

**REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER
FOR PUBLIC HEALTH, PUBLIC PROTECTION AND PFI
TO THE MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL
ON WEDNESDAY, 16 MARCH 2016**

Trading Standards

Officers this month are continuing to investigate a number of cases relating to cold callers and mail order scams. Unfortunately the elderly and vulnerable are specifically targeted and it is not unusual for an individual to have parted with thousands of pounds prior to Trading Standards' involvement. If anyone is concerned about someone they know being targeted please contact Trading Standards for further advice.

Environmental Health

Officers are working hard to achieve the planned inspection programme for pollution control, petroleum and food safety by the end of March 2016.

Licensing

Isle of Wight Festival organisers submitted an application under the Isle of Wight Act on 9 February. Officers now have until 8 March 2016 to consult agencies and issue a counter notice to the organisers.

The Event Safety and Operation Plan has also been submitted as required by the Premises Licence. All relevant agencies are also being consulted on the contents of this document prior to approval on 14 April 2016.

Community Safety

A Community Safety Partnership meeting was held in January to increase partners' awareness of Prevent and Child Sexual Exploitation.

The 2015/16 strategic assessment is currently being drafted and an action planning session was being held on 29 February to agree priorities and shape the strategic plan.

Once the strategic assessment and plan are agreed they will be circulated to all partners and published.

The Joint Action group (JAG) for anti-social behaviour (ASB) has been re-established and has held two meetings. The aim is to provide a multi-agency joined-up approach to reducing ASB on the Island. Members of the group and council staff attended an ASB training session on how to use the new powers and tools in January.

Prevent update

Two Train the Trainer events for Prevent have been delivered with more than 20 attendees who will then cascade to their teams within the council, schools and additional partners. Training is also being offered to councillors together with staff in Regulatory Services and an additional session will be offered in April for councillors.

A Prevent engagement and training strategy is being prepared to reflect the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Prevent strategy.

Fire and Rescue Strategic Partnership (Delivering Differently in Partnership – DDiP)

DDiP Products continue to be developed between Isle of Wight and Hampshire staff across Training Support, Fleet, Operational Policy and Health and Safety. A feasibility study in relation to Data and Knowledge Management (DKM), which includes future fire control provision, is now underway and is being undertaken by Mott MacDonald, the successful bidder.

Community and road safety

The Road Safety Team continues to deliver weekly Bikeability sessions to primary school pupils which is funded by the Department for Transport (DfT) and two Driver Awareness Training (DAT) intervention sessions are delivered every week to target road users caught for road traffic offences which raises income for the authority.

Operational crews are being trained to enable them to support Safe and Well visits for vulnerable households, linking to the Prevention and Early Intervention workstream under MLAFL Vanguard. In addition 17 fire safety school visits have taken place for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 students; additionally there have been three talks to vulnerable groups along with attendance at open events. There has been work with Isle of Wight Radio in relation to electrical safety and post-Christmas fire safety routine.

Operational Incidents

The fire and rescue service received calls to 156 incidents across the Island between 1 January and 9 February 2016. Of these we attended 23 property fires, nine road traffic collisions and 38 special services.

Parking

The consultation document has now been drafted and will be approved and published shortly. Work on strategy and policy will be commenced in the coming weeks which will also involve, among others, public consultations.

PFI

Dispute resolution process still in progress.

Public Health

Confirmed total calculated cuts of 26 per cent in real terms (including the 6.2 per cent cash cut in 2015/16) by 2020.

We are setting our budgets to include these and the expected Vanguard funding.

Planning for reduced contracts/budgets while delivering efficiencies and better outcomes by integrating/joining up activities within Public Health, and local authority and clinical commissioning group partners (including pooling budgets through Better Care Fund) and with wider system partners (especially the voluntary sector).

We are aiming to generate/attract resources and targeted shift of resources towards prevention across an Isle of Wight integrated system.

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