

Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Panel

Thu 31 Jan
2013
6.30 pm

Committee Room 2
Town Hall
Redditch

REDDITCH BOROUGH COUNCIL



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- In addition, the public now has a right to be present when the Council determines “Key Decisions” unless the business would disclose confidential or “exempt” information.
- Unless otherwise stated, all items of business before the Executive Committee are Key Decisions.
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Agenda

Membership:

Cllrs: Andrew Brazier Pattie Hill
(Chair) Roger Hill
Joe Baker
Brandon Clayton

1. Apologies and named substitutes	To receive apologies for absence and details of any Councillor (or co-optee substitute) nominated to attend this meeting in place of a member of this Panel.
2. Declarations of interest and of Party Whip	To invite Councillors to declare any interest they may have in items on the Agenda and any Party Whip.
3. Minutes (Pages 1 - 6)	To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting of the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Panel on 4th October 2012 as a correct record. (Minutes attached).
4. North Worcestershire Community Safety Partnership Framework - Redditch (Pages 7 - 16)	To consider the 2012/13 quarter 3 performance tables for the North Worcestershire Community Safety Partnership Performance Framework for Redditch and to propose recommendations for further action based on the report if deemed necessary. (Report attached) (No Specific Ward Relevance);
5. North Worcestershire Community Safety Partnership minutes (Pages 17 - 30)	To consider the minutes of the shadow North Worcestershire Community Safety Partnership meeting held on 25th September 2012. (Minutes attached) (No Specific Ward Relevance);
6. Prime and Crime Commissioner Election	To receive a report on the election of a Police and Crime Commissioner for West Mercia and of any implications for Redditch. (Verbal Report)

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7. West Mercia Police and Crime Panel	To receive an update on recent West Mercia Police and Crime Panel meetings (Verbal report)
8. Referrals	To consider any referrals to the Crime and disorder Scrutiny Panel direct; or arising from: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the Overview and Scrutiny Committee;• the Executive Committee or full Council;• other sources.
9. Work Programme (Pages 31 - 32)	To consider the Panel's current Work Programme, and any potential items for addition. (Work Programme attached)

10. Exclusion of the Press and Public

Should it be necessary, in the opinion of the Borough Director, during the course of the meeting to consider excluding the public from the meeting on the grounds that exempt information is likely to be divulged, it may be necessary to move the following resolution:

“That, under S.100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following matter(s) on the grounds that it/they involve(s) the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the relevant paragraphs (to be specified) of Part 1 of Schedule 12 (A) of the said Act”.

These paragraphs are as follows:

Subject to the “public interest” test, information relating to:

- Para 1 – any individual;
- Para 2 – the identity of any individual;
- Para 3 – financial or business affairs;
- Para 4 – labour relations matters;
- Para 5 – legal professional privilege;
- Para 6 – a notice, order or direction;
- Para 7 – the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime;

and may need to be considered as ‘exempt’.