

Runnymede Borough CouncilCRIME AND DISORDER COMMITTEE12 April 2016 at 7.30.p.m.

Members of the

Committee present: Councillors P B Tuley (Chairman), H A Butterfield (Vice-Chairman),
I A Chaudhri, R J Edis, Mrs E Gill, Mrs L M Gillham, Miss D Khalique,
A P Tollett and J J Wilson

Members of the

Committee absent: None
Councillor M T Kusneraitis also attended.

607 FIRE PRECAUTIONS

The Chairman read out the Fire Precautions.

608 NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE AND APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Groups mentioned below had notified the Chief Executive of their wish that the change and appointment listed below be made to the membership of the Committee. The change and appointment were for a fixed period ending on the day after the meeting.

<u>Group</u>	<u>Remove From Membership</u>	<u>Appoint Instead</u>
Conservative	Vacancy	Councillor R J Edis
Runnymede Independent Residents'	Councillor A Alderson	Councillor Mrs E Gill

The Chief Executive had given effect to these requests in accordance with Section 16(2) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

609 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 2 July 2015 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

610 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr H A Butterfield declared a non-pecuniary interest in the agenda item concerning thefts at Foxhills Club and Resort owing to Cllr H A Butterfield being a Member of the Club.

611 PRESENTATION FROM INSPECTOR NICK PINKERTON ON CRIME, ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AND THE NEW POLICING MODEL

Inspector Nick Pinkerton introduced himself as the new Borough Inspector and gave the Committee a presentation on Crime, Anti-Social Behaviour and the new policing model, Policing in your Neighbourhood (PIYN)

Inspector Pinkerton informed the Committee that Runnymede crime statistics had risen. At the end of 2015 Runnymede was 7th out of the 11 districts in relation to total notifiable offences which was above Elmbridge and below Spelthorne. In relation to Anti-Social behaviour in 2015-1016 the total number of incidents had reduced by 3.6%, with rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour seeing a reduction of 17.2%.

PIYN began on 3 April 2016 with phased savings year on year until 2019 when approximately £8.3million savings would be achieved. Inspector Pinkerton assured the Committee however that the model was not just about budgets. It was believed that the new policing model would provide a better service for Surrey. Services would be delivered and accountable locally.

Members of the Committee were advised on the changing nature of crime demand, demand hotspots and what it meant for local policing. Members were presented with a model flowchart on how calls or visits to the Police would be dealt with including involvement of other agencies where appropriate.

The Area Policing Team Officers would attend emergency incidents where the Police were required and would investigate as appropriate. They would deal with a case from start to finish giving them ownership.

The Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNT) would be smaller but would remain dedicated to Boroughs and Districts. Each team would be aligned to one or more neighbourhoods to ensure every community retained a named borough based Inspector and geographically based Police Community Support Officers (PCSO).

The Community Safety team would provide support to the Safer Neighbourhood team tackling specific problem locations, events and offenders.

Inspector Pinkerton summarised by advising the Committee that PIYN would provide a local presence in our community, give the public identifiable local contacts, promote options for contact, focus on protecting the vulnerable and was a flexible model built for the future and designed to withstand further saving requirements.

Members asked various questions relating to sexual offences, public order offences, telephone resolutions, working relations with Councillors, SNT's large area, police panel meetings, ASB, cyclists on the footpaths, tracking of incidents, drug problems, motor related crime and burglaries to which Inspector Pinkerton responded.

Additionally, Councillor Butterfield advised the Inspector that he was told by Mount Browne that if a burglary occurred from a shed or outhouse not connected to the main dwelling house it was policy that the police would not attend. Inspector Pinkerton advised Councillor Butterfield that he would liaise with Mount Browne on this and confirm whether or not this was the situation and advise if the new PIYN would alter that policy.

612 THEFTS AT FOXHILLS CLUB AND RESORT – ITEM REQUESTED BY COUNCILLOR BUTTERFIELD

The Committee was asked to consider a letter received from Foxhills Club and Resort relating to crime and disorder matters which had occurred at the Club. The matter had been referred to the Committee for consideration by Councillor H Butterfield.

Mr Adams (General Manager) from Foxhills Club and Resort spoke regarding his letter to the Chief Constable regarding a series of criminal incidents which had taken place over the last eighteen months. Mr Adams advised the Committee that he was dissatisfied with the service he had received from Surrey Police in relation to the criminal incidents to which he felt he had had little response leaving the issue unresolved. Mr Adams advised the Committee that he had recently visited the Safer Runnymede control room and was very impressed with their CCTV systems but as he had already invested £50,000 on additional security equipment the Club could not afford to link into Safer Runnymede's system at this time.

Inspector Pinkerton responded to Mr Adams by firstly apologising that Foxhills felt that it had not received a satisfactory service from Surrey Police. Surrey Police Officers were dedicated in doing their best for the community and it was professionally distressing when they could not satisfy the expectations of victims of crime. In such circumstances reflection on performance, organisation and appraisal of what could have been done better was required, which had been done in this case in a thorough manner.

Members of the Committee were advised that Inspector Pinkerton was constrained in what he could say in a public forum. He was unable to give details of on-going investigations, or reveal any information which may be of use to criminals.

Inspector Pinkerton began by explaining to Members Surrey Police's response to Foxhill's complaint and request for "help to stop any further thefts".

On 24th March this year, Chief Constable Ephgrave wrote to Rt. Hon Mr Hammond, MP for Runnymede and Weybridge. The letter laid out a number of actions as shown below which had been agreed between Surrey Police and Foxhills following a meeting between Superintendent Blackburn and the Manager of Foxhills Mr Adams.

1. A review of previous theft and burglary reports to identify if any investigative opportunities had been missed. This was conducted by an Officer at the rank of Detective Inspector.
2. Engagement with the SNT to ensure a single point of contact for Mr Adams for day to day communication.
3. Further attendance by a North Surrey Crime Reduction Officer for a technical review of the security system and processes. Mr Adams had agreed to review Foxhills security measures alongside this review.
4. Runnymede Area Policing Team had additional briefing materials and would carry out patrols of the area around Foxhills when not deployed to incidents and investigations.
5. A review of any facial images captured by Foxhill's CCTV by a Runnymede SNT Officer. As a result, enquiries were being made with other Divisions.
6. That future calls for service to Foxhills were identified as being from a location of repeat offending, rather than being treated as an isolated report.

On 26th March, two Runnymede Officers had attended Foxhills and spoke to Mr Adams. P C Clark introduced herself as the local Officer for the area and gave Mr Adams several contact email addresses. PC Clark advised that any incident should be reported to 101 or in immediate emergencies to call 999.

Surrey Police Crime prevention advisor Vic Smith was scheduled to have a further meeting on 15th April with Mr Steve Barrass (Health and Safety Officer at Foxhills). Crime prevention Officers had attended and provided advice since April 2014 which included an offer to assist with designing out crime, detailed recommendations on CCTV, advice on locks and general advice around the management of security.

The Committee was advised that Surrey Police had reviewed the incidents listed in Mr Adams' letter to the Chief Constable on the 10th March. This included a review of 32 separate incident logs with 21 logs from over the past year. Some of these incidents did not appear to have been reported to the Police. Others had a Police attendance but Foxhills did not want to pursue any allegation.

Performance had been evaluated and a review by a Detective Inspector had identified where there were investigative opportunities which could be further progressed, and these lines of enquiry would be followed up. Unfortunately, it seemed that there was not an appreciation that it was becoming an acute problem, each incident was examined on its own and not as part of a possible pattern or series. Under the new PIYN it was envisaged that this was less likely to occur.

Inspector Pinkerton closed by explaining that the security of a private company was a shared responsibility between the company and the Police. The Police's role included preventing crime, pursuing and bringing to justice those that broke the law. It was an expectation of the public that a private company should both enjoy the general protection of the Police but also address their own particular security through adequate and proportionate preventative security. The taxpayers of Surrey expected value for money from their Police and the Inspector believed the plan outlined would satisfy both the public purse and Foxhills.

The Committee thanked the Inspector for his comprehensive response. Mr Adams was content with the outcome of the meeting and hoped Police support and presence would continue over an extensive period.

The Committee asked for an update report to a future meeting.

RESOLVED that -

An update report on Foxhills Club and Resort be presented to the Crime and Disorder Committee Meeting on 7 July or 6 October

Chairman

(The meeting ended at 8.56 p.m.)