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### MINUTES

Present: Councillors B Holmes, R Holt (substitute) A Ludlow, Mrs A Mackenzie (Vice-Chairman) and M Wilson\* (\*from 6.20pm due to other Council business).

Apologies:  
Councillor Mrs Holl-Allen MBE (Chairman).

Report authors/witnesses in attendance:  
Gillian Crabbe (Community Safety & Partnerships Manager - Managed Growth and Communities).

External Witnesses in attendance:  
Inspector Darren Wilson (West Midlands Police).

Cabinet Members in attendance by invitation:  
Councillor T Diccio - Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Stronger Communities & Partnerships.

Other Elected Members in attendance by invitation:  
None.

#### 1. APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Councillor R Holt substituted for Councillor Mrs D Holl-Allen.

#### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 February 2017.

#### RESOLVED

That the Minutes be agreed as a correct record.

#### 4. YOUTH JUSTICE REVIEW - KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

In attendance: Pali Obhi (Solihull Youth Offending Manager) and Gillian Crabbe (Community Safety & Partnerships Manager - Managed Growth and Communities).

The Panel was informed of the current progress made towards the recommendations made by Charlie Taylor following his review of Youth Justice in 2016. In considering the briefing paper, members noted that the Government was responding in more detail to each of the recommendations and further updates were expected as a consequence.

In summary, the recommendations were themed around:

- A more devolved youth justice system.
- Coming into contact with the youth justice system.

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- Children in Court.
- Secure schools.
- The role of Central Government.

In summary, the initial Government response (Justice Secretary Elizabeth Truss and Youth Justice Minister Philip Lee) was themed around:

- The right framework for improvement.
- Tackling offending.
- Improving youth custody.

### **RESOLVED**

- (i) That the key recommendations made by Charlie Taylor following his review of Youth Justice in 2016, be noted; and
- (ii) That a further detailed response by Government be awaited.

## **5. CRIME AND DISORDER SCRUTINY PANEL - YEAR END UPDATE 2016/17**

In attendance: Gillian Crabbe (Community Safety & Partnerships Manager - Managed Growth and Communities).

The Panel considered a briefing paper that set out an end of year summary on a number of current topics. These included:

- The Partnership Integration Programme.
- Domestic Abuse Services.
- Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services.
- Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014.
- Civil Injunctions.
- Criminal Behavioural Orders.
- Dispersal powers.
- Community Protection Notices.
- Public Spaces Protection Orders.

### **RESOLVED**

That the end of year summary be noted.

## **6. SAFER SOLIHULL PARTNERSHIP - QUARTER 4 PERFORMANCE AND YEAR-END UPDATE 2016/17**

In attendance: Gillian Crabbe (Community Safety & Partnerships Manager - Managed Growth and Communities) and Inspector Darren Wilson (West Midlands Police).

The Panel was provided with the Safer Solihull Partnership performance data for Quarter 4 2016/17. In summary, the report detailed that:

- Total recorded crime increased throughout the year. In 4th quarter the most prevalent crimes were theft from a motor vehicle, theft from shops and stalls and Burglary Dwelling (BDH). The highest numbers of offences were recorded in Chelmsley Wood, St Alphege and Kingshurst and Fordbridge Wards.
- There was a significant rise in all types of burglary over the year (BDH and burglary other building (BOB)). Olton had a particularly high number of domestic and non-domestic burglaries.
- Figures for all vehicle-related crime rose over the year. In the 4th quarter it was especially prevalent in Chelmsley Wood and Shirley.

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- In Solihull town centre by far the most recorded crime was theft from a shop or stall.
- In 2016/17 1173 domestic abuse offences were recorded in Solihull, an increase of 15% over 2015/16. Chelmsley Wood, Kingshurst & Fordbridge and Smith's Wood continued to have higher rates of domestic abuse with increasing reported rates for Bickenhill and Marston Green.
- In the 4th quarter 123 children were identified of being at Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) risk. 30 new children were identified as being at risk. CSE offences were most prevalent in Smith's Wood, Chelmsley Wood and Kingshurst and Fordbridge.
- The Solihull Integrated Offender Management (IOM) team managed 243 cases in the 4th quarter, an increase of 13 cases compared with the previous quarter.
- Since November 2016 Integrated Offender Management has worked with registered Sex Offenders (RSOs), about 25% of whom have committed cybercrime or digital crime offences. West Midlands Police recognises officers and staff need to be equipped with adequate means to capture digital evidence from the Internet or electronic devices. The Solihull Integrated Offender Management team is focussing on new ways of working with specialist teams to recover data to assist investigations and support criminal prosecutions.
- In the 4th quarter 92% of hate crime was race-related. The highest incidences of hate crime were in Bickenhill, Chelmsley Wood, Elmdon and Lyndon. Solihull Police had 374 antisocial behaviour (ASB) cases in the 4th quarter and resolved 270 cases.
- 13626 offences were recorded in Solihull in the year 2016/17. The quarterly figures for total crime were:

	1 <sup>st</sup> quarter	2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter	3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter	4 <sup>th</sup> quarter
Total	2980	3209	3549	3888

In considering the report, the Panel highlighted:

- Instances where Members had contacted Police 101 and either encountered difficulties or the response had been poor. Members were advised that Police 101 staffing resources had recently been reviewed and more call handling staff recruited. Training for new staff was currently ongoing and improvements to that service should be evident within 3-4 weeks.
- There had been notable rises in burglary. Members were advised that although prolific offenders were likely to be the cause, some good recent arrests had been made.
- Cyber-crime was acknowledged as a complex growing crime type. Members acknowledged that this crime type had significant implications, particularly for businesses. The Panel considered that the seriousness of cyber-crime should be given greater acknowledgement.

### RESOLVED

That the Safer Solihull Partnership performance data for Quarter 4 2016/17 and end of year position be noted.

## 7. WORK PLAN 2016/17

The Panel's work plan was submitted. No additions or amendments to the work plan were made.

### RESOLVED

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That the Panel's work plan be noted.

7.55 pm