a leading and facilitation role.

RESOLVED that the City Council Community Involvement and Inclusion Officer and the County Council Partnership and Policy Development Officer meet as soon as possible with Peter Stephenson, the Chief Executive of the YMCA, and with local Members as appropriate, to seek clear confirmation from the YMCA of its continued commitment to both the occupation of the building and the delivery of youth work in the area, the YMCA to be set a deadline for their response. Failing any such commitment, consideration would need to be given to an alternative solution for the facility.

(The meeting commenced at 5.50 pm and closed at 7.56 pm)

Chair

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EXETER BOARD FUNDING SUB-GROUP

Thursday 17 December 2015

Present:

Councillor Sutton (Chair)
Councillor Owen

Also Present:

Community Involvement and Inclusion Officer and Partnership & Policy Officer and
Democratic Services Manager (Committees)

AS THE MEETING WAS NOT QUORATE, SUGGESTED RECOMMENDATIONS AS
BELOW WERE AGREED WITH MEMBERS VIA EMAIL.

33 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Denham, Edwards, Prowse and
Westlake.

34 SUMMARY OF GRANTS AWARDED FOR INFORMATION

The summary of grants awarded for 2014-15 and 2015-16 to date was noted.

35 SUMMARY OF LOCALITY BUDGETS FOR INFORMATION

The summary of Locality Budgets was noted.

36 APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

36a Exeter Rotary Club

The Group considered the application for £5,000 towards the set up and
expenditure of Exeter Rotary Club Meet and Remember Club aimed at helping
clients with mild dementia.

Members had concerns regarding a city wide strategic approach across the City to
address the support required to help those with dementia and their carers.

Agreed that the application is **declined**. It was suggested that dialogue take place
with Padouk Fielding, Dementia Friendly Communities – Partnership Development
Officer at Devon County Council in order that a more strategic approach could be
taken towards dementia support in the City.

36b Exeter Dementia Action Alliance

The Group considered the application for £14,400 towards Coordinator and
Secretary costs.

Members had concerns regarding a city wide strategic approach across the City to
address the support required to help those with dementia and their carers.

Agreed that the application is **declined**. It was suggested that dialogue take place with Padouk Fielding, Dementia Friendly Communities – Partnership Development Officer at Devon County Council in order that a more strategic approach could be taken towards dementia support in the City.

36c **Devon Rape and Sexual Abuse Line**

The Group considered the application for £1,000 towards running costs of the Devon Rape and Sexual Abuse Line.

Members noted that whilst Devon Rape Crisis did provide a help line this grant would be for a free phone help line.

Agreed that the application is **approved** for £1,000 with the request that the applicants look to work strategically with Devon Rape Crisis.

36d **Park Life Heavitree**

The Group considered the application for £23,895.50 towards costs for surveys/plans for the building of a new urban village hall.

Members noted that funds towards this project had already been received from Exeter City Council's New Homes Bonus Funds.

Agreed that the application is **declined**.

36e **WESC Foundation - The Specialist Centre for Visual Impairment**

The Group considered the application for £17,967.20 towards the refurbishment of the VI Radio facilities and equipment and to develop into an FM Community Radio Station for other local disability groups.

Agreed that the application is **declined** as Members felt the application did not meet the criteria.

36f **2nd Exeter Scout Group**

The Group considered the application for £2,687.32 towards improving building access and community access to information communication technology (ICT).

Members recognised that this facility was used by other organisations in the community.

Agreed that the application is **approved** for £2687.32 as this Scout Hut was a well used community facility.

36g **Weather Arts and Music**

The Group considered the application for £1,230 towards publicity costs for a community event, WAM Extreme Weather Event, at the University of Exeter.

Agreed that the application is **declined** as it did not meet the criteria. Members suggested that the applicants might consider approaching the Arts Council for funding.

36h **Ladysmith Community Toddler Group**

The Group considered the application for £7,180 for facilitator costs for one year and resources.

Members noted that the Toddler Group worked with the wider community including EAL families.

Agreed that the application is **part approved** for £3,500.

37 **MONITORING FORMS FOR INFORMATION**

The Group noted the following monitoring forms which were circulated with the agenda:

- CHICKS
- Exeter Pound
- Exeter & East Devon Growth Point – Community Art in the Riverside Part
- Exeter Community Radio – Phonic FM

(The meeting commenced at 2.35 pm and closed at 3.00 pm)

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EXETER HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Tuesday 17 November 2015

Present:-

Gill Champion	- Clinical Commissioning Group
Councillor Edwards	- Exeter City Council
Councillor Owen	- Exeter City Council
Councillor Leadbetter	- Exeter City Council
Councillor Westlake	- Exeter City Council
Dr Virginia Pearson	- Public Health, Devon County Council
Kirsty Hill	- Public Health, Devon County Council
Superintendent Sam De Rea	- Devon and Cornwall Constabulary
Simon Bowkett	- Exeter Voluntary Service
Matt Evans	- Active Devon
Caroline Lee	- Devon Health-watch
Sue Stevens	- Devon Health-watch
Julian Tagg	- Exeter City Football Club
Jo Yelland	- Exeter ICE
Catherine Stevens	- South West Lottery Local Manager
Simon Bates	- Green Infrastructure Project Manager
Robert Norley	- Exeter City Council
Dawn Rivers	- Exeter City Council
Howard Bassett	- Exeter City Council

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APOLOGIES

These were received from Superintendents DeGea and Perkin, Tim Golby, Kealey Sherwood and Patsy Temple.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2 SEPTEMBER 2015

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 September 2015 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as correct.

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APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND DEPUTY FOR FUTURE MEETINGS IN 2016

RESOVLED that:-

- (1) Gillian Champion of the Clinical Commissioning Group be appointed Chair of the Board for 2016; and
- (2) Councillor Keith Owen of Exeter City Council be appointed Deputy Chair of the Board for 2016.

REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE

Robert Norley tabled proposed updated terms of reference for the Board. It was noted that the original terms of reference remained fit for purpose but would benefit from some minor changes and additions. The ability of the Board to appoint Associate Members was introduced and agreed. In future, the document would be further refreshed as and when necessary.

RESOLVED that the updated terms of reference (attached to minutes) be adopted.

PUBLIC HEALTH OUTCOMES EXETER PROFILE

Kirsty Hill, the Public Health Specialist, presented the 2015-16 Exeter District Public Health Summary. This contained information for the district based on the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment Devon overview, Devon Joint Health and Wellbeing Outcomes Framework and Public Health Outcomes Framework.

The summary would be formally published on the Devon Health and Wellbeing website after formally being signed off in December. The summary should be used to consider the Exeter district plan and to evaluate if priorities are still valid and whether any other areas need to be considered.

The summary provided summary of local and national outcome indicators for Exeter and covered demographics, life expectancy, deprivation, overall mortality and premature mortality, mental health, accidents, fuel poverty, smoking, obesity, sexual health, projected social care needs, domestic abuse and sexual violence, immunisations, dementia and alcohol.

The data around alcohol related admissions was discussed. The detail around who was being admitted was discussed and it was asked whether repeat admissions of individuals was influencing these rates. Recent media coverage of a lack of awareness of problem drinking amongst middle ages was highlighted. Simon Bowkett remarked that such problems could be masked by better diet and exercise amongst this cohort as well as little change to the prevention/treatment model and referred to two recent initiatives in Exeter - Addaction's Drink Wise - Age Well campaign and Alcohol Concern's Blue Light campaign. Difficulty of engagement with this population group, and commitment to behaviour change, remained issues. This is evident at primary care level.

RESOLVED that the representatives of Drink Wise Age Well be invited to the February Board meeting, which would have a focus on Priority 2 - reduce alcohol misuse.

REVIEW OF HEALTH OUTCOME PRIORITIES FOR THE BOARD

Referring to the existing agreed Board priorities of:-

- (1) increased physical activity;
- (2) reduced alcohol misuse;
- (3) reducing falls and cold homes; and
- (4) health of the most disadvantaged.

Councillor Owen suggested the addition of a fifth – Improving Diet of Exeter Citizens. He referred to the work of the Exeter Food Network in providing meals during school holidays for children in need. Dawn Rivers referred to the Magic Breakfast Project which was seeking local authority funding of one third towards the provision of free breakfasts to all children in all of the City's primary schools - one

third to come from the Charity itself and one third from businesses – the total cost was estimated at 40p a child. Members referred to on-going media coverage of growing obesity levels and poor nutritional content of many foods and for the need for pressure to be born on the large food suppliers to increase the health value of their products.

There was discussion about the opportunity to “weave in” health diet aspects of other projects such as Get Active Exeter but, overall, it was felt that there was merit in forming a fifth priority for the Board and the establishment of a working group to promote that priority.

RESOLVED that:-

- (1) Improving the diet of Exeter citizens be added as a fifth Board priority;
- (2) appropriate representations be made to the Government and local MP’s to seek to bring pressure on the food industry to better regulate itself to improve food quality and the nation’s diet;
- (3) a Task and Finish Group be established, Dawn Rivers and Sarah Gibbs to co-ordinate, to consider these issues, the Group remit to also embrace the inequality agenda with recommendations to be made to a future meeting on addressing issues for Exeter.

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ICE PROJECT UPDATE

Jo Yelland updated the Board on progress with the delivery of the Integrated Care Exeter Programme. Her presentation covered the following areas:-

- Section 1 : 180 Day Action Plan Key Milestones Overview;
- Section 2 : High Level Progress Report;
- Section 3 : Stakeholder Analysis;
- Section 4 : Key Communication Messages; and
- Section 5 : Key Programme Risks.

Jo highlighted the progress in the work stream that was aiming for improvements in service delivery and the two projects that were likely to have a direct impact on Exeter residents:-

- streamlining the hospital discharge process and the introduction of a new “discharge to assess” model with the RD&E aimed at reducing delayed discharges, particularly for older people who need help and support following a hospital stay. The scheme is in the test phase and would go live in January 2016 and had involved ICE partners putting additional resources into community health and care services in the City to support the changed pathway; and
- improved access to care and support for the street homeless. Early in 2016 ICE partners would test a new Health and Well Being Team for people who are street homeless by bringing together existing resources into a single, integrated team to provide a joined up approach when people are faced with a crisis, to better meet the immediate and longer term needs and to ensure that only people who have a clinical need for inpatient acute care are admitted to hospital.

Jo also explained that within the ICE Programme work had been undertaken to develop a framework, based on the ICE model for population health and well-being, for community development and prevention with strong links to existing good practice in the City. This included the development of the Exeter Community Forum whose priority setting event in the New Year offered a good opportunity to make

further links with the ICE agenda. There were further links to be developed with Exeter Active. The framework was now being put into an investment bid for funding to develop the model in partnership across the City.

The role of senior leaders within the ICE governance was highlighted as critical to maintaining, developing and driving the work programme forward.

The Chair thanked Jo Yelland for her update.

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GET EXETER ACTIVE

Matt Evans updated the Board on the following:-

Sport England Bid

Following the success of the bid to Sport England, some 30 projects had been identified for 2016, the first to come on line in January with a target of 2,000 participants over the three year period of the scheme. A meeting was scheduled for the first week of December with Sport England to finalise the delivery plan and outcome measures. Each participant would be involved in a 10-12 week programme with follow up over a 6-12 month period to determine if a commitment to fitness was on-going.

He invited the Board to suggest potential elements for inclusion in the evaluation process, such as some form of attitude and wellbeing surveying.

Government Sports Strategy Consultation

The Board had responded to the consultation and a response from the Government was awaited.

RESOLVED that:-

- (1) ideas for outcomes inclusion in the evaluation etc. process be forwarded to Matt Evans; and
- (2) Matt Evans update the Board at its February meeting on the Government response to the consultation on the Sports Strategy.

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RIVERSIDE AND LUDWELL VALLEY PARKS MASTER PLAN

The Chair welcomed Simon Bates the Green Infrastructure Project Manager for the Growth Point Team to the meeting. His presentation covered the main projects and recommendations from a draft master plan for the Riverside and Ludwell Valley Parks for the period 2016-2026. The master plan set out a 10 year investment plan for these two parks, to be funded principally from the Community Infrastructure Levy.

The plan set out where new areas of public recreational space can be created, and where improvements to existing space can be made. It also addressed other aspects, such as the quality of 'gateways' into the Parks, interpretation of heritage and wildlife, navigation, notice of park events, and the use of art to increase socialising in under-utilised spaces. The need for the plan was driven largely by housing growth. The resulting increase in population had an indirect impact on the Exe Estuary and the impact had to be mitigated, in order for the Core Strategy and Development Plan Documents to be compliant with the Habitats Regulations.

The master plan identified the following six distinct character zones:-

- Little Devon (Ludwell Valley);
- Gateway to the Estuary;
- Island Parks;
- The Meadows;
- Old and New City Centre; and
- The Modernised River.

and listed projects included land purchase and improved access to the parks, provision of information on where people can walk, new footpaths and associated signage, Ludwell Lane traffic calming, formal access to Alphinbrook, Exwick wild play, supporting the growth of a community hub at Wonford, additional children's play areas and a sensory garden.

He acknowledged the importance of liaising with local ward members and agreed to consult Will Pratt, Highway Development Management Officer (Exeter) at the County Council. Dawn Rivers asked for the Exeter Community Forum to be involved and Councillor Owen would advise of the City Council input.

The Chair thanked Simon Bates for his presentation.

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PRESENTATION ON BIG LOTTERY FUND

The Chair welcomed Catherine Stevens, South West Big Lottery Local Manager, to the meeting. Her presentation covered the following elements:-

- the Big Lottery Fund had four key priorities - education, community , environment and health (more active communities);
- Awards for All programme - grants of £300 to £10,000 and examples of grants made;
- Reaching Communities grants with an average grant size of £300,000 with 1-5 years funding on offer;
- Previous national strategic programme with a total investment of £200 million focussing on improving physical health, increasing healthy eating, and improving low level mental health problems. The presentation highlighted some of the findings from the national evaluation;
- the grants were partnership led with the south west lead being the Westbank Healthy Living Centre; and
- new strategic programmes with health and well-being focus at present included Ageing Better - addressing social isolation and loneliness of older people - £70 million investment and HeadStart - addressing mental health issues for 10-16 year olds - £75 million investment England-wide.

Further information about all of the Big Lottery Fund's grant programmes was available on their website plus details of their advice line and regular bulletins that could be signed up to. There was also a dedicated Health and Wellbeing page (link on presentation).

Responding to Matt Evans, she advised that, walking groups could be supported. Grants were not made for sports focussed projects, but sport could be a medium to a social outcome, for example, funding for a football team if the aim was to reduce anti-social behaviour in the local youth community.

Dawn Rivers emphasised the value of a partnership approach with communities to increasing community resilience and supporting healthier communities.

Catherine Stevens stated that she was happy to have further conversations about funding, partnership working, sharing learning on health and wellbeing projects, engaging disadvantaged communities and attending future meetings.

The Chair thanked Catherine Stevens for her presentation.

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PRESENTATION - EXETER VOICES

The Chair welcomed Caroline Lee to the meeting. She explained the role of Healthwatch Devon, a customer champion of community health in Devon and stated that the aim of the Exeter Voices project was:-

- to increase the amount of feedback to Healthwatch Devon from the Exeter locality;
- make a positive contribution to community profiling in Devon; and
- raise awareness of Healthwatch Devon as the statutory Consumer Champion for Health and Social Care.

Healthwatch Devon had built strong relationships with a variety of “delivery partners” such as BID for mental health and Living Options for the physically disabled and was working closely with CAB in collecting public views on health services.

Although the intended focus was on a wide remit of health and well being in general rather than specific elements, current data collection had identified issues such as GP practices, hospitals, community care services, mental health services, ambulance and dentists and divided into a number of themes. 117 cases had responded with 46% responding positively with the most prominent negative themes being “treatment miscommunication” and “treatment or appointment delay” and it was noted that HIKMAT Devon carer service – who involves an array of faith and minority ethnic groups - had passed on a number of compliments about health and social care services.

Healthwatch Devon was to undertake more in-depth research especially with minority groups and possessed a portable kiosk to target harder to reach communities. It was seeking the views of the Board to identify any specific health and well being issues in Exeter for which further information would assist for a further survey over the Christmas period. Kirsty Hill suggested a greater tie-in with the JSNA research, in particular, social isolation and loneliness.

The Chair thanked Caroline Lee for her presentation.

RESOLVED that a meeting be arranged by Robert Norley with Healthwatch, Public Health and Active Exeter.

(The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and closed at 4.35 pm)

Chair

EXETER HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Tuesday 2 February 2016

Present:-

Councillor Owen (Chair)	Exeter City Council
Councillor Edwards	Exeter City Council
Councillor Westlake	Exeter City Council
Dr Virginia Pearson	Public Health, Devon County Council
Kirsty Hill	Public Health, Devon County Council
Ruby Keane	Public Health, Devon County Council
Simon Bowkett	Exeter Voluntary Services
Matt Evans	Active Devon
Julian Tagg	Exeter City Football Club
Jo Yelland	Exeter ICE
Clare Powley	Drink Wise Age Well
Dawn Rivers	Exeter City Council
Nicola Forsdyke	Exeter City Council
Lee Staples	Exeter City Council
Howard Bassett	Exeter City Council

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CHAIR

In the absence of the Chair, Gillian Champion, the meeting was chaired by Councillor Owen.

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APOLOGIES

These were received from Gillian Champion, Simon Bates, Caroline Lee and Robert Norley.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 NOVEMBER 2015

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 November 2015 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as correct.

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GOVERNMENT SPORTS STRATEGY CONSULTATION

Following consultation, the Government had published "Sporting Future: A New Strategy for an Active Nation" in December. Whilst it covered all aspects of sport including elite performance, commercial sport and governance it mirrored much of the feedback provided in this Board's consultation response. It sought to redefine what success looks like in sport, by concentrating on five key outcomes: Physical wellbeing; Mental wellbeing; Individual development; Social and community development; and Economic development. There would be a specific focus on inactivity and Sport England's role remained central around community participation. Its remit would be extended down to the age of five and broadened to include activities such as walking, dancing and cycling. The Active People survey

would be replaced by a new Active Lives survey. The full strategy can be downloaded from this link

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/486622/Sporting_Future_ACCESSIBLE.pdf

In addition to the all encompassing Government strategy, Sport England had also announced a consultation on its own strategy and both Matt Evans and Robert Norley would attend a consultation event on 24 February. There is also an online public consultation available via the Sport England website.

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RIVERSIDE AND LUDWELL VALLEY PARK MASTER PLAN

The Chair reported that the Master Plan was to be considered by the City Council Executive on 9 February and that comments on it were welcome.

The Plan, which can be viewed on the link below, contained many new features designed to increase activity by children and adults:-

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B4CpCORtOQdTUjh1ZmFXNWcwMEk/view?usp=sharing>

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EXETER VOICES

Kirsty Hill reported that Healthwatch Devon had commenced initial research prior to Christmas on the Exeter Voices project and was looking to refine the questionnaires prior to developing the project further.

RESOLVED that the work in progress be noted.

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BUS AND COACH STATION SITE RE-DEVELOPMENT

The recent Exeter City Council approval of planning permission for the re-development of the Bus and Coach Station site was noted and welcomed. Whilst a balance between Sport for Excellence and Sport for All was referred to it was noted that the design for the swimming pool, as part of the larger leisure scheme, was the economically viable option.

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GET EXETER ACTIVE

Matt Evans updated the Board on progress with the Get Active Exeter Project as follows:-

- the new Get Active Exeter logo was tabled, which had been the winning design in a public competition;
- the Express and Echo has been secured as Get Exeter Active's media partner and would be running a high profile campaign across its various channels;
- the first distinct project - City Fit Club – was due to commence in mid-February based at the Grecian Club, Exeter City Football Club aimed at the 30-55 age group and involving a 30 minute interactive workshop to discuss lifestyle and 60 minutes light physical exercise activity; and
- Legacy Leisure were offering a £7 discount to Active Exeter members when participating in fitness sessions.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

IMPROVING THE DIET OF EXETER CITIZENS

Dawn Rivers reported the following issues discussed at the first Improving the Diet of Exeter Citizens Task and Finish Working Group, the inaugural group including Public Health Devon, Exeter Community Initiatives and Exeter City Council and would be widened to include the Exeter Food Network:-

- lobby government to implement a sugar tax on drinks;
- work with the planning department to explore different ways they could reduce fast food outlets in sensitive areas (near schools);
- work with the Exeter Food Network on the local and healthy food agenda to look at local supermarkets stocking healthy food and examine the possibility of a citizens supermarket;
- work with commissioners to establish where there may be opportunities within the commissioning process to promote and support people to eat a healthy diet., (including lunch clubs and school breakfasts – Magic Breakfast model; and
- use current resources to look at how a community engagement approach could work, maybe focussing on Wonford or Exwick, because some of the pieces of the jigsaw are in place there.

Councillor Westlake endorsed work with primary schools, the school where he was a governor, looking to promote healthy diets and reduce waste of school meals by some children. Although largely independent, schools could be assisted by the County Council who could, for example, influence food suppliers.

RESOLVED that:-

- (1) the scope of the target group, which is the whole community, be approved;
- (2) support for the group to develop links to Food for Life, the Healthy Lifestyle Service, Exeter Food Network, Integrated Care in Exeter, Health Visitors, School Nurses, the voluntary sector and any other organisation to be confirmed;
- (3) support for the group to determine appropriate consultation mechanisms to identify barriers and develop solutions in respect of improving peoples' diets be confirmed;
- (4) the Task and Finish Group identify the added value it can make to health and diet in the City, with recognition of existing groups on a similar agenda with a report back to the next Health and Wellbeing Board;
- (5) Robert Norley write to Dr Sarah Wollaston MP, a member of the Parliamentary Health Select Committee, which was reviewing Public Health, on the issue of a sugar tax; and
- (6) the City Council's Planning Department be consulted on measures to prevent the location of fast food outlets near schools.

ICE PROGRAMME A1 : IMPROVING THE HEALTH INEQUALITIES OF HOMELESS PERSONS

Jo Yelland updated the Board on progress with the delivery of the Integrated Care Exeter Programme. She presented the three year plan from 2015/16 to 2017/18 and covered the initiatives to date including multi agency workshops, 151 people completing a Street Homeless Health audit to form a baseline, practitioners challenging each other to deliver more effective, person centred care and changes at the Clock Tower Primary Care.

The aims had been revised to cover:-

- improving the co-ordination and delivery of existing services;
- prototyping new models for future integration of commissioning; and
- prototyping new models of delivery for Rapid Response, Crisis Support and Reablement for Street Homeless through new models of delivery prototyped through Integrated Health & Wellbeing Team for Homeless, MEAM case co-ordination and the Wat Tyler Hub.

The next steps included a formal mandate from ICE Board, identification of project management resource and lead agency and delivery plans. The scheme will go live in March.

Amongst the highlighted statistics were:-

- concerning that over half of respondents eat less than one meal a day;
- smoking prevalence is significantly higher than for the rest of Devon;
- two thirds have slept rough and 46% first slept rough when they were under 25;
- only 12% were in employment, volunteering and training and 38% reported having been admitted to hospital for a mental illness;
- 40% reported drinking twice a week or more with 13% reported drinking almost every day;
- 46% (70) of respondents had been to A&E in the previous 12 months and 39 of these had attended repeatedly; and
- 57% of those discharged from hospital said this was to suitable accommodation but 25% were discharged back to the street and 22% said they were re-admitted within 30 days.

Members recognised the complexities of the issues in engaging the homeless. For example, that despite many avoiding visiting GP's, others would visit three to four times a week and that, whilst some individuals were reported as eating one meal only a day, there seemed to be a preponderance of groups providing free meals and food. Mental health was considered a contributory factor in many cases and that a variety of "first door" options were valuable to increase engagement levels.

Exeter, traditionally, had a high number of rough sleepers compared with other cities. Its response was more fragmentary compared with some, with Plymouth, for example, possessing two large bodies addressing the problem. Nationally, however, rough sleeping had increased by 55% in the last five years and Bournemouth, for example, had recently witnessed a significant increase in its area. Most of Exeter's rough sleepers came from the Exeter and Devon area.

The Chair thanked Jo Yelland for her update.

ALCOHOL HARM FOCUS

The following presentations were made, the highlights set out beneath:-

- Facts on alcohol use in Exeter - Kirsty Hill;
 - whilst people are drinking more than in previous decades, levels have started to fall since 2007;
 - alcohol use is falling quickest in younger people
 - whilst binge drinking is a concern, chronic health conditions in older people caused by prolonged excessive drinking is also a concern
 - whilst regular alcohol use is typically lower in communities with higher levels of deprivation, admissions and death rates are highest.
- Drink Wise Age Well - Clare Pawley;

Aims

- better policy and practice to prevent alcohol dependency in later life
- improved health and well being for people age 50 and over who are at risk of developing alcohol dependency;
- the delivery of more effective services to prevent alcohol dependency amongst the ageing population

Key Messages

- hidden population of over 50's at risk of harm from drinking and high level of stigma and shame associated with alcohol use in the over 50s;
- the five most frequently reported reasons for those who drink more now than in the past were age-related.

Four main work streams

- free alcohol training in Devon for individuals, groups and front line workers;
- direct engagement and support team who visit people 1-1 to reduce drinking;
- building resilience including activities and events – Think Wise Age Well; and
- prevention and campaigning events.
- Video - The Great British Booze Problem

and the following reports presented:-

- Public Health England's Local Alcohol Profile for Exeter;
- Alcohol Concern Blue Light Project; and
- Emergency Exits – achieving the right balance between support and enforcement to reduce street-based anti-social behaviour in Exeter.

The Chair invited thoughts and suggestions on any action the Board could take in respect of alcohol harm, given that reducing alcohol misuse was one of its main themes. The following issues were raised in the debate:-

- surprise at the level of drinking in the retired but pleasing to see reduction in young people's consumption;
- culture change was key, with education one way of challenging behaviour. The difficulty in addressing a deeply rooted problem was recognised with hypocrisy apparent in many areas such as, whilst recognising the dangers of alcohol, its use as a social lubricant remained prevalent;
- increase in drink driving in over 50's;
- little understanding of unit limits and although 14 units a week was the recent recommended guideline the advice of the World Health Organisation was that there was no safe limit;
- drink culture embedded in certain work places and many under record drinking levels when quizzed;
- little opportunity for social interaction and events on Friday and Saturday nights without the presence of alcohol, an issue also raised in recent consultation;
- use of licensing tools to, for example, encourage licensed establishments to offer greater opportunities to drink non-alcohol beverages and tea/coffee. In this respect the Breweries would need to be targeted;
- pressure groups such as the Portman Group and a fledgling Exeter organisation called Club Soda were keen to promote alcohol free events and the City's licensed establishments and the Licensed Victuallers Association should be encouraged to engage;
- Artigiano offer non-alcoholic drinks in tandem with alcohol and this approach together with extending the City's café culture should be further encouraged;
- Exeter already undertaking encouraging measures such as Best Bar None;
- Alcohol Related Injuries Database - Accident and Emergency Hospital attendance data which records details of last location of drink where the attendance is alcohol related - Available for Devon via the Community Safety Partnership;
- a campaign to discourage shops from selling high percentage alcohol and promoting cheap alcohol could be considered. A similar approach was looked at by Torridge District Council; and
- campaigns in local schools and work with the University should be extended to Exeter College.

RESOLVED that:-

- (1) the Board endorse the initiatives discussed at this meeting as part of its aim of reducing alcohol misuse; and
- (2) feedback be provided at the next Board meeting on the Eat Well Drink Well event to be held on Cathedral Green on 14 May organised by Drin Wise Age Well.

Kirsty Hill reported on the Public Health England initiative, One You, launching on 7 March directed at the 30-55 year age group covering healthy eating, physical activity, more movement and cessation of smoking and sensible drinking. In Devon, this campaign is being uplifted around reducing sedentary behaviour and encouraging a more active lifestyle. An online tool will be available called the "How You Are You" tool. The public will be directed to this to make a quick assessment of

the different areas covered and will then be linked to local and national resources to offer support.

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BLUE LIGHT

Details were provided of two training programmes being run by Alcohol Concern to enable front line staff to offer support to problem drinkers who are unable for one reason or another to engage with alcohol services. Details of this training is available from Lorna Jones or Gill Unstead in Devon County Council.

RESOLVED that the Board endorse this initiative.

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CLEAR STREETS CHARTER

The Board meeting on 7 July 2015 had been advised that, following on from the presentation to the previous Board meetings by Tracey Wilson, the eye clinic liaison officer, Members and officers of Devon County Council and Exeter City Council had participated in a visually impaired walkabout from the Civic Centre to the top of Fore Street. The Board had resolved to support the development of a "clear streets policy or charter" in partnership with blind and partially sighted people, and stakeholders.

The Chair confirmed that the Board remained committed to producing a Clear Streets Charter and that a further report would be submitted to the April Board meeting.

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DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

RESOLVED that the following dates for future meetings be noted:-

Tuesday 12 April 2016	Tuesday 5 July 2016
Tuesday 13 September 2016	Tuesday 15 November 2016
Tuesday 31 January 2017	Tuesday 11 April 2017
Tuesday 11 July 2017	Tuesday 12 September 2017

(The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and closed at 4.00 pm)

Chair

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COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP - EXECUTIVE GROUP

Wednesday 21 October 2015

Present:-

Superintendent Keith Perkin	- Devon & Cornwall Constabulary
Nigel Deasy	- Devon & Somerset Fire and Rescue Service
Councillor Peter Edwards	- Exeter City Council
Simon Lane	- Exeter City Council
Robert Norley	- Exeter City Council
Melinda Pogue-Jackson	- Exeter City Council
County Councillor P Prowse	- Devon County Councillor
Lisa Rutter	- Devon Youth Service - Exeter, East & Mid Devon
Mike Hamilton	- Community Rehabilitation Company
Simon Dallas	- RD&E NHS Foundation Trust
Jo Quinnell	- Exeter City Council

Apologies:-

Karime Hassan	- Exeter City Council
Simon Bowkett	- Exeter CVS
Nicola Channon	- Safer Devon Partnership
Steve Jones	- Youth Offending Service
Simon Perkins	- Probation
Richard Clarke	- RD&E NHS Foundation Trust
Gill Unstead	- Public Health Devon
Denise Dearden	- Trading Standards

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MINUTES OF LAST MEETING - 22 JULY 2015

The minutes of the last meeting held on 22 July 2015 were agreed.

Minute No. 19 – Legacy Leisure Project with offenders

Mike Hamilton reported that stakeholders he had contacted were not aware of the compulsory element of the project, but were of the view that it cannot be compulsory to attend as part of release conditions. The principle of the project was sound, but enforcing it would be problematic. He would continue to chase.

Minute No. 21 – Victim Support representation

Melinda Pogue-Jackson had reported back to Victim Support on the outcome of discussions at the previous meeting following a request to sit on the CSP Executive Group.

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CSP WEBPAGE REFRESH - KEITH PERKIN

Simon Lane reported that discussions had been held with Rebecca Weale regarding the CSP webpage refresh. Work was in progress and was also being interlinked with the Exeter City Council website overhaul. Good examples of other CSP webpages were being looked at as a point of reference and links to other agencies would be included.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE OPTIONS - ROBERT NORLEY/MELINDA POGUE JACKSON

A meeting had taken place between Robert Norley, Melinda Pogue-Jackson and Dawn Rivers, the Council's Community Involvement & Inclusion Officer to explore various options for an annual conference.

Discussions had been held around the objective, target audience and the merits of different models to raise the profile and to add value.

It was proposed that a programme of targeted presentations can be provided tailored to specific organisations.

In addition, articles could be placed in the Citizen which is distributed to all households in Exeter. In the November edition, an article will be included on the Public Spaces Protection Order which will give a summary and a link to the public consultation. There is also a role for elected representatives to promote the work of the Partnership.

Lisa Rutter requested that young people also have a voice and would welcome feedback on how they feel the Partnership is doing. Melinda also referred to other hard to reach groups such as BME, disabled and older people who should also be engaged with.

This option will have no costs other than officer time.

Agreed that Robert Norley will draw up a draft plan. This will be circulated prior to the next meeting for contribution/comments.

COMMUNITY REHABILITATION COMPANY UPDATE - MIKE HAMILTON

Mike Hamilton reported that the Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC) had been in place since June 2014 and had been split into the National Probation Service (NPS) and the CRC. They currently occupy a split site at Barnfield Road. As of 31 December the CRC lease expires and will not be extended. The CRC will no longer have entry into the NPS building, except as a visitor and they will not be able to meet with offenders in the annexe.

Although the first phase of the new health and wellbeing hub at Wat Tyler House had been completed, the new CRC accommodation would be part of the second phase along with the Clock Tower Surgery. Negotiations had taken place and partial accommodation would be available in the completed part of Wat Tyler House. They will also be split between Queens House and Brittany House. The IOM Team would be moving to Brittany House. Meetings cannot be held with offenders at Queens House.

An assessment and induction team will be set up to enable the Courts and NPS to direct clients. This team will be placed in Wat Tyler House when Phase 2 is completed in April 2016.

There is pressure not to recall due to tight financial targets, but they were continuing as they had done in the past.

Offenders that have served over one day are subject to post sentence supervision for 12 months to catch the revolving door, as often employment and accommodation was lost. In terms of enforcement, if appointments are not kept individuals are taken back to court.

MODERN SLAVERY

Robert Norley, Councillor Edwards and Melinda Pogue-Jackson attended the Modern Slavery conference at Sandy Park in September. A wide range of organisations attended from across Devon.

Modern slavery is a hidden crime and there is no typical victim. Victims are controlled and often isolated which makes it difficult for people to spot the signs. They are often working for low pay which is tied in with accommodation.

Modern slavery comes in many different formats and in areas not necessarily obvious. It can include victims from overseas, and also vulnerable people in the UK being forced to illegally work against their will in many different sectors. This can include nail bars, car washes and can be found in rural areas such as picking crops where the premises may not be visited often by agencies.

Often individuals are unsure of their status within the country, are afraid of authority and therefore do not look to the police as an organisation to go to for help due to the fear factor. Gangmasters use fear and hope to control people.

A multi-force strategy was being trialled in Bristol.

Environmental Health and Licensing are working with regulatory personnel using health and safety inspections, and housing inspections can also be used in this way.

Awareness raising will take place on how its own officers and other organisations can identify signs and what questions to ask if suspicions are raised, as well as how to escalate and what can be done in conjunction with other agencies. Other organisations such as the Fire & Rescue Service also have powers that can be used.

Simon added that monthly intelligence meetings take place which includes the Police, Border Agency and Trading Standards. There is an escalation route through the adults safeguarding referral mechanism. He would obtain more information to circulate and would provide regular updates.

Councillor Edwards advised that he had requested the Corporate Manager Legal look into producing a policy on agency workers. Melinda is also incorporating Modern Slavery into the Council's safeguarding policy and procedures.

The lead for the Community Safety Partnership on modern slavery would come from the Safer Devon Partnership which was examining local profiles and had released a document for comment and feedback.

UPDATES FROM TASKING GROUPS

35a **Reoffending - Keith Perkin**

This had been covered as part of the CRC update earlier in the meeting.

35b **Domestic Family & Sexual Abuse - Melinda Pogue-Jackson**

Melinda Pogue-Jackson reported on the Action Plan that was circulated with the agenda.

A leaflet of events and actions during the 16 days of action would be distributed across the city.

A workshop was held on 9 October which involved organisations who work with children and young people. The key points that came from this meeting are being drafted and will be circulated when finalised.

One of the key actions was to set up a webpage to include a directory of services and to raise awareness of events taking place. This will also include a link to the CSP website.

Working with victims takes a long time and some services only work with individuals for six weeks. However, there is a need to look at the lifetime of a child and to engage with services from nursery to college and working with the family.

Lisa Rutter advised that within Devon there are two different groups, a vulnerable young persons panel and CSE panel. They would be re-launching in November and Lisa would be chairing the group. There would be more emphasis on assessment of risk, prevention and disruption and looking at what agencies can do and mapping supported by police analysis. She would welcome an opportunity to talk about these groups at the meeting in January.

Reference was made to Freshers Week. Statistics show that sexual assault/violence was down by 57%. However, the Devon Rape Crisis figures had shown an increase.

Reference was also made to the figures in the action plan relating to young victims and offenders. A lot of the data related to historical incidents from the 1970/80s. However, Lisa felt that the figures had not changed dramatically, so there was still a need to drive forward to get better and have better reporting mechanisms. The support had improved, but not prosecutions. Third party reporting was used more than reports to the Police.

Organisations should contact Melinda if they wished to have a supply of the 16 days of action leaflets. An electronic version will also be available - www.16daysexeter.wordpress.com

35c Anti-Social Behaviour - Robert Norley

Robert Norley reported that the Anti-Social Behaviour Action Team (ASBAT) and City Centre Issues Group were now held back to back as there was an amount of overlap on issues and there is a core group of officers who attend for both meetings. There had been an improvement in housing association engagement.

The ASBAT meetings focused on specific individuals with multi-agency intervention.

Legal Highs

A number of issues had been raised in both groups including working to restrict the sale of legal highs. One shop had been closed down and another had been persuaded to stop selling. However, it is still legal to buy and there is a myriad of ways for people to obtain them. Conditions had been placed on licences for sex establishments and street sellers that they cannot sell legal highs. One consequence of closing shops is that it was forcing the sale underground. However, it has stopped the anti-social behaviour which was taking place in South Street.

The City has also seen an increase in a pure strain of heroin which is 60% pure and has resulted in overdoses.

Legal highs were now being sold to look like illegal drugs in small packaging. Agencies had identified seven prolific users/dealers who would be targeted. There was some evidence of firms from larger cities who see Exeter as a good place to sell and target vulnerable people.

Government legislation in relation to legal highs was not likely until April 2016.

There has been no record of deaths through legal highs, but there have been deaths where there has been a mix with illegal substances. The increase in the use of legal highs does not sit alongside a reduction in illegal substances. Often users will take legal highs when they are subject to testing.

Community Trigger

The Community Trigger is a process that can be used to ask agencies to review their response to anti-social behaviour incidents that has been reported by an individual. The first case was heard recently. Evidence will be requested from the complainant and a review of actions from different agencies involved will be considered. If the matter is not resolved through this process, it will be referred to the PCC.

Graffiti

Simon Lane reported that there had been an increase in graffiti in recent months and active operations had been taking place. A number of arrests have been made and evidence is now being gathered for court cases to include costs of cleaning and community impact.

The Council is working in partnership with Crimestoppers and offering a cash reward for information leading to an arrest. Simon circulated some posters that illustrated different tags for identification which will shortly be released to the media.

The Partnership welcomed the positive action being taken.

Flyposting

The Council takes a zero tolerance approach to flyposting. Three businesses had been issued with warnings, one of which had received a fixed penalty notice on two occasions. These payments have been placed back into the Community Safety funds. Fixed penalty notices will continue to be issued to a point, but if it continues the licence can be reviewed.

35d Alcohol, Violence and the Night Time Economy - Robert Norley

Robert Norley reported on the action plan which had been circulated with the agenda.

The Best Bar None Scheme had been successful due to the willingness of its members and the proactive approach the traders had taken. This was integral to gain Purple Flag status.

The Britain Thinks Project would be looking at how the perception of the evening and night time economy can be changed and why that perception is there, which is also amongst users. The Group is supported by the Portman Group, the responsible body for drinks producers in the UK.

The Team will put together recommendations to EVANTE following research and consultation.

The Club Hosts pilot scheme was centered around two venues in Exeter to look after the welfare of patrons, including sexual assault and drugs. This is a six month pilot to see if it has a positive impact. Drinkaware is funding the scheme.

35e Vulnerability/Cyber Crime - Denise Dearden

As Denise was unable to attend the meeting, no update was available at this time.

36 FUNDING MONITORING - SIMON LANE

The funding monitoring report was circulated with the agenda.

It was noted that the BID and the University had made a contribution towards the hiring of street urinals.

The mobile CCTV had an ongoing deployment cost which was vital for the ASBAT.

Any bids for funding would be welcomed.

37 CRIME FIGURES - KEITH PERKIN

Keith Perkin reported that overall crime had seen a reduction of 9.3% Victim based crime was down by 11.2% and domestic abuse crimes down by 7.7%. Vehicle and inquisitive crime had also seen a reduction. There had been an increase in sex offences.

38 SAFER DEVON PARTNERSHIP - NICOLA CHANNON

As Nicola was unable to attend the meeting, no update was available at this time.

39 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

RD&E NHS Foundation Trust

Simon Dallas enquired what the RD&E could bring to the meeting.

The Group considered that it was important to have representation from the Trust due to the links with alcohol and violence, the Helpzone and harm reduction with alcohol and drug misuse. The RD&E do record data on ARID (a data sharing programme) in relation to alcohol and violence which can be linked back to the last place individuals were drinking at. Environmental Health receive this information on a monthly basis. Health services can also now object to licences.

Simon reported that they had recruited a violence reduction nurse for two years who would be based at the RD&E. It was agreed that they would be invited to attend the next meeting.

CSP Merger

Keith Perkin reported that the suggestion of joining the Exeter, East and Mid Devon Community Safety Partnerships had been raised – he sits on both partnerships.

Members felt that although there may be some potential benefits in merging, the issues being tackled are different in rural and urban areas and would be best to remain as separate groups with the Safer Devon Partnership as the umbrella organisation. Keith Perkin would feed this back.

New Post

Keith Perkin reported that he had been posted as the Head of Public Protection Unit which oversees work relating to dangerous sex offenders, child abuse and adults at risk.

Superintendent Sam de Reya who is currently the Head of Professional Standards Unit would be taking over Keith's current role.

Keith thanked members of the Partnership for their support during his time as Chair. Members thanked Keith Perkin for his valued contribution.

(The meeting commenced at 9.30 am and closed at 11.30 am)

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