REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH, PUBLIC PROTECTION AND PFI TO THE MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY, 15 JUNE 2016

Trading Standards

Trading Standards officers 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.

Environmental Health

Environmental Health officers are working hard to achieve the planned inspection programme for pollution control, petroleum and food safety.

Licensing

Isle of Wight Festival organisers submitted an application under the Isle of Wight Act on 9 February. Officers had 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 were 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 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 reestablished 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 delivered to councillors, together with staff in Regulatory Services.

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 are 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 Incidents

Operational crews are being trained to enable them to support Safe and Well visits for vulnerable households, linking to the Prevention and Early Intervention work stream 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 media work with Isle of Wight Radio in relation to electrical safety and fire safety routine.

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

Parking

The parking consultation document has now been drafted, approved and published. Public consultation has begun.

Public Health

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. It is setting its 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).

Public Health intends to generate/attract resources, and targeted shift of resources, from reaction towards prevention across an Isle of Wight integrated system.

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