

Meeting of the Full Council – 15 May 2014

Report on the Scrutiny Committee Meetings held on 7 March and 4 April 2014

Chair: County Councillor Bill Winlow

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7 March 2014

Lancashire Safeguarding Children Board - Roles, Responsibilities and Mutual Accountabilities

A report was presented which provided information about the role and function of the Lancashire Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB). It also provided brief information about areas of work likely to be of interest to both the Scrutiny Committee and the LSCB.

It was agreed that the Scrutiny Committee would receive a proposed protocol between itself and the LSCB as to complementary roles in the arrangements for scrutiny of services to safeguard children and mutual challenge.

The Committee would also receive an update on the pilots in relation to information sharing with the NHS, and request information on the Early Help inspection outcome.

Workplan and Task Group Update

A report was presented summarising the work to be undertaken by the Committee in the coming months, including an update of task group work.

Requests for two new task groups, one on Fire Safety Measures in Schools, and one on Disability Facilities Grants were approved.

4 April 2014

Events on the Highway, Policy and Procedures for Highway Management

The committee received a report about a recent change in approach by Lancashire Constabulary following guidance issued by the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO), which meant that Lancashire Constabulary was no longer providing traffic management at parades and events in Lancashire, except for those of national significance such as Remembrance Sunday. As a result the County Council along with the district councils and the police had been working towards mitigating the impact of this for event organisers by

setting out a clear process and the requirements expected for events to occur safely and legally on the highway.

It was agreed that:

- i. The value and importance of traditional parades and events in Lancashire should be recognised, and all possible efforts should be directed to supporting and maintaining those traditions, which are so important to our communities and history
- ii. Efforts to develop of a clear policy in partnership with the district councils and the police are welcomed and supported
- iii. The introduction and implementation of the policy should take place as soon as possible
- iv. However, this should be done with appropriate engagement and consultation with districts and town and parish councils.
- v. Arrangements to support parades in the transitional period until the full introduction and implementation of the new policy must be put in place as soon as possible to ensure that events taking place this spring and summer are not adversely affected
- vi. To support any transitional and new arrangements, the Cabinet member, Lancashire Constabulary and the Police and Crime Commissioner are requested to explore options for funding support
- vii. Similar consideration should be given to funding or other support for the training and hiring of marshals and associated safety issues, such as creating a central "bank" of road signs, and the most appropriate arrangements for this
- viii. The importance of public safety is recognised and accepted, but the committee emphasises the need for understanding and flexibility by the responsible authorities to ensure that requirements are reasonable, appropriate and manageable by parade organisers.

Report of the Business Support and Local Growth Task Group

The Committee were presented with the final report of the Business Support and Local Growth Task Group.

It was agreed that:

- i. the report of the Business Support and Local Growth Task Group be endorsed and circulated as appropriate.
- ii. a response be made to the report by the Leader of the council at the meeting of the Committee in July 2014.
- iii. an update also be provided at that meeting on support available to underrepresented, minority and hard to reach groups and on the impact of the Boost scheme.