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SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting of Community Safety & Customer Contact Working Party

Date: Thursday, 28th January, 2021

Place: MS Teams

Present: Councillor M Terry (Chair)
Councillors I Shead (Vice-Chair), J Beck, M Dent, S Habermel,
D Nelson and A Thompson

In Attendance: E Butler, S Ford, T Hartley, P Jenkinson, T Quddus and C Robinson.

Start/End Time: 6.00 - 6.45 pm

1 Apologies for Absence

No apologies of absence were received for this meeting.

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

3 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 27th August, 2020

Resolved:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 27th August 2020 be received and confirmed as a correct record.

4 Notice of Motion: No Driving on Parks and Open Spaces

The Working Party considered a report of the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods and Environment) responding to the Notice of Motion referred by Cabinet held on 3rd November 2020 (submitted to Council on 10th September 2020), concerning the driving in parks and public open spaces.

The Working Party members made various comments and asked questions which were responded to by Officers.

Resolved: -

That Cabinet is recommended to resolve the following:

1. Note the motion relating to driving in, parks and open spaces.
2. That Officers consider the options to record reports of drivers acting in an antisocial manner in our parks and green spaces.
3. That at parks where persistent confirmed reported problems of vehicles driving on the grass, signs are erected advising people of the byelaws.

4. That Officers review current byelaws and the enforcement of these will be considered as part of the current enforcement review.
5. That the continued use of defensive measures are considered at parks and green spaces where confirmed ongoing problems with vehicles accessing grass areas have been recorded.

5 Notice of Motion: Recruit the Two Special Constables Per Ward

The Working Party considered a report of the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods and Environment) responding to the Notice of Motion referred by Cabinet held on 3rd November 2020 (submitted to Council on 10th September 2020) concerning Southend Council committing to engage two Community Special Constables per Ward, 34 in total.

The Working Party members made various comments and asked questions which were responded to by Officers.

Resolved: -

That Cabinet is recommended to resolve the following:

1. To work with Essex Police to develop a marketing campaign to attract new Community Special Constable recruits to Southend.
2. To commit to fund the duty allowances and expenses for any additional appointed Community Special Constables recruited as part of this campaign, up to a maximum of 34 officers.

Chairman: _____