

meeting papers

Community Services Committee

Thursday, 12 June 2014
7.00 pm



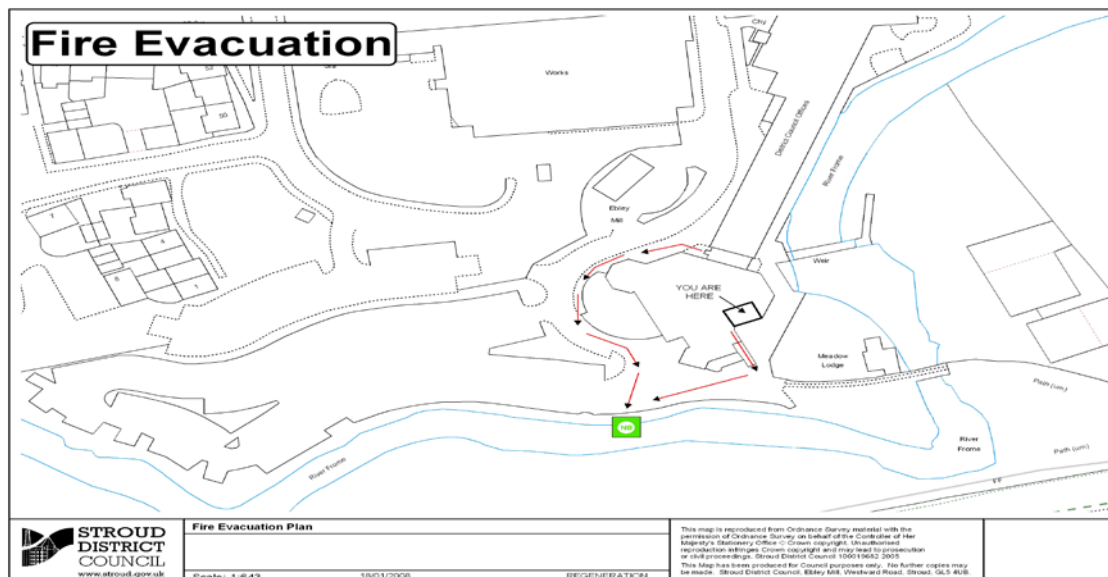
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Services for Older People
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29 May 2014

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Community Services Committee will be held on **Thursday, 12 June 2014** in the Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Ebley Wharf, Stroud at **7.00 pm.**



David Hagg
Chief Executive

AGENDA



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1. APOLOGIES

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES

To approve and sign as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 30 January 2014.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Chair of the Committee will answer questions from members of the public, submitted in accordance with the Council's procedures.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF QUESTIONS

Noon on Monday, 9 June 2014.

Questions must be submitted in writing to the Chief Executive, Democratic Services, Ebley Mill, Ebley Wharf, Stroud and sent by post, by fax (01453 754957), or by Email: democratic.services@stroud.gov.uk

5. WORK PROGRAMME

To consider the Committee's work programme and update accordingly.

6. STROUD SAFER, STRONGER COMMUNITIES

To agree the continued level of support to the partnership by Stroud District Council as outlined in the Partnership Strategic Document.

7. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

To appoint Members of this Committee to represent the Council on the organisations, meetings or events, as set out in the schedule.

8. APPOINTMENT OF PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPRESENTATIVES

To appoint two Members of the Committee to attend quarterly performance monitoring meetings during 2014/15.

9. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

See Agenda Item 4 for deadline for submission.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 2 September 2014

The Committee Membership for 2014/15 Civic Year is to be confirmed at the Council AGM on 5 June 2014.

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COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**30 January 2014****7.00 pm – 8.15 pm****Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Stroud****3****Minutes****Membership:**

Councillor June Cordwell (Chair)	P	Councillor Stephen Lydon	P
Councillor Karon Cross (Vice-Chair)	A	Councillor John Marjoram	A
Councillor Rowland Blackwell	P	Councillor Russell Miles	P
Councillor Tim Boxall	A	Councillor Nigel Prenter	P
Councillor Miranda Clifton	P	Councillor Paul Smith	P
Councillor John Jones	P	Councillor Penny Wride	P

P = Present A = Absent

Other Councillors Present:

Councillor Nigel Cooper
 Councillor Geoff Wheeler

Officers Present:

Strategic Head of Customer Services	Senior Housing Advice Officer
Strategic Head of Finance & Business Services	Democratic Services Assistant
Housing Advice Manager	Head of Community Safety

CS.040 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Tim Boxall and Karon Cross (Vice-Chair).

CS.041 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

CS.042 MINUTES

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 December 2013 are confirmed and signed as a correct record.

CS.043 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

None received.

CS.044 **BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2013/14 – QUARTER 3**

The Strategic Head of Finance and Business Services presented the above report which forecast the Committee's outturn position against its revenue budgets and capital programme for 2013/14.

A number of variances were identified in the report which would be considered by the Strategy and Resources Committee.

Members were informed that the projected carry forward of £13,700 for the Youth Work Strategy was as a result of external funding and the project would be on target in 2014/15. The over spend of £16,200 for Community Safety had been made up of a number of smaller variations.

Members considered the under spend of £1,800 against the 'On Balance' scheme and supported the carry forward for the Breast Cancer Rehabilitation element. Members also voted unanimously to add a further £2,700 from the projected committee underspend to enable the project to continue for a longer period of time.

RESOLVED **To note the outturn forecast for the General Fund Revenue budget and the Capital programme for 2013/14 and to recommend to Strategy and Resources Committee that £2,700 be added to the carry forward for the 'On Balance' Scheme.**

CS.045 **HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION STRATEGY 2014-2019**

The Housing Advice Manager presented the report which sought consideration and approval of the Homelessness Prevention Strategy 2014-2019. The report outlined the proactive and preventative nature of the Council to prevent homelessness. The Council had, through its intervention, prevented 430 households becoming homeless in 2013. The use of grants for deposits, close work with landlords and agents had helped considerably in preventing homelessness. Grants were being 'recycled' to enable the provision of support to more households.

Members congratulated the Team's success at preventing households becoming homeless. It was noted that the Team worked well with partner organisations and that there were opportunities for Members to support those links by using their representation on outside bodies.

RESOLVED **1. To adopt the Homelessness Prevention Strategy 2014-2019;**
2. That the Strategic Head of Customer Services in consultation with the Chair of the Community Services Committee be authorised to make minor changes to the policy should it become necessary.

CS.046 **WORK PROGRAMME**

In referring the Committee to the work programme, the Chair sought Members' advice on the items they wished considered by the Committee in the next Civic Year.

The following items were proposed:

- Stroud Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership (Report for June 2014);
- Youth Project (Report for September 2014);
- Reports from representatives on outside bodies;
- Performance Management reports.

RESOLVED To note the proposed items and for Members to write to the Chair with further suggestions.

CS.047 **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

None received.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

Chair

**Stroud District Council
Community Services Committee
Work Programme 2014/15**

12 June 2014

1. Work Programme
2. Stroud Safer Stronger Communities
3. Appointments to Outside Bodies
4. Appointment of Performance Monitoring Representatives

2 September 2014

1. Work Programme
2. Budget Monitoring Report Q1 2014/15 (David Stanley)
3. Youth Project
- 4.

16 October 2014

1. Work Programme
2. Budget Monitoring –First Half Year Report (David Stanley)
3. Community Safety Crime Commissioner to attend to report
- 4.

4 December 2014

1. Work Programme
2. Revised Budget 2014/15 & Draft Budget 2015/16 (David Stanley)
- 3.

17 March 2015

1. Work Programme
- 2.

Briefing Paper

Update on work of Gloucestershire Police and Crime Panel (Council's representative)

STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

**AGENDA
ITEM NO**

12 June 2014

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Report Title	STROUD SAFER STRONGER COMMUNITIES
Purpose of Report	To outline the activities of the Partnership as contained in the Stroud Safer Stronger Communities Partnership Strategy.
Decision(s)	The Committee is asked to RESOLVE to agree the continued level of support to the partnership by Stroud District Council as outlined in the Partnership Strategic Document.
Consultation and Feedback	Consultation on the Strategy has taken place with the partners of the Safer Stronger Communities Partnership in the Statutory and Voluntary sectors within Stroud District.
Financial Implications and Risk Assessment	Paragraph 9 of the report sets out the matched funding contribution from the Council (around £7,000 from existing Community Safety budgets) that has been utilised to help attract contributions from the Police & Crime Commissioner and other sources. As the report seeks the committee's approval for the continued support to the partnership, the council will be agreeing to commit this resource in 2014/15. David Stanley – Accountancy Manager Tel: 01453 754100 Email: david.stanley@stroud.gov.uk Risk is loss of external funding if we cannot demonstrate spend as an authority.
Legal Implications	Since the introduction of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, local authorities have had a statutory duty to work with other local agencies and organisations to develop and implement strategies to tackle crime and disorder. These statutory partnerships are known as Community Safety Partnerships (CSP). (cont/d)

Legal Implications (cont/d)	This report outlines the work of the Stroud CSP, and the Partnership Strategic Document. Zoe Lash, Solicitor Tel: 01453 754362 Email: zoe.lash@stroud.gov.uk
Report Author	Philip Sullivan MBE, Head of Community Safety Tel: 01453 754280 Email: philip.sullivan@stroud.gov.uk
Options	As a District Council we are legally obliged to play a role in relation to Stroud Safer Stronger Communities Partnership.
Performance Management Follow Up	To continue to respond to crime and disorder and the fear of crime. With the intention to continue to make the Stroud District a safer place to live, work and visit. To endeavour to see crime and disorder being contained in a similar way to that achieved in the past and in particular in the 5 years to 2013, namely that crime has fallen by 41%.
Background Papers/ Appendices	Appendix A – Stroud Safer Stronger Communities Partnership Strategy 2013 – 2016 (separate document available). http://www.stroud.gov.uk/docs/community.asp#s=sectioncontent2&p=docs

- 1 In 1998 the Crime and Disorder Act placed a legal obligation on the District Council to work with its statutory partners including the County Council, Health Authority, Probation Trust and the Police to work together to reduce crime and disorder, and the fear of crime.
- 2 Since that time changes have occurred to the Stroud Safer Stronger Communities Partnership (CSP) with the most recent and significant being the introduction of the Office of the Police Crime Commissioner.
- 3 The Commissioner has Published a strategy the details of which are incorporated into the CSP strategy and each strand is entitled as follows:-
 - Accessibility and Accountability
 - Older but not Overlooked
 - Young People Becoming Adults
 - Safe Days and Nights for All
 - Safe and Social Driving
 - Cybercrime
- 4 The Community Safety Service coordinates the Council's response to the issues of crime and disorder and the Partnership, supported by a range of Council services including Environmental Health, Planning, Public Spaces, Sport and Health Development, Sports and Cultural Facilities and Tenant Services.
- 5 In past surveys crime in the district has consistently remained as one of the top three issues of concern to our communities.

- 6 The Police view, the accepted lead in crime fighting, is that the CSP, (and particularly the District Council) has influenced consistently better figures in terms of reduction of crime than any other District within the County.
- 7 The Partnership has made requests for funding from the Commissioners Office and been successful in securing £20,000 per annum for the duration of the present Commissioner's tenure.
- 8 In addition a further £21,000 in the last twelve months has been successfully gained to fund a new era of portable Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Cameras to support rural outposts which don't benefit from their own stand alone CTTV.
- 9 The funding has been matched with District Council Community Safety Funding, County Council Youth provision funds and Health and Well-Being Partnership funds as well as other funding sources such as Age UK. All have facilitated relatively small amounts of money but together has allowed for expenditure on effective and efficient initiatives that address the Partnership's Strategic aims as outlined in Appendix A - Stroud Safer Stronger Communities Partnership Strategic Document <http://www.stroud.gov.uk/docs/community.asp#s=sectioncontent2&p=docs>

STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

12 June 2014

REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES AND AT MEETINGS/EVENTS 2014-15

Organisation	Background	No. of vacancies available	Representative(s) appointed 2013/14
CCTV User Group	2 Members are appointed annually. The Community Safety Manager (Paul Helbrow) is the officer contact for the Group.	2	Councillor Paul Hemming and Councillor John Jones
Cowle Trust (Museum in the Park)	The Museum Development Manager (Kevin Ward) is the officer contact for the Trust.	1	Councillor June Cordwell
Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association	The Council's representative on this organisation is usually the Chair of Council.	1	Councillor John Jones
Kingshill House Charitable Trust	Kingshill House is a Grade II Listed Georgian House dating back to 1705. The Mansion now operates as a charity with an arts centre and rooms for hire.	1	Councillor Geoff Wheeler
Painswick Educational Trust	The Trust deals with applications from young people residing in Painswick and provides financial help with apprenticeships and studies.	1	Usually represented by the local vicar.
PREMA Project Management Committee	The PREMA project is a registered charity and arts centre promoting live music, art exhibitions and performance.	1	Councillor Stephen Lydon
SARA	SARA is an inshore rescue boat and land search organisation covering the Severn estuary and surrounding area.	1	Councillor Russell Miles

Organisation	Background	No. of vacancies available	Representative(s) appointed 2013/14
Stinchcombe Hill Recreational Ground	The Recreation Ground is owned by the Council. The Trust comprises 10 Foundation Trustees and representative Trustees from Dursley Town, Cam and North Nibley Parish Councils, Stroud District Council and Gloucestershire County Council for a term of 3 years.	1	Councillor Miranda Clifton
Stroud & Rodborough Educational Charity	Deals with applications for grants from community groups or organisations who reside in the parish of Rodborough.	3	Councillor Nigel Cooper, Councillor Stephen Moore and Mrs Elisabeth Bird
Stroud & Tetbury District Scouts	Representative will sit on the Scout's Executive Committee.	1	Councillor Elizabeth Peters
Stroud & District CVS	There are three main branches of activity within the organisation: Volunteer Centre, Community transport, Support and representation for local voluntary & community groups.	1	Councillor Elizabeth Peters
Stroud Citizens Advice Bureau	3 Members to be appointed as representatives. The main office is in Stroud and there are locations across the district – Berkeley, Dursley, Nailsworth, Minchinhampton, Wotton-under-Edge and Stonehouse.	3	Councillor Miranda Clifton, Councillor Penny Wride and Councillor Rhiannon Wigzell
Stroud Festival Limited	Established in 1946/47. Property has been left in trust for the purposes of educating and promoting drama, arts dance and singing. Small amounts awarded to individuals within the district.	2	Councillor Nigel Prenter (vacancy)
Stroud Road Safety Liaison Group	Comprises County, District, Town and Parish Councillors with delegates from other organisations involved in road safety.	2	Councillor Russell Miles and Councillor Paul Smith

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Supporting People Partnership Board	Originally set up by the County Council to determine the direction of spend for ring fenced supporting people funds with a focus on short term housing related support. The fund is no longer ring fenced but managed in accordance with the adopted Supporting People Strategy. The Board now meets infrequently (twice yearly) and provides input towards County Council decisions from a diverse range of members.	1	Councillor Karon Cross
The League of Friends of Stroud Hospital and the Health Centre	Established in 1948 and supports Stroud General Hospital, Stroud Maternity Hospital, Beeches Green Health Centre, Park House, Weavers Croft and Stroud Ambulance Station.	2	Councillor John Marjoram and Councillor Paul Smith
Woodchester Park Mansion	A Grade I Listed Gothic style property, together with 23 acres of the surrounding pasture was purchased by the Council in 1988.	1	Councillor Rowland Blackwell

MEETINGS/EVENTS

Meeting/Event	Background	Required	Representative(s) appointed 2013/14
Crime and Disorder Meeting	Comprises Parish and District members, meeting twice per year.	1	Councillor June Cordwell
Parking Board	Member attendance required in view of county representative takes their Cabinet lead to meetings. Meetings held with Community Safety 2 – 3 times per year.	1	Councillor John Jones
Older Peoples Forum	A Forum to provide feedback to the authority on services to older people and to also inform the Forum of the work that the Council is doing. Meets quarterly.	1	Councillor Rowland Blackwell
Youth Council	To provide information to the District Council on issues relating to young people. Representative is required to attend formal meetings of the Youth Council on a quarterly basis.	1	Councillor Miranda Clifton and Councillor June Cordwell

Meeting/Event	Background	Required	Representative(s) appointed 2013/14
Stroud District Council Health and Wellbeing Partnership	Facilitates the improvement of health and wellbeing and reduction of health inequalities, bringing together national county and local priorities to deliver improved health outcomes to communities across Stroud District. Meets quarterly. (Could be the same representative for the meeting below).	1	Councillor Karon Cross and substitute – Councillor Stephen Lydon
Health and Wellbeing Second Tier/District Lead Officers meeting	All 6 district council health and wellbeing lead officers meet to discuss 2 nd tier health and wellbeing work and feed this to the County Health and Wellbeing Board. Meets quarterly. (Could be the same representative for the meeting below).	1	Councillor Karon Cross and substitute – Councillor Stephen Lydon

ENDS