



WEST CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE



AGENDA

To: City Councillors: Cantrill (Chair), Reid (Vice-Chair), Bick, Gehring, Gillespie, Holt, Holland and Ratcliffe

County Councillors: Cearn and Nethsingha

City and County Councillor: Hipkin

Dispatched: Wednesday, 3 February 2016

Date: Thursday, 11 February 2016

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Castle Street Methodist Church, Castle Street, CB3 0AH

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1 Apologies

2 Minutes (*Pages 5 - 34*)

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 30 September & 3 December 2015.

3 Matters and Actions arising from the Minutes (*Pages 35 - 38*)

4 Declarations of Interest

Members of the committee are asked to declare any interests in the items on the agenda. In the case of any doubt, the advice of the Head of Legal should be sought **before the meeting**.

5 Open Forum

Refer to the 'Information for the Public' section for rules on speaking

6 North Pole Experience: Parker's Piece

To welcome Alistair Wilson, Green Space Manager, Cambridge City Council and Richard Elmer, Managing Director, The Ice Box, for a Question & Answer Session on the Ice Rink on Parker's Piece over the Christmas period.

- 7 Policing & Safer Neighbourhoods** *(Pages 39 - 48)*
- 8 Greater Cambridge City Deal**
To receive an update on the City Deal programme, including the A428 consultation.
- 9 Environmental Data Reports** *(Pages 49 - 80)*
- 10 S106 priority-setting round: follow-up** *(Pages 81 - 90)*
- 11 West Central Area Committee Dates 2016/17**

The Committee is asked to agree the following meeting dates:

Wednesday 3 July 2016
Thursday 29 September 2016
Wednesday 7 December 2016
Thursday 9 March 2017

Members are asked to contact the Committee Manager in advance of the meeting with any comments regarding the above dates.

Meeting Information

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30 September 2015

7.00 - 10.30 pm

Present

Area Committee Members: Councillors Cantrill (Chair), Bick, Gehring, Gillespie, Holt, Holland, Ratcliffe, Cearns and Nethsingha

Leader of the Council: Councillor Herbert

Officers:

Head of Property Services: Dave Prinsep

Safer Communities Section Manager: Lynda Kilkelly

Operations Manager (Community Engagement and Enforcement): Wendy Young

Committee Manager: Claire Tunnicliffe

Highways Officer (Cambridgeshire County Council): Evan Laughlin

Others in Attendance:

Police Inspector: Matt Johnson

Balfour Beatty: Mark Oldfield

Cambridge BID: Ed Quigley

Cambridge BID: Ian Sandison

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL

15/111/WCAC Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Reid and Hipkin.

Sergeants Misik and Wood also sent their apologies.

15/112/WCAC Minutes

Councillor Bick requested that the *item15/104/WCAC Replacement Bin Programme, under The Asset Manager (S&OS) and the Executive Councillor for Environment and Waste response* had the additional text added (underlined).

- i. Future plans would be circulated to resident groups and Ward Councillors for their consideration and if there was no resident group's advice would be taken from Ward Councillors.

The minutes of the 8 July were then approved and signed by the Chair.

15/113/WCAC Matters and Actions arising from the Minutes

15/105/WCAC: Double Yellow Lines on East Road:

To investigate the possibility of extending the double yellow lines in the area and to enquire with the County Council's Parking Enforcement Officer if resources could be increased for patrolling in the area.

Councillor Cearns confirmed that he had submitted an application under the Local Highways Improvement Project Scheme.

15/105/WCAC: Heavy goods vehicles on Huntingdon Road:

To write to Cambridgeshire Constabulary supporting the need for action, highlighting the distress this issue has caused to residents and stressing the need of enforcement.

Councillor Cantrill confirmed that a letter would be sent to Cambridgeshire Constabulary and Hertfordshire Constabulary on this matter.

15/105/WCAC Bollard on New Street

Councillor Cearns advised that a new bollard would be installed by the City Council over the next two months. The County Council had offered to undertake the work but the City Council had declined **(CLOSED)**.

15/114/WCAC Declarations of Interest

No declarations were declared.

15/115/WCAC Open Forum

1. Dick Baxter: Has the Beth Shalom Reform Community been given permission to put a gate in the wall facing onto Midsummer Common blocking entry into the Community Orchard?

The Head of Property Services present at the meeting advised that the Council had not given permission to put a gate in the wall of the Synagogue garden area onto Midsummer Common or for any form of path from this gate.

The creation of a gate in the wall was not necessarily an issue the Council could take action on unless the gate was actually used. Any work on the

Common such as a footpath would need consent but until a proposal was made this could not be considered further. No such proposal had been received and no consent had been given.

City Council Officers were aware that part of the hedge had been removed to the rear of the former Yasume Club to enable the wall to be constructed. Permission was not given at the time to remove the hedge but assurances were given by the contractor that this would be reinstated. The Head of Property Services advised that this would be raised with the Synagogue by Officers to agree suitable reinstatement.

In relation to blocking the passageway, the Council did not have to give permission for it to be blocked but the Synagogue did not need the Council's permission to do this on their land.

The Synagogue had made its position with regard to the passageway very clear: it would allow access for those needing access or requesting it at all times with the exception of one day a year based on legal advice received so it did not become a public right of way.

The City Council were aware that the passageway had been closed off the week before the day of this meeting which was on the Jewish Day of Atonement. This had been a very busy day at the Synagogue and probably suited the Synagogue to choose that particular day. Council staff could have used the passageway on that day if they had needed to. If, due to anti-social behaviour, access was to be stopped, the Synagogue had advised they would be happy for community users to have access via a numerical keypad should the situation arise.

The Synagogue were aware of an application to the County Council to have a public right of way recognised. A pragmatic stance had been taken allowing access (apart from one day a year due to legal advice) pending this being determined. If the application determined a public right of way, the Synagogue would comply with the requirements.

The Head of Property Services concluded that the Council had also undertaken work to improve access to the Common. A new vehicular access had been created off Newmarket Road with a new bespoke fabricated gate and off road parking leading to this. It had also improved the access from the north with new steps leading up from the lower part of the Common.

2. John Lawton: Could the Head of Property Services explain if there was public access to the Community Orchard why a sign had been installed at both ends of the passage stating 'Private No Right of Way.'

The Head of Property Services advised that the Synagogue had maintained that they would not recognise this as a public right of way until determined by the County Council. Access would not be denied apart from one day a year. The Head of Property Services reiterated this was not common land.

Councillor Gillespie stated that he supported the resident's frustration and advised that the application to recognise this as common land and a public right of way had been submitted but would take approximately eighteen months to be determined.

Councillor Cantrill suggested that a meeting should be organised with Officers and residents to discuss the matter further **(ACTION)**.

3. Mr Dick Baxter: What is the Council doing to stop cars parking all day outside the pub and restaurant on Midsummer Common? Has the Council gathered enough evidence over 15 years to raise a prosecution file and why has no formal action been taken. Should prosecution be determined by the Legal Department or City Councillors?

Councillor Cantrill requested that a separate meeting be planned with residents, Ward Councillors and Officers to determine what action could be taken. This matter had been highlighted many times over the years. Advice would have been given by the Legal Department to Councillors who made the decision and it would be prudent to invite the relevant Legal Advisor to such a meeting **(ACTION)**.

Councillor Bick stated his frustration on this matter which had taken up a large amount of Councillor's time. Former Councillor Reiner had worked with the Legal Department to determine the legal action that could be taken. Enforcement was required otherwise this work would be a wasted effort.

4. Bev Nicholson: The approach from the college side to Queen's Road crossing, close to the min roundabout could get very muddy. After there has been rain, there was usually a puddle there. Was there any possibility of some improvement to this, perhaps there is a creative way in which this can be improved?

Councillor Cantrill read out the following statement from City Council's Project Leader for Streets and Open Spaces:

'The City Council believes that there is a low point on the edge of the worn grass verge/asphalted area, where water congregates. The County Council's Highways services are aware of it, but it is not an urgent priority for them given their resourcing pressures.

The County Council operates an annual programme of Local Highways Improvements for which this type of work would seem to be ideally suited. Unfortunately, though, applications have just closed for the latest round. The other possibility might be the City Council's Environmental Improvement Programme, although the future focus of this is likely to be on non-core highways responsibilities and functions. Another option might be through an approach to the College, given that the primary crossing movements here pass through college grounds on at least one side of the road'.

Evan Laughlin (County Council) who was present at the meeting asked if Ms Nicolson could put forward the question through the County's Contact Centre in order for Officers to explore this further. The County Council did inspect the road monthly and given the location near a crossing point may help to get something done.

5. Alison Dick: Given that Madingley Rise is the worst congested entry point to the City, in preparation for the public consultation has an independent survey been undertaken to help understand who uses this road at peak times and their ultimate destination. This would and should assist in prioritising the City Deal funding?

Councillor Bick stated that he did not know the answer to the question but would be happy to find out and respond direct.

6. Penny Heath: Could the Committee advise who writes the questions to the public consultation such the A428/A1303 Madingley Road Corridor Scheme Options / Cambourne to Cambridge Bus Proposals and were they scrutinised by elected members before being made public?

Councillor Nethsingha advised that Councillors had not been involved in the writing of the consultation due to the time scale. With regards to the mentioned questionnaires the public should respond as freely as they are able. It was important that residents did not just respond to the questions but gave open ended responses where ever they could.

7. Penny Heath: Would the same planning / material considerations be given to the City Deal if they are building in a conservation area as there would be with any other planning application?

Councillor Cearns replied that the proposal was that planning would be delegated to the Joint Development Control Committee who would follow the same planning governance when considering these applications.

8. Richard Price: The City Council's website states that air quality in the City was routinely monitored and identified certain areas affected by high levels of nitrogen dioxide. Is this the only component of vehicle exhausts which are measured? The City Council's website refers to the Air Quality Action Plan and the Local Transport Plan 2006-11 which will be updated in 2014. Has this been done or will be it reviewed and did the County Council as the Highway Authority have any input? Was it not time to introduce a congestion charge and electric buses into the City?

Councillor Cearns replied that the County Council did have a role and now the portfolio of public health was back under the County Council's control he would speak to the relevant Officers to investigate how the County Council was involved in that plan.

Councillor Bick advised there was a need for a wider traffic management approach within the City which required partnership working with multiple agencies including both the City and County Councils. This was another aspect of the City Deal which would consider a variety of different methods of traffic control in the City. These options had been highlighted in the local press and there was a need for the City Deal authorities to determine what mix of those options they deployed. It was hoped that this would be done in a transparent manner and believed that congestion charges should be one of these options.

Councillor Cantrill explained that a City Centre Access Study was currently being undertaken by external consultants who would put forward potential proposals that would go out to public consultation.

Councillor Gillespie advised that the City Council's Air Quality team were focusing on the taxi fleet as a priority to reduce air pollution. County Council were responsible for public transport and looking at ways at reducing admissions.

Ed Quigley from Cambridge Bid explained that the Bid Team would be looking at a project to reduce the amount of commercial vehicles entering into the City. It was hoped that the new scheme would be piloted the following year.

The following questions were put forward but due to the time limit were not answered but would be actioned.

8. Mr Rosenstiel: The widening of the footpaths on Midsummer Common was open for public consultation but no information could be found on the City Council's website.

9. Susan Stobbs: The Auckland Road allotments adjacent to Midsummer Common were established on Common Land which the Council forgot to register properly under the Commons Registration Act 1965. I understand that it is not possible to rectify this error at the moment, but I would like to ask for reassurance that:

- i. The County will undertake to register this land as Common land as soon as it is possible to do so.**
- ii. In the meantime the City council will give an assurance in writing that they will not seek to sell this land for development while it is wrongly designated as not being part of our Commons heritage.**

Councillor Cantrill requested that the matter of Auckland Road allotments be given to Officers to respond and be brought back to Committee as a future agenda item if necessary **(Action)**.

15/116/WCAC Policing & Safer Neighbourhoods - WAC 30 Sept 2015

The Committee received a report from Inspector Wood regarding Policing and Safer neighbourhood trends.

The report outlined actions taken since the West Central Area Committee of the 07 January 2015 on the priorities that had been set. The current emerging issues/neighbourhood trends for each ward were also highlighted (see report for full details).

Comments from members of the public:

- i. Since the 20mph enforcement came into the effect in August 2010 on Maid's Causeway it would appear that no enforcement has been carried out. Could the Committee make this a Police priority?

- ii. Requested that cycling should be retained as a priority. There were a small minority of cyclists who continued to ride dangerously and examples of these cyclists need to be made.
- iii. Asked if the Police were aware that a large portion of the paths on Parkside were of dual use as the Police report had highlighted an issue with cyclists on Parkside.
- iv. Would like to bring to the Police attention the numerous vehicle drivers who jumped red lights particularly on Newmarket Road / Elizabeth Road roundabout. This was not just something that cyclists did.
- v. Enquired if the Police had been involved with the County's proposals to turn off street lights between midnight and 6.00am
- vi. Would like to see a Police presence in the areas where punt touts operated and enforcement undertaken as had witnessed money exchanging hands.
- vii. Requested anti-social cycling should be a priority.

Comments from the Committee:

- i. At the last Council meeting the Executive Councillor for City Centre and Public Places stated that the byelaw to deal with illegal punt touts was not very effective. This was because it required individuals to provide their name and address which that was required for action to be taken to Council Officers. However these details did not have to be supplied to Officers.
- ii. Noted a significant increase in burglaries as shown in the report
- iii. Enquired what the view of the Police was if the County's proposals to switch off street lights occurred and would the Police address the issue of burglaries, particularly in Castle Ward which had seen an increase.
- iv. Asked if the Driver Speed Awareness Schemes for 20mph was available in Cambridge.
- v. Highlighted a minority of taxis showed disregard to pedestrian and cyclists and asked what could be done on this issue.
- vi. Noted that punt touts who stood outside the Guildhall on a daily basis sent the wrong message to the public that this was acceptable.
- vii. Enquired what areas of the City were covered by Speed Watch volunteers.
- viii. Suggested the next set of priorities should include dealing with illegal punt touts.
- ix. Requested that a report be brought to Committee on the Public Space Protection Orders **(ACTION)**.

In response the Police Inspector and Safer Communities Section Manager made the following statements:

- i. Enforcement had been undertaken on Maid's Causeway. Student Officers would spend three months on 20mph enforcement in the City Centre including Maid's Causeway. Statistics could not be broken down unless specifically requested to do so.
 - Speed Watch volunteers had covered Huntingdon Road, Trumpington Road and Tennyson Road.
 - The difficulty of the byelaw relating to punt touts meant that the City Council would have to go to Court and prove beyond reasonable doubt that the byelaw had been broken.
 - With a Public Space Protection Order a fixed penalty notice could be issued for a breach on the balance of probability.
 - Had not been aware /seen that money was being exchanged on the street between punt touts and the public. If witnessed this could be reported to the City Council's Safer Communities Team. The more information supplied would assist in gathering evidence to the Public Space Protection Order.
 - Comments had been made by the Police to the County Council on their proposals to switch off the street lights.
 - A significant factor relating to burglaries was that residents did lock their properties. Burglaries did not just take place at night.
 - Was aware of the dual use of paths on Parkside. The issues were outside of the school and opposite the Police Station.
 - The National Driver Offender Retraining Scheme (NDORS) has been rewritten to accommodate breaking 20mph speed limits and had been made available in Cambridge
 - Encouraged residents to sign up to the Neighbourhood Alert Scheme to report issues such as inconsiderate cyclists.

Resolved **(unanimously)** to set the following priorities:

- Night time economy
- Traffic Junction Enforcement (All road users)
- 20mph in City Centre.

15/117/WCAC Cambridge BID

The Chair welcomed Ed Quigley and Ian Sandison from Cambridge (Business Improvement District) BID to present a report on the work of the Business Improvement District team.

Mr Quigley provided details on the work of Cambridge BID which had been spread over four key work streams; Pride and Promotion, Welcoming and Vibrant, Safe and Clean and Business Support.

Comments from members of the public:

- i. Asked if the BID Team could ensure that the clearing of snow was undertaken in the City Centre.
- ii. Enquired about the role of the City Ambassadors and the work that they undertook and asked if the money could be better spent.
- iii. Queried if there had been any progress on re-introducing the pea pods.

Comments from the Committee:

- i. Asked the opinion of local businesses on the value of the day coach trips that brought large volume of tourists into the City but did not necessarily spend money during their visit.
- ii. Enquired how the BID Team promoted sustainability and encouraged local businesses to become greener and aware of their social responsibility.
- iii. Enquired into the promotion of the Ethical Buying Scheme in Cambridge
- iv. Queried how the work of street cleaning differed to that of the City Council's street team.
- v. Requested that information collected by the City Ambassadors such as data on illegal punt touts was passed to Councillors as well as Officers.

In response to the comments made, Mr Quigley and Mr Sandison made the following statements:

- i. The focus is to encourage those visitors who visit the City to stay longer and contribute to the economy.
- ii. Regarding the clearing of snow the BID Team should not replace services that should be run by the local authorities as this is what business rates were paid for but the BID Cleansing Team would clear the snow if absolutely necessary and had the time to do so.
- iii. The BID Team delivered the deep cleansing that the City Council did not have the equipment or resources to do. There was a partnership working and a pilot scheme would be starting to encourage recycling, changing peoples' behaviour called 'bin it your way'.

- iv. The projects delivered by the BID Team were set by the local businesses and the organisation was separate to the City Council which was not funded by public funds.
- v. The role of the City Ambassador was created as local businesses had said that they would like to see a 'Visitor Welcome Service'. The Ambassador provided excellent customer services and undertook work for the businesses in the City.
- vi. Cambridge BID aimed to promote good business practice in an open and transparent way and was recently accredited as a living wage employee. Currently working on recycling projects and reducing the volume of delivery vehicles into the City to promote a healthier environment.
- vii. Waiting for costing regarding the installation of Pea Pods and would be prepared to the part fund this scheme.
- viii. Planning to meet with the Student Hub to discuss the Ethical Guide to Buying in Cambridge.

15/118/WCAC Environmental Data Reports - WAC

The Committee received a report from the Operations Manager (Community Engagement and Enforcement) regarding environmental data which provided an overview of City Council Refuse and Environment and Streets and Open Spaces service activity relating to the geographical area served by the West/Central Area Committee.

Comments from members of the public:

- i. Asked if the paths on Coe Fen and Midsummer Common could be cleaned after the cattle had left.
- ii. Enquired if planning notices could be taken down when they were out of date.
- iii. Queried what kind of permission was required to put up oversized posters or banners on railings.
- iv. Thanked the Council for installing two bins on King Street outside the takeaway premises and stated it was surprising that it was not the owner's responsibility.

Comments from the Committee

- i. Would like to highlight how effective the cleaning of the runnels had been and would like to keep the project running.
- ii. There were two recycling centres in Market Ward with one in Adam and Eve Street which was also experiencing issues

- iii. Asked what was possibility there was for partnership working with the University for such events as the May Ball and if the Council worked with the May Ball Committees, if not whether this could be looked into
- iv. Expressed surprised that some of the work undertaken during a ward blitz was not carried out on a regular basis.
- v. Queried what lessons had been learnt from the ward blitzes and what could be done more of, particularly in Market ward.
- vi. There was still an issue with pink bags not being collected and left out for days at a time.
- vii. Enquired if the City Council could clear the weeds from the kerbs that grew up from the road.
- viii. Requested that the clearing of leaves in Newnham be added to the ward blitz.

In response the Operations Manager (Community Engagement and Enforcement) made the following statements:

- i. Could not answer if the paths were specifically cleaned after the cattle had left but would speak with the relevant Officers.
- ii. Acknowledged there had been a particular issue with fly tipping, particularly at Adam and Eve Street. It was an error in the report not to have included Adam and Eve Street in Market Ward.
- iii. Ward blitzes allowed areas of the City that had not been previously focused on, such as the cleaning of the bike racks by the City Rangers. Ward blitzes were then analysed to determine what lessons could be learnt.
- iv. City Rangers would be intrusted to take down out of date signage.
- v. Posters that were advertising non-commercial organisations did not require planning permission but permission from the landowner such as highways or churches.
- vi. Banners that were not authorised were taken straight down.
- vii. Could not answer the question regarding the May Balls but would speak with the relevant Officers and bring back further information to a future meeting.
- viii. Aware of the problem with the pink bags and would speak with the Operation Managers on this matter.
- ix. New regulations had come into force which enabled the Council additional powers to serve a notice to those proprietors who were causing harm to the environment.
- x. A sweeper would be sent out to clear the weeds and soil from the paths. If access was blocked the paths would have to be cleaned manually which took times. The probation team had also undertaken work.

- i. The clearing of the leaves in Newnham would be included as part of the ward blitz in November.

Evan Laughlin from the County Council confirmed that the County Council carried weed kill treatments three times a year undertaken by the City Council.

The Committee:

Resolved (Unanimously) to agree the following priorities, including the additional priority (No 7).

1. Enforcement and City Ranger patrols in the City Centre to address issues of illegally deposited trade waste and littering.
Justification: Littering and illegal deposited waste if left un-investigated can cause ongoing issues and encourage antisocial behaviour. This priority has been included as a continuation to balance the high standard of trade waste management and litter patrols already existing in the West/Central area and to continue to build upon this work further.
2. Early morning, daytime and weekend dog warden patrols for dog fouling on Grantchester Street, Lammas Land and surrounding areas.
Justification: Dog fouling continues to be identified by the Dog Warden and a number of individuals spoken to have not been aware of dog control orders; this recommendation remains in order to balance education and enforcement. Further reports have been received that has identified an increase of dog fouling on the routes to and from the local school.
3. Proactive small scale graffiti and flyposting removal by City Rangers across the West/Central area.
Justification: Work already conducted by the City Rangers has been positive and enhanced the areas where cleared. This recommendation is to continue this work as a priority for all the rangers covering the West/Central areas.
4. Regular litter picks and enforcement monitoring in New Square, Drummer Street, Fitzroy Street and Burleigh Street
Justification: Foot traffic in these areas continues to be high, particularly at the beginning of the new university term and continued focus on these areas is recommended.

5. Ownership and cleansing of Garrett Hostel Lane ditches
Justification: Work to identify the ownership of Garrett Hostel Lane ditches is ongoing. Work on maintaining the cleanliness of the ditches is ongoing and remains a focus for the Operations team.
- 6 Jesus Green ditch cleansing – looking at frequency of activity
Justification: Work has already been undertaken in this area since July / August time, however in order to measure the success of this activity it is necessary to examine the effectiveness of weekly cleansing over a lengthy period of time and the period October to December would allow that.
- 7 Joint working patrols to address the issues of fly tipping at public recycling points.
Justification: Fly tipping at Lammas Land and Castle Park recycling centre account for an increase in the fly tipping figures across the West area. Enforcement and ranger work to focus on these areas will balance education and enforcement to deter this problem.

15/119/WCAC Street Lighting within the City of Cambridge

The Chair welcomed Mark Oldfield from Balfour Beatty to present a report on the next phase of the lighting programme within the historic core of the City.

Mr Oldfield explained that he had been looking at an improvement plan on how this could be implemented and how installation could be improved. The first was to reduce the length of time to one week for each installation. Secondly, only one 'gang' with a dedicated supervisor would be allocated to undertake the work and thirdly it was important to liaise with as many stakeholders as possible. This was to ensure minimum disruption when the work would be undertaken.

A customer vehicle would be close to the work to discuss any issues if they occurred or any previous issues that had not been concluded and to discuss the programme of works.

Comments from members of the public:

- i. Asked if a timetable of works could be made available to the public.
- ii. Enquired if Tree Officers were contacted before any works were undertaken.

- iii. Queried if wall mounted lights would be replaced by new lighting columns in the City Centre.
- iv. Noted that there was equipment left all over the City that needed to be collected and referenced the barriers on Christ Pieces.
- v. Highlighted that one of the 10metre columns on Jesus Lane had been replaced with an 8 metre column.
- vi. Enquired when the work would be carried out in North Terrace as was advised that this would be undertaken in the first week of May.
- vii. Lights on the footpath on Midsummer Common are going to be replaced with silver columns and it was requested that they should be replaced with black columns.
- viii. Maids Causeway was full of grade II listed buildings with old gas style lamps and these should not be replaced with silver columns. There had been no consultation with residents associations or community groups as part of the heritage street light replacement process. Residents may have been able to finance some of the lighting but were not given the option.
- ix. Asked when work would be completed on 'Reality Checkpoint' at Parker's Piece.

Comments from the Committee:

- i. A number of complaints had been received from residents in the Newnham ward regarding the lack of response from Balfour Beatty to communication they had sent.
- ii. A number of complaints from residents were with regards to how the streets had been left unusable as they were cluttered with equipment.

In response to the comments made Mr Oldfield made the following statements:

- iii. Lightingcambridgeshire.com will have a live timetable of works.
- iv. Signage would be left on barriers to explain why the equipment had been left.
- v. Would check the method statements for work to be undertaken around the trees in the City and would talk to the relevant organisations.
- vi. Wall units would remain wall mounted in the City Centre.
- vii. Would instruct the sub-contractors to remove barriers and any other equipment that had been left.
- viii. The smaller column on Jesus Lane was temporary and would be replaced.
- ix. Noted the issues that had been raised by Councillors which was why the approach had changed to the work undertaken in the City Centre.

- x. A timetable would be published on where the customer vehicle would be placed.
- xi. Confirmed would chase when the work would be carried out on North Terrace.
- xii. Explore the option of black columns on Maids Causeway.

15/120/WCAC Street Lighting – County Council Proposals

The Committee received a report from the Safer Communities Manager, as introduced by the Leader of the City Council, Councillor Herbert.

The report outlined that following major budgetary reviews, the County Council proposed to dim street lighting and to turn off lights in a number of areas across the County overnight, with midnight to 6am the current proposed hours.

As the proposals would have a significant impact in Cambridge City, the City Council have raised a number of concerns with the County Council around the safety of the public, if the planned lighting goes through as currently proposed.

Councillor Herbert advised that he felt that there was no justification for the lights to be switched off and asked the Committee and public for feedback on this matter.

Comments from members of the public:

- i. Queried what energy savings would be made.
- ii. Enquired what regulations allowed street lights to be dimmed or switched off.
- iii. New streets lights had been placed in the City and now it was planned to switch them off. Why did they have to be replaced in the first instance?
- iv. Asked if individual streets could pay to implement lights as a result of safety concerns due to lack of lighting.
- v. Noted that there was too much light pollution in some areas of the City.
- vi. Suggested that areas that were well lit by 'business lighting' should be switched off only.

The Committee made the following comments in response to the report:

- i. Asked Councillors to inform the County Council that this proposal should not be approved.
- ii. Enormous difference between the lights being dimmed and switched off.

- iii. Feedback received from many Parish Councillors was that they were happy to have the lights switched off. However Cambridge as a City with a night time economy was different.
- iv. Could have an impact on congestion in the City with shift workers choosing to take the car instead of biking to and from work.
- v. Expressed safety concerns due to a lack of light as more of Cambridge University moved to the west of the City, the labs on this side of the City were used throughout the day and night.
- vi. The switching off the lights would create a gender imbalance
- vii. The proposal to switch off the street lights would increase stress levels in the City and have a major negative impact on women. There could also be a possible rise in hate crime.
- viii. It would have been beneficial to have an Officer from the County Council present but there had not been enough notice given.
- ix. The County Council were not obliged to light all roads.
- x. The County Council was under funded. If money could not be saved in this area, savings would have to be made elsewhere.
- xi. Queried if the City Council would be willing to contribute to the lights costs in the City.
- xii. Lights were justified in order to get more efficiency savings.
- xiii. Third party financial contributions towards lights were invited from parish councils in rural areas (to pay for their own street lights), but this scheme was not being implemented in the City.
- xiv. An on-line consultation regarding lighting was planned in the next few months. In the meantime, members of the public could make representations to the County Council Highways Committee.

Following discussion, Members **resolved (unanimously)** to note the Strategy and Resources Committee Report on the County Council lighting proposal and to comment on any areas of concern that they would like taken up with the County in the planned negotiations.

15/121/WCAC Public Notices From the Chair

Councillor Cantrill advised that the public consultation for the A428/A1303 Madingley Road Corridor Scheme Options would begin on 12 October 2015.

15/122/WCAC Record of Attendance

- i. 29 members of the public
- ii. 9 Councillors
- iii. 4 Cambridge City Officers
- iv. 1 Cambridgeshire County Officer
- v. 1 Balfour Beatty Representative
- vi. 2 Cambridge BID Representatives
- ii. 1 Member of Cambridgeshire Constabulary

The meeting ended at 10.30 pm

CHAIR

WEST CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE

3 December 2015

7.00 - 10.15 pm

Present: Councillors Cantrill (Chair), Bick, Hipkin, Holt, Holland, Ratcliffe, Cearn, Hipkin and Nethsingha

Cambridge City Council Officers:

Head of Property Services: Dave Prinsep

Urban Growth Project Manager: Tim Wetherfield

Recreation Services Manager: Ian Ross

Green Open Space Manager: Alistair Wilson

Committee Manager: Claire Tunncliffe

Cambridgeshire County Council Officers:

Service Director, Strategy & Development: Bob Menzies

Project Manager, Major Infrastructure Delivery: Richard Preston

Team Leader, Transport Projects, Ashley Heller

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL

15/123/WCAC Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Reid and Gehring as they were both in Paris for the Local Government Association regarding climate change talks.

15/124/WCAC Re-ordering of the Agenda

Under paragraph 4.2.1 of the Council Procedure Rules, the Mayor used his discretion to alter the order of the agenda items. However, for ease of the reader, these minutes will follow the order of the agenda.

15/125/WCAC Matters and Actions arising from the Minutes

15/105/WCAC: Heavy goods vehicles on Huntingdon Road: To write to Cambridgeshire Constabulary supporting the need for action, highlighting the distress this issue has caused to residents and stressing the need of enforcement.

Councillor Cantrill informed the Committee that he had written a letter to the Chief Constable of Cambridgeshire Constabulary and Hertfordshire Constabulary supporting the need for action.

Councillor Holland updated the Committee to advise that Sonia Hanson, Traffic Manager, Cambridgeshire County Council, was working with Bedfordshire Police to look at these issues on Huntingdon Road.

15/115/WCAC: Parking on Midsummer Common: To arrange a meeting with residents, Councillor Bick, Alistair Wilson and Jane Connell (Principal Solicitor) to discuss this matter further.

Councillor Bick advised that a meeting had taken place on 27th October with the relevant Officers and members of the public. A number of actions had been raised as an outcome of the meeting which would be shared with the publication of the minutes for this meeting. These actions had been minuted by the Alistair Wilson, Open Space Manager, Cambridge City Council **(ACTION)**.

15/126/WCAC Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were declared.

15/127/WCAC Open Forum

Richard Taylor: Would like to bring to the public's attention how out of date the information on the Jesus Green Association notice board is, with information on display dated November 2014.

Councillor Cantrill advised that this was not a City Council notice board but this would be brought to the attention of the Jesus Green Association **(ACTION)**.

Mr Hallaway: As a disabled (blind) person does Cambridgeshire County Council have any plans to install a pedestrian crossing with audible signals across St Andrews Street?

Councillor Cearns stated that a proposal had been accepted for funding for a feasibility study under the Local Highways Improvement Scheme but as yet no work had been undertaken. This matter would be followed up with the relevant Officers and an update given at the next meeting. There was an ongoing issue of staff capacity to deliver the schemes that received funding approval.

Bev Nicolson: A notice went up ages ago about the zebra crossing on Albion Row but no work has been done yet. When is it due to be installed?

Councillor Hipkin informed the Committee that the Officer responsible for the delivery of the project had left the County Council and there had been problems finding any paper trail. A new survey would be undertaken to determine if a zebra crossing would be required.

Tim Brown: When will the Police seriously enforce the one-way cycle ways in the City. I am appalled at how the law is being flouted.

Councillor Cantrill replied that at the last meeting of the West Central Area Committee that the Police priority of Traffic Junction Enforcement (which included cyclists) had been set. An update would be given by the Police at the next meeting when this matter could be discussed further.

Bev Nicolson: What has happened to the progress on Chestnut House? (Corner of Huntingdon Road and Histon Road.) Going past it it's clear it hasn't been completed yet as the windows have not been finished, nor is the facing to the lower half of the building.

Councillor Hipkin responded that the facing material on the ground floor was not of an appropriate quality when it was first put on the building so it had been removed and had left 'glue scars'. The windows had not been completed as they were associated with the facing material problem. The issue was being looked at by the City Council's Enforcement Team.

Bev Nicolson: I note the committee is asked to recommend funding to shore up the sides of the paths on Parker's Piece. It's been very noticeable in the past year that the grass gets churned up quite badly, so will reinforcement help to reduce that?

Councillor Bick advised that the question highlighted a broader problem on Parker's Piece with the grass becoming churned up due to the impact of the large events that took place on the Piece. One such event was the ice rink that was installed each year over the Christmas period, known as the 'North Pole Experience'. Residents were encouraged to give feedback on this event. It was important to ensure that a balance was met so that the Piece could be enjoyed by those who used the ice rink and those who used the Piece all the year round.

Councillor Gillespie supported the points raised by Councillor Bick and highlighted damage had also been caused on the Piece by the Student's Fresher's Fair.

Councillor Cearns stated that there seemed to be an encroachment on what was acceptable and that care was required to limit any damage. Additional funding had been allocated from Cambridgeshire County Council for repairs to the paths.

Member of the public: At the top of the Queens Road Site of the 'Backs' at the entrance to Trinity College, a temporary car park had been put in during the construction work but this now seemed to have become permanent. When would the car park be taken down?

Councillor Nethsingha advised that she would investigate this matter and report back at the next meeting **(ACTION)**.

Councillor Holt: Please could we have a co-ordinated set of seats / benches across the city for elderly people who come into the City on the bus but need a 'sit down' before they go home.

Councillor Cantrill advised that as part of the City Council's Environmental Improvement Scheme additional seating had been installed in the Newnham Ward approximately one year ago. This idea could be forward for the next round of bids for funding under this scheme.

Councillor Holland: Wished to bring to the Committee's attention that a cyclist who had a collision with a coach on Trumpington Road had very sadly passed away. Coaches should not be permitted into the City.

Councillors echoed the concerns of Councillor Holland and welcomed comments from Councillor Bick that this was a bigger issue with an urgent need to bring forward an improved traffic management plan for coaches/ buses/ large vehicles and tourists, which would be evaluated by the City Deal. However there would always be a need for coaches and buses into the City but improved safe cycle routes were also needed. It was also suggested that tourist coaches should be made to use the Park and Ride sites.

15/128/WCAC Cambourne to Cambridge Bus Priority Proposals

The Chair welcomed Ashley Heller, Team Leader Transport Projects, Cambridgeshire County Council who gave a presentation on the Cambourne to Cambridge Bus Priority Proposals, advising the consultation had now finished.

Mr Heller described the route into Cambridge down Madingley Road as 'unreliable' and advised with further economic development the unreliability would increase. The modelling data showed that there was significant congestion starting at Madingley Mulch, which would get worse if nothing was done. The Park & Ride will encourage car drivers to access the City in buses and help to reduce the congestion along the route.

The Committee were then shown the six options that had been put forward for consultation and the business case explained.

Comments from the Committee:

- i. Specified that the environmental impact of the scheme had been ignored.
- ii. Stated that the proposals could not be described as visionary.
- iii. Proposal should be put forward with solutions; it was not good enough to say that any scheme taken forward would need to be mitigated.
- iv. Disappointed that there had been no feedback from the consultation given at the meeting.
- v. Public engagement was important and further engagement should be encouraged when looking at the preferred schemes.
- vi. Important to look at the way that ideas were presented to the public and have a design that people could be inspired by.
- vii. Enquired if the bus lane shown on some of the proposals were for a guided bus or a standard bus.
- viii. Questioned if there were any consideration of a small shuttle bus service.
- ix. Asked what form of energy the buses would be using.

In response to comments from the public and the Committee the Team Leader, Transport Projects, responded with the following:

- i. The project was very early in the process in engagement with the public and would be developed.
- ii. Further technical work would then be undertaken derived from the consultation and reported back the City Deal in September followed by further public consultation.
- iii. Confirmed that if alternative modes of transports were put forward for consideration this would be looked at but had to be realistic in what could be delivered

- iv. Advised that due to the size of the City and the fairly low density of population this had to be taken into account and a bus way system would be the most efficient.
- v. Buses were seen as the way forward to cut congestion in the City, fewer vehicles would reduce traffic pollution.
- vi. To use smaller shuttle buses would mean an increase in the number of buses of that size to bring people into the City.
- vii. The first fully electric double-decker bus would be soon be in service to trail in London as transport authorities try to reduce the capital's air pollution levels which was being looked at with interest.
- viii. Stage Coach had bid for Government funding as part of its plan to overhaul its existing double decker fleet with new low-emission, hybrid buses which would see a reduction in emissions.
- ix. Cambridgeshire County Officer had looked at the electric buses which commenced operations in Milton Keynes in 2014. These were part of a pilot project supported by the UK Department of Transport assessing the viability of electricity powered vehicles in public transport.

Councillor Cantrill thanked Ashely Heller for his time and looked forward to the results of the first phase public consultation.

15/129/WCAC S106 Priority-Setting: West/Central Area Project Proposals

The Committee received a report from the Urban Growth Project Manager regarding the local project proposals received during the S106 bidding round between June to August 2015. Proposals were invited for projects that could help mitigate the impact of development in Cambridge through funding from generic, off-site developer contributions.

Comments from the public:

- i. Queried if the reinforcing of the grass edges to paths across Parker's Piece would be successful long term; this was a large amount of expenditure (up to £75,000) for this project.

Comments from the Committee:

- i. Requested if an update could be given on the Histon Road public art project.

- ii. Highlighted the success of St Augustine's Community Centre and the installation of a new kitchen at St Mark's funded by S106 devolved funding, which had helped to increase usage of both buildings.
- iii. Noted how successful the installation of the solar studs on Lammas Land had been for a small amount of S106 funding.
- iv. Suggested a trim trail on Grantchester Road as part of the devolved outdoor sports contribution which would be considered at the next West Central Area Committee.
- v. Noted the proposals for the hockey pitches at the University of Cambridge Sports Ground on Wilberforce Road would be reported to the Community Services Scrutiny Committee in March 2016 and questioned if planning permission was required before S106 could be requested.
- vi. Expressed disappointment there had been no discussion with Ward Councillors regarding the possible work on Parker's Piece due to the possibility of additional street furniture, ie the new fences/fenceline extensions on the land.
- vii. Enquired why cycling safety on Storey's Way had not been included in the report.
- viii. Asked why Shelley Row play area had been included in the recommendations.

In response to comments from the public and the Committee the Urban Growth Project Manager responded with the following:

- i. Page 22 of the agenda pack, appendix B, referred to the Histon Road public art project with installation expected in Winter 2015/16 (ie, between December 2015-February 2016).
- ii. Paths on Parker's Piece would be re-layed by the County Council, with a new drainage system being introduced which had proved successful on Midsummer Common.
- iii. Projects could be put forward for S106 funding before any planning permission needed was secured. Officers would expect the issue of planning permission to be addressed at the project appraisal stage (so S106 funding could not be confirmed and the appraisal would not be approved unless the necessary planning permission had been secured).
- iv. With regards to the proposal to reinforce the grass edges to paths across Parker's Piece, Councillors had not been consulted yet as this was currently a proposal, which was being reported to the Area Committee for consideration. If the Area Committee wished to select the proposal as one of its S106 local project priorities, there would be further opportunities for consultation as part of the project appraisal process.

- v. The cycling safety project on Storey's Way had been considered by the Community Services Scrutiny Committee in October 2015, but was not prioritised by the Executive Councillor. There were no S106 public realm contributions from the West Central Area. This was a highways issue and officers had drawn the proposal to the attention of colleagues at Cambridgeshire County Council.
- vi. Improvements to Shelley Row play area had been recommended to make use of S106 play area contributions from Castle ward before a May 2017 expiry date. The council's recent play area audit had shown that, whilst the play area had scored highly (74%) for its location, its play value rating (37%) was low. In comparison, Histon Road Recreation Ground already had a high play value of 91%.

The Committee:

Resolved unanimously agreed to:

- i. Prioritise the following local project proposals for the use of devolved S106 contributions from the West/Central Area, subject to project appraisal and community use agreement (where appropriate):
 - a. up to £45,000 outdoor sports S106 funding for an upgraded tennis court on Lammas Land;
 - b. up to £1,500 informal open space S106 funding for a bench on the green at Warwick Road, subject to Cambridgeshire County Council consent;
 - c. up to £1,500 informal open space S106 funding for a bench next to Coton footpath (near its junction with Wilberforce Road), subject to land-owner consent;
 - d. up to £75,000 informal open space S106 funding for reinforcing grass edges to paths across Parker's Piece;
 - e. £35,000 play area S106 funding and up to £15,000 informal open space S106 funding for improvements to Shelley Row play area;
 - f. £10,000 play area S106 funding and up to £5,000 informal open space S106 funding for added play equipment, benches and landscaping at Christ's Pieces play area.
- ii. Consider a follow-up report to the West/Central Area Committee in February 2016, setting out proposals to enable any outstanding devolved S106 contributions with expiry dates in 2017 to be used on time.

Committee Managers Note: County Councillors Nethsingha and Cearn's did not take part in the vote.

15/130/WCAC Histon and Milton Road Proposals

The Chair welcomed Bob Menzies, Cambridgeshire County Council (Service Director, Strategy & Development) and Richard Preston (Project Manager, Major Infrastructure Delivery) who gave a presentation on the upgrade of Milton Road and Histon Road which would see bus, cycling and walking improvements.

The Service Director gave an overview of the City Deal decision making process and which local authorities were involved including the University of Cambridge and how the schemes would be taken forward. As part of the City Deal funding this would allow new public transport infrastructure in and around the City but would require the development and implementation of the schemes quickly.

The Project Delivery Manager explained the detail of the scheme and process. It was reiterated that none of the proposals put forward for Histon Road and Milton had been approved, but approval had been given to go to public consultation. The following objectives were then explained:

- Comprehensive priority for buses in both directions wherever practicable.
- Additional capacity for sustainable trips to employment/education sites
- Increased bus patronage and new services
- Safer and more convenient routes for cycling and walking, segregated where practical and possible
- Maintain or reduce general traffic levels
- Enhance the environment, streetscape and air quality.

Below are some of the questions / statements that were put forward by members of the public and the Committee.

Comments from the public:

- i. Queried if the consultation meetings would be open to the public that had been planned with Councillors and stakeholders; who were the stakeholders as local residents had not been invited to take part.
- ii. Asked if there was still time for members of the public to have input on the consultation before it went public.

- iii. Questioned if the full tree condition surveys would be published as part of the additional information before the public consultation took place.
- iv. Asked what would be the impact on closing some of the proposed junctions and having an outside bus lane.
- v. Would the use of the new train station in the North of the City be promoted encouraging people to take the train rather than the bus.
- vi. Asked where was the evidence to show that the traffic lights system required changing.
- vii. Queried what was the issue trying to be solved; it appeared to be an engineering problem but the problem was much bigger such as traffic management problems and the consultation process did not allow for broader comments.
- viii. Would have an environmental impact with the loss of trees and increase in traffic pollution.
- ix. Issues raised by the Cambridge Cycling Campaign had been ignored; there had been no design input from the people who understood cycling; the design of the junctions was of concern.
- x. The design appeared to accommodate more traffic on the highways and would have been better to have a solution that limits the traffic.
- xi. Additional lanes could increase risk to cyclists.
- xii. The junction close to Arbury Junction was narrow and unsure if this could accommodate additional traffic lane.
- xiii. There has been a significant lack of public information on the proposals.
- xiv. Noted that there were currently dropped kerbs for residents to enter their properties and asked how this would be managed.
- xv. Resident's gardens would have to be reduced in size to allow Milton Road to be widened.
- xvi. The proposals appeared to support the new residential developments outside of the City.
- xvii. There was not enough time for the public to consider these proposals and the consultation period should be extended.
- xviii. Information on the website was hard to understand and would take time to digest.

Comments from the Committee:

- i. The introduction of additional lanes on Milton Lane would not have a positive impact on reducing the amount of traffic into the City and needs to be readdressed.
- ii. Plans showed that the cyclists would have to go past allocated parking spaces.

- iii. Stated that a Dutch style road layout would give cyclists much more safety especially at junctions and should be considered further.
- iv. Asked for the consultation and questionnaire to be put into a language that would easily be understood by all members of the public and not full of technical terminology.
- v. Lack of information on process.
- vi. Suggested that residents formed a residents association which would be recognised as a relevant stakeholder in this process.

In response to comments from the public and the Committee the Urban Growth Project Manager responded with the following:

- i. It had been the decision of the City Deal Executive Board to take the consultation forward.
- ii. Two briefings would take place the following week with a session for Councillors consisting of City, District, Ward, County and South Cambridgeshire, to ensure that they understood the process that was being undertaken.
- iii. Stakeholders consisted of resident groups and the Cambridge Cycling Campaign group that would be able to share the information further afield; it had not been logistically possible to invite all residents to the briefings.
- iv. Cambridge Cycling Campaign Group would continue to be involved in the process.
- v. There would be a series of public events which residents could attend, printed material would be distributed and information could be found on the following website: <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/citydeal/>
- vi. All comments and suggestions would be noted.
- vii. Tree condition survey would be published by the time public consultation started.
- viii. The designs were currently ideas and further detailed work was required to determine how the junctions would work.
- ix. Would want members of the public to put forward all views and ideas, the consultation did allow for the basis of the scheme to be challenged and taken back to the Executive Board. There was space on the consultation that allowed members of the public to put forward different ideas.
- x. The key elements on the local plan and the City Deal were to protect the green belt around the city whilst ensuring sustainable growth in an organised way.
- xi. Enterprise Zones had been announced in Northstowe and Cambourne outside of the City and part of the City Deal strategy was to encourage businesses to locate outside of the City.

- xii. If the consultation highlighted that there is a traffic management issue there would have to be a different agenda.
- xiii. The proposals were not intended to accommodate extra capacity but to improve the flow of traffic.
- xiv. Would continue to work closely with the Cambridge Cycling Campaign.
- xv. Opportunities for open spaces had been identified on Milton Road but the space could be used for other uses.
- xvi. Ideas for Milton Road / Elizabeth Way junction had been passed to consultants for further consideration.

Councillor Cantrill thanked both Bob Menzies and Richard Preston for their time. He then encouraged residents to attend City Deal meetings such as the 'City Deal Executive Board' which was open to the public and where residents could register to speak at the meetings and listen to the debate. Further information could be found at <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/citydeal/>

Councillor Cantrill concluded that it may be beneficial to arrange a public meeting chaired by City Councillor Lewis Herbert, as Chair of the City Deal Board and residents (diary permitting) to discuss the proposals further **(ACTION)**.

15/131/WCAC Record of Attendance

- i. 43 members of the public
- ii. 9 Councillors
- iii. 5 City Officers
- iv. 3 Cambridgeshire County Officers

The meeting ended at 10.15 pm

CHAIR

WEST / CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE ACTION SHEET: 03.12.15

ACTION	LEAD OFFICER/MEMBER	TIMESCALE/ PROGRESS
<p>15/105/WCAC: Heavy goods vehicles on Huntingdon Road: To write to Cambridgeshire Constabulary supporting the need for action, highlighting the distress this issue has caused to residents and stressing the need of enforcement.</p>	<p>Councillor Cantrill / Councillor Holland</p>	<p>30/09/15: Councillor Cantrill advised that a letter of support would be sent to Cambridgeshire Constabulary on this matter. 03/12/15: Councillor Cantrill had written a letter to the Chief Constable of Cambridgeshire Constabulary and Hertfordshire Constabulary supporting the need for action. Councillor Holland further updated the Committee to advise that Sonia Hanson, Traffic Manager, Cambridgeshire County Council was working with Bedfordshire Police to look at these issues on Huntingdon Road.</p>
<p>15/115/WCAC: Parking on Midsummer Common: To arrange a meeting with residents, Councillor Bick , Alistair Wilson and Jane Connell (Principal Solicitor) to discuss this matter further.</p>	<p>Councillor Bick / Alistair Wilson</p>	<p>03/12/15: Councillor Bick advised that a meeting had taken place on 27th October with the relevant Officers and members of the public. A number of actions had been raised as an outcome of the meeting which would be shared with the publication of the minutes for this meeting. The actions had been minuted by the Alistair Wilson, Open Space Manager, Cambridge City Council</p>

<p>15/115/WCAC: Beth Shalom Reform Community Centre: To arrange an onsite meeting with residents and the Head of Property Services to discuss the matter further.</p>	<p>Dave Prinsep (Head of Property Services)</p>	<p>Site meeting arranged for 23/10/15 with the Head of Property Services and Mr Baxter. 15/01/16: Dave Prinsep advised that he had met with the synagogue and FoMSC to discuss the gate and hedge. It was agreed that the FoMSC would plant a new hedge behind the synagogue to the full width but leaving a gap for the existing passageway. They also create a new gap in the hedge to allow access to the fire escape gate from the synagogue's rear yard onto the common with grass leading to the gate. This would remove the need to have a passageway at the rear formed by a new hedge and the synagogue rear wall and so was considered safer given that the passageway pre-synagogue was used for drug taking. The synagogue agreed to meet these costs. The synagogue asked if part of the hedge could be laurel as this has some Jewish symbolism. FoMSC agreed and as it was a community orchard, this seemed to be quite apt.</p>
<p>15/127//WCAC: Jesus Green Association Notice Board: Information on notice board is out of date.</p>	<p>Councillor Cantrill / Claire Tunncliffe (Committee Manager)</p>	<p>19/01/16: Email sent to the secretary of Jesus Green Association to advise that the information on the notice board was out of date. Offered to share information to place on the board if happy to receive it.</p>

<p>15/127/WCAC Pedestrian crossing with audible signals across St Andrews Street: To speak with Officers regarding the installation of a pedestrian crossing with audible signals across St Andrews Street.</p>	<p>Councillor Cearns / Andy Preston (Service Manager – Local Projects)</p>	<p>20/01/16: Andy Preston advised that a Local Highway Improvement (LHI) application had been submitted to the County Council in 2012, with a view to securing funding for the provision of a controlled crossing point on St Andrews street by City Councillor Bick on behalf of Market Ward Councillors. This application was unsuccessful following prioritisation by the LHI Member panel. A further LHI application had been submitted in 2014 by County Councillor Cearns, which was also unsuccessful following the prioritisation of applications by the Cambridge Joint Area Committee.</p> <p>There is therefore currently no approved scheme under development for a controlled crossing point in St Andrew's St. The Access Study that is being carried out as part of the City Deal will be considering the current and future issues for the city centre, which will clearly include St Andrew's Street. The provision for pedestrians in the city centre is part of this study and this strategic approach will highlight the range of potential measures that will improve accessibility in the city centre.</p>
<p>15/127/WCACTemporary Trinity College: Temporary Car Park at the top of Queens Road Site, the 'Backs' at entrance to Trinity College To investigate how long Trinity have permission to use that area as a temporary car park.</p>	<p>Councillor Nethsingha</p>	<p>20.12.15: Councillor Nethsingha contacted the County to investigate the rights of way and advised that the use hereby permitted shall be discontinued and the land restored to its former condition in accordance with a scheme of works submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority, on or before 31st January 2016.</p>

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Neighbourhood profile update Cambridge City West/Central Neighbourhood

February 2016



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Neighbourhoods
Inspector**

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1 INTRODUCTION

Aim

The aim of the Neighbourhood profile update is to provide an overview of action taken since the last reporting period, identify ongoing and emerging crime and disorder issues, and provide recommendations for future priorities and activity in order to facilitate effective policing and partnership working in the area.

The document should be used to inform multi-agency neighbourhood panel meetings and neighbourhood policing teams, so that issues can be identified, effectively prioritised and partnership problem solving activity undertaken.

Methodology

This document was produced using the following data sources:

- Cambridgeshire Constabulary crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB) incident data for the four month period September 2015 to December 2015, compared to a previous reporting period (May 2015 to August 2015) and the same like reporting period in 2014; and
- Information provided by the Safer Neighbourhood Policing team and the City Council's Safer Communities team.

2 CURRENT PRIORITIES

At the West/Central Area Committee meeting of 30 September 2015, the committee recommended adopting the following priorities:

- Night time economy
- Traffic Junction Enforcement (All road users)
- 20mph in the City Centre

The Neighbourhood Action Group, at its October meeting, assigned the actions to be taken and lead officers for each of the priorities. The tables below summarise the actions taken and the current situation.

Alcohol related violent crime and anti-social behaviour	
Objective	To continue to tackle Alcohol Related Violent Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour during the Night-time Economy
Action Taken	<p>Operation Manzano: We ran a passive drugs dog operation in the City Centre just before Christmas, whereby plain-clothed Officers followed a dog-handler on a walk around the known hotspot areas during the evening. This operation was the first of its' kind run in the City centre for several years, and was fairly easy to implement. The Operation led to a large number of stop-searches and intelligence submissions as well as a couple of arrests. This operation was run on two separate dates (with a third planned for the next couple of months).</p> <p>Licensed Premises Visits: A second strand of Operation Manzano was to conduct Licensed Premises Enforcement visits. This was coordinated by Police, and involved close consultation with Cambridge City Council Licensing team, the Security Industry Authority, Cambridge Drug & Alcohol action Team and Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue. Under the supervision of the Police Licensing Officer, teams of Officers and partner agents conducted enforcement patrols of numerous licensed premises across the City centre. Officers completed Licensed Premises check forms (to ensure licensing compliance), and used special 'drugs wipes' to check whether drugs had been used in the toilet and bar areas. Nineteen venues were visited over the two operational days – 47% of which were found to have traces of drugs, 58% were found not to be complying with their licensing conditions. Given these statistics, Police & Council licensing teams have since held a post-operational debrief, and the information gleaned has been used to provide a more up-to-date and accurate Cardiff model</p>

scoring. Work is ongoing to address these issues.

Operation Brake: On the evening of Saturday 12th December, we coordinated a follow-up operation with the Council Licensing Team to target Taxi touts in the City centre. This was also followed up on during Operation Manzano where a further 32x Hackney Carriages were checked for compliance. We are in regular correspondence with the Cambridge City Hackney Carriage Association, and have started to ensure that a representative attends the regular Taxi forum meetings run by the Council.

Operation Connect: This continues to be run every weekend in the City Centre whereby Officers and Partner Agencies (such as St Johns Ambulance and Street Pastors) brief together at the start of the evening. Based on careful analysis of crime trends and ASB, Officers are strategically positioned around known hotspots in a bid to prevent alcohol-related crime and ASB. We also use this opportunity to conduct Licensed Premises Inspections.

Operation Standing: Work is ongoing to promote the use of breathalysers by members of door-staff, and we are now starting to loan them for local events where under-age or excessive alcohol consumption has historically been an issue (e.g. Sixth Form events at The Junction). We have had several enquiries about the scheme from other City Centre teams, and are looking to promote this in Huntingdonshire too.

Operation Remedy: Officers have recently been working with local Security Teams to conduct plain-clothed patrols during local music events across the City that have historically attracted high volumes of mobile phone thefts and drug dealing. The most recent example was a 'Vaccines' concert at the Corn Exchange; nationally, there had been a high number of problems during the tour – and the Venue itself had experienced a number of thefts being reported; however, due to Officer presence (and close working with the Security Staff), there were no reported incidents whatsoever on this particular occasion.

Partnership work: In addition to the partnership work conducted during Operation Brake and Operation Manzano, we have conducted proactive ad-hoc enforcement patrols with the Security Industry Authority, Trading Standards and the Border Enforcement Agency in a bid to target NTE Crime & ASB hotspots. Officers are making excellent use of body-worn video

	<p>to ensure that any evidence of non-compliance with Licensing terms is captured early.</p> <p>Care venue: The Community Safety Partnership funded a multi-agency Care Venue project that operated on two nights over the Christmas and New Year period from St Columbas Church. Police Street Pastors, SJA, Army Reserve and the EEAS provided a medical treatment and safe haven facility to revellers during two peak nights.</p>
Current Situation	Work on this priority area is ongoing.
Lead Officer	Sergeants Kevin Misik and Ian Wood, Cambridgeshire Constabulary.

Traffic junction enforcement (all road users)	
Objective	To promote and improve road safety for all users
Action Taken	<p>We have routinely deployed uniformed Officers to patrol around the most problematic junctions in the City centre area based on careful consideration of recent Killed or Seriously Injured (KSI) statistics and Road Traffic Collision (RTC) data (e.g. Mill road/East road junction, Gonville place/Regent Street junction and Bridge Street/Chesterton Lane junction). Not surprisingly, when seeing uniformed officers very few road users contravened the road signs. For safety and legal reasons, Officers were not permitted to perform these duties in civilian clothing and the Council CCTV Control room stated that it wouldn't be a viable option to obtain CCTV footage of any infringements either. Traffic Offence Reports (TORs) and LIT Scheme tickets continue to be issued by Officers throughout the City where appropriate.</p>
Current Situation	Work on this priority area is ongoing
Lead Officer	Sergeants Kevin Misik and Ian Wood, Cambridgeshire Constabulary.

Operation Safe Passage¹	
Objective	Speed Enforcement in 20 mph controlled zones

¹ This priority draws together all road safety elements previously referred to under an earlier wider road safety priority.

Action Taken	<p>Enforcement: Officers have continued to deploy city-wide with Speed Detection devices on a regular basis, however the incidence of speeding has been a lot lower than we expected. The ACPO (now 'College of Policing') 'Joining Forces for Safer Roads' (2013) guidance suggests that these 20mph zones should be 'self-enforcing', as the risk of KSI accidents is comparably low. From what we have seen, this reflects the current KSI picture for Cambridge City (as well as our RTC data) and as such there are no Safety cameras in 20mph zones in Cambridgeshire.</p> <p>Officers will continue to prosecute motorists who drive carelessly, inconsiderately or dangerously: as was evidenced by our Corporate Communications team recently. In 2015 over 19,000 Traffic Offence Reports were issued to Motorists in 30mph zones across the County. Due to the local infrastructure and traffic congestion, the incidence of 'speeding' is a lot lower than the current public perception (which is why we have used Traffic Data boxes in the past to establish average speeds on certain roads, as a precursor to a Community Speedwatch Operation). As a recent example, only 2% of vehicles were found to be speeding on Gilbert road and 8% on Arbury road during our recent CSW Operation held on 27th January.</p> <p>Speedwatch: The Community Speedwatch scheme for Cambridge City has been gathering momentum over the past year, and we now have nearly thirty CSW Volunteers from across the City: two volunteers reside in the West area, but we have had no volunteers come forward for the City Centre area. Each of the five geographical policing areas across the City have local PCSO's assigned to liaise with our Volunteers, and to coordinate Operations. We have now sourced a Speedwatch Kit (which is housed at Parkside), and we have trained a second CSW Trainer to expedite requests. We have attempted to publicise our efforts via Social media recently; the most recent operation being on Wednesday 27th January where nearly 700 vehicles were checked within a matter of hours on Gilbert and Arbury road. We are actively seeking to recruit another CSW Police Service Volunteer, and would actively welcome any enquiries to our cambridgespeedwatch@cambs.pnn.police.uk mailbox.</p>
Current Situation	Work on this priority area is ongoing
Lead Officer	Sergeant Ian Wood, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

3 PRO-ACTIVE WORK & EMERGING ISSUES

The Safer Communities team are currently liaising with Police and other agencies in order to tackle concerns around rough sleeping and begging in the City Centre. 4 warning letters have been issued to prolific beggars with a view to issuing Community Protection Notices if they continue to beg.

Rough sleeping and begging are discussed at the monthly multi-agency Task and Target meetings with a view to consider support and enforcement options for the most prolific and problematic individuals. Where an area has been identified as a popular sleep site the Street Outreach Team and Police are carrying out individual patrols in order to identify rough sleepers and direct them to the appropriate services who can assist them. Individuals refusing to engage are being referred to the Task and Target group for a more targeted approach.

The Safer Communities team have worked with Housing and support agencies to deal with reports about ASB in the Castle ward. No further reports have been received.

As reported previously, the Safer Communities team was contacted by Cllr Gillespie regarding complaints about people being on the rooftop above the shops on Market Street which is being accessed via Radcliffe Court. The team liaised with both Property Management companies, the local Police team, the Community Safety Officer at the Police and Cllr Gillespie and arranged for a site visit with everyone. Actions were set from the site visit and consequently there have not been any further complaints about people being on the rooftop. The Safer Communities team are continuing to monitor this and liaise with the relevant agencies.

The Safer Communities team have developed and delivered a programme of workshops discussing anti-social behaviour and healthy relationships at schools across Cambridge City, including Parkside Community College for pupils in years 9 and 11 which were well received.

4 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

CURRENT CRIME & ASB INCIDENT LEVELS BY WARD

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AREA			Dwelling Burglary	Other Burglary	Violent Crime	Robbery	Theft of Vehicle	Theft from Vehicle	Cycle Theft	Theft from Shop	Criminal Damage	Other Crime	TOTAL CRIME	TOTAL ASB
WARDS	City West/Central	Sep 15 – Dec 15	22	38	206	15	4	32	293	165	88	434	1297	361
		May 15 – Aug 15	27	70	209	4	0	37	290	234	90	517	1478	423
		Sep 14 – Dec 14	22	40	184	10	5	55	343	195	80	454	1388	343
	Castle	Sep 15 – Dec 15	7	12	15	1	2	20	27	0	16	25	125	28
		May 15 – Aug 15	12	7	11	0	0	10	28	3	12	30	113	48
		Sep 14 – Dec 14	10	10	13	2	1	11	39	0	8	22	116	36
	Newnham	Sep 15 – Dec 15	8	3	6	2	0	6	50	2	7	32	116	35
		May 15 – Aug 15	7	11	9	0	0	18	31	1	5	43	125	46
		Sep 14 – Dec 14	7	16	9	0	1	36	42	1	5	36	153	19
	Market	Sep 15 – Dec 15	7	23	185	12	2	6	216	163	65	377	1,056	298
		May 15 – Aug 15	8	52	189	4	0	9	231	230	73	444	1,240	329
		Sep 14 – Dec 14	5	14	162	8	3	8	262	194	67	396	1,119	288

5 RECOMMENDATIONS

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Environmental Report



Cambridge West Area October to December 2015

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1. Introduction

This report provides an overview of City Council Refuse and Environment and Streets and Open Spaces service activity relating to the geographical area served by the West Area Committee. The report identifies the reactive and proactive service actions undertaken in the previous year, including the requested priority targets and reports back on the recommended issues and associated actions to be targeted in the following quarter. It also includes key officer contacts for the reporting of waste and refuse and public realm issues.

2. Target setting and recommendations

All those at Committee have an opportunity to suggest issues that they would like to see tackled in the neighbourhood area during the upcoming quarter to help shape the activity to be undertaken within the public realm. Following suggestions that are received the relevant teams will consider the suggestions, and will prioritise work, responding reactively where appropriate and programming some work for the future. All suggested targets will be reported back on in the following quarter to update members and the public on the status of the issue. Recommendations will also be presented to the committee for consideration and to aid discussion.

Recommendations

The following are suggestions for members on what action could be considered for priority within the West Area for the quarter of January to March 2016.

Continuing priorities

Number	Priority details
1	Enforcement and City Ranger patrols in the City Centre to address issues of illegally deposited trade waste and littering. Justification: Littering and illegal deposited waste if left un-investigated can cause ongoing issues and encourage antisocial behaviour. This priority has been included as a continuation to balance the high standard of trade waste management and litter patrols already existing in the West/Central area and to continue to build upon this work further.
2	Early morning, daytime and weekend dog warden patrols for dog fouling on Grantchester Street, Lammas Land and surrounding areas. Justification: Dog fouling continues to be identified by the Dog Warden and members of the public who have recorded problems in the areas. A number of individuals spoken to have not been aware of dog control orders; this recommendation remains in order to balance education and enforcement. Further reports have been received that has identified an increase of dog fouling on the routes to and from the local school.
3	Proactive small scale graffiti and flyposting removal by City Rangers across the West/Central area. Justification: Work already conducted by the City Rangers has been positive and enhanced the areas where cleared. This recommendation is to continue this work as a priority for all the rangers covering the West/Central areas.
4	Ownership and cleansing of Garrett Hostel Lane ditches Justification: Work to identify the ownership of Garrett Hostel Lane ditches is ongoing. Work on maintaining the cleanliness of the ditches is ongoing and remains

	a focus for the Operations team. No further updates have become available on land owners; however Operations staff continues to undertake regular cleansing.
5	Jesus Green ditch cleansing – looking at frequency of activity Justification: Work has already been undertaken in this area since July / August 2015 time, however in order to measure the success of this activity it is necessary to examine the effectiveness of weekly cleansing over a lengthy period of time and carrying this priority over into the summer months would allow for that.
6	Joint working patrols to address the issues of fly tipping at public recycling points Justification: Fly tipping at Lammas Land, Adam and Eve Street and Castle Park recycling centre account for an increase in the fly tipping figures across the West area. Enforcement and ranger work to focus on these areas will balance education and enforcement to deter this problem.

Members are recommended to endorse the above recommendations or to make proposed amendments, and in doing so to consider the community intelligence questions below to help shape the public realm work.

Community intelligence questions

1. What activities should be considered as part of ward blitzes?
2. What geographical locations would benefit from targeted work? (including public realm enforcement activity and clean-up work by the community payback)
3. What locations for new and replacement general waste, recycling and dog bins (in line with resources available) should be considered?
4. Where and when the dog warden service should patrol in order to target dog fouling?

3. Routine activity

Streets and Open Spaces teams work closely with residents, community and campaign groups to keep Cambridge clean, green and safe. Street cleansing works to clear shop fronts and maintain all residential streets to a good standard of cleaning by sweeping them regularly. The team empties litterbins and dog bins across the city parks and open spaces, as well as removing graffiti and clearing needles and fly tipping.

The grounds maintenance team maintains all council housing and highway grass and shrub beds across the city, and carries out the maintenance of the city's cemeteries and crematoriums as well as the maintenance of all parks across the city. The City Rangers team provide a street-level, face-to-face contact point for people to raise any cleanliness and public safety issues that they might have concerning their neighbourhood.

The dog warden patrols within Cambridge to increase people's awareness of the requirement to clear up after their pets, as well as collecting stray dogs within the city and works alongside animal charities to deliver educational roadshows. Investigation of instances of environmental crime in public places across the city is carried out by the public realm enforcement team. As well as undertaking enforcement action where necessary, the team provide advice for residents and businesses on issues including fly tipping, litter, waste, illegal advertising, abandoned shopping trolleys, verge parking and abandoned, untaxed and nuisance vehicles.

4. 'Ward Blitz' activity

The City Council has embarked on a campaign of monthly 'ward blitzes' across the City, involving the Council's City Rangers, Rapid Response, Public Realm Enforcement and Street Cleansing

teams. These teams will undertake coordinated public realm maintenance, enforcement and educational action, targeting one ward every month in rotation. Working within existing budgets, this action is additional to the routine, day-to-day, work undertaken by these services.

Ward blitz activity will have included a combination of the following actions:

- Deep cleansing of channels
- Cleansing of litter and dog bins
- Cleansing of signage
- Cleansing of recycling centres
- Increased dog warden presence
- Increased public realm enforcement presence
- Joint working with Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue, and Cambridgeshire Police
- Free dog microchipping event
- Proactive inspections by pest control in known hotspots

The results of the ward blitzes are reported as follows:

Castle – Environmental Report January to March 2015

Market – Environmental Report July to September 2015

Newnham – Environmental Report October to December 2015

5. Specific issues and actions: Previous quarter

The following specific issues were identified for targeted action in the previous quarter. The following tables summarise the action undertaken and current situation, whether ongoing or completed, for each issue.

Priority 1	Enforcement and City Ranger patrols in the City Centre to address issues of illegally deposited trade waste and littering.
Action Taken	Over 116 hours of patrols were undertaken by the public realm teams to address the issues of trade waste illegally deposited and littering during the period of October to December. Thirty seven fixed penalty notices were issued, including Regent Street, Park Street and Fisher Square. Several businesses have been engaged in pledging to the litter voluntary code, which promotes responsible litter management.
Current Situation:	Ongoing
Priority 2	Early morning, daytime and weekend dog warden patrols for dog fouling on Grantchester Street, Lammas Land and surrounding areas.
Action Taken	Dog warden patrols have been conducted by the Dog Wardens in partnership with the Enforcement team and City Rangers to address issues of dog fouling at the above locations. Educational advice and dog bags continue to be provided by the dog wardens to dog walkers in the area. One fixed penalty notice has been issued for failing to clear up dog mess at Lammas Land.
Current Situation:	Ongoing
Priority 3	Proactive small scale graffiti and flyposting removal by City Rangers across the West/Central area
Action Taken	The rangers have removed over 73 incidents of graffiti and flyposting from street furniture including lampposts, street signs and benches. Further work will be undertaken for the period January to March. Photographs of some of the work undertaken are included in the appendices of this report. .
Current Situation:	Ongoing
Priority 4	Regular litter picks and enforcement monitoring in New Square, Drummer Street, Fitzroy Street and Burleigh Street
Action Taken	Patrols have been conducted in the area by the enforcement team and four individuals were witnessed littering two on Fitzroy Street, and two on Burleigh Street resulting in fixed penalty notices being issued. This area now forms a part of the basic patrols for the city centre enforcement officers. The frequency of litter picking has increased; Operations Supervisors are regularly monitoring the sites and taking action when required. The sites are inspected on a daily basis, remedial action is taken where needed by the city centre and parks teams.
Current Situation:	Completed

Priority 5	Ownership and cleansing of Garrett Hostel Lane ditches
Action Taken	The ownership of the ditches either side of Garrett Hostel Lane has highlighted that there does not appear to be an easily identifiable definitive owner at the current time. The cleaning of the ditches either side of the footway between Garrett Hostel lane and Queens Road is checked / cleared on a weekly basis.
Current Situation:	Ongoing
Priority 6	Jesus Green ditch cleansing – looking at frequency of activity
Action Taken	This area of work has been added as a weekly task for the Operations team, in addition responding where there is an additional need. Operatives have been to site and cleared the ditch of all litter. The cleaning of the ditch is now checked and cleared on a weekly basis. Ongoing monitoring is being done to check the cleansing frequency is adequate.
Current Situation:	Ongoing
Priority 7	Joint working patrols to address the issues of fly tipping at public recycling points
Action Taken	A number of patrols were undertaken by the public realm teams to address the issues of waste illegally during the period of October to December at Adam and Eve Street, Lammas Land and Castle Park recycling centres. No evidence was found to identify those responsible, and these sites continue to attract fly tipping.
Current Situation:	Ongoing

6. Environmental Data

Private Realm [West Area]

Period	Activity	Investigations	Treatments Carried out	Informal Action / Written Warnings	Statutory Notices Served	Simple Cautions	Legal Proceedings
Quarter 3: 2014/15	Pest Control	27	27	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Quarter 3: 2015/16		21	21				
Quarter 3: 2015/16	Proactive Pest Interventions*	2	2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Quarter 3: 2014/15	Noise Complaints	7	N/A	†	1	0	0
Quarter 3: 2015/16		25			0	0	0
Quarter 3: 2014/15	Refuse/ Waste Complaints	0	N/A	†	0	0	0
Quarter 3: 2015/16		1			0	0	0
Quarter 3: 2014/15	Other public health complaints‡	1	N/A	†	0	0	0
Quarter 3: 2015/16		5			0	0	0
Quarter 3: 2014/15	Private Sector housing standards	7	N/A	†	0	0	0
Quarter 3: 2015/16		8			0	0	0

Summary of public realm enforcement data

- Proactive pest intervention areas in the last quarter has taken place at Lammas Land.

* New data set for current year

† All complaints will generally have at least one such action

‡ Other public health complaints includes odour, smoke, bonfires, filthy and verminous

Public Realm Data

Public Realm Enforcement [Castle]

Period	Activity	Investigations	Written Warnings	Statutory Notices	Fixed Penalty Notices	Simple Cautions	Legal Proceedings
Quarter 3: 2014/15	Abandoned vehicles	2	N/A	N/A	0	0	0
Quarter 3: 2015/16		4			0	0	0
Quarter 3: 2014/15	Nuisance vehicles [§]	0	0	N/A	0	0	0
Quarter 3: 2015/16		0	0		0	0	0
Quarter 3: 2014/15	Derelict cycles	9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Quarter 3: 2015/16		11					
Quarter 3: 2014/15	Domestic waste	0	0	0	0	0	0
Quarter 3: 2015/16		0	0	0	0	0	0
Quarter 3: 2014/15	Trade waste	1	1	0	0	0	0
Quarter 3: 2015/16		2	1	0	0	0	0
Quarter 3: 2014/15	Litter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Quarter 3: 2015/16		1	0	0	1	0	0
Quarter 3: 2014/15	Illegal camping	0	N/A	0	N/A	0	0
Quarter 3: 2015/16		0		0		0	0
Quarter 3: 2014/15	Illegal advertising	0	0	0	0	0	0
Quarter 3: 2015/16		0	0		0	0	0

[§] Nuisance vehicles includes vehicles displayed for sale or being repaired (other than in an emergency) on the public highway

Summary of Castle public realm enforcement data

- Four abandoned vehicles were investigated during the October to December period, but no vehicles were seized as abandoned. Of the vehicles one untaxed vehicle was removed from Honey Hill for having no tax, the vehicle was subsequently claimed by the owners.
- Eleven derelict cycles were removed from across Castle. The number of cycles removed as abandoned in the area usually varies between 5 to 10 a quarter.
- There were two case of dumped trade waste in Castle during quarter 3, one suspect was issued a warning and in the second case no suspects were identified.
- One fixed penalty notice was issued for littering a cigarette end on Trinity Lane, the penalty was subsequently paid.
- There have been no significant changes in the enforcement investigations and outcomes compared to the same period in 2014.

Public Realm Enforcement [Market]

Period	Activity	Investigations	Written Warnings	Statutory Notices	Fixed Penalty Notices	Simple Cautions	Legal Proceedings
Quarter 3: 2014/15	Abandoned vehicles	1	N/A	N/A	0	0	0
Quarter 3: 2015/16		2			0	0	0
Quarter 3: 2014/15	Nuisance vehicles **	0	0	N/A	0	0	0
Quarter 3: 2015/16		0	0		0	0	0
Quarter 3: 2014/15	Derelict cycles	19	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Quarter 3: 2015/16		29					
Quarter 3: 2014/15	Domestic waste	16	12	0	0	0	0
Quarter 3: 2015/16		4	4	0	0	0	0
Quarter 3: 2014/15	Trade waste	1	0	1	0	0	0
Quarter 3: 2015/16		5	5	0	0	0	0
Quarter 3: 2014/15	Litter	3	0	0	2	0	0
Quarter 3: 2015/16		39	0	0	39	0	2
Quarter 3: 2014/15	Illegal camping	1	N/A	1	N/A	0	0
Quarter 3: 2015/16		2		2		0	0
Quarter 3: 2014/15	Illegal advertising	10	7	N/A	0	0	0
Quarter 3: 2015/16		4	4		0	0	0

** Nuisance vehicles includes vehicles displayed for sale or being repaired (other than in an emergency) on the public highway

Summary of Market public realm enforcement data

- Twenty nine derelict cycles were removed from across Market. The number of cycles removed as abandoned in the area usually varies between 10 to 75 a quarter.
- There were four cases of domestic waste investigations conducted in the area during October to December; all suspects were issued warning letters.
- Five cases of trade waste were investigated, which involved a number of proactive patrols around the Burleigh /Fitzroy Street area. All five businesses were written to and complied with requests for their waste transfer information and were issued a warning letter.
- There were thirty nine cases of litter investigated in the West area during October to December period and thirty seven fixed penalty notices was issued for littering on foot, and two for littering from a motor vehicle. Thirty five of the fixed penalties were subsequently paid, two cases are ongoing and two cases have been referred to the legal department.
- There was two cases of illegal camping, one at Christ's Pieces and the other at Midsummer Common, the occupier of the tent received a warning notice from an officer and removed their belongings.
- Four incidents of illegal advertising were identified all of which were posters, where it was possible to identify suspects warnings were issued. Both camps were removed by the owners within 24 hours of receiving notices.
- There has been an increase in the number of litter cases compared to the same period in 2014, which is due to more engagement with local businesses and officers present in the city centre; there has also been a decrease in illegal advertising and domestic waste cases across the Market ward which is due to more education of residents and businesses. There are no other significant changes in the enforcement investigations and outcomes compared to the same period in 2014.

Public Realm Enforcement [Newnham]

Period	Activity	Investigations	Written Warnings	Statutory Notices	Fixed Penalty Notices	Simple Cautions	Legal Proceedings
Quarter 3: 2014/15	Abandoned vehicles	4	N/A	N/A	0	0	0
Quarter 3: 2015/16		6			0	0	0
Quarter 3: 2014/15	Nuisance vehicles ^{††}	0	0	N/A	0	0	0
Quarter 3: 2015/16		0	0		0	0	0
Quarter 3: 2014/15	Derelict cycles	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Quarter 3: 2015/16		3					
Quarter 3: 2014/15	Domestic waste	0	0	0	0	0	0
Quarter 3: 2015/16		11	2	0	1	0	0
Quarter 3: 2014/15	Trade waste	0	0	0	0	0	0
Quarter 3: 2015/16		0	0	0	0	0	0
Quarter 3: 2014/15	Litter	1	0	0	1	0	0
Quarter 3: 2015/16		3	0	0	3	0	0
Quarter 3: 2014/15	Illegal camping	2	N/A	2	N/A	0	0
Quarter 3: 2015/16		1		1		0	0
Quarter 3: 2014/15	Illegal advertising	0	0	N/A	0	0	0
Quarter 3: 2015/16		0	0		0	0	0

^{††} Nuisance vehicles includes vehicles displayed for sale or being repaired (other than in an emergency) on the public highway

Summary of Newnham public realm enforcement data

- Six abandoned vehicle inspections were conducted during the October to December period. Three of these were untaxed vehicles which were seized from Barton Road, Clerk Maxwell Road and Champneys Walk; none were either claimed by the owners and were destroyed.
- Three derelict cycles were removed from across Newnham. The number of cycles removed as abandoned in the area usually varies between 5 to 10 a quarter.
- There were eleven cases of domestic waste investigations conducted in the area during July to September, all of which were found at the Lammas Land recycling centre. In two cases no suspects were identified and in one case it was not possible to trace a suspect. Two warning letters were sent, one fixed penalty notice was issued for leaving piles of waste on the street and four cases are ongoing.
- There were one case of littering investigated in October to December, which was a cigarette end littered from a car on Newnham Road. The driver was issued a fixed penalty notice and subsequently paid.
- There were one case of illegal camping, at Lammas Land; the camp was removed by the owner within the 24 hour notice period.
- There has been an increase in the number of domestic waste investigations. The increase in dumped domestic waste was found at the Lammas Land recycling centre during targeting patrols, but also as a result of increasing enforcement presence in the ward. There are no other significant changes in the enforcement investigations and outcomes compared to the same period in 2014.

Dog Warden Service [West Area]

Stray dogs

Period	Activity	Number of cases	Rehomed	Destroyed	Claimed	In Kennels	Comment
Quarter 3: 2014/15	Stray dogs	2	0	0	2	0	Two other stray dog calls were received, but the dogs were collected by their owner before the dog warden attended
Quarter 3: 2015/16		1	0	1	0	0	One other stray dog calls was received, but the dog was collected by their owner before the dog warden attended

Dog Control Orders

Period	Activity	Investigations	Written Warnings	Statutory Notices	Fixed Penalty Notices	Simple Cautions	Legal Proceedings
Quarter 3: 2014/15	Dog control orders: Fouling	2	0	0	0	0	0
Quarter 3: 2015/16		5	0	0	4	0	0
Quarter 3: 2015/16 ^{##}	Dog control orders: Exclusion	0	0	0	0	0	0
Quarter 3: 2015/16 ^{##}	Dog control orders: Leads	1	0	0	1	0	0
Quarter 3: 2015/16 ^{##}	Other dog complaints ^{\$\$}	0	0	0	0	0	0

^{##} New data set for current year

^{\$\$} Includes issues such as barking, welfare, signage requests and educational advice as well as joint working with Environmental Health, RSPCA and Housing Associations'

Operations cleansing data by ward [West Area]

Period	Activity	Total number of incidents	Ward		
			Castle	Market	Newnham
Quarter 3: 2014/15	Fly tipping	27	5	17	5
Quarter 3: 2015/16		22	4	27	3
Quarter 3: 2014/15	Offensive graffiti***	6	2	3	1
Quarter 3: 2015/16		3	0	3	0
Quarter 3: 2014/15	Detrimental graffiti†††	72	21	45	6
Quarter 3: 2015/16		98	7	87	4
Quarter 3: 2014/15	Needles	0	0	0	0
Quarter 3: 2015/16		7	4	3	0
Quarter 3: 2014/15	Shopping trolleys	3	3	0	0
Quarter 3: 2015/16		6	2	4	0

*** Offensive graffiti includes but is not limited to that which contains swear words, reference to religion, racist, reference to a person / naming a person, drawings of human body parts, words of reference to human body parts and reference to sexual activity. The service aim is to remove this type of graffiti within 1 working day.

††† Detrimental graffiti is graffiti that contains but is not limited to general tags, drawings not falling under the above criteria, and words not classified as offensive. The service aim is to remove this type of graffiti within 5 working days.

Summary of operations cleansing data:

- Of the four fly tips for the Castle ward there were no other particular trends with types of fly tipped material were identified in this period.
- There were twenty seven fly tips cleared from the Market period, of this repeat incidents were on Adam and Eve Street, Free School Lane and Kings Parade, where repeat incidents of domestic waste were found dumped. No other particular trends with types of fly tipped material were identified in this period.
- Of the three fly tips that were found in the Newnham ward, two were located at the Lammas Land recycling centre, no other particular trends with types of fly tipped material were identified in this period.
- There were three instances of offensive graffiti recorded in Market and were pictures of human anatomy offensive language, found in Sidney Street, Trinity Street and Rose Crescent.
- In Castle there were seven incidents of detrimental graffiti, including repeat incidents at Honey Hill and Huntingdon Road. Four instances were found in Newnham, two repeat incidents were cleared from Fulbrooke Road. A persistent tagger contributes largely to the detrimental graffiti cleared in Market ward in the last quarter and work continues with Cambridgeshire Police to catch the individual. Repeat incidents were found at Christ's Pieces, Hobson Street, Park Street, Sidney Street, and St Andrews Street.
- In Castle four needles were removed from St Giles Church on Castle Street, in Market two needles were cleared from a drain area to rear of St Andrews Church on Downing Place, and two needles were removed from Christ's Lane pathway.
- The number of shopping trolleys seized was 1.

Waste and Recycling Data [City wide]

This section includes information about the Waste Policy team's area of responsibility. The team has an Operational Plan that covers the work for the year. This work is generally not area based but it is useful to residents and provides statistics to demonstrate activity and continuous improvement in areas of sustainable waste management.

Activity	Q1 Apr-Jun	Q2 Jul-Sep
Recycling rate – dry recycling 2015/16	21.4%	21%
Recycling rate – dry recycling 2014/15	21%	22.2%
Recycling rate – composting 2015/16	23.8%	22.3%
Recycling rate – composting 2014/15	24.9%	23.8%
No of press releases issued	5	3
No of 2 nd blue bins delivered	93	164
No of 2 nd Green bins delivered	87	46
No. of black bins changed from standard to small	32	26
No of events attended	15	10
No of people spoken to	800	210
No of Kitchen Caddies given out	473	195
No of Recycling Champions (RC) at events	33	9
No of new RC recruited	8	3
Amount of rubbish/recycling collected at events (tonnes)	Total 35.7 tonnes 24.7 T rubbish (69%) 11 T recycled (31%)	Total 20.5 tonnes 8.59 T recycled
No of community/school visits to AmeyCespa	14	5 ^{†††}

††† Schools visits during July and September only

7. Proactive and community work: Previous quarter

The following proactive and community work has been undertaken and is upcoming for the West area:

Task	Paradise Nature Reserve
Action Taken	A project to work on the pathway at Paradise Nature Reserve, Newnham has been planned with the City Rangers and Community Payback.
Current Situation	Upcoming

Task	Lammas Land
Action Taken	City Rangers and community payback re-surfaced the footpath with wood chippings in the nature reserve at Lamas Land.
Current Situation	Completed

Task	Streets and Open Spaces Twitter
Action Taken	Re-named Twitter account will promote and highlight the work carried out by SOS, Enforcement, Dog Wardens and City Rangers. It will also provide information and encourage engagement from volunteers.
Current Situation	Completed

Task	Grantchester Street
Action Taken	Local residents have signed up as volunteers and are planning on re-designing and maintaining a green area in Grantchester Street. The local City Ranger is assisting in designing and developing the area with them.
Current Situation	Upcoming

9. Key contacts

Officers

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Operations Manager (Community Engagement and Enforcement)	Wendy Young	01223 458578	Wendy.young@cambridge.gov.uk
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City Centre Ranger: Chris Lowndes			
Public Realm Enforcement (West team):	Andrew Hine	01223 458573 01223 458062	streetenforcement@cambridge.gov.uk
	Steve Phillips		
Dog Warden	Samantha Dewing (Mon-Wed)	01223 457883	dogwarden@cambridge.gov.uk
	Sharron Munro (Wed-Fri)		
Volunteer opportunities (Streets, Parks and Open Spaces)	Rina Dunning	01223 458084	Caterina.dunning@cambridge.gov.uk
Recycling Champions	Co-ordinator	01223 458240	recycling.champions@cambridge.gov.uk
Out of Hours	Emergency calls	0300 3038389	N/A

Issues

Area	Contact	Telephone Number	Email
Dog fouling Litter Fly tipping (public land) Graffiti Needles Abandoned, untaxed and nuisance vehicles Illegal camping Bulky waste collections New blue, green and black bins Replacement blue, green and black bins Repairs to blue, black and green bins	Customer Service Centre	01223 458282	wasteandstreets@cambridge.gov.uk
Abandoned bicycles	Customer Service Centre	01223 458282	cityrangers@cambridge.gov.uk
Pest Control	Refuse and Environment	01223 457900	env.health@cambridge.gov.uk
Noise			
Stray and lost dogs	Customer Service Centre	01223 457900	dogwarden@cambridge.gov.uk

10. Resources

The following are suggestions that members of the West Area Committee and residents and businesses may wish to consider or request for the upcoming period:

Recycling and general street litter bins

A small quantity of recycling and general street litter bins are available for each ward, as follows:

Ward	Bins used	Bins available for installation
Castle	5	5
Market	3	6
Newnham	6	2

We would like to receive suggestions for where bins should be installed on the street and will investigate the suitability of all suggested locations. We will also be undertaking a review of where bins are currently installed to see how they are used.

Installed bin sites:

Ward	Location	Installation Date	Comments
Castle	Storey's Way (pedestrian traffic lights – junction with Huntingdon Road)	March 2015	
Castle	Howes Place (junction Huntingdon Road)	March 2015	
Castle	Carisbrooke Road – near Mayfield School	March 2015	
Castle	Carisbrooke Road (junction with Histon Road)	March 2015	
Castle	Warwick Road (near Windsor Road alleyway)	March 2015	
Market	Park Street (near car park)	July 2015	
Market	Park Street (near ADC theatre)	July 2015	
Market	King Street (near Pikes Walk)	August 2015	
Newnham	Coton footpath (junction with Wilberforce Road)	March 2015	
Newnham	Burrell's Walk (junction with Grange Road)	May 2015	

Dog bin provision

A number of dog bins are available for each ward, as follows:

Ward	Bins used	Bins available for installation
Castle	1	2
Market	1	2
Newnham	2	0

We would like to receive suggestions for where bins should be installed on the parks and open spaces and will investigate the suitability of all suggested locations. We will also be undertaking a review of where bins are currently installed to see how they are used.

Installed bin sites:

Ward	Location	Installation Date	Comments
Newnham	Carisbrooke Road (near Histon Road junction)	March 2015	
Newnham	Gough Way (near to Penarth Place)	March 2015	
Castle	Carisbrooke Road (near Histon Road junction)	March 2015	
Market	Midsummer Orchard	October 2015	

Pocket ashtray distribution

Locations of where pocket ashtrays should be distributed from are welcomed by the Public Realm Enforcement team.

Dog fouling signs

Small quantities of 'no dog fouling' signs are available for each ward, as follows:

Ward	Signs used	Signs available for installation
Castle	0	13
Market	0	13
Newnham	0	13



11. Appendices

Ward Blitz Activity – Newnham – November 2015




The City Council has embarked on a campaign of 'ward blitzes' across the City, involving the Council's City Ranger, Rapid Response, Public Realm Enforcement and Street Cleansing teams. These teams will undertake coordinated public realm maintenance, enforcement and educational action; this is additional to the routine, day-to-day, work undertaken by these services.

Ward blitz activities include:

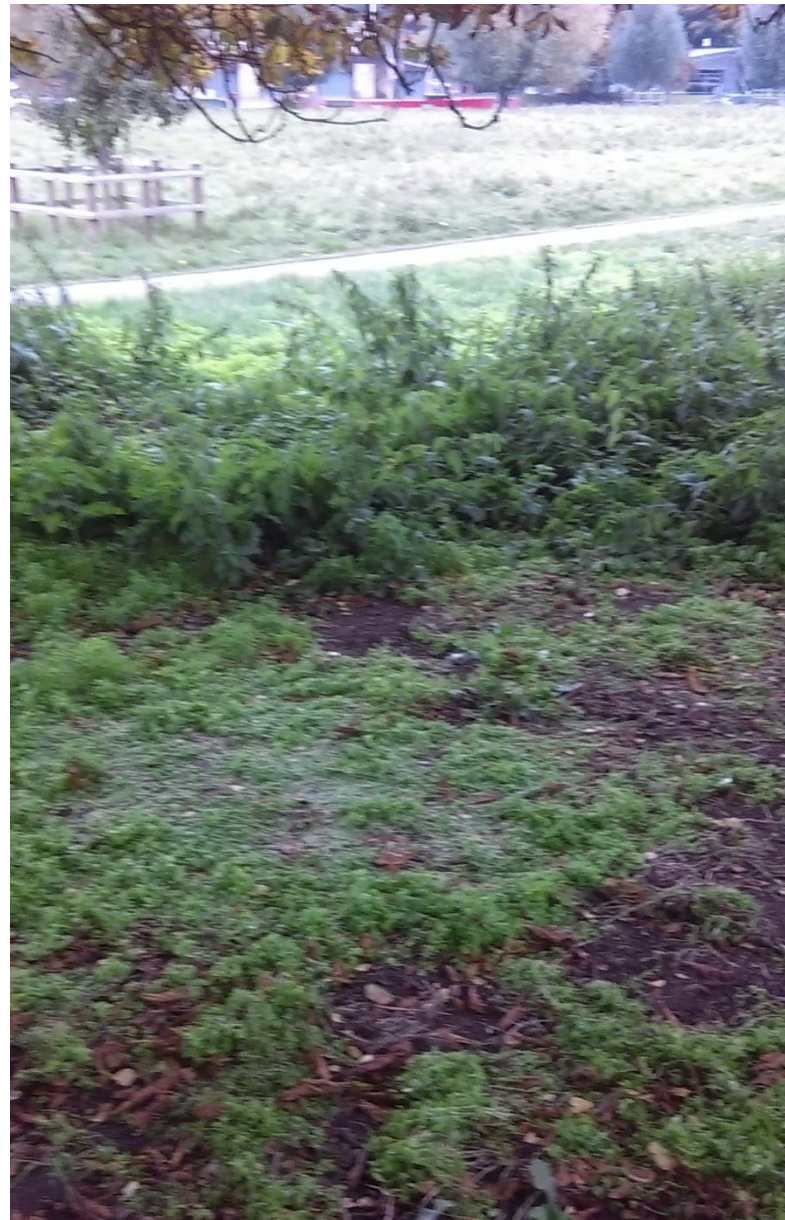
- Cleansing of gulley's
- Cleansing of litter and dog bins
- Cleansing of signage
- Cleansing of recycling centres
- Increased dog warden presence
- Increased public realm enforcement presence
- Joint working with Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue, and Cambridgeshire Police
- Free dog microchipping events

Newnham was the thirteenth ward area to receive the targeted service during November 2015. A summary of the ward blitz action delivered in the month is detailed below:

Litter clearance	All footways within the ward have been cleared of litter and debris at least once a week during the blitz period.
Cleansing of recycling centres	All recycling sites within Newnham were visited once in the month and have been pressure washed and also all of the footway surfaces pressure washed at these locations. Operations staff visited all recycling sites at least once a week to clear and dispose of any fly tipped items.
Graffiti removal	The graffiti teams proactively patrolled and cleared all graffiti, both offensive and detrimental.
Sweeping of litter, detritus and leaves	A large mechanical sweeper was deployed to Newnham and swept all carriageway channels (where not obstructed by parked vehicles) at least once in the month, and a mid-size mechanical sweeper with support from operatives swept footways and carriageways (where not obstructed by parked vehicles) at least once in the month with manual clearance of detritus to assist machine where required
Increased dog warden presence	The Dog Wardens conducted patrols in the green space area of Newnham to deal with issues of dog fouling and dog control. Patrols included a mixture of early morning, daytime and weekend patrols. The following locations were visited: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paradise Nature Reserve• Lammas Land

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grantchester Meadows Car park area • Penarth Place <p>In total over 10 hours were spent patrolling the ward for dog control issues and providing education where required. One fixed penalty was issued for failure to clear up dog fouling at Lammas Land.</p>
Increased public realm enforcement presence	<p>The public realm enforcement team carried out 75 hours of hi-visibility patrols in the ward during November, including the following specific issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twenty hours were spent investigating untaxed and abandoned vehicles, three untaxed vehicles were removed from Barton Close, Clerk Maxwell Road and Champneys Walk • Thirty hours of foot patrols were conducted across the ward deal with issues including dog control, trade waste issues and litter. A number of suspects received verbal warnings.
Increased city ranger presence	<p>The city ranger team carried out an amount of hi-visibility work in the ward during November, including the following specific issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of abandoned bicycles in and around Kings Road • Involvement in the community litter pick • Cut back of brambles and bushes in Wilberforce Road • Cut and trimming the grass verge at the end of Clarkson Road
Community involvement	<p>An organised litter pick was conducted on Saturday 7 November 2015 as part of the ward blitz, where over 20 people collected 21 sacks of waste from around the Mill Pond area.</p> 

Before and after photos of a clearance of rough sleeper at Midsummer Common (completed October 2015)



Before and after photos of a clearance of dog bin at Jesus Green (completed October 2015)



Before and after photos of a clearance of street signs at Regent Street (completed October 2015)



Before and after photos of a clearance of street furniture at Manor Street (completed November 2015)



Before and after photos of a clearance of overgrown vegetation at Huntingdon Road (completed October 2015)



Before and after photos of a clearance of vegetation at Clarkson Road (completed November 2015)



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Before and after photos of a clearance of vegetation at Hoadly Road (completed December 2015)



CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT OF: Director of Environment

TO: West/Central Area Committee

11/2/2016

WARDS: Castle, Market, Newnham

2015/16 S106 PRIORITY-SETTING: FOLLOW-UP

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The S106 priority-setting report to this Committee last December pointed to the need to explore options for improving outdoor sports facilities in the West/Central Area. See Section 3. Subsequent discussions with local councillors have helped to highlight scope to:
- a. choose from a couple of local project proposals deliverable in the shorter-term, which would help to make timely use of a S106 contribution with an 'expiry date' in late 2017; and
 - b. keep some devolved outdoor sports S106 funding available until later (ie, not allocating it all now), in order to give time for other possible, longer-term options to become clearer/more available. See Section 4.
- 1.2 As a separate issue, since the prioritisation of a local play area project in December, an alternative use of time-limited S106 play contributions from Castle ward has been suggested. See Section 5.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the West/Central Area Committee:

- 2.1 decides whether to prioritise one or both of the following proposals for the use of devolved outdoor sports S106 contributions, subject to project appraisal and further local consultation
- a. up to £25,000 for an improved and more hard-wearing football area at Histon Road Recreation Ground **and/or**
 - b. up to £90,000 for upgrading the existing tennis courts at Christ's Pieces, including a non-slip surface and improved court access;
- 2.2 agrees to widen the consultation on the prioritised Shelley Row play area improvement project to include options for improving Histon Road Recreation Ground play area as well or instead.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 A quick guide to S106 funding can be found in Appendix A. More details can be found at www.cambridge.gov.uk/s106, which sets out the full S106 eligibility criteria and includes a list of the 2015/16 S106 projects prioritised by the Area Committee on 3 December¹.
- 3.2 Exploring options for the use of devolved outdoor sports S106 funding in the Area merits particular attention because:
- a. the availability of land for outdoor sports provision (open to the public) within the Area is limited and concerns have been raised previously about the risk of over-use (eg, of Lammas Land and Histon Road Recreation Ground) if further facilities are added;
 - b. few ideas for local outdoor sports facility improvements within the Area have been received from local residents and community groups as part of the S106 consultations over the last four years;
 - c. most of the S106 outdoor sports projects in the West/Central Area prioritised since 2012 have been strategic (benefitting residents across Cambridge), based on S106 funding from strategic funds².
- 3.3 Last December's S106 priority-setting report to this Committee identified that there was close to £160,000 of devolved outdoor sports S106 contributions available to fund local outdoor sports projects in the West/Central Area. Of this, around £85,000 was still unallocated from a S106 contributions which is due to expire by November 2017 (ie, it has to be contractually committed by then).
- a. Up to £45,000 was allocated to upgrading an existing tennis court on Lammas Land, reducing the amount still to be allocated from the time-limited contribution to around **£40,000 - £50,000**.
 - b. Taking account of both this and new S106 receipts received in the last couple of months, the overall amount of devolved outdoor sports S106 contributions currently available to the West/Central Area currently stands at between **£115,000 and £125,000**.
 - c. Given new restrictions on S106 funding since last April, only around a further £25,000 or so of agreed off-site, generic S106 contributions are expected to accrue to the West/Central devolved outdoor sports S106 fund over the next few years.

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- 1. An update on implementation arrangements for all 2015/16 S106 project priorities is due to be reported to the Community Services Scrutiny Committee on 17/3/16.
 - 2. In June, the same scrutiny committee is due to receive an update on strategic projects already allocated S106 funding (eg, Rouse Ball Pavilion, Cambridge Rugby Cub changing rooms, King's College School changing rooms [also allocated £50k of devolved funds] and Cambridge Canoe club equipment storage). Large projects can take time to move forward as further funds have to be raised from other sources.

4. OPTIONS FOR LOCAL OUTDOOR SPORTS PROJECTS

- 4.1 In order to generate more ideas for local outdoor sports projects, officers have recently asked local (city and county) councillors for their views on a wide range of outline proposals, so some of these possible projects could be considered for some of these locations³.

Possible projects	Possible locations
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Changing rooms• Climbing boulders• Football goal areas and football/cricket walls• Multi-use games areas⁴• Outdoor fitness equipment• Pavilion/boathouse facilities• Sports equipment storage• Tennis courts• Extra funding for already prioritised projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christ's Pieces• Histon Road Rec Ground• Jesus Green• Midsummer Common• Parker's Piece• Lammas Land• River Cam• Sheep's Green• Shelley Row• Other sports facilities within Area run by others

- a. This has been a starting point in order to seek initial views and to stimulate other ideas before wider consultation and involvement.
- b. These options take account of the sorts of projects that tend to be eligible for S106 funding from the outdoor sports contribution type and the locations where some projects might be considered. Councillors have also been asked to put forward their own ideas.
- c. Although the immediate focus is on identifying projects that could be funded by the S106 contribution with a November 2017 expiry date, this initial exercise has not been limited to considering just those options. This recognises that the Area Committee may wish to hold back some of its £115,000-£125,000 for other proposals which may take longer to become clear and/or to develop.
- 4.2 **Councillor comments:** Councillors focussed their comments on their own wards. A number of key themes emerged from their replies.
- a. Improving the existing, well-used but tired football area at Histon Road Recreation Ground with a hard-wearing artificial grass carpet on the same footprint seems like a good idea.

3. These are two separate lists. Reading across from one line on one table to the same line on the other table is not intended.

4. Multi-use games areas (or MUGAs) are courts with line markings, for example, for five-a-side football, basketball and volleyball. There is a wooden-framed MUGA at Nightingale Avenue Recreation Ground in Queen Edith's ward (South Area).

- b. Support for tennis court improvements, particularly upgrading the existing ones at Christ's Pieces.
- c. Some interest in possible projects on Jesus Green, alongside caveats that there would need to be further discussions with the Friends of Jesus Green before this could be considered.
- d. Support for extra funding for a pavilion on Jesus Green⁵, whilst recognising that this could not make use of the devolved contributions that need to be contractually committed next year.
- e. The central space on Lammas Land should be left as it is, although there could be further discussion about the possibility of a climbing boulder around Sheep's Green.
- f. It would be premature to consider now grants to local sports organisations for their possible projects without having more information.
- g. Other suggestions made by councillors include:
 - a netball/basketball hoop and small tarmac area for shooting practice and a perimeter jogging track at Histon Road Rec;
 - improvements to the pavilion at Fitzwilliam College sports ground if a community access agreement can be secured); and
 - improvements to Sheep's Green swimming pool⁶.

4.3 **Immediate issues:** Based on councillors' comments so far, it would seem that two proposals could be considered for use of time-limited outdoor sports S106 contributions by November 2017.

- a. **Histon Road Rec football area:** A durable sports carpet would replace the worn-out grass on this popular, small five-a-side pitch. It could cost up to £25,000, but would save on having to spend £1,000 on rotating the pitch every couple of years.
- b. **Christ's Pieces tennis court improvements:** The upgrade to the courts here would be along the same lines as the Lammas Land tennis court upgrade, which the Area Committee prioritised last December. Costing up to £90,000, it would involve:
 - a new and improved (non-slip) playing surface;
 - new fencing around all the courts, with improved access points;
 - more accessible entrances for people with a disability, off the main footpaths.

5. This would be on top of the existing, strategic S106 allocations (£125k outdoor sports and £125k community facilities) to the Rouse Ball pavilion project.

6. These ideas need to be considered in the context of: the availability of space at Histon Road Rec; whether access to college sports grounds would be at useful times for local residents & sports clubs; what improvements at Sheep's Green pool are suggested and how this relates to other on-going projects on Sheep's Green.

- 4.4 Officers recommend that at least one project is prioritised now in order to address the approaching expiry date. Whilst the Committee could consider allocating funding to both schemes (affordable within the overall devolved outdoor sports contributions available), officers would suggest just prioritising one at this stage. This would leave the Committee more spending power at a later date to consider more options, including some which are not ready to be considered now.
- 4.5. Whilst the estimated cost of the improved football goal area at Histon Road Recreation Ground (up to £25,000) is below the amount that needs to be contractually committed by November 2017, it could be sufficient just to prioritise this proposal.
- a. This is because officers would look to swap outstanding devolved outdoor sports contributions with the November 2017 with an **equal** amount of outdoor sports contributions in the strategic fund, which have a much later expiry date (or no 'use by' date at all)^{7,8}.
 - b. There would be no change to the total amounts in the devolved and strategic funds for outdoor sports S106 contributions⁹, and neither fund would lose out. This could, however, give the Area Committee much more time in which to decide how to make use of its remaining devolved S106 funding for outdoor sports.
- 4.6 Whichever proposal is prioritised (see recommendation 2.1), there will be consultation with local residents and relevant groups¹⁰. A more detailed business case will be developed before the project is reported back to councillors, as appropriate¹¹.
- 4.7 **Longer-term approach:** Assuming that there is some devolved S106 outdoor sports funding still left available, the next opportunity for decision-making on its use is likely to be later in 2016/17, possibly in autumn 2016 or early 2017¹². By then, it would be possible to take stock of Community Services Scrutiny Committee reports on:

7. For example, there are almost £30,000 of outdoor sports contributions from major developments in West/Central Area, with expiry dates no earlier than autumn 2022.

8. The devolved contributions with the November 2017 expiry date would then be reassigned to fund appropriate strategic outdoor sports S106 projects which could be contractually committed within those timescales. This would not need to be a strategic project proposal from the West/Central Area.

9. See the Appendix for details of how the devolved and strategic funds are calculated.

10. For example, the Friends of Histon Road Recreation Ground.

11. If the Histon Road Rec project (under £75k) is prioritised, it would be reported to the Area Chair, Vice Chair & Opposition Spokes prior to implementation. However, if it is the Christ's Pieces project (over £75k), it would be reported to the Area Committee.

12. The detailed arrangements are likely to be set out in a report to Community Services Scrutiny Committee this summer or early autumn.

- priority-setting strategic outdoor sports proposals for funding from S106 strategic funds¹³;
- the findings of sports facility audits;
- updates on the sports projects already allocated S106 funding but not yet under way (see footnote 2).

These reports would help to clarify whether any projects currently allocated strategic or devolved outdoor sports S106 contributions could be facilitated by use of further devolved S106 funding.

- 4.8 The longer timescales would also provide the opportunity for:
- a. Member and/or officer discussions with Friends Groups for particular open spaces for their views on possible, appropriate outdoor sports improvements; and
 - b. community and sports groups to put forward grant proposals in line with the approach to the next S106 priority-setting round.

That said, this needs to be put in the context that the amount of devolved outdoor sports S106 funding available would be reduced by the amount allocated by the Area Committee to the prioritised project under recommendation 2.1¹⁴.

5. FOLLOW-UP ON SHELLEY ROW PLAY AREA PROPOSAL

- 5.1 The Area Committee last December agreed to allocate £35,000 play area S106 funding and up to £15,000 informal open space S106 funding for improvements to Shelley Row play area in Castle ward, subject to project appraisal and local consultation.
- a. This was suggested by the Streets and Open Spaces service in view of a £27,800 play area S106 contribution from Castle ward with a May 2017 expiry date.
 - b. The aim is to improve Shelley Row play area with, perhaps, five or more new pieces of play equipment for under-15s, safety surfacing, fencing and landscaping.
 - c. The council's play area audit (2015) showed that whilst Shelley Row play area is well placed (with a 74% score for location) it has

13. Some proposals for the use of strategic S106 outdoor sports contributions are due to be reported to the March 2016 meeting while others (including the proposal for hockey pitches and changing rooms at the University of Cambridge Sports Ground on Wilberforce Road) may now be reported in June.

14. The update of S106 availability in autumn 2016/early 2017 will also take account of any S106 payments received from S106 generic contributions that have already been agreed but which have not yet been received – albeit that the amount still expected is limited (see paragraph 3.3c).

a low play value (only a 37% score). This compares to the 91% play value of Histon Road Rec play area, which is around 500 metres away from Shelley Row and separated by busy roads.

- 5.2 Since the Area Committee's December meeting, Councillor Holland has raised concerns following feedback from nearby residents. They would prefer for Shelley Row play area to continue more as an open space where children can play informally rather than having play equipment that would attract teenagers. Councillor Holland has requested that the allocated S106 funding be used instead at Histon Road Rec play area, possibly on a new climbing frame (explorer dome), which might replace some existing/older equipment there.
- 5.3 Officers are keen to work with ward councillors to find a way forward. To this end, they now propose to widen the local consultation on play area improvements within Castle ward to cover both options for play area equipment at Shelley Row **and** Histon Road Recreation Ground.
- a. This will provide an opportunity to provide more information about the sorts of suitable play equipment that could be provided within the spaces available and to listen to the local community's views. Ward councillors will, of course, be included in the consultation.
 - b. It is hoped that this local consultation will help to address local concerns and come forward with uses of the time-limited play area S106 contributions which will enable them to be used on time. If so, the business case for these play area improvements in Castle ward would be reported to the Area Chair, Vice Chair and Opposition Spokes. The Area Committee is asked to approve this approach, as a variation to what was agreed last December.
- 5.4 At the same time, it is important to make the Committee aware of the steps that would need to be taken if a resolution cannot be found.
- a. Under the rules for devolved decision-making, the relevant executive councillors can decide to reallocate any devolved contributions getting close to 'expiry dates' to schemes that would enable the money to be used appropriately and on time.
 - b. If necessary, officers would look to report this case to the Community Services Scrutiny Committee this summer or in the early autumn, seeking Executive Councillor approval to re-allocate the time-limited, devolved play area S106 contribution to other play area improvement projects¹⁵.

15. For example, this might be for a play area improvement in the West/Central Area or a neighbouring ward which has been completed in recent years, since the receipt of the time-limited, play area S106 contribution.

That said, it is hoped that acceptable, revised proposals for a new play area improvement in Castle ward can be found that would enable the contributions to be used on time.

6. IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 **Financial implications:** This report has focussed on helping the Area Committee to decide how best to use the devolved S106 contributions available and to make sure that those contributions with expiry dates can be used on time. Off-site, generic S106 funding is tapering off and running down. No further generic S106 contributions (for broad contribution types) can be sought since new S106 pooling constraints came into force last April.
- 6.2 **Staffing implications:** Working within available staffing capacity, efforts are focussed primarily on arrangements to implement prioritised S106 projects which have already been agreed by executive councillors or area committees.
- 6.3 **Other implications:** Equality and anti-poverty impacts, environmental implications, procurement matters, community safety issues and consultation findings will be considered as part of business cases for specific prioritised projects.

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

These background papers were used in the preparation of this report:

- “S106 devolved decision-making – 2015/16 priority-setting” report to West/Central Area Committee on 3/12/2015;
- “S106 priority-setting round 2015/16: proposals for strategic/city-wide projects” reports to Community Services Scrutiny Committee on 8/10/2015.

Further information can be found on the council’s Developer Contributions web page (www.cambridge.gov.uk/s106).

8. APPENDICES

Guide to S106 funding

9. INSPECTION OF PAPERS

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Quick guide to S106 funding

1. The council asks developers to pay S106 contributions to mitigate the impact/extra demands that new development places on local facilities.
2. Before April 2015, most off-site S106 contributions collected by the city council were for generic contribution types - that is, 'for the provision of, improvement of, or better access to' particular categories of facilities/projects with the city of Cambridge.
3. The uses of these generic contribution types (eg, community facilities, informal open space, play areas, indoor sports, outdoor sports, public art) are defined in the council's Planning Obligations Strategy 2010.
4. Although some projects can involve funding from different contributions types for different elements, funding cannot be swapped between contribution types. That is outdoor sports money cannot be used on play equipment or landscaping, for example.
5. Every year since 2012/13, the council has run a S106 priority-setting round, based on the available off-site, generic S106 contributions.

Area Committees make decisions on....

- the use of **devolved** S106 funding for **local** projects for

- ▶ community facilities
- ▶ informal open space
- ▶ play areas
- ▶ outdoor sports

based on 50% of contributions from major planning applications and 100% of contributions from minor/other applications in the area.

Executive Councillors make decisions on....

- the use of **strategic** S106 funds for projects benefitting more than one area of Cambridge for:

- ▶ community facilities
- ▶ informal open space
- ▶ play areas
- ▶ outdoor sports

based on other 50% from major applications in the area.

- the use of S106 contributions in a **city-wide** fund for projects relating to:

- ▶ indoor sports
- ▶ public art
- ▶ public realm

based on all contributions in these types from across Cambridge.

6. To be eligible for S106 funding, proposals have to be: specific; within the city of Cambridge; providing additional benefit (not for repairs, maintenance or running costs), accessible for the wider community and affordable and financially viable.

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