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The Chair and Members of
Community, Customer and
Organisational Scrutiny Committee

1 July 2021

Dear Councillor,

Please attend a meeting of the COMMUNITY, CUSTOMER AND ORGANISATIONAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE to be held on THURSDAY, 8 JULY 2021 at 5.00 pm in Council Chamber, Town Hall, Rose Hill, Chesterfield, the agenda for which is set out below.

AGENDA

Part 1(Public Information)

1. Declarations of Members' and Officers' interests relating to items on the Agenda.

5.00pm to 5.05pm

2. Apologies for Absence

3. Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing - Anti Social Behaviour (Pages 3 - 10)

5.05pm to 5.45pm

4. Cabinet Member for Town Centres and Visitor Economy - Arts and Venues (Pages 11 - 16)

5.45pm to 6.25pm

5. Scrutiny Project Groups Progress Updates

6.25pm to 6.30pm

6. Scrutiny Monitoring (Pages 17 - 22)

6.30pm to 6.35pm

7. Forward Plan

Forward Plan of Key Decisions 1 July – 31 October, 2021 available via link below

<https://chesterfieldintranet.moderngov.co.uk/mgListPlans.aspx?RPId=134&RD=0&bcr=1>

6.35pm to 6.40pm

8. Work Programme for the Community, Customer and Organisational Scrutiny Committee (Pages 23 - 26)

6.40pm to 6.45pm

9. Overview and Scrutiny Developments

6.45pm to 6.50pm

10. Minutes (Pages 27 - 32)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Randy', written in a cursive style.

Local Government and Regulatory Law Manager and Monitoring Officer

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Safer Streets Fund application

Meeting:	CCO Scrutiny Committee
Date:	8 th July 2021
Cabinet portfolio:	Health and Wellbeing
Directorate:	Leisure, Culture and Community Wellbeing

1.0 Reason for inclusion on the work programme – *to provide an update of the Chesterfield Community Safety Partnership Safer Streets Grant Fund application and outcome, the approach used to access funding and expected impact.*

- 1.1 Chesterfield Borough Council has developed an effective Community Safety Partnership (which includes for example, Chesterfield Borough Council representatives, Derbyshire County Council, Police, Derbyshire Fire and Rescue, Health, Probation Service etc.)
- 1.2 The role of the partnership is to coordinate delivery of appropriate actions that will support the reduction of crime and anti-social behaviour in Chesterfield and contribute to the overall safety of Chesterfield residents, visitors and businesses.
- 1.3 Given this core function and the strong role that community safety plays across the council plan in terms of a great place to live, work and visit; improving the quality of life for local people and providing value for money services the opportunity to bid for Safer Streets funding was an important part of seeking to further improve our approach to community safety.
- 1.4 The Safer Streets Fund is a Home Office Fund worth £20m in 2021/22. The Safer Streets Fund will provide funding to hotspot areas within England and Wales that are disproportionately affected by neighbourhood and acquisitive crime and will as a result invest in evidence-based situational interventions.

- 1.5 The aims of the fund are to reduce neighbourhood crime (burglary, vehicle-related theft, theft from the person, robbery) and wider acquisitive crimes in areas that receive funding, therefore making local areas safer and reducing demand on the police, enabling them to focus on higher-harm crimes.
- 1.6 The fund aims to continue to build evidence about the impact of targeted investment in situational prevention in higher-crime areas to strengthen the case for future investment, both at a local and national level.
- 1.7 Through targeted investment the fund is seeking to enable to grow local capability to undertake data-driven problem solving and to capture evidence and practical learning about how best to implement situational interventions to prevent crime.
- 1.8 The fund specifically required the Chesterfield Community Safety Partnership through the design of the bid to take a problem-solving approach, identifying interventions that fit the specific issues of the local area and those with a strong (quantitative) evidence base.
- 1.9 The Chesterfield Safer Streets grant fund application was informed by the toolkit of interventions as outlined by the Policing College and local input through the Community Safety Partnership.

2.0 Summary

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to outline the Chesterfield Community Safety Partnership Safer Streets Fund round 2 application process and the subsequent outcome of the application.

3.0 Report details

- 3.1 A review was undertaken regarding the criteria for an application to the Safer Streets Fund 2021/22 round 2 for the Chesterfield Community Safety partnership.
- 3.2 The review was data driven and informed by Derbyshire Constabulary and the Police and Crime Commissioner's office.
- 3.3 The outcome of this review identified that an application would be appropriate to this fund targeting acquisitive and neighbourhood crime

within Chesterfield Town Centre and specific residential locations in the Boythorpe area.

- 3.4 A requirement of the application to the Safer Streets Fund was that it was through the relevant Police and Crime Commissioners Office (PCC) rather than a direct application from Chesterfield Borough Council. In light of this the application was a two-stage process through the Derbyshire PCC`s office.
- 3.5 Stage one was an expression of interest application outlining the core principles / concepts for the project. Only applications that were approved at stage one were able to be developed through to stage two.
- 3.6 Stage two required the development of a full application for review by the PCC due to the fact that only three applications from each PCC to this fund were permitted by the Home Office; they were to be identified as, primary application, secondary application and tertiary application.
- 3.7 Chesterfield Community Safety Partnership was successful in progressing through both stages and was allocated primary application status.
- 3.8 Chesterfield Community Safety Partnership received confirmation on the 2nd June 2021 that the application had been successful.
- 3.9 The funding confirmation letter noted

“We were impressed this bid effectively demonstrated the analysis and drivers of the problem/s in your chosen area and identified a suitable response to tackling the issues, deliverable within the 2021/22 financial year.

Due to the quality and volume of bids we received...all grant funding was exhausted following assessment of primary and secondary bids. All funds have therefore been awarded to successful primary bids and only the highest scoring secondary bids, meaning no tertiary bids were eligible for assessment or funding.”

- 3.10 This is positive for the partnership as the application received the full request of £432,000 which will be used as outlined below
 - **CCTV** to include both an upgrade to existing CCTV sites within the area defined by the funding application, which form the core of the

network and provide coverage of the main streets frequented by offenders throughout the bid area and a series of additional new cameras which will have 360 degree movement capability and much better night vision capability which will increase the coverage substantially on these key movement routes within the bid area. The new CCTV camera sites are located following insight from the Police in terms of key locations to support the prevention and detection of crime which are not currently covered by the existing CCTV network. These new cameras will act as a deterrent to offenders and will provide evidence and intelligence to the police which will positively impact on the Neighbourhood crime rates within the bid area.

- Two additional **Automatic Number Plate Recognition Cameras** Which will be strategically located based on insight from the police regarding locations that are used by acquisitive crime offenders and County Lines suspects. The installation of these will also help to detect Illegal traffic/drivers.
- **Target hardening** to residential properties in the LSOA (specific residential locations within the Boythorpe area.) This element of the project will be delivered through our Housing Service to improve / upgrade security to vulnerable residents in this location.
- **Alleygating** – the installation of measures to limit access to certain hotspot areas where no CCTV is available or no natural surveillance. The outcome from this work will be to prevent retail / residential burglary, littering or fly tipping, drug dealing and rough sleeping.
- **Bike parking security** – installation of two new additional secure bike parking facilities in two town centre car park locations. This project seeks to prevent the theft of bikes for people visiting or working in Chesterfield. It will enable visitors to the area who chose to travel by bicycle the ability to secure their bike in an area covered by CCTV. This is important given the sustainable transport agenda for the Borough as we progress actions relating to reducing carbon emissions.
- **Enhanced street lighting**, extra street lighting in key locations within the area defined by the funding application to help reduce the fear of crime in addition to minimising the risk of crime.

- **Business Crime reduction Partnership** – digital radios, the funding allocated to this will help support this scheme which aims to tackle issues such as shoplifting within the town centre. This programme is managed by the Chamber of Commerce and will see the current analogue radios replaced by digital ones.
- Linked to this will be enhanced work related to preventing Shoplifting from the offender's perspective. This will include, identifying perpetrators by working better with **Integrated Offender Management (IOM) scheme**. To include working with Buddy scheme to prevent shoplifting re-offending managed by IOM team.
- Finally, underpinning all the above will be a programme of **engagement activity** to provide the public with personal safety awareness and equipment to address robbery and theft from person offences which are present within the area defined by the funding application. These engagement events are vital to promote safety advice to the public.

3.11 Following confirmation of the funding, members of the delivery team for this project are currently working with colleagues and partners to progress the formal acceptance and terms and conditions associated with the funding, in addition to the areas outlined above.

4.0 Potential barriers

4.1 The application was submitted with input, insight and support from partners so the barriers for successful delivery relate primarily around the timescale.

4.2 The funding conditions require that the grant needs to be allocated and spent by 31/03/2022. Whilst at present this is considered to be fully achievable for all the areas outlined above, this deadline may be challenging if the partnership identifies specific procurement risks or delivery challenges which are reliant on third parties.

4.3 Initial scoping and risk management work has not identified any significant risks to project deliverability at this stage, however the project team will continually monitor the risks and take suitable and proportionate action as required.

5.0 Future plans and areas for further scrutiny involvement

- 5.1 The Community Safety Partnership is confident that this is a deliverable scheme but also one that will have a real and lasting impact on the prevention and detection of crime across Chesterfield Town Centre.
- 5.2 Whilst it is not felt that further scrutiny involvement is required at this time in relation to the deliverability of this project, a future report to scrutiny that confirms the completion of the project would be appropriate.
- 5.3 The impact from this work will be captured through the regular reporting framework for scrutiny on the Community Safety Partnership Plan.

6.0 Implications for consideration

- 6.1 Council Plan - The Chesterfield Community Safety Partnership Safer Streets application actively supports thriving borough and improving the quality of life by helping to tackle crime and the fear of crime particularly for those who are most vulnerable.
- 6.2 Community Wellbeing - having in place interventions such as those outlined above provides the Police and Council enforcement teams with the necessary insight and intelligence to positively tackle issues and positively impact on the experience of residents and visitors to the town centre and as a result will help in reducing the fear of crime.
- 6.3 Through collaboration with partners the funding will further support positive engagement with those most vulnerable and for example at risk of homelessness and drug abuse and as a result, can where the individual is willing to engage, help improve their wellbeing.
- 6.4 Equality and Diversity – the Community Safety Partnership operates in such a way to avoid targeting any specific group or type of individuals and only targets the behaviours that cause nuisance, alarm, harassment, or distress to others. However, it is inevitable that some groups may be more impacted by the controls that the partnership undertake through this grant funding due to their behaviours, but this will always be proportionate to the issue.

Document information

Report author	
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Background documents	
These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when the report was prepared.	
N/A	
<i>This must be made available to the public for up to 4 years.</i>	
Appendices to the report	
Appendix 1	N/A
Appendix 2	N/A

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Re-opening of Chesterfield Theatres and Venues.

Meeting:	Community, Customer and Organisational Scrutiny Committee
Date:	Thursday 8 th July 2021
Cabinet portfolio:	Cabinet Member for Town Centres and Visitor Economy
Directorate:	Leisure, Culture and Community Wellbeing

1.0 Reason for inclusion on the work programme

1.1. Purpose of reviewing the topic:

To provide a brief update on the re-opening of Chesterfield Theatres and Venues since re-opening in May 2021

1.1 Objectives of the review:

To update on numbers of events since re-opening.

To update on any issues encountered, and how they were resolved.

To update on future plans.

1.2 Progress to date: summary of previous scrutiny involvement and/or recommendations

A report entitled Arrangements for the Reopening Chesterfield Theatres and Venues was presented to the Committee on 10th September 2020.

2.0 Summary

2.1 Chesterfield Venues, which comprises Winding Wheel Theatre, Pomegranate Theatre, Hasland Village Hall, Assembly Rooms, and the Rest Rooms, were originally closed on 16th

March 2020, in line with the Government guidance due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

- 2.2 The Pomegranate Theatre re-opened with a reduced seating capacity initially for cinema on 24th July 2020, and then for live theatre in October 2020. The Winding Wheel Theatre re-opened for live theatre in October 2020. Both Hasland Village Hall and the Assembly Rooms re-opened for venue hire in October 2020. The Rest Rooms remained closed as it was not possible to re-open them safely in a Covid Secure way.
- 2.3 On 5th November 2020, due to new restrictions, the Pomegranate Theatre and the Winding Wheel Theatre were closed again. However, Hasland Village Hall and Assembly Rooms were able to remain partially open for use by support groups within the community.
- 2.4 In January 2021, the Winding Wheel Theatre was licensed to the NHS for use as a vaccination centre and continues to the present day.
- 2.5 At Step 3 on the Government's roadmap to the easing of restrictions, on 17th May 2021, the Pomegranate Theatre re-opened with a reduced seating capacity for cinema and live theatre. Also, on the same date Hasland Village Hall, and the Assembly Rooms were able to open for a wider category of activities and events.

3.0 Report details

3.1 The Pomegranate Theatre

Since the Pomegranate Theatre re-opened on 17th May 2021, a mixed programme of cinema and live theatre has been presented. Due to social distancing, the seating capacity of the theatre has been reduced from 590 seats to a maximum of 160 seats.

In Table 1 below is detailed the number of performances/screenings:

Programme Type	Number of performances/screenings 17 th May to 26 th June 2021
Cinema	46
Live Theatre	11
Total	57

3.2 Hasland Village Hall

Since 17th May 2021, Hasland Village Hall has been hired for various events, including support group meetings, dance classes, and a wake.

In Table 2 below is detailed the number of bookings for each activity:

Activity Type	Number of Bookings 17 th May to 26 th June 2021
Support Groups	8
Dance Classes	18
Wake	1
Total	27

3.3 Assembly Rooms

Since 17th May 2021, Hasland Village Hall has been hired for various events, including support group meetings, and other meetings

In Table 3 below is detailed the number of bookings for each activity:

Activity Type	Number of Bookings 17 th May to 26 th June 2021
Support Groups	6
Meetings	3
Total	9

3.4 Other venues

The Rest Rooms continue to remain closed for community use but were used for local elections on 6th May 2021. The Winding Wheel Theatre is currently licensed to the NHS as a vaccination centre.

4.0 Potential barriers

4.1 All the venues have been opened according to Government regulations, and Council requirements. These comprehensive regulations are designed to ensure that the venues can be used safely by customers, hirers, and promoters.

4.2 The general response from customers has been very positive and importantly they have followed the guidelines. Some customers have made return visits to the venues since we re-opened.

4.3 The procedures for hirers and promoters during the pandemic have been more complicated than usual and additional time has been required to ensure hirers and promoters have designed their activities in a Covid secure way and have provided all the necessary documentation required.

5.0 Future plans and areas for further scrutiny involvement

5.1 Depending on details of the final step in the easing of restrictions, which is anticipated on 19th July 2021, we will be planning to further re-open the venues during the next few months.

- 5.2 The key to the future re-opening programme is whether we are able to operate the venues without social distancing in place. If we are not able to do so, many of the events booked for September 2021 will need to be re-scheduled, as they will not be commercially viable with restrictions in place.
- 5.3 It is hoped that the Winding Wheel Theatre will re-open at the end of August 2021. There is an extensive programme of concerts, comedy, and events booked from September onwards.
- 5.4 It is hoped that we will be able to re-open the Rest Rooms in conjunction with the local management committees during the late summer.

6.0 Implications for consideration

6.1 Council Plan

The operation of the venues is in line with two priorities of the Council Plan:

6.1.1 Improving quality of life for local people

Support key Covid-19 schemes including assisting with community response, testing and mass vaccination programmes.

The use of the Winding Theatre as a vaccination centre is part of the Council's support of the response to the pandemic.

6.1.2 Providing value for money services responding to and developing plans for re-engaging communities with leisure and cultural facilities to maximising customer safety, health, wellbeing, and value for money. The plan to continue to re-open the venues in line with Government regulations, and further extend their use is part of the Council's response to re-engage communities and support their wider wellbeing through positive engagement with a range of cultural activities.

6.2 Financial and value for money

The ongoing restrictions are challenging in terms of growing income from ticket sales and secondary sales of the Pomegranate Theatre and also on venue hire income at both Hasland Village Hall and the Assembly Rooms. In response to this the operational delivery team are aware of the need for balance regarding Covid compliance and operational efficiency and to

date have managed this very well. In addition the Council was awarded a second grant under the Cultural Recovery Fund for the period April to Jun 2021, and approximately £124,500 of this grant is allocated to the operation of Chesterfield Theatres for this period which is providing essential support to the operation of the service.

6.4 Community wellbeing

As detailed above, the re-opening and further re-opening of the venues has been and will be a positive contribution to community wellbeing. First, the programme of arts and entertainment presented at Chesterfield Theatres will provide positive health and well-being benefits to those attending or participating. Secondly, having a wide range of community facilities open and available will enable local residents to engage in a wide range of activities which will have multiple benefits for all.

Document information

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Background documents	
Not applicable	

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS - IMPLEMENTATION MONITORING SCHEDULE

Ref No	Item (Scrutiny Issue or Topic. SPG = Scrutiny Project Group work)	Decision Dates (Scrutiny Committee, Cabinet, Council & its Committees)	Scrutiny Committee Recommendations and/or <i>Decision making body resolution</i> (<i>italics = Agreed by Scrutiny Committee but not yet considered by decision making body</i>) *	Completion Date for Actions	Action / Response Completed	Further Action Required by Scrutiny (6 monthly progress reports)
CCO1 Page 17	Statutory Crime & Disorder Scrutiny Ctte	CCO 29.09.11 (Min. No. 44)	Progress report on sharing information re alcohol related health problems and hospital admissions.	6 monthly wef 29/09/11.	Statistics requested for each 6 monthly meeting	Agreed on 08.01.15 that statistics on alcohol related health problems / hospital admissions be reported to each 6 monthly meeting.
CCO4	Implementation of Universal Credit	CCO 22.05.18 (Min. No. 6) Cabinet Member for Homes & Customers 16.07.18	Re. provision of computer terminal(s) and support for Universal Credit claimants in Staveley area. Cabinet Member's response noted by CCO – 17.07.18 (Min. No. 14) – computer terminals and support available at several locations within Staveley area – provision to be monitored.	6 monthly progress reports	Cabinet Member's response noted by CCO – 17.07.18. Progress reports considered by CCO – 26.03.19, 30.01.20. and 24.09.20	Monitor as part of ongoing review of implementation of Universal Credit.

Ref No	Item (Scrutiny Issue or Topic. SPG = Scrutiny Project Group work)	Decision Dates (Scrutiny Committee, Cabinet, Council & its Committees)	Scrutiny Committee Recommendations and/or <i>Decision making body resolution</i> (<i>italics = Agreed by Scrutiny Committee but not yet considered by decision making body</i>) *	Completion Date for Actions	Action / Response Completed	Further Action Required by Scrutiny (6 monthly progress reports)
EW6	Skills	<p>EW 05.02.19 (Min. No 48)</p> <p>Cabinet 26.02.19 (Min. No 110)</p>	<p>Skills SPG report approved by Enterprise and Wellbeing 05.02.19</p> <p>Cabinet Response:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Cabinet thanks the Enterprise and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee for the report which highlights an important area of work for the Council and reflects our commitment to driving skills development in the Borough through our support of the Skills Action Plan and continued engagement with key partners and stakeholders. 2. That the Cabinet notes and endorses the recommendations, and acknowledges that the recommendations can be accommodated within the normal work programme and through partners. 3. That the decision to co-fund the Enterprise Co-ordinator post be deferred for consideration as a 	Monitoring Action is being developed in consultation with senior officers to identify target dates for completion.	Progress reported to E&W – 4.02.21.	

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Page 19			<p>growth request as part of the budget setting process for 2020/21. The Cabinet recognises the positive impact of the Enterprise Co-ordinator for Chesterfield and that this is currently co-funded for 2 years until 2019/20.</p> <p>See SPG Report for recommendations.</p>			
EW7	Future Use of the Former QPSC Site	<p>EW 3.10.19 (Min. No. 20)</p> <p>Cabinet 22.10.19 (Min. No. 53)</p>	<p>SPG report approved by EW 3.10.19.</p> <p>Cabinet Response:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the use of the new sports pitch be monitored through the Council's normal management processes against the objective of balancing the need to achieve a commercial return and provide opportunities for community and health and wellbeing development. 2. That the marketing approach and pricing structure for the sports pitch be reviewed as necessary as part of the Council's overall marketing and 	TBC due to impact of COVID 19	Progress reported to E&W 4.02.21.	

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			pricing of its sports and leisure services.			
OP8	HS2	OPSF 11.09.18 Cabinet 23.10.18 (Min. No. 48)	Cabinet Response: 1. That the Cabinet thanks the Overview and Performance Scrutiny Forum for the first class work that has been taken forward in looking at how the Council is preparing for HS2 and, in particular, for the Forum's efforts in broadening and deepening the understanding of Council Members of the subject matter. 2. That Cabinet notes and endorses the recommendations of the Overview and Performance Scrutiny Forum. 3. That Cabinet endorses, in particular, the Forum's recommendation to establish a new Skills Scrutiny Project group and resolves to defer to the Overview and Performance Scrutiny Forum further consideration of the merit of	Following Parliament's consideration of the Hybrid Bill	Recommendations approved by Cabinet 23.10.18 Monitoring update considered by OPSF - 19.03.19	Monitor after Hybrid Bill has been taken to Parliament.

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Page 4			<p>establishing new Scrutiny Project Groups to look at particular aspects of HS2 as part of the future work programming discussions.</p> <p>See SPG Report for recommendations.</p>			
<p>Abbreviations Key : OP = Overview and Performance Scrutiny Forum. CCO = Community, Customer and Organisational Development Scrutiny Committee. EW = Enterprise and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee). TBA (to be agreed). * Note recommendation wording may be abridged.</p>						

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**WORK PROGRAMME :
COMMUNITY, CUSTOMERS AND ORGANISATIONAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE for 8 JULY, 2021**

Scrutiny Meeting Date :	Business Item :	Status :	Raised by :	Cabinet Responsibility:
08.07.21	Anti-Social Behaviour/community safety	Agreed for inclusion on work programme following the 2021/22 work programming workshops.	<i>Annual Scrutiny Work Programme 2021/22</i>	<i>Health & Wellbeing</i>
08.07.21	Re-opening of theatres and venues	Agreed for inclusion on work programme following the 2021/22 work programming workshops.	<i>Annual Scrutiny Work Programme 2021/22</i>	<i>Town Centres & Visitor Economy</i>
16.09.21	Crime and Disorder Scrutiny (with Police & Crime Panel Update and Monitoring Reports)	Reports considered by CCO on 24.09.20 and 25.03.21	<i>Statutory requirement at least once per year</i>	<i>Health & Wellbeing</i>
16.09.21	Implementation of Universal Credit	Report considered by CCO on 24.09.20. Progress report requested for September 2021.	<i>Annual Scrutiny Work Programme 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 & 2021</i>	<i>Business Transformation & Customers</i>

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Scrutiny Meeting Date :	Business Item :	Status :	Raised by :	Cabinet Responsibility:
TBC	Lighting Strategy	Agreed for inclusion on work programme following the 2021/22 work programming workshops. Initial overview followed by Scrutiny Project Group.	<i>Annual Scrutiny Work Programme 2021/22</i>	<i>Economic Growth</i>
TBC	Commercial occupancy rates in town centre	Agreed for inclusion on work programme following the 2021/22 work programming workshops.	<i>Annual Scrutiny Work Programme 2021/22</i>	<i>Town Centres & Visitor Economy</i>
Scrutiny Project Groups:				
TBC	Community Safety – Providing for Young People	SPG Project Start Report approved by CCO – 26.09.19. To consider progress report from SPG.	<i>Annual Scrutiny Work Programme 2019</i>	<i>Health & Wellbeing</i>
08.07.21	Visitor Economy	Agreed to set up by CCO on 24.09.20. To consider revised Project Start Report and progress	<i>Annual Scrutiny Work Programme 2020</i>	<i>Town Centres & Visitor Economy</i>

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Scrutiny Meeting Date :	Business Item :	Status :	Raised by :	Cabinet Responsibility:
		report from SPG.		

[KEY to abbreviations :

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CCO = Community, Customer and Organisational Scrutiny Committee.

EW = Enterprise and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee.

TBC = To be confirmed].

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**COMMUNITY, CUSTOMER AND ORGANISATIONAL SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE**

Thursday, 25th March, 2021

Present:-

Councillor L Collins (Chair)

Councillors Blakemore
Borrell
Dyke

Councillors Flood
Kellman

Councillor P Innes, Assistant Cabinet Member +
Councillor Mannion-Brunt, Cabinet Member for Health & Wellbeing +

Ian Waller, Service Director – Leisure, Culture and Community Wellbeing +
Brian Offiler, Democratic and Scrutiny Officer

+ Attended for Minute Nos. 17 - 19

**10 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' AND OFFICERS' INTERESTS
RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.**

No declarations of interest were received.

11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

12 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Community, Customer and Organisational Scrutiny Committee held on 26 November, 2020 were presented.

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

13 SCRUTINY PROJECT GROUPS PROGRESS UPDATES

Councillor Caulfield, Lead Member of the Scrutiny Project Group on the Visitor Economy Strategy, presented the group's Project Start Report. She explained that the strategy would be developed taking account of the visitor economy audit and that the group was meeting the following week with the consultants appointed to assist in the development of the strategy and action plan.

RESOLVED –

That the Project Start Report of the Scrutiny Project Group on the Visitor Economy Strategy be approved and that the current position of the work of the group be noted.

14 SCRUTINY MONITORING

The Committee considered the Scrutiny recommendations implementation monitoring schedule.

RESOLVED –

That the Scrutiny monitoring schedule be noted.

15 FORWARD PLAN

The Committee considered the Forward Plan for the period 1 April – 31 July, 2021.

Information regarding the numbers of applications for home repairs assistance and discretionary rate relief was requested.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the Forward Plan be noted.
- (2) That information on the numbers of applications for home repairs assistance and discretionary rate relief be provided to Members.

16 **WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE COMMUNITY, CUSTOMER AND ORGANISATIONAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

The Committee considered the list of items included on its work programme for 2020/21.

RESOLVED -

That the work programme be noted.

CRIME AND DISORDER COMMITTEE

For Minute Nos. 17 - 19 the Committee sat as the Council's designated Crime and Disorder Committee, in accordance with Section 19 of the Police and Justice Act 2006.

17 **CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING - UPDATE AS CHESTERFIELD SCRUTINY MEMBER OF THE DERBYSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL**

The Assistant Cabinet Member, as Chesterfield Scrutiny Member of the Derbyshire Police and Crime Panel (PCP), presented the minutes of the meeting of the PCP held on 4 February, 2021 for the information of the Committee.

It was noted that the Police and Crime Commissioner's proposed precept for 2021-22 had been approved by the PCP.

A significant increase in the number of recorded incidents of anti-social behaviour (ASB) across the County, including breaches of the Covid-19 regulations, had been reported to the PCP, although the number of non-Covid related incidents of ASB had declined.

The PCP had been advised that there was a legal requirement to publicise the location of mobile speed cameras, with the aim of encouraging compliance with speed restrictions.

The Chair thanked the Assistant Cabinet Member for his contribution to the meeting on this item.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the minutes of the Derbyshire Police and Crime Panel meeting held on 4 February, 2021 be noted.
- (2) That a further report from the Derbyshire Police and Crime Panel meetings be provided to the Crime and Disorder Committee in September, 2021.

18 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC**RESOLVED -**

That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

19 CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING - PROGRESS REPORT ON COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

The Service Director – Leisure, Culture and Community Wellbeing presented the progress report on the Chesterfield Community Safety Partnership's (CSP) action plan for 2020-21 and the crime and disorder data as at January, 2021.

The positive contribution of the CSP in working with partners to address the key risk and threat themes within the action plan was highlighted, despite the additional challenges arising from the Covid pandemic and related restrictions.

The report referred to the following areas of activity within the action plan:

- Supporting Rural Action Derbyshire's Digital Hubs project, which had trained volunteers to be 'Cyber Buddies' and promoting online safety through the Digital MOT and scams podcast developed by the Safeguarding Adults Board;
- Supporting the PREVENT counter terrorism and radicalisation programme, including input planned to secondary schools;
- An increasing number of 'guard cams' cameras to combat anti-social behaviour (ASB), acquisitive crime and the threat / fear of

crime, used to support vulnerable people and the Police in information and intelligence gathering;

- A multi-agency ASB communications campaign planned for the easing of Covid restrictions and the summer holidays and the continuation of the Town Centre Public Space Protection Order;
- Supporting the development of the county-wide Hate Crime Strategy and Action Plan and promoting Hate Crime Awareness Week in October 2021;
- Exploring funding opportunities to increase the provision of CCTV (such as in Staveley town centre) and supporting the Derbyshire Business Crime Reduction Partnership in enabling local businesses to reduce acquisitive crime and ASB.

The CSP had been chosen to lead a pilot, Operation Blofeld, based on close partnership working and intelligence gathering to protect communities from the threats and risks of serious and organised crime.

It was noted that the crime data statistics (attached as Appendix 2 to the report) showed a reduction of 6.2% in the total number of crimes reported in Chesterfield from February, 2020 to January, 2021 compared to the previous 12 months. There had been significant increases in the number of recorded incidents of violence without injury (including common assault, domestic violence, stalking and harassment) and of public disorder (including breaches of Covid regulations). Further information had been requested on the increase in the number of reported incidents of hate crime.

Arising from Members' questions and discussion the following points were raised:

- The Community Safety Team worked closely with the Police in seeking to address ASB in parks and public spaces, including regular walk throughs with PCSOs (which local Members were welcome to join) with the aim to educate and encourage compliance prior to enforcement, regular meetings with the Police to target interventions at identified hotspots and engagement of PCSOs with children in schools. Covid related breaches, as reported in the crime figures above, were where the Police would directly engage given their enforcement powers.
- Encouraging more people to use outdoor spaces, such as through the Great Outdoors programme from April, 2021, was an approach

the CSP was working in partnership on with a view to those spaces becoming less attractive for ASB.

- The current difficulty of delivering outdoor activities, such as Rother Active Youth, in a Covid-secure way had resulted in activities being required to be delivered differently, such as online, which did not always capture some of the more hard to reach children.
- The use of guard cams was based on an assessment of the risk and threat to the individual in each case.
- The importance of close partnership working at local community level to combat issues such as drug taking, including in Rother ward and Staveley town centre. It was hoped that Operation Blofeld would have a positive impact on such issues.

It was noted that the latest Covid infection rates were lower in Chesterfield than for Derbyshire, the East Midlands or England, but that the take up of vaccinations was lower in Rother and Middlecroft and Poolsbrook wards than in the rest of the borough. Details of a community question and answer webinar to be run by Joined Up Care Derbyshire the following week would be distributed to Members after the meeting to promote greater take up of vaccinations.

The Chair thanked the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing, the Assistant Cabinet Member and the Service Director – Leisure, Culture and Community Wellbeing for their contributions to the meeting.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the Community Safety Partnership progress report be noted.
- (2) That a further progress report on the Community Safety Partnership's Action Plan and Performance be provided to the Crime and Disorder Committee in September, 2021.