

NORTH DEVON COUNCIL

Minutes of a joint meeting of the CRIME AND DISORDER SUB-COMMITTEE of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held at the Civic Centre, Barnstaple on Thursday 4th December 2014 at 3.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Members:

Councillor Luggar (in the Chair)

Councillors Chesters, Clark, Luggar, Moores and Tucker.

Torrige District Council:

Councillors Brenton, Easton, Dr. McLellan, Pennington and Simmons.

Officers:

Community Protection Manager (AP), Service Lead - Community Safety Partnership Officer/Harm Risk (TB), Community Development Officer (HH) and Democratic Services Officer (JG).

(a) CHAIRING THE MEETING

In the absence of the Chairman, it was moved and seconded that Councillor Luggar preside over the meeting.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest announced.

(c) CHANGES IN ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR LEGISLATION – IMPACT ON LOCAL AUTHORITIES

The Sub-Committee received a joint presentation by the Community Protection Manager and Service Lead – Community Safety Partnership Officer/Harm Risk (tabled) in respect of changes in anti-social behaviour legislation and the impact on local authorities.

The following issues were discussed:

- Youth crime across North Devon was reducing
- New powers were not designed to specifically deal with domestic abuse
- Additional funding requirements to support the implementation of changes in legislation
- Use of the 'Community Trigger'
- Operation of daily hub meetings to respond to anti social behaviour

- Publicity requirements in respect of changes in legislation
- Legal highs

RESOLVED:

- (a) that a progress report be presented to the Committee in April 2015 together with an update in respect of the local response to legal highs;
- (b) that representations be made to the Police and Crime Panel in respect of additional funding required to support the implementation of the changes in legislation; and
- (c) that Devon and Cornwall Constabulary be requested to provide an update in respect of response times to '101' non-emergency calls.

The Sub-Committee thanked Officers for their attendance at the meeting.

Chairman

The meeting ended at 4.05 p.m.

NOTE: These minutes will be confirmed as a correct record at the next meeting of the Sub-Committee.