



Haverling

L O N D O N B O R O U G H

CRIME & DISORDER SUB-COMMITTEE AGENDA

7.30 pm

**Thursday
20 November 2014**

**Town Hall, Main Road,
Romford**

Members 6: Quorum 3

COUNCILLORS:

David Durant (Chairman)
John Wood (Vice-Chair)
John Glanville

Garry Pain
Dilip Patel
Linda Van den Hende

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What is Overview & Scrutiny?

Each local authority is required by law to establish an overview and scrutiny function to support and scrutinise the Council's executive arrangements. Each overview and scrutiny sub-committee has its own remit as set out in the terms of reference but they each meet to consider issues of local importance.

The sub-committees have a number of key roles:

1. Providing a critical friend challenge to policy and decision makers.
2. Driving improvement in public services.
3. Holding key local partners to account.
4. Enabling the voice and concerns to the public.

The sub-committees consider issues by receiving information from, and questioning, Cabinet Members, officers and external partners to develop an understanding of proposals, policy and practices. They can then develop recommendations that they believe will improve performance, or as a response to public consultations.

Sub-Committees will often establish Topic Groups to examine specific areas in much greater detail. These groups consist of a number of Members and the review period can last for

anything from a few weeks to a year or more to allow the Members to comprehensively examine an issue through interviewing expert witnesses, conducting research or undertaking site visits. Once the topic group has finished its work it will send a report to the Sub-Committee that created it and will often suggest recommendations to the Council's executive.

Terms of Reference

The areas scrutinised by the Committee are in exercise of the functions conferred by the Police and Justice Act 2006, Section 19-22 and Schedules 8 & 9.

AGENDA ITEMS

1 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman will announce details of the arrangements in case of fire or other events that might require the meeting room or building's evacuation.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

(if any) – receive.

3 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Members are invited to disclose any pecuniary interest in any of the items on the agenda at this point of the meeting.

Members may still disclose any pecuniary interest in an item at any time prior to the consideration of the matter.

4 ESTABLISHMENT OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

Following the agreement at the recent extraordinary meeting of full Council to establish an Overview and Scrutiny Board and convert the former Overview and Scrutiny Committees into Sub-Committees, I thought it may be useful to briefly explain the implications of the change on this Sub-Committee.

In terms of the day to day work of the Sub-Committee, your powers are essentially unchanged. You continue to have the power to scrutinise the same areas and to require Council officers and representatives of the Police to appear before you. You also continue to be free to establish topic groups and conduct your day to day work in just the same way as you have been doing up to now.

A slight change will be in how reports and recommendations arising from the Committee or its topic groups are now dealt with. Once agreed at these meetings, reports and recommendations will firstly need to be submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Board. If approved at the next meeting of the Board, the recommendations etc. can then be submitted to Cabinet, the Police, etc. in just the same way as now. The requirement on Cabinet and responsible bodies to respond to such recommendations is also unchanged.

Members will probably be aware that the Chairman of this Sub-Committee is also a member of the Overview and Scrutiny Board and that the Board is politically balanced. It will now become the Board's responsibility to deal with all requisitions received of executive decisions. Some slight amendments to the introductory text of the Committee's agendas, to more closely reflect the introduction of the new Board, will be made in time for the Sub-Committee's next meeting.

Are there any questions?

5 MINUTES OF THE MEETING (Pages 1 - 6)

To approve as correct the minutes of the meeting held on 18 September 2014 and authorise the Chairman to sign them.

6 WORK OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAMS AND WARD PANELS

To receive a report from Superintendent Cheryl Burden (to follow)

7 SAFETY ZONE INITIATIVES

To receive a presentation from Diane Egan, Community Safety Team Leader.

8 UPDATE ON ASB

To receive a presentation from Damien Ghela, ASB Reduction Officer.

9 MOPAC FUNDED PROJECTS

To receive a presentation from Diane Egan, Community Safety Team Leader.

10 URGENT BUSINESS

To consider any other item in respect of which the Chairman is of the opinion, by reason of special circumstances which shall be specific in the minutes that the item should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency.

**Andrew Beesley
Committee Administration
Manager**