

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

Community Safety

The Night Time Economy Group meets next week and will be turning their focus to Ryde to tackle alcohol related violent crime.

The Joint Action Group for Anti-Social Behaviour met recently and identified Ryde street drinkers as a priority. A task and finish group will be meeting to develop a multi-agency plan to tackle this.

The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) draft plan is now available, along with grant funding for projects which deliver on the PCC and CSP (Community Safety Partnership) priorities. A number of agencies are planning to apply for funding for projects on the Island.

Trading Standards

On Monday, 7 November sentencing took place for three rogue traders who pleaded guilty to charges for fraud and mis-selling offences. The individuals had targeted vulnerable residents across Hampshire, Dorset and the Isle of Wight. The prosecution involved officers from all three local authorities who worked together to bring the case to court.

The director and main offender faced two counts of fraudulent trading under the Companies Act 2006 and seven counts under Section 1 of the Fraud Act 2006 and on each count was given two years to run concurrently, however all were suspended for two years. He also has to carry out 300 hours of community payback, a rehabilitation programme for 18 months and pay £100 victim surcharge.

The second defendant was the salesman who faced eight counts under the Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008 for engaging in a commercial practice which is a misleading action and on each count was given 18 months imprisonment to run concurrently again being suspended for two years, a supervision requirement, 200 hours community payback and £100 victim surcharge.

The third defendant who was the marketing director received 12 months' imprisonment suspended for two years, 100 hours community payback and £100 victim surcharge on one count of engaging in an unfair commercial practice under the Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008.

£30,000 was restrained during the investigation from the director's account and an order was made for this money to be passed into the care of the Trading Standards Service in order that it can be used as compensation for the victims.

Public Health

Team are now working with emergency planning colleagues in the Isle of Wight Council on “Exercise Aceso”, which simulates a pandemic flu outbreak and has been organised by Public Health England. These scenarios are designed to make the Isle of Wight Council Local Resilience Forum members consider early actions that could be taken. The Director of Public Health (DPH) will act as the lead for the authority’s response. This exercise will culminate in a table top exercise on 1 December in Winchester and will give the opportunity to test our recently updated Isle of Wight Council Pandemic Influenza Plan.

On 28 October Public Health organised an event (funded by My Life A Full Life) in St Thomas’ Square to mark the end of Stoptober month. Two wellbeing advisers, two members of staff from the Isle of Wight Chamber of Commerce and one member of staff from the Public Health team provided information advice and support to 53 members of the public in relation to smoking cessation.

Highways PFI

Alongside the continuation of Core Investment Period (CIP) works to the network, October saw the first activities in readiness for the onset of winter including the cleansing of 283 gulley systems across the Island and preparing the winter fleet for any adverse weather conditions.

The salt stock has been replenished standing at 1,600 tonnes. The CIP works experienced very few non available shifts during October with significant works being undertaken on Bouldnor Road, Yarmouth and Military Road Freshwater. Generally, 'snagging works' were undertaken close behind identification although there have been some issues of verge treatment works falling slightly behind surfacing. Where this has been identified Island Roads has instigated actions to rectify.

Island Roads continues to report on achievement of the required carriageway/footway indices against the contract milestones, an area that the Contract Management Team is closely monitoring. Work continued during October on works on illuminated signs and traffic signal points.

Work on the major drainage scheme at Steyne Road, Bembridge continues to progress.

The resident access road and non-vehicular through route at Undercliff was substantially completed by 30 September, though there have been some operational issues in connection with utilities and in respect of the non-vehicular through route, which has prevented full completion in this area.

Additional resources were deployed by Island Roads on structures to ensure that they met the required Bridge Condition Index contract requirements for Milestone 7.

Call off work progressed during the month with works at Ladies Walk, Ryde on upgrades to a shared route being completed.

Further pricing has been provided by Island Roads for a number of further schemes.

The current phase on Asda works continues at good speed and includes earthworks, for both the roundabout and spine road, drainage and headwalls. Works have commenced to the east of Pan Lane.

A number of detailed scheme drawings, design calculations and safety audit responses have been submitted to the council's project engineer. The closure of Pan Lane came into effect on 17 October and the required one way traffic management system on 7 November.

The council's project engineer and Contract Management Team will continue to monitor the effectiveness of the one way system.

Further design work and costing for the further works required by the Asda S106 agreement have been provided to the authority and a works instruction issued.

Fire Service

Delivering Differently in Partnership (DDiP) Project

It has been 18 months since the partnership between Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service (HFRS) and IWFRS began. Significant work has been completed by many of our staff across all areas of the service.

Fire Control – Formal notice has been sent to Surrey FRS of our intention move call handling and mobilisation from Joint Emergency Control Centre (JECC) in Surrey to the Network Fire Control Services Partnership Hampshire. A project team has now been convened and is starting the detailed work.

Community and Road Safety

62 home safety visits have been completed from the end of Aug until now and three talks have been given to outside agencies and social groups. More are planned over the next four weeks.

The Big Cuppa event at Cowes Yacht Haven was a very successful event with a high footfall. Discussions on home fire safety, older drivers and electrical awareness took place with a wide range of Island residents and good interagency networking.

Partnership working with Public Health's Local Area Co-ordinators and health trainers is developing with opportunities for the team to run sessions from fire stations around the Island being investigated.

Mobility and the importance of eyesight checks on the ability of older drivers to spot potential hazards, were the main subjects for discussion, as we supported an Older Drivers event in St Thomas Square.

Schools education is now well under way for year 2 and 5 and Head On was delivered to year 10 and 11 at Medina College in the first week of November. Bikeability is still very popular with weekly courses booked until early December.

Speed awareness and driver distraction courses continue to see between 20 and 40 people a week and an Older Drivers Initiative is planned for this winter along with a motor cycle safety campaign.

Operational Incidents

In September there were 131 incidents of which 85 were 'critical calls', of these 46 were fire and rescue related and 39 medical co-responder.

Of the fire and rescue calls, 15 were primary fires (one deliberate which involved arson of vehicle involved in criminal activity). There were ten RTCs attended in June (three month lag on data) resulting in five serious casualties - three on motorcycles, one car (drunk driver) and one pedal cycle. Powered two wheelers represent two per cent of Isle of Wight road users but accounted for 60 per cent of June's casualties. No under 18s injured in June.

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