

PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE

ABERDEEN, 20 February 2019. Minute of Meeting of the PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE. Present:- Councillor Jennifer Stewart, Convener; and Councillors Alphonse, Cameron, Greig, Townson, Wheeler, Allan (as substitute for Councillor Duncan), Bell (as substitute for Councillor Houghton) and Graham (as substitute for Councillor Lesley Dunbar, Vice Convener).

URGENT BUSINESS

1. There was no urgent business.

EXEMPT BUSINESS

2. There was no exempt business.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3. There were no declarations of interest.

DEPUTATION

4. There was no deputation.

MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING OF 5 DECEMBER 2018

5. The Committee had before it the minute of its meeting of 5 December 2018 for approval.

The Committee resolved to approve the Minute as a correct record.

COMMITTEE PLANNER

6. The Committee had before it the committee business planner as prepared by the Chief Officer – Governance.

The Committee heard that Item 11 of the planner had been identified as being operational as opposed to strategic and as such would be removed from the planner. There followed discussion regarding the approach adopted in response to consultations from the Scottish and UK Governments and other statutory bodies. It was intimated that a consistent approach was required, whether that be operational or strategic.

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The Committee also heard comment regarding a suggestion for a future thematic report from Police Scotland regarding De-risking the City Centre for Young People.

The Committee resolved:-

- (i) To note the content of the Committee Planner;
- (ii) to agree to remove item 11 (Response to the Food Standards Scotland, Food Standards Agency and DEFRA consultation on amending allergen information provisions contained within domestic food information legislation) from the planner for the reason stated; and
- (iii) to request that Chief Superintendent Thomson submits a Thematic Report to a future Committee on De-risking the City Centre for Young People

NOTICES OF MOTION

7. There were no notices of motion.

REFERRALS FROM COUNCIL, COMMITTEES OR SUB COMMITTEES

8. There were no referrals from Council, Committees or sub-committees.

POLICE SCOTLAND - THEMATIC REPORT ON SERIOUS AND ORGANISED CRIME

9. The Committee had before it the Thematic Report from Police Scotland on Serious and Organised Crime.

The Committee heard from Chief Superintendent Thomson who presented an overview of the report which identified what was happening locally albeit a National Strategy existed. The successful implementation of tactics and operations had provided positive support to communities and victims of crime, including vulnerable people.

Chief Superintendent Thomson again emphasised that these successes were attributable to partnership working involving the police, local authority, voluntary sector and critically the local community. This included wider partnership working within schools and the localities.

The Committee resolved to endorse the report.

POLICE SCOTLAND - PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR APRIL-SEPTEMBER 2018

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10. The Committee had before it the Performance Report for April – September 2018.

The Committee heard from Chief Superintendent Thomson who intimated the general overall reduction in crime and increase in detection were amongst some of the most positive figures delivered to date. Chief Inspector Martin Mackay was introduced to provide some context around the figures and be available to assist with any questions.

The success discussed was again attributed to positive partnership working including the wider engagement of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan, locality plans, community participation, third sector involvement.

Chief Superintendent Thomson was keen to acknowledge and applaud the results as a team effort.

The Committee resolved to endorse the report.

SFRS - THEMATIC INSPECTION ON RESPONSE AND RESILIENCE

11. The Committee had before it the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Thematic Inspection Report.

Local Senior Officer Bruce Farquharson was unable to attend the meeting.

The Committee resolved:-

- (i) to note the information provided in Appendix A in relation to Response and Resilience., and
- (ii) to submit any comment or questions arising from the report to the Clerk for consultation with SFRS.

ADULT PROTECTION BIENNIAL REPORT

12. The Committee had before it the report by Claire Duncan (Lead Social Worker, ACHSCP)

The Committee heard that the report provided a two year overview of the activities taken to ensure adult protection within Aberdeen and intended to provide assurance to Committee members on the impact and effectiveness of adult support and protection improvement initiatives in the City.

The Committee commented that a very informative report highlighted the benefit of partnership working and wished to highlight the report as showing a positive approach to future working.

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The Committee resolved;_

- (i) to note the content of the Biennial report as attached to the report.

RESPONSE IN RELATION TO SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON GOOD FOOD NATION

13. The Committee had before it the report by Andrew Morrison (Protective Services Manager).

The Committee heard that the report highlighted national policy on the topic and the ongoing positive partnership working.

The Committee resolved:-

- (i) to approve the consultation response at Appendix 1;
- (ii) to instruct the Chief Officer Operations to submit the consultation response on behalf of Aberdeen City Council; and
- (iii) to acknowledge that if new duties were placed on Aberdeen City Council, then financial resources would be required from Scottish Government in order to deliver them.

ENFORCEMENT OF FOOD LAW REQUIREMENTS IN RELATION TO ALLERGENS

14. The Committee had before it the report by Andrew Morrison (Protective Services Manager).

The Committee heard an overview of the report which indicated an increase in allergen awareness particularly following several high interest media reports.

The report also provided assurance to the Committee regarding local actions and indicated the volume of work currently ongoing.

The Committee resolved :-

- (i) to note the work of the Environmental Health team within Protective Services in ensuring appropriate and effective controls were implemented by food businesses to control the risks to consumers regarding food allergens; and
- (ii) to note the consultation on amending allergen information provisions contained within domestic food information legislation for food prepacked for direct sale.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 24 APRIL 2019 AT 10:00AM

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- 15.** The Committee resolved:-
To note the next meeting is Wednesday 24 April 2019 at 10.00am

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