

Community Safety Committee

Tuesday, 02 June 2015 at 14:00

County Hall, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP

AGENDA

- 1 To note the appointment at the Annual Meeting of Council of Councillor Glynn Gilfoyle as Chair and Councillor Alice Grice as Vice Chair of the Committee
- 2 To note the membership of the Committee
- 3 Minutes of last meeting held on 21 April 2015 3 - 8
- 4 Apologies for Absence
- 5 Declarations of Interests by Members and Officers:- (see note below)
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- (1) Councillors are advised to contact their Research Officer for details of any Group Meetings which are planned for this meeting.
- (2) Members of the public wishing to inspect "Background Papers" referred to in the reports on the agenda or Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act should contact:-

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- (3) Persons making a declaration of interest should have regard to the Code of Conduct and the Council's Procedure Rules. Those declaring must indicate the nature of their interest and the reasons for the declaration.

Councillors or Officers requiring clarification on whether to make a declaration of interest are invited to contact Keith Ford (Tel. 0115 977 2590) or a colleague in Democratic Services prior to the meeting.

- (4) Councillors are reminded that Committee and Sub-Committee papers, with the exception of those which contain Exempt or Confidential Information, may be recycled.
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Meeting **COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Date **Tuesday 21 April 2015 at 2.00 pm**

membership

Persons absent are marked with 'A'

COUNCILLORS

Glynn Gilfoyle (Chairman)
Alice Grice (Vice-Chairman)

Chris Barnfather
John Clarke
Maureen Dobson
Bruce Laughton

Keith Longdon **A**
Stuart Wallace
John Wilmott

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Pauline Allan

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Rob Fisher
Sarah Houlton
Lorinda Liversidge
Paul McKay
Mark Walker

} Adult Social Care, Health & Public Protection

Steve Edwards

Children, Families & Cultural Services

Keith Ford
Sally Gill
Cathy Harvey

} Policy, Planning and Corporate Services

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on 24 February 2015 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Keith Longdon.

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Councillor Laughton declared a private non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 9 – Update on Emergency Planning and Registration and Celebratory

Services as the owner of a registered wedding venue, which did not preclude him from speaking or voting on that item.

Councillor Dobson declared a private non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 6 – Community Safety Budget Update – Request for Funding, as a County Council representative on the Partnership Plus committee in Newark, which did not preclude her from speaking or voting on that item.

ORDER OF AGENDA

In order to better facilitate the business of the Committee, the Chairman agreed that the order of the agenda could be amended to enable agenda item 6 – Community Safety Budget Update – Request for Funding and agenda item 10 – Youth Crime Prevention Advisory Group to be taken before and after agenda item 4 respectively.

COMMUNITY SAFETY BUDGET UPDATE – REQUEST FOR FUNDING

Sarah Houlton, Team Manager, Trading Standards & Community Safety introduced the report which sought funding in 2015/16 for a number of initiatives.

RESOLVED 2015/022

That the following contributions be made from the Community Safety Initiatives Budget for 2015/16:-

- a. Safer Nottinghamshire Board (£140,000)
- b. Best Bar None Project (£15,000)
- c. Hate Crime Campaign (£5,000)

NATIONAL CRIMEBEAT AWARDS

Leah Sareen, Community Safety Officer, introduced this agenda item which highlighted the success of the ongoing Dragon's Den style competitions held with schools around specific crime prevention issues. This project was runner up in the National Youth Crimebeat Awards.

Students from the Holgate Academy, Sutton Academy and Quarrydale Academy attended the meeting and gave presentations explaining the work they had undertaken as part of their entries.

Members commended the work of the students and their plans to continue their work beyond the competition itself.

RESOLVED 2015/023

That the contents of the presentation be noted.

YOUTH CRIME PREVENTION ADVISORY GROUP

Leah Sareen, Community Safety Officer, introduced the report which gave an overview of the work undertaken by this group across Nottinghamshire and Nottingham City.

RESOLVED 2015/024

That the various developments in the areas of work contained within this report be noted.

GYPSY & TRAVELLER LIAISON POST

Lorinda Liversidge, Gypsy & Traveller Liaison Officer, gave a presentation giving further information about Gypsies and Travellers (including details of estimated populations and commercial sites in the County) and her role working with these groups.

RESOLVED 2015/025

That the contents of the presentation be noted.

IMPLEMENTING THE WORKING WITH COMMUNITIES FRAMEWORK

Sally Gill, Group Manager, Planning, introduced the report which provided an update on the work of the Community and Voluntary Sector Team.

RESOLVED 2015/026

That the work undertaken by the Community and Voluntary Sector Team, including projects to support community cohesion, be noted.

UPDATE ON TEMPORARY POSTS IN THE REGISTRATION SERVICE

Rob Fisher, Group Manager, Emergency Management and Registration Services, introduced the report which sought approval to establish posts on a permanent basis.

RESOLVED 2015/027

That 4 FTE Registrar posts, Grade 4 positions, SCP 19-23 (£18,376 to £20,849 with authorised car user status) be established on a permanent basis to replace the current temporary posts with effect from 1 May 2015.

UPDATE ON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND REGISTRATION SERVICES

Rob Fisher, Group Manager, Emergency Management and Registration Services, introduced the report which updated Members on key activities and events. The following updates to the report were highlighted to the Committee:-

- Wendy Harnan-Kajzer, Emergency Planning Manager had been elected Chairman of the National Joint Chairs Group for safety of sports grounds.
- further to paragraphs 16-17 of the report, the World Cerebral Palsy Games bowls event scheduled to take place at the Richard Herrod Leisure Centre in Gedling had now been relocated to the City.

Members formally recorded their congratulations to Wendy Harnan-Kajzer on her appointment and the recognition which this offered.

Members also commended the support of Salvation Army volunteers during the recent serious fire at the student residences in Player Street, Nottingham.

RESOLVED 2015/028

That the contents of the report be noted.

COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

Sarah Houlton, Team Manager, Trading Standards & Community Safety introduced the report which updated Members on key Community Safety matters.

RESOLVED 2015/029

That the various developments in the areas of work contained within the report be noted.

UPDATE ON KEY TRADING STANDARDS MATTERS

Mark Walker, Group Manager, Trading Standards and Community Safety, introduced the report which updated Members on key Trading Standards matters. The following updates to the report were highlighted to the Committee:-

- further to paragraph 25 of the report, all eight defendants had now pleaded guilty to the charges of mis-selling products that allegedly protected personal assets from being used to pay care home fees;
- further to paragraph 29 of the report, Paul and Peter Dye had since been charged with further similar offences. If these crimes can be connected then this could make any subsequent sentences heavier if guilty verdicts are returned;
- the Trading Standards team had established a Single Point of Contact with Nottinghamshire Police which would assist in progressing issues in future;
- the team and the Police were looking to utilise, where possible, new Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) powers to address the issue of New Psychoactive Substances. For example, if ASB has been consequently caused in the locality of shops selling such substances. The Safer

Nottinghamshire Board was encouraging agencies to collate and share intelligence around this issue.

RESOLVED 2015/030

That the updates from the previous meeting and the various developments in these areas of work be noted.

WORK PROGRAMME

RESOLVED 2015/031

That the work programme be noted.

The meeting closed at 4.13 pm

CHAIRMAN

2nd June 2015**Agenda Item: 7****REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT CHAIR FOR THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD****NOTTINGHAMSHIRE SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD****Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to update the Community Safety Committee on the work and progress of the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Adults Board during the financial year 2013/14.

Information and Advice

2. The Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Adults Board (NSAB) is the multi-agency group of senior managers from key organisations responsible for developing and implementing Nottinghamshire's strategy to safeguard adults at risk. We are committed to preventing and reducing the incidence of abuse and neglect of people in need of care and support and to improving the outcomes for people when abuse or neglect has occurred.
3. This year the membership of NSAB has been strengthened further with the addition of the Chief Executive of Healthwatch as an associate member.
4. Much of the work of the Board in 2013/14 has been targeted in two key areas; firstly, to ensure that the Board is "fit for purpose" to undertake the requirements of the Care Act 2014 which places adult safeguarding on a statutory footing as of 1st April 2015 and, secondly, to begin the work to understand and embed a "Making Safeguarding Personal" (MSP) approach to adult safeguarding which seeks to put the service user at the centre of all we do.

Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP)

5. During 2013/14 Nottinghamshire took part in a national MSP project whereby locally two teams were asked to approach safeguarding cases with an outcomes focus, working much closer with the person at risk to understand what he/she wants. The results of the pilot were fed back into the national project and the learning was used to inform the subsequent review of our policies and procedures. We have improved the way we consult with service users, carers and their representatives and involved service users in the delivery of training.

6. Adult Social Care, Health and Public Protection have supported the temporary secondment of the Group Manager, Access and Safeguarding, to work one day per week with the Local Government Association (L.G.A) to support the national roll out of the MSP agenda.

Policy Review

7. NSAB has carried out a review of its multi-agency safeguarding procedures jointly with Nottingham City Adult Safeguarding Partnership Board. This work has been overseen by our Quality Assurance Sub Group. The revised procedures were published on 7th October 2013. The documents have been streamlined, providing a thorough overview of what staff need to do, either to raise a concern or make a referral about a vulnerable adult who is at risk of significant harm, abuse or neglect in Nottingham City or Nottinghamshire. This information is now in one document, the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Procedure. Additional information to consider and support agencies raising a concern or making a referral, including guidance on legislation, links to domestic violence and possible indicators of abuse, are contained within the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Guidance.
8. Additionally Nottinghamshire has reviewed its Safeguarding Adults Procedures following a referral. Our new procedures adopt a MSP approach which is person led and outcome focused and which puts the individual at the heart of the process. The revised procedures were published in July 2014 and Nottinghamshire is one of the first Local Authorities to adopt this approach which is advocated by the Care Act 2014.

Serious Case Reviews

9. The Serious Case Review Sub Group considers cases of death or serious harm to vulnerable adults where abuse or neglect is known or suspected to be a factor. The Chief Operating Officer for Newark and Sherwood Clinical Commissioning Group is the Chair.
10. The group ensures that cases of death or serious harm that involve abuse or neglect are thoroughly reviewed. Its aim is to find out why things went wrong and then to ensure that lessons are learned and shared across agencies.
11. On 8th October 2013 NSAB commenced a serious case review, SCR F 13, jointly with the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children's Board, following the death of an 18 year old woman who was detained under Section 3 of the Mental Health Act in an independent hospital. The review focused on the effectiveness of transition arrangements from children's to adult services and involved a number of statutory and non-statutory organisations. An independent expert was commissioned to author the final overview report which was approved at an extra-ordinary meeting of NSAB on 22nd May 2014. NSAB is monitoring the implementation of recommendations and action plans arising from this review.

Partnership Board

12. The Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board is a broad group of organisations, service users and carers that have an interest in adult safeguarding. The Partnership Board meets twice yearly and provides for a two way flow of information between NSAB and those organisations and individuals who are able to contribute to the safeguarding agenda.

13. Our two events for the year 2013/14 focused on the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) and the Care Act 2014. At our November meeting attendees received presentations and updates on the progress of the MASH and were able to provide valuable feedback as to what was working well and importantly what needed to improve. In May 2014 attendees were updated on the requirements of the Care Act and implications for safeguarding adults.

Annual Report 2013/14 – Key Facts and Figures

14. As in previous recent years NSAB has produced an annual report which is clear, concise, free from jargon and accessible to members of the general public. The annual report, which is available on our website at www.safeguardingadultsnotts.org contains statistical and qualitative data on the performance of the Board and adult safeguarding. Some of the headline data is set out below.

Referrals

15. In 2013/14, the upward trend in safeguarding referrals made to Nottinghamshire County Council continued with a total of 4,751 referrals being received. This is an increase of 560 referrals (13%) on 2012/13.

Referrals which led to Assessment

16. The statistical returns provided to central government concentrate on those referrals which were assessed as requiring a safeguarding response and which led to a safeguarding assessment. In Nottinghamshire, 1,006 of the 4,751 referrals received in 2013/14 went on to assessment. Whilst the number of referrals remains on an upward trend the actual number, and percentage, of those which required a safeguarding assessment has reduced from 1,441 (34.4%) in 2012/13 to 1,006 (21.2%) in 2013/14. Part of the reason for this has been the role of the MASH in scrutinising and prioritising referrals. 41% of all referrals received by the MASH which don't meet safeguarding thresholds have been diverted to other service areas to provide a more appropriate response. This has allowed the County Council and its partners to focus its safeguarding resources on those referrals where there is the greatest risk of harm and which require a safeguarding response.

Next steps-The Care Act 2014

17. The Care Act 2014 places adult safeguarding on a statutory footing and Local Authorities are required to have safeguarding arrangements in place by 1st April 2015. This includes a Safeguarding Adults Board which has a membership consisting of the Local Authority, Police, Clinical Commissioning Groups and "any other persons who the Safeguarding Adults Board considers appropriate". The Safeguarding Adults Board has a "strategic role which is greater than the sum of the operational duties of the core partners" and its objective is "to help and protect adults in its area by co-ordinating and ensuring the effectiveness of what each member does". The Board will have 3 core duties which it must carry out. It must publish a strategic plan, publish an annual report and conduct any Safeguarding Adult Reviews.

18. NSAB was created in April 2008 and is well placed to undertake the statutory requirements of the Care Act 2014. The Board is well supported by senior representatives from the core agencies and many others. Over the years it has published annual reports, produced strategic plans and been proactive in undertaking and learning from Serious Case Reviews/Safeguarding Adult Reviews. The Board has more recently embraced the MSP philosophy which underpins much of the Care Act Statutory Guidance and leads the way in its implementation.

Other Options Considered

19. This report is for information only and there are no other options considered.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

20. This report is to update the Community Safety Committee on the work carried out by NSAB.

Statutory and Policy Implications

21. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (Public Health only), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

22. Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

RECOMMENDATION/S

1) That the Community Safety Committee receives the update on the work and progress of the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Adults Board.

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Independent Chair

Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Adults Board

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Constitutional Comments

23. As this report is for noting only, no constitutional comments are required.

Financial Comments

24. There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

- 2013/14 Annual Report
<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/caring/adultsocialcare/backgroundsupport/safeguardingadults/nottinghamshire-safeguarding-adults-board/annual-reports/>

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All

2nd June 2015

Agenda Item: 8

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR FOR ACCESS AND PUBLIC PROTECTION.

COMMUNITY SAFETY BUDGET UPDATE: REQUEST FOR FUNDING.

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek approval for committing funding from the Community Safety Initiatives Budget for 2015/16 to:
 - a) Fund legal advice needed regarding existing Gating Orders implemented by this council in light of legislative changes implemented in October 2014 (£2,000).
 - b) Fund the continuation of the maintenance contract for CCTV cameras at Junction 27 needed to support the injunction to combat vehicle nuisance in that area (£3,118).

Information and Advice

Community Safety Budget.

2. Each year, a proportion of the Community Safety Budget is allocated to initiatives across the County that are designed to reduce crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour, reduce the fear of crime and increase levels of community safety and confidence within our communities. Initiatives are targeted at vulnerable communities, and are designed to tackle the issues that are causing the most harm to communities and individuals.
3. Funding proposals approved to date from the “initiatives” element of the Community Safety Budget for 2015-16 are summarised in the following table:

Total Community Safety “Initiatives” budget for 2015/16:	£262,380
Total committed so far:	
Contribution to the work of the Safer Nottinghamshire Board (SNB)	£140,000
Year 2 of the Best Bar None scheme	£15,000
Contribution to Police led Hate Crime campaign	£5,000
Remaining balance for other initiatives	£102,380

Gating Orders: Legal advice (£2,000).

4. Since 2003, a number of Gating Orders have been implemented across the County to reduce ASB and crime using provisions within the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2003.
5. In March 2014 Royal Assent was given to the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 which streamlined the tools available to councils, which came into force in October 2014.
6. Under the revised legislation Gating Orders are now replaced with Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) which are enforced by District Councils. A contribution from the Community Safety initiatives budget is sought to fund the legal advice required to determine the way forward with regards to the existing Gating Orders in the County.

Vehicle Nuisance: Junction 27 CCTV camera maintenance (£3,118).

7. In 2010/11 two CCTV cameras (funded by Nottinghamshire County Council) were placed on the A608 east and west carriageways by Junction 27 of the M1 in response to high volume complaints of car cruising activities.
8. The purpose of these cameras is to monitor and record visual evidence as to the volume and behaviour of vehicle activity in the area, in providing a proactive response.
9. In January 2015, a County Court injunction was successful in its application, which stated evidence gathering would continue via the two cameras at J27.
10. In order to continue operating the two cameras at Junction 27, plus uphold conditions stated within the court injunction, an annual maintenance contract is required for 2015/16, which will provide cover for emergency service call and repairs.

Other Options Considered

11. There will be other options for use of the community safety initiatives budget and proposed spends of the remaining **£102,308** balance will be the subject of future reports to the Community Safety Committee.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

12. Community Safety remains one of the key concerns for the residents of Nottinghamshire. The recommendations contained within this report will enable funding to action a range of targeted projects, specifically designed to combat issues of crime and disorder, anti-social behaviour and fear of crime. Any reductions in these issues will encourage the development of strong, healthy and vibrant communities thus reducing risks to those deemed as vulnerable within those communities.

Statutory and Policy Implications.

13. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (Public Health only), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

14. The requests totalling £5,118 can all be met from within the Community Safety Initiatives budget.

RECOMMENDATION/S

15. That the following contributions be made from the Community Safety Initiatives Budget for 2015/16:
- Legal advice in relation to how current Gating Orders will be superseded by new Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) (£2,000)
 - Continuation of a yearly maintenance contract for cameras located at Junction 27 needed to support a court injunction to control vehicle nuisance. (£3,118)

PAUL MCKAY

Service Director, Access & Public Protection

For any enquiries about this report please contact: Sarah Houlton, Team Manager Trading Standards & Community Safety x 72460 or Yvette Armstrong, Community Safety Officer, Trading Standards & Community Safety x 73058.

Constitutional Comments (KK 06/05/15)

The proposals within this report are within the remit of the Community Safety Committee.

Financial Comments (KAS 11/05/15)

The financial implications are contained within paragraph 14 of the report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- 'None'

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- Ashfield
- All

2nd June 2015**Agenda Item: 9****REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR FOR ACCESS AND PUBLIC
PROTECTION****COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE****Purpose of the Report**

1. To update the Community Safety Committee about key Community Safety matters.

Information and Advice**Hate Crime Update**

2. The Safer Nottinghamshire Board Hate Crime Steering Group has agreed its Delivery Plan for 2015-16. The plan includes a range of projects funded by the Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) to reflect a wide ranging programme of activities including:
 - A roll out of the successful Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) training programme;
 - Support to the Worksop Out on Wednesdays (WOW) project for young LGBT people;
 - A research project by Nottingham Trent University into hate crime perpetrators;
 - A toolkit for young people to tackle extremism and radicalism in schools and a countywide media and marketing campaign to raise public awareness of hate crime.
3. The Delivery Plan will be coordinated by the Community Safety team at the County Council working closely in partnership with the new OPCC funded County Hate Crime Manager.
4. The Plan has also taken account of the recommendations and proposals from the Nottingham Citizens' commission and its subsequent report into hate crime. A key action within the Plan is a commitment for all partner organisations to sign up to a 'No place for hate' pledge in Nottinghamshire. This will be launched at a partnership event in September 2015 and will lead into a series of proposed joint training events around hate crime and vulnerability hosted by the Holocaust Centre over the coming year. A contribution of £10,000 to the cost of delivering this training was made from the Community Safety Initiatives budget 2014/15.

Rural Crime Conference.

5. A Community Safety Officer attended the Association of Chief Police Officers Rural Crime Conference on 15th April 2015. The Chief Constable for Dyfed-Powys, National Policing

Lead for Rural and Wildlife Crime opened the conference, introducing various speakers representing the National Farmers Union Mutual (NFU); Chair of the National Rural Crime Network, Police and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire; Rural Policing and Wildlife Crime Co-ordinator for Lancashire Constabulary and the Chairman of the Lancashire National Farmers Union.

6. Various presentations and workshops looked at how education, prevention, detection and prosecution contribute alongside the important role modern technology can play to assist in providing more efficient and effective service delivery.
7. Useful information learned from this conference to inform our work included:
 - The crime classifications most affecting rural communities are:
 - Theft of machinery/live stock
 - Illegal waste dumping
 - Burglary farms/houses
 - Drugs – Cannabis growth
 - Theft from churches/graveyards
 - Poaching/hare coursing
 - Slavery
 - The National Farmers Union produce an annual survey based on claims/losses, which is a useful intelligence source.
 - The National Vehicle Crime Intelligence Service (NAVCIS) produces a weekly intelligence bulletin which is circulated to over 1300 recipients within the world of policing with up to date intelligence to reduce vehicle and vehicle-enabled crime.
 - National Rural Crime Network (NRCN): In 2014 The Home Office committed two year funding of £40,000 to develop a network to act as a collaborative think tank to research and implement ways of reducing rural crime, which is supported by Police and Crime Commissioners across England and Wales. The website for NRCN will go live in May 2015.
8. The conference also provided details of national best practice which can be shared with local partners for potential further development in Nottinghamshire. These included efficiency savings from shared services within rural communities (Northamptonshire); an excellent website supporting rural communities (Warwickshire) and widespread use of the Neighbourhood Alert Network to share information with rural communities. The next steps will be to develop a rural crime action plan for the County and to explore potential funding streams to support similar initiatives within Nottinghamshire.

Dragons Den Style Project Update.

9. Members will recall being informed at the April Committee meeting of the national recognition of the Dragons Den as runners up in the National Crimebeat Awards on March 11th 2015. Since April's committee meeting the Dragons Den project continues to evolve in developing the following areas:
 - **Dragons Den 5:** A website www.stopair.co.uk has been successfully launched and is being used by practitioners and young people both in school and across targeted youth settings to raise awareness about Teenage Relationship Abuse.

- **Dragons Den 6:** Holgate Academy came up with the innovative idea of having their campaign messages to prevent alcohol misuse displayed on the clutches to go round hot drinks. Officers are currently exploring the possibility of rolling out this idea within the County Council and at other refreshment outlets in the County.
- **Dragons Den 7 (DD7):** Officers are currently exploring collaborating with a number of other cutting edge projects to focus this year's theme on Respect and Tolerance. This includes:
 - § The Emotions Project a therapeutic dance project from Merseyside, which has developed a partnership with the National Kids Company Charity to work with vulnerable young people and their families;
 - § Real Education, an initiative supporting young people excluded from Nottinghamshire schools;
 - § Take Five, a project in Bassetlaw, which uses body based trauma informed mindfulness practice;
 - § Expert input from the County Council's Equality and Diversity Team relating to the DD7 theme Respect and Tolerance;
 - § County Youth Arts

10. An initial meeting took place at County Hall with the Emotions Project visiting from Merseyside to talk about their project and to hear presentations from the above Nottinghamshire projects and to meet officers from the Dragons Den Style Project Steering Group and other leads from Youth Justice and Supporting Families. Emotions Project will be hosting a showcase event at the Empire Theatre Liverpool in September 2015 and they have agreed to make tickets freely available so that existing Dragons Den Style Project students can attend for free. This event will be used to launch the DD7 focus on Respect and Tolerance. The joint project will be promoted via the National Crimebeat Awards 2015-16.

Gypsy & Traveller Liaison Update

11. **Domestic Abuse Seminar:** Evidence from the Equality and Human Rights Commission indicates that there is higher prevalence of domestic abuse within the Gypsy and Traveller community than within the wider community. The County Council's Gypsy Travelling Liaison Officer (GTLO) organised and facilitated a domestic abuse seminar in partnership with Newark and Sherwood District Council. The seminar, aimed at frontline practitioners, provided an opportunity for practitioners to explore experiences of dealing with domestic abuse within the travelling communities, barriers victims may face and identify best practice for service delivery.
12. The seminar was attended by a number of different organisations such as Women's Integrated Service, Women's Aid, Ashfield District Council, Mansfield District Council, NHS and Nottinghamshire County Council. A summary of the evaluations show the participants found the seminar useful and informative and will be sharing back into their organisations as appropriate to inform and improve service delivery in this area.
13. **Illegal Money Lending:** The National Trading Standards Team has identified that members of the Gypsy and Traveller community are vulnerable to loan sharks set up within the community and have therefore prioritised the work with this group. The LIAISE Officer (Lead in Awareness, Intelligence, Support & Education) from England Illegal Money Lending Team

met with the Gypsy and Traveller Liaison Officer to discuss the best way forward to engage the travelling communities in the campaign.

14. **‘Looking after Mandi’**: In 2014 the Gypsy Travelling Liaison Officer and members of the Gypsy and Traveller community in Newark came together to produce a DVD aimed at travelling men. Male health concerns identified by members of the community are: diabetes, depression and mental health. It is well documented that travelling men experience many barriers to healthcare not least knowledge of signs and symptoms of major conditions and what to do about them.
15. The ‘Looking after Mandi’ DVD was launched in February 2015 and now has been distributed nationally via the Carers’ Federation website. The Travellers’ Times have agreed to incorporate it into their resources page on their website.

Substance Misuse: Mutual Aid in Nottinghamshire

16. The Community Safety Team is working with the Director of Public Health and the countywide Substance Misuse Strategy Group to increase substance misuse mutual aid across the County. Mutual aid can be described as support, guidance, advice and information to individuals seeking recovery from people who have “travelled the journey”, and who have experienced the same issues. Possibly the most well-known group utilising this type of approach (for alcohol) is Alcoholics Anonymous.
17. In Nottinghamshire this type of support for people seeking to recover from substance misuse has been extremely limited. In recognition of this, the Community Safety Partnership covering Bassetlaw, Newark and Sherwood operated a pilot project to introduce this service in their area. They worked with the group “Recovery Now” for 12 months to set up mutual aid groups, access to these groups and the associated support mechanisms. This work has been overseen by the Substance Misuse Strategy Group, and initial evaluation has shown that the introduction of substance misuse mutual aid is a key addition to the options available to individuals seeking recovery.
18. This pilot project will now be rolled out to the rest of the County for a two year period (one year in Bassetlaw, Newark and Sherwood). The Substance Misuse Strategy Group will provide approximately £300,000 for this work. Each Community Safety Partnership, working with the Substance Misuse Strategy Group, will decide how best to introduce substance misuse mutual aid into their area to ensure maximum impact and value.
19. The Community Safety Team will ensure key linkages to the agendas of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour, since it is well known that substance misuse can have a disproportionate effect on these areas.

Taxi Driver Licencing Policy

20. A review has started on behalf of the Chief Executives of Nottinghamshire and District/Borough Councils to examine current arrangements for the granting of taxi licences. The review is being undertaken by Rushcliffe Borough Council in the light of concerns nationally, focussing recently on the areas of Rotherham, Rochdale and Bradford. Taxi

drivers operate from a position of trust and it is seen as crucial that councils are confident that they are safeguarding members of the public who use taxis.

21. The review will clarify an agreed minimum standard for granting licences (e.g. what offences should bar individuals from being granted a licence, and how long after such an offence would the bar remain operational), effective data sharing, and a consistent approach. This is a key piece of work to make Nottinghamshire a safer County. The Community Safety Team will ensure that findings from the review are implemented within the Council and Community Safety Partnerships.

Hoarding Workshop

22. In April Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service facilitated a workshop bringing together partners who have current involvement in working with hoarding cases. This included representatives from Environmental Health, housing providers, mental health services, Clinical Commissioning Groups and the County Council's Trading Standards & Community Safety and Adult Social Care services. The Service Director for Access and Public Protection gave a presentation on the Care Act as well as providing clarity to attendees on issues relating to mental capacity and the role of Adult Social Care.
23. At this event partners discussed their experiences of trying to engage with people who hoard, their understanding of what might have led to such behaviour, how to support the individual who is hoarding as well as the issues related to clearing the property and sustaining the impact of any interventions.
24. A Senior Environmental Health Officer from Ashfield District Council talked about a pilot in Ashfield which involved bringing partners together to better identify properties and individuals where hoarding is an issue, then working with these people to provide support before, during and after house clearance takes place to provide a longer term, problem solving response to this issue. The Hoarding Panel that regularly meets in Ashfield includes amongst its membership Environmental Health, housing providers, Community Nurses and Adult Social Care. This work started after there was a fire death in Ashfield in the New Cross area. It was suggested that the Vulnerable Person Panels, which operate in each district, could incorporate this work.
25. The findings from the workshop will now be developed into a Hoarding Protocol that partners will be invited to sign up to in the coming weeks with the finalised document being launched at an event on 2nd June. Consultation with partners around the development of this protocol will continue over the coming weeks leading up to the launch. This work will also be taken to the Safer Nottinghamshire Board by the Deputy Chief Fire Officer.

Safeguarding Vulnerable People: MASH

26. With the increasing emphasis on cases being referred to Vulnerable Person Panels a Community Safety Officer will shortly be spending a few days each month in the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) to assist in signposting appropriate cases to these panels where they do not meet the threshold for Adult Social Care. This follows the success of the involvement of a Trading Standards Officer in the MASH.

Other Options Considered

27. None.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

28. It is recommended that the Community Safety Committee notes the various developments in the areas of work contained within this report.
29. This report is a regular update to the Community Safety Committee to keep them abreast of local and national developments and our community safety work.

Statutory and Policy Implications

30. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (Public Health only), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

31. None

RECOMMENDATION/S

32. That the Community Safety Committee notes the various developments in the areas of work contained within this report.

PAUL MCKAY

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Constitutional Comments

As this report is for noting only, no Constitutional Comments are required.

Financial Comments (KAS 11/05/15)

There are no financial implications contained within this report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All

2 June 2015**Agenda Item: 10****REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR FOR ACCESS AND PUBLIC
PROTECTION****UPDATE ON KEY TRADING STANDARDS MATTERS****Purpose of the Report**

1. To update the Committee on key Trading Standards matters.

Information and Advice

2. **England Illegal Money Lending Team** – this National Trading Standards team, hosted by Birmingham City Council, delivered two training events in May for front line staff regarding the links between debt and depression in relation to illegal money lenders. The sessions introduced by Councillor Gilfoyle, were attended by Councillor Weisz, plus frontline staff from across the Authority.
3. The sessions raised staff awareness of the issue of loan sharks, giving tips on the signs to look out for, and what to do if people suspect someone is a victim of a loan shark. Loan sharking is a much under reported crime, because of the fear of reprisals for victims. The session stimulated much discussion and thoughts on how we can work together more effectively to tackle the issue.
4. **Illegal Money Lending protocol** - In order to operate within Nottinghamshire, the team needs to be properly authorised by the County Council. The last such authorisation was given by Cabinet in July 2011, and expired in March this year. A report will soon be taken to the appropriate decision making body in the Council to secure further authorisation. In the meanwhile, officers from the team will need to be accompanied by Nottinghamshire Trading Standards Officers should they need to use statutory powers in the County.
5. **Regional “Scambusters” Team – Organised Criminal Gangs.** The team continues to work effectively with a range of partner organisations, notably the Police, where it is frequently found that both agencies share an interest in the activities of individuals or groups.
6. Over recent years, it has become evident that these groups or gangs have become more organised in their operations, and specifically target individuals or operate in a way to cover their tracks. Through better intelligence sharing between agencies, resources can be pooled and more effective approaches can be deployed to disrupt activities and to put the individuals before the Courts. To improve on intelligence sharing, arrangements are being made for the reciprocal attendance of Trading Standards and Police Officers at the relevant tasking

meetings of the other agency. Further, it is proposed that the local profiles of serious and organised crime for Nottinghamshire are put to the Safer Nottinghamshire Board going forward for partnership governance on the issues, a very useful development, if adopted, in the view of Trading Standards Officers.

7. **Vision Studio School Student** - 19 Health and Social Care students from the Vision Studio School in Mansfield are currently undertaking work placements for 2 days each week, in a variety of social care related settings. Facilitated by the Authority, teams from within and outside of the Council manned stands and offered placement opportunities to students at a recent placement fair.
8. Opened in September 2014, the school provides an exciting, vibrant and dynamic learning experience for people aged 14-18, in either Engineering and Transportation, or Health and Care occupations. Studio schools are new and unique with year-round opening, and 9-5 working day which feels more like a workplace. Working closely with local employers, the schools offer a range of academic and vocational qualifications as well as work placements linked directly to employment opportunities.
9. The Service attended the fair, and following a recruitment process, took on a student. She has made an excellent impression, very quickly becoming a valuable part of the team because of her passion and energy. She has been helping to protect older adults who have been systematically targeted by mail and telephone scams, to ensure they do not become targeted again, working closely with the Police Community Support Officer and a Trading Standards Officer.
10. To help promote the school and its courses, a Trading Standards Officer recently took part in filming a piece for regional television news.
11. **New Psychoactive Substances/New Drugs (NPS):** The Government are currently exploring the feasibility of bringing in new legislation, like that implemented in Eire, to ban NPS's. In Eire, the new legislation allows Senior Police Officers and the courts to issue prohibition and closure notices, and has successfully reduced the number of head shops by over 90% from over 100 previously, to 10 now.
12. The commitment to new legislation appears in the 3 election manifestos of the main political parties, but timing is uncertain. In the interim, Home Office guidance encourages a multi-agency approach creatively using existing legislation, including product safety legislation, and new powers for Police and District Councils under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. Nottinghamshire Police working with Nottingham City Trading Standards successfully tackled two shops in April selling NPS in the City using the new Community Protection Notices, and the approach is being considered for roll out across the county.
13. Officers in the Service are working with Public Health, Nottinghamshire Police, and District Councils to develop an effective multi-agency approach. Key actions include a media campaign to raise awareness of the dangers of NPS - in April, a Bassetlaw father spoke about the terrible psychological impact on his teenage son who became addicted to NPS, spending £10 a day and selling his personal belongings to feed his habit. The story attracted widespread media coverage including BBC East Midlands Today.

14. On 21st April Councillor Gilfoyle presented a paper at the Safer Nottinghamshire Board to secure high level support for the commissioning of intelligence to gain a more comprehensive understanding of the emerging threat to our communities, and to gather the evidence needed to take enforcement action.
15. **Food Fraud** - Investigations are underway into a business suspected of committing food fraud by misrepresenting the provenance of premium products supplied by retail and wholesale. By doing so, the Service believes the business has gained an unfair competitive advantage over legitimate Nottinghamshire suppliers, in addition to misleading consumers into paying a premium price for inferior products, which lack necessary food traceability. The Service is working closely with the Food Standards Agency on the matter.
16. **Illicit Tobacco** – The realignment funding from Public Health combined with the skills and experience of Trading Standards professionals has led to a successful first year in partnership. The hard work has paid off, and punitive results include 24 criminal prosecutions with sentences ranging from a 21 week custodial sentence, the first for illicit tobacco secured in Nottinghamshire, to community service orders, plus fines totalling over £3,000.
17. Illicit Tobacco with a street value of over £80,000 has been seized and destroyed, and a Proceeds of Crime Act confiscation order led to £24,000 in cash being taken from an Illicit Tobacco seller. This is an ongoing initiative, but a total of 5 premises have stopped selling Illicit Tobacco altogether, while 4 Alcohol license reviews have also been initiated. The team are looking forward to another successful year building on achievements and understanding gained to date.
18. **Seconded Police officer** – Interviews have taken place to identify a Police Officer to work in the Service primarily to tackle the illicit tobacco problem, funded by Public Health and Nottinghamshire Police. The Police officer will be able to use his knowledge and experience such as the power of arrest for criminal offences, and the power to compel identification of suspects. The officer will also be able to book in suspects at custody suites. All of this will reduce the need for Trading Standards to call upon the valuable resources of the Police and improve the response and end to end times of Trading Standards work.
19. **Petroleum** – The Council has a duty as Petroleum Enforcement Authority (PEA), which means that architects and contractors working on petroleum sites have to liaise with the Authority before and during the build to ensure safe storage of this dangerous product, and that the Authority issues 'approval' to the development. We also liaise with the local Environmental Health Authority regarding potential pollution issues. Current sites where Trading Standards Officers are engaged with significant works include:
- Asda Petrol Station, Priestic Rd, Sutton in Ashfield – Works are currently on going to demolish and decommission the old petrol filling station (PFS) completely, and replace with a brand new Asda PFS on the same site. The old tanks have been removed from situ, and new double skinned tanks are to be installed 6th May 2015.
 - New Sainsbury's store, 1 Nottingham Rd, Ravenshead – Previously occupied by an old PFS, this has now been demolished, and a new Sainsbury's store is currently being built. 6 very old tanks have already been removed from site, whilst the remaining in situ tanks have been made safe by being foam filled, a standard industry practice.

- Co-Op, Albert St, Newark – Whilst the Co-Op store will remain trading, the accompanying PFS has ceased trading, and is being decommissioned. All equipment will be removed or made safe, with the canopy taken down, vent stack & offset fills removed, pumps & pump islands removed, and the remaining in situ tanks being filled with concrete, again an accepted method of making tanks permanently safe.
20. **Weights and Measures** – The bi-annual calibration of the rail weigher equipment has been carried out at both Cottam and West Burton power stations. The equipment is used to weigh the cargo of trains. This is vital work, as it allows for the correct weighing of coal and limestone entering the plant, and the synthetic gypsum on the way out. The by-product of this process is synthetic gypsum, which is then used as a building material.
21. **Animal Health provision** – Following a successful year, the contract to provide Trading Standards Animal Health for Nottingham City has been renewed for a further year. The service has also recently agreed to help support Derbyshire County Council to cover gaps in its out of hours animal health service over recent bank holidays.
22. **Legal Action Update - JG Pears Ltd** – following an investigation, the company was recently offered and accepted a Simple Caution in relation to an infringement of the Animal By Products regulations regarding the spillage of poultry offal onto a public highway. The caution will be kept on record for a period of three years, and can be cited should any future infringements occur. We have worked with JG Pears Ltd since this occurrence to highlight the causes of the spill, and to suggest improvements. To date, no further incidents have occurred.
23. The trial regarding the mis-selling of products that allegedly protected personal assets from being used to pay care home fees, has now been successfully concluded. Eight defendants charged with offences under the Fraud Act 2006 have now pleaded guilty. The case was such that older people were defrauded into paying for a fake agreement which they thought would evade future care fees. The agreement was not in any way legal, and as such the company was not covered by the Financial Conduct authority, Financial Ombudsman Service or Financial Services Compensation Scheme. The court can award damages and the victims can take civil action in order to seek redress at sentencing. The Authority will not seek to recover the proceeds of their crimes from the defendants.
24. Two sellers of clocked vehicles, Daniel Moran and Matthew Peace, appeared in the Crown Court for sentencing on the 30th April 2015. Moran was sentenced to two years in prison, and Peace was given a 12 month supervision order with 150 hours unpaid work. A confiscation amount under the Proceeds of Crime Act was agreed and ordered by the judge, with Moran having to pay £20,000 in confiscation to be paid as compensation. He has to pay in full by the 29th October 2015 - if not an additional default sentence of 16 months in prison will then have to be served, and the amount will still remain as due.
25. In October, Craig Boddy of Bowbridge Car Sales, Newark appeared in Nottingham Magistrates court charged with offences relating to selling an un-roadworthy car, failure to carry out pre-sale checks, and failing to respond to a consumer complaint. Boddy pleaded not guilty to all charges, and is listed for trial on the 12th and 13th May 2015.

26. Paul and Peter Dye appeared in the Nottingham Magistrates court on the 21st January 2015. They have been found selling illicit tobacco in shops at Stapleford and Netherfield. The case has been sent to the Crown Court with a hearing listed for the 20th May 2015.

Other Options Considered

27. None.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

28. This is an information report.

Statutory and Policy Implications

29. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (Public Health only), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

30. This report contains no additional financial implications, with activity reported or that proposed being contained within existing service budget.

RECOMMENDATION/S

1) It is recommended that the Community Safety Committee notes the updates from the previous meeting and the various developments in the areas of work contained in the report.

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Constitutional Comments ([initials and date xx/xx/xx])

31. As this report is for noting only, Constitutional Comments are not required.

Financial Comments (KAS 11/05/15)

32. The financial implications are contained within paragraph 33 of the report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

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- 'None'

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- 'All'

2 June 2015**Agenda Item: 11****REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR FOR ACCESS AND PUBLIC
PROTECTION****UPDATE ON EMERGENCY PLANNING AND REGISTRATION SERVICES****Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide an update on recent key activities and events in the work of the Emergency Planning Team and of Registration and Celebratory Services.

Information and Advice**Registration and Celebratory Services**Clergy Training

2. Commencing in February this year, the Registration Service's Training Officer has delivered a highly successful series of training events for Nottinghamshire clergy who are approved to solemnise marriages in their churches. Two of the sessions were delivered in conjunction with the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham, at their offices in Southwell. These have comprised two full-day sessions for a total of thirty people. Five other (half-day) sessions have been given at County Council premises to a total of 59 people.
3. Traditionally, individual clergy have passed on their skills and knowledge from one to another. They are provided with guidance by the General Register Office regarding their roles and responsibilities relating to marriage registration, and this includes the recommendation that they contact the Local Authority Superintendent Registrar if they have any queries. Failure to comply with the legal requirements of marriage could lead to doubts about the validity of a marriage. Clergy are required to send quarterly returns of marriage details to the Local Authority Registrar of births and deaths, and the Superintendent Registrar will certify and forward these to the General Register Office.
4. The training has been delivered on a cost recovery basis, and so it has generated a small amount of income for the Service, but more particularly it has improved relations and the standard of quarterly returns. The benefits for the Registration Service are that an increased number of returns are made on time and the number of errors is reduced thereby reducing the amount of time required for County Council registrars.
5. Feedback has been very positive; with all attendees rating the training as 'Excellent' or 'Very Good', and all indicated they are likely to recommend the course to others. The training has

given the participants greater confidence in their ability to fulfil legal requirements. It has also increased their willingness to raise questions when a marriage is not straight forward. Further training sessions (for new curates) are being planned for delivery in November in conjunction with the Diocese.

Emergency Planning

Emergency Planning for Floods

6. There are now four flood road signage schemes in operation across Nottinghamshire, developed in collaboration with colleagues from County Highways. The original schemes in Bleasby and Woodborough have been joined by schemes in Thurgarton and Southwell, and the scheme in Bleasby has been updated to include roads where cars became stranded in 2013. In Southwell, a member of the Emergency Planning Team participated in the first annual refresher training for their Flood Wardens. The event was hosted by Brackenhurst College and was a precursor to their first trial run of the 21-site road closure scheme arranged to take place on 16 May.
7. Work on a flood road signage scheme for Collingham is now at an advanced stage, and preliminary work has begun on a prospective scheme in Arnold. The Emergency Planning Team, in concert with colleagues from highways, delivered training to Flood Wardens in Thurgarton on 7 March and 20 April.

The County Emergency Centre

8. In any major emergency, Nottinghamshire County Council's response is co-ordinated from the County Emergency Centre (CEC) located in the basement of County Hall. The facility has ICT and control room equipment including computers, videoconferencing, projectors, and smart-boards to aid the management of response. It is available on a 24-hour basis and has been used during a variety of emergencies in recent years including flooding and heavy snow. A copy of the County Emergency Centre Plan is available on the intranet. When not in use for an emergency, the facilities and equipment are used for planning meetings and training and by other services for their meetings. Computer equipment was upgraded in March 2014, as part of the Computer Equipment Replacement Programme, and the telephony system was successfully migrated to Microsoft Lync in December 2014.
9. The last major refurbishment of the CEC took place in 2005/2006. Since this time, a number of technical and maintenance issues have arisen with the bespoke equipment and some of it no longer works as intended. Lessons from previous incidents have also identified further requirements, such as the need to keep pace with recent technological developments and to maximise the amount of space available. Consequently, a long-term and ongoing maintenance programme has been established to ensure it remains fit for purpose.
10. Current review work includes a re-assessment of the layout of the Operations Room and reception area, to consider if the layout of the Centre can be enhanced to provide space for additional workstations. Other aspects currently being discussed include:
 - Maintenance and testing of the room control system
 - Maintenance and testing of the videoconference equipment, Police network points, projectors, and telephone lines

- Boosting of mobile phone signals
 - Installation of additional network points and desktop computers
 - Re-location of Wi-Fi
 - Stand-alone equipment for audio-recording of meetings
 - Assessing the potential benefits of additional equipment, including dual monitors for desktop machines, use of tablet computers.
11. The emergency planning team continue to run monthly equipment checks to ensure the Centre remains in a constant state of readiness. The equipment is also tested during sessions of Major Emergency Response (MER) training, and the latest of these took place on Wednesday 22nd April.

Mutual Aid Agreements with Neighbouring Areas

12. There has long existed a Mutual Aid agreement between Local Authorities in the East Midlands for the provision of support during an emergency. Under this agreement, each Authority will endeavour to provide assistance to another of the Authorities in the form of personnel and resources when asked to do so in accordance with agreed guidelines. The requesting Authority will bear the financial costs associated with the provision of aid. This agreement was made in 2009 and has been reviewed for signatures by Chief Executives.
13. In addition to this, the County Council has been invited to contribute to a Lincolnshire Strategic Alliance Agreement to provide mutual aid in respect of possible major flooding along the Lincolnshire coastline. The risk of such flooding is significant and, in the worst case, could lead to over 120,000 residents being evacuated from their homes. In the event of a wide area flood driven evacuation, Lincolnshire Rest Centres may be overwhelmed and it may be necessary to transport people to neighbouring areas for shelter and assistance. This will require a coordinated response between responding counties which the memorandum seeks to achieve. Affected residents will require temporary accommodation and support.
14. The Resilience and Emergencies Division (Central area) of the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) have drafted a Strategic Alliance Agreement including a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and accompanying support guidelines. The purpose is to set out the terms of an agreement for the management and funding of evacuation and shelter across Local Resilience Forum boundaries. It does not constitute a legally binding agreement between the parties named but is intended to define the respective rights and obligations of each. The following mutual assistance may be requested:
- Provision of Local Authority centres for immediate and short term shelter for up to 30 days, for up to 2000 - 3000 evacuees.
 - Provision of medium to long term shelter for 12 months for displaced persons
 - Provision of transportation to transport evacuees to temporary accommodation, including the provision of specialist transportation for vulnerable people.
 - Provision of basic and immediate needs e.g. food, water, blankets, bedding
 - Resources to staff rest centres and provide transportation support.
 - Provision of social care / safeguarding for vulnerable adults and children.
 - Resources to provide logistical support and coordination.

15. Consultation has taken place with District and Borough Councils, with a view to the County Council Chief Executive signing the agreement on behalf of Nottinghamshire.

Safety at Sports Grounds

16. The 2014–2015 football season concluded with no promotions or relegations for league sides within the County Council's boundary. Match-day inspections were carried out at the final home games of both Nottingham Forest and Mansfield Town, and both passed off with no significant issues for spectator safety. There was however an incident of crowd trouble at a fixture a few weeks earlier involving the visit of Tranmere Rovers to Mansfield (prior to the subsequent relegation of Tranmere from the League). The trouble involved altercations between Tranmere fans and the Police, and has been the subject of a debriefing meeting. There was no contact between Mansfield supporters and the visiting fans at this fixture.
17. With the football season concluded, attention turns to the major cricket matches set to take place at Trent Bridge this summer. These include an England versus Australia 'Ashes' Test match taking place from 6th to 10th August, a One-Day International between England and New Zealand on 21st June and a series of Twenty20 Blast fixtures across the summer months. As usual, the cricket club's safety management preparations are of an exemplary standard, and there are no current crowd safety concerns.
18. Recent work with Southwell Racecourse has included completion of a Fire Safety Audit of their regulated stand, and consideration of the need for Special Safety Certificates for non-racing events at the racecourse. The fire safety audit confirmed a good standard of fire safety management, commensurate with a wooden stand at this venue. The non-racing events are the Southwell Folk Festival and a Scout camp. The racecourse management have confirmed that the folk festival will not involve use of the regulated stands and so has no implications for the General Safety Certificate. The Scouting event does however make use of the stands, and so a Special Safety Certificate has been produced in consultation with Safety Advisory Group members.

Major Emergency Exercises

19. The next large-scale exercise in Nottinghamshire takes place on 12th November. Exercise 'Astral Climb' is being planned in conjunction with the Ministry Of Defence as part of their annual programme of nuclear weapons transportation accident exercises. The event will include live operational-level exercise play at a site simulating a section of the M1 motorway plus a Multi-agency Coordination Centre housing tactical and strategic coordinating groups linking with a central government COBR(A) cell.

Other Options Considered

20. None.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

21. To update the Committee on this area of work contained within its remit.

Statutory and Policy Implications

22. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (Public Health only), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

23. Registration training events for clergy are delivered on a cost-recovery basis. This and the efficiencies generated by outcomes from the training make a beneficial contribution to the objective for the registration service to be cost neutral overall. The costs associated with maintenance of system within the emergency centre are found from central budgets, including for ICT equipment replacements, and so do not fall to the emergency planning budget.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) It is recommended that the Committee notes the update on recent key activities and events in the work of the Emergency Planning Team and of Registration and Celebratory Services.

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Constitutional Comments

24. As this report is for noting only, no Constitutional Comments are required.

Financial Comments (KAS 12/05/15)

25. The financial implications are contained within paragraph 23 of the report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

- None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All

2 June 2015**Agenda Item: 12****REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR, POLICY, PLANNING AND
CORPORATE SERVICES****WORK PROGRAMME****Purpose of the Report**

1. To consider the Committee's updated work programme for 2014/15.

Information and Advice

2. The County Council requires each committee to maintain a work programme. The work programme will assist the management of the committee's agenda, the scheduling of the committee's business and forward planning. The work programme will be updated and reviewed at each pre-agenda meeting and committee meeting. Any member of the committee is able to suggest items for possible inclusion.
3. The attached work programme has been drafted in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, and includes items which can be anticipated at the present time. Other items will be added to the programme as they are identified.

Other Options Considered

4. None.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

5. To assist the committee in preparing its work programme.

Statutory and Policy Implications

6. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, public sector equality duty, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That the committee's work programme be noted, and consideration be given to any changes which the Committee wishes to make.

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Constitutional Comments (SLB)

7. The Committee has authority to consider the matters set out in this report by virtue of its terms of reference.

Financial Comments (NS)

8. There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

Background Papers

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE - WORK PROGRAMME (AS AT 11 MAY 2015)

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Update on Temporary Project Manager – Income Generation post in Trading Standards and Community Safety	Update report requested by Committee on 6 January 2015	Paul McKay	Mark Walker
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Update on key Community Safety matters	Update on key issues in this service area.	Paul McKay	Sarah Houlton
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Update on the work of the Community and Voluntary Sector Team	Further update from this team, following the update to Committee on 6 January 2015.		
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Update on Emergency Management and Registration Services	Update report on key activities and events in Emergency Planning and Registration	Paul McKay	Rob Fisher