

**COMMUNITY, CUSTOMER AND ORGANISATIONAL SCRUTINY  
COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, 16th September, 2021**

Present:-

Councillor L Collins (Chair)

Councillors Kellman  
Borrell  
Dyke  
Blakemore

Councillor P Innes, Assistant Cabinet Member +

Ian Waller, Service Director – Leisure, Culture and Community Wellbeing +  
Dianne Illsley, Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator +  
Rachel Appleyard, Senior Democratic and Scrutiny Officer  
Graham Ibberson, Democratic and Scrutiny Officer

+ Attended for Minute No. 4

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

No declarations of interest were received.

**12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr Mannion-Brunt.

**13 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 items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 3 and 7 (respectively) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

## 14 **CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING - CRIME AND DISORDER SCRUTINY**

The Cabinet Member for Health & Wellbeing gave an update on the recent Police and Crime Panel where the new Crime Commissioner indicated a 6 point plan for the next 3 years. Full details expected to be presented in November.

The Service Director presented a report on policing operations locally. The purpose of the report was to provide an overview as to some of the results which had arisen from the early stages of a new pilot approach to tackling serious and organised crime in Chesterfield. The pilot will develop a local multi agency action plan aligned to the 4 P's of policing, Pursue, Prevent, Protect and Prepare.

The report highlighted the following areas;

- The new pilot approach was at the heart of tackling county lines and focussed on disrupting and ultimately dismantling serious and organised crime gangs locally
- Organised crime gangs have been disrupted since March 2021
- A significant number of arrests had been made, that have resulted in custodial sentences.
- Drugs, cash and weapons have been seized
- The work of the pilot had also resulted in a number of vulnerable people being safeguarded

Next stages included enhanced information regarding serious and organised crime being made available to residents and visitors, including the range of contact methods for the reporting of concerns.

It was noted that potential barriers related to intelligence and data needed so that Police can build cases and ultimately enforce. Intelligence gathering was seen by Police Officers working in this area as a critical factor to combat the activities of serious and organised crime gangs locally. The Police and partners will be supported through the community safety partnership to widen awareness and wherever possible encourage reporting by the public.

Whilst it was not felt that further scrutiny involvement was required at this time, a future report to scrutiny that provided further updates would be appropriate.

**RESOLVED –**

That the report be noted.

**15 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - RE-ADMISSION OF THE PUBLIC****RESOLVED -**

That the public be readmitted to the meeting following consideration of items containing exempt information.

**16 CABINET MEMBER FOR BUSINESS TRANSFORMATION AND CUSTOMERS - IMPLEMENTATION OF UNIVERSAL CREDIT****RESOLVED –**

That progress of the implementation of Universal Credit be reported to the Committee in November 2021.

**17 SCRUTINY PROJECT GROUPS PROGRESS UPDATES**

Rachel Appleyard, Senior Democratic and Scrutiny Officer provided an update on the Scrutiny Project Groups.

- Scrutiny project group had met with consultants to contribute to the evidence report and development of options for the visitor economy strategy
- Consultants used this to inform the visitor economy situation report
- SPG had provided feedback on situation report
- This would be used to inform the visitor economy strategy
- Next step is for the draft document to be released, then SPG will meet with the consultants to provide comment and feedback.

**RESOLVED –**

That the update be noted.

**18 SCRUTINY MONITORING**

The Committee considered the Scrutiny recommendations implementation monitoring schedule.

**RESOLVED –**

That the Scrutiny monitoring schedule be noted.

**19 FORWARD PLAN**

The Committee considered the Forward Plan for the period 1 October – 31 January, 2021.

**RESOLVED –**

That the Forward Plan be noted.

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

It was noted that the Committee plan to set up future meetings to review the Forward Plan with a view for future Scrutiny.

**RESOLVED -**

That the work programme be approved.

**21 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Community, Customer and Organisational Scrutiny Committee held on 8 July 2021 were presented.

**RESOLVED –**

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