



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE, SAFETY AND GROWTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD ON 23rd OCTOBER 2018

PRESENT: Councillor S Goodall (Chair), Councillors M Bailey, T Clements, J Faulkner, R Kingstone, J Oates, M Oates and Dr S Peale

CABINET: Councillor S Doyle

The following officers were present: Joanne Sands (Assistant Director Partnerships), Stephen Lewis (Head of Environmental Health) and Jo Hutchison (Democratic and Elections Officer)

16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Bilcliff

17 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous Infrastructure, Safety and Growth Scrutiny Committee held on the 13th September 2018 were approved and signed as a correct record.

(Moved by Councillor T Clements and seconded by Councillor J Oates)

18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest

19 RESPONSES TO REPORTS OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE SAFETY & GROWTH COMMITTEE

The Chair reported that the recommendations from this Committee in respect of the Castle Review were considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 27 September 2018 and endorsed.

20 CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REFERRED TO THE INFRASTRUCTURE SAFETY & GROWTH COMMITTEE FROM CABINET

No matters had been identified for consideration by this Committee.

21 2018/19 FORWARD PLAN

The Chair identified that a new item in respect of the Arrangements for Community Alarm Service Monitoring at Sheltered Housing Schemes had been added to the Forward Plan for Cabinet decision. The Committee agreed that it should consider this item at its next meeting on 18 December 2018 and that accordingly it be added to the Committee's Work Plan.

22 PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER - KETTLEBROOK

The Assistant Director Partnerships reported on the public consultation undertaken and the responses received and sought the Committee's support to delegate to the Portfolio Holder the implementation of the new Public Space Protection Order for Kettlebrook and the area identified on the map attached to the report.

The Assistant Director introduced a representative of the police force who had been involved in developing the new Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) and at whose request the PSPO had been developed.

The Assistant Director outlined the process which the PSPO had followed, including Cabinet approval to go out to consultation and the consultation undertaken. The details of the draft PSPO were highlighted and considered.

It was reported that all sixteen responses received from local residents to the consultation by the end of the consultation period on 5 October 2018 had been favourable. It was further reported that a response had highlighted the possibility of extending the area covered by the draft PSPO to include McGregor Park and the Bolebridge island area.

It was reported that whilst there was significant evidence of anti-social behaviour in the area proposed to be covered in the Kettlebrook PSPO, the areas nearby, including McGregor Park and Bolebridge Island, had historically also been affected and it was reported that there could be a risk that anti-social behaviour would be displaced to nearby areas once any PSPO was implemented.

RESOLVED that having considered the consultation responses received:

- the draft PSPO for Kettlebrook and the area defined (map attached) be endorsed and the delegation to the Portfolio Holder, Communities and Partnerships for the implementation of the proposed order be approved;
- a further draft PSPO be brought forward in accordance with the Tamworth Community Safety Partnership PSPO Process in respect of the McGregor Park and Bolebridge island area. It was noted that this would be considered by Cabinet prior to any consultation being launched.

(Moved by Councillor Dr S Peuple and seconded by Councillor J Oates)

23 PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER - MOOR LANE

The Assistant Director Partnerships reported on the public consultation undertaken and the responses received and sought the Committee's support to delegate to the Portfolio Holder the implementation of the new Public Space Protection Order for Moor Lane / Bolehall and the area identified on the map attached to the report.

The Assistant Director introduced a representative of the police force who had been involved in developing the new Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) and at whose request the PSPO had been developed.

The Assistant Director outlined the process which the PSPO had followed, including Cabinet approval to go out to consultation and the consultation undertaken. The details of the draft PSPO were highlighted and considered.

It was reported that responses from local residents in respect of the consultation had been favourable. It was further reported that some consultees had responded that anti-social behaviour existed in areas beyond the proposed area. It was noted however that the area beyond the footbridge was not as close to residential properties and that there was a proportionality requirement to be considered.

RESOLVED that having considered the consultation responses received:

- the draft PSPO for Moor Lane and the area defined (map attached) be endorsed and the delegation to the Portfolio Holder, Communities and Partnerships for the implementation of the proposed order be approved;
- further work be undertaken to consider whether there was a requirement or not for a further draft PSPO to be brought forward for areas adjoining the draft PSPO for Moor Lane in accordance with the Tamworth Community Safety Partnership PSPO Process and the area (if any) which this could cover.

(Moved by Councillor Dr S Peuple and seconded by Councillor J Oates)

24 REVISED GAMBLING ACT 2005 STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

The Committee welcomed the Head of Environmental Health. It was reported that it is a requirement of the Gambling Act 2005 that the Council consults and publishes a revised Statement of Principles in respect of the requirements of the Act.

It was reported that the Licensing Committee had considered the revised Policy at both its June and October 2018 meetings and that a public consultation had been undertaken between those meetings. Following consideration by this Committee the Policy would be taken forward for consideration by Cabinet and approval at full Council in December 2018.

The key changes in the Policy were:

- To ensure a clear focus on understanding and mitigating gambling related harm more broadly, with a focus on protecting the most vulnerable;
- The separation from the Policy of the Council's risk assessment document to enable regular updating of the document as local circumstances change.

The Committee considered the impact that problem gambling had on those affected, its impact in particular areas within Tamworth and the lack of research available in terms of the impact of gambling on the vulnerable.

RESOLVED That the Committee;

recommended the revised Policy Statement for consideration and approval by Cabinet and full Council;

receive further information on the impacts of gambling on the vulnerable and the Tamworth context when available.

(Moved by Councillor J Oates and seconded by Councillor Dr S Peuple)

The Committee thanked the Head of Environmental Health for the depth of his report, who then left the meeting.

25 S106 UPDATE

It was agreed that this item had been completed following Councillor Dr S Peuple's Question to Council and the response received from Councillor R Pritchard at 11 September 2018 Council meeting.

26 2018/19 INFRASTRUCTURE SAFETY & GROWTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PLAN

The Committee received the Committee's Work Plan. It was agreed that the Staffordshire County Council representative would be invited to address the draft Staffordshire plan for Highways when it attended this meeting. It was agreed that the Work Plan be amended as follows:

Infrastructure, Safety and Growth Scrutiny Work Plan

Work Plan 2018 - 2019	
DATE	SUBJECT
TBC	Town Centre Car Parking
18 December	Community Alarm Service Monitoring at Sheltered Housing Schemes
18 December	Tamworth Infrastructure & Roads <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillors Goodall and J Oates to invite relevant Staffordshire County Council representative • To invite SCC representative to address the impact of the draft SCC Plan for Highways • A list of specific questions to be circulated
TBC	Review Local & County Plans
TBC	Crime Figures for Tamworth
TBC	CCTV Usage
TBC	Uber – Licensing
TBC	People Helping People (Community Safety)
TBC	Street Cleansing (Partnering)
TBC	Anti-Social Behaviour Policy
	Annual review of Council Tenant Fire Safety

Upcoming Infrastructure, Safety and Growth Scrutiny Committee Meetings

Tuesday 18th December 2018

Tuesday 29th January 2019

Tuesday 2nd April 2019

Chair