

Runnymede Borough CouncilCRIME AND DISORDER COMMITTEE4 October 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

Members of the Committee present : Councillors M J Maddox (Chairman), P J Taylor (Vice-Chairman)
S L Dennett, Mrs E Gill, T J F E Gracey, N M King and P S Sohi

Member of the Committee absent: Councillors Mrs Y P Lay and S M Mackay

Councillor Mrs G Warner also attended.

279 FIRE PRECAUTIONS

The Chairman read out the Fire Precautions.

280 NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE TO COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Group mentioned below had notified the Chief Executive of their wish that the change listed below be made to the membership of the Committee. The change was for a fixed period ending on the day after the meeting and thereafter the Councillor removed would be reappointed.

Group	Remove from Membership	Appoint Instead
Runnymede Independents Residents' Group	Councillor Mrs L M Gillham	Councillor Mrs E Gill

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

281 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 5 July 2018 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

282 RUNNYMEDE POLICING UPDATE

The Committee received an update from Sergeant Sarah White from the Surrey Police Safer Neighbourhood Team on policing in Runnymede.

Surrey is a safe county to live in. Over the last year (July 17 – July 18) Surrey Police had the greatest reduction in Serious Acquisitive Crime per 1000 population of all forces in the South East of England. Runnymede also had the lowest number of Total Notifiable Offences (TNO) for the three Northern Boroughs.

Members received detailed crime analysis for Runnymede and were pleased to note a reduction of 61.3% in relation to domestic burglaries for the year to date.

Over the last twelve months to the end of August 2018, there had been 8,837 incidents attended in Runnymede graded Grade 1 or 2. This was slightly down on the year before (9,073 incidents).

Crime was not the largest component of Officer's duty time. The safeguarding of vulnerable persons and dealing with mental health issues took a significant amount of rostered hours. Estimates showed that non crime responses accounted for between 60%-80% of Officer time. St.Peters and the Abraham Cowley unit (ACU) were the greatest points of demand.

Runnymede was sixth of 11 Surrey Boroughs in relation to Anti-Social Behaviour. "Rowdy and Inconsiderate Behaviour" and "Vehicle Nuisance/Inappropriate Use" were the most reported types of ASB. Total reported ASB had decreased slightly in the year to date. Addlestone Town remained the area with the greatest reported ASB incidents, followed by Chertsey Meads & St. Ann's and Thorpe and Hythe.

The Committee was advised that after public consultation a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) had been implemented in Addlestone Town on 4th June 2018. Early evidence indicated that the PSPO was reducing the number of reported incidents of ASB around Garfield Road and Station Road. On the same date a PSPO was implemented at Hazel Close in Englefield Green. Youths were congregating on the town path between Hazel Close and Blays Lane with drugs being used and sold there. Combined with temporary CCTV surveillance and SNT patrol activity, there had been a significant reduction in reports of ASB since June.

Members would be aware that this year there had been a large number of unauthorised encampments in Surrey, this was a national trend. An unauthorised encampment was not in itself a criminal matter. The lead agency for implementing eviction was the local authority. The lack of a designated transit site in the County had made dealing with the problem more difficult.

Members were pleased to note the success of the use of PSPO's in Borough but raised concerns regarding displacement. Officers advised that there were no reports of displacement at present. Surrey Police continued to monitor and if necessary the location could be extended if this became the case.

Concerns were raised regarding unlawful parking on pavement and public areas around the Englefield Green area when large funerals were in progress at St. Jude's. Sergeant White advised Members that traffic enforcement of this nature was not a police matter but came under the remit of Surrey County Council's Highway Enforcement Officers. Members of the Committee were encouraged to report these incidents. It was also noted that the Safer Runnymede could obtain evidence for such offences.

Officers were advised that there had been some incidents of driving whilst using nitrous oxide in certain areas of the Borough along with dangerous bicycle activity. Members were advised that new 'Partner Intelligence Forms' had been introduced which enabled Partners to report non criminal activity. The form would be circulated to all Members. It was noted that this was in addition to the on-line reporting system available on the Council's website.

Members thanked Sergeant White for the informative presentation.

283 SAFER RUNNYMEDE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18

The Committee reviewed for information, Safer Runnymede's activities and the work of the Community Safety Officer during 2017/18. The areas highlighted were funding, the Community Safety Partnership, anti-social behaviour, CCTV operations, principles and objectives, Directed Surveillance, Complaints, Subject Access and Freedom of Information Requests and Privacy Impact Assessments.

Officers reported that funding from various sources, totalling approximately £11,904, had been fully utilised for different Community Safety projects and initiatives. The Police had also contributed £50,000 to Safer Runnymede in 2017/18.

The Community Safety Partnership continued to operate the 'Prevent Strategy' as well as

highlighting other issues such as Domestic Abuse, ASB awareness, Child Sexual Exploitation and Alcohol Awareness.

The Junior Citizen Scheme was successfully delivered with Surrey Police and other Community Safety related events with other partners took place for young people such as 'Respect the Water' at Runnymede Pleasure Grounds.

With regard to CCTV, Officers advised of the changes in the way crime was tackled using new deployable cameras. This enhanced the support the Safer Runnymede Team provided to Surrey Police.

Members were pleased to note that Runnymede had in August 2018 received a Level 2 Certificate of Compliance of Surveillance Camera Systems. Members felt this good news story should be broadcast as widely as possible. It was also noted with pleasure that all Schools in the Borough were engaging with the Junior Citizen Scheme.

In relation to litter reports, Members were keen to receive a detailed analysis of any reduction in reporting since the introduction of penalty charges. Officers would obtain this information from the Environmental Health team and circulate to Members. Sergeant White reported that there had been an increase in the number of assaults on Enforcement Officers.

There had been some incidents of fly-tipping in the Egham Hythe area. Officers would ensure cameras were utilised appropriately on specific areas following reported incidents of fly-tipping.

Chairman

(The meeting ended at 8.35.p.m.)