



EAST AREA COMMITTEE



AGENDA

To: City Councillors: Smith (Chair), Roberts (Vice-Chair), Blencowe, Baigent, Barnett, Benstead, Hart, Herbert, Johnson, R. Moore, Robertson and Sinnott

County Councillors: Kavanagh, Moghadas, Walsh and Whitehead

Dispatched: Wednesday, 4 January 2017

Date: Thursday, 12 January 2017

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Meeting Room - Cherry Trees Day Centre

Contact: Democratic Services **Direct Dial:** 01223 457013

Public Exhibition: Police and Crime Commissioner

The Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner Andy Coles is to attend the East Area Committee on the 12th January at 7pm at the Cherry Trees Day Centre, Cambridge to deliver an Oral Report.

Members of the Committee and the public are invited to view the exhibition from 6pm (before the start of the meeting) and during the break.

1 Apologies For Absence

2 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 Monitoring Officer should be sought **before the meeting**.

Minutes And Matters Arising

3 Minutes (Pages 5 - 16)

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 13 October 2016.

4 Matters & Actions Arising From The Minutes

Reference will be made to the Committee Action Sheet available under the 'Matters & Actions Arising From The Minutes' section of the previous meeting agenda.

General agenda information can be accessed using the following hyperlink:

<http://democracy.cambridge.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CommitteeId=147>

Committee Action Sheet to follow.

Open Forum: Turn Up And Have Your Say About Non-Agenda Items

5 Open Forum

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

Items For Decision / Discussion Including Public Input

6 Oral report - Deputy PCC Andy Coles

The Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner will discuss the role of the Police and Crime Commissioner, what his plans are over the next 4 years and then will be open to questions.

7 Environmental Reports - EAC (*Pages 17 - 38*)

8 EAC Policing & Safer Neighbourhoods (*Pages 39 - 52*)

9 Palmer's Walk Consultation (*Pages 53 - 62*)

10 East Area Committee Dates 2017/18

The Committee is asked to agree the following meeting dates:

20th July 2017,
12th October 2017,
11th Jan 2018 and
5th April 2018.

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

11 Record of Officer Delegated Decisions in consultation

with the Chair and Vice Chair for East Area Committee

To note decisions taken by the Chair, Vice Chair since the last meeting of the East Area Committee.

- 11a S106: Ditton Fields play area improvements (*Pages 63 - 72*)

Meeting Information

- Open Forum** Members of the public are invited to ask any question, or make a statement on any matter related to their local area covered by the City Council Wards for this Area Committee. The Forum will last up to 30 minutes, but may be extended at the Chair's discretion. The Chair may also time limit speakers to ensure as many are accommodated as practicable.
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EAST AREA COMMITTEE

13 October 2016

7.00 - 9.20 pm

Present

Area Committee Members: Councillors Smith (Chair), Baigent, Barnett, Benstead, Blencowe, Hart, Johnson, R Moore, Roberts (Vice-Chair) & Robertson

Area Committee Members: County Councillor Kavanagh

Officers:

Cambridge Live: Mark Boon & Anthony Delaney

Children & Young People's Services Project Worker: Steph Burwitz

Operations Manager Community Engagement & Enforcement: Wendy Young

Head of Corporate Strategy: Andrew Limb

Committee Manager: Michelle Rowe

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL

Change to published agenda order

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

16/21/EAC Apologies For Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Herbert, Moghadas, Sinnott and Walsh.

16/22/EAC Declarations Of Interest

Councillor Smith declared a non-prejudicial interest as a member of the Cambridge Live Board.

16/23/EAC Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 7 July 2016 were approved as a correct record subject to amending "Barnabas Road" to Barnwell Road on page 18 of the agenda, item 5(i).

16/24/EAC Matters & Actions Arising From The Minutes

Open Forum 07/07/16 Cllr Moghadas to follow up provision of access for residents only signage for Romsey Terrace

The County Council's Head of Local infrastructure and Street Management had confirmed that the Council was no longer issuing signs. A bid would need to be submitted to the Local Highway Improvement Scheme for funding.

Open Forum 07/07/16 Cllr Johnson to inform John Richards that residents still had concerns about the Riverside consultation process

Cllr Johnson reminded the Committee that he had met with John Richards on 2 September. He added that the consultation document would be published soon.

Open Forum 07/07/16 Cllr Johnson to meet with Richard Newman to explore Christ Church's plans for the development of Abbey Church

Cllr Johnson reported that he had not yet heard from Richard Newman.

Open Forum 07/07/16 Cllrs Roberts and Benstead to follow up lack of reply to Mr Harvey's e-mail with the Head of the Environment Team

Cllr Benstead reported that Mr Harvey had not responded to the e-mail from the Head of the Environment Team. Although the issue remained ongoing, the Cllr aspect of the action had been dealt with.

Open Forum 07/07/16 Sgt Norden to talk to the Safety Camera Partnership about cameras on various roads

It was noted that Sgt Norden had confirmed that there was no available redeployment of CCTV cameras at this point in time. It was suggested that the Committee should receive more information at a future meeting.

Open Forum 07/07/16 Cllr Roberts to investigate possibility of additional litter and dog waste bins

It was noted that this item would be covered by the Environmental Reports – EAC.

The Chair informed the meeting that Councillor Herbert would provide written responses to his action.

After the Committee meeting it was noted that the Police had actions arising out of the 7/7/16 meeting:

- i. Sgt Norden to find out about possibilities for installing a camera at Elizabeth Way underpass
- ii. Sgt Norden to find out about possibilities for installing a camera at junction of Mill Road and Devonshire Road

Sgt Ian Wood as East Area Committee's Police representative provided the following update on the actions:

- iii. The Central Ticket Office had advised that they would not deploy their Safety Camera Vans for 20mph zones – as they should be 'self-enforcing'.
- iv. Confirmed that there was a camera at the junction of Devonshire Road and Mill Road. They also had a camera in the Elizabeth Way underpass. The camera nearest Cherry Hinton Road was on Cherry Hinton High Street and had been down for a number of months.

16/25/EAC Open Forum

Q1 Andy Harding: Raised the following:

- (i) drew attention to a number of issues raised about Petersfield and Bradmore Court by Jenny Kirner.**
- (ii) concerns raised by the elderly about cyclists cycling on the footpath at Long Mansions and shouting abuse to pedestrians using the same footpath. Mr Harding reported that he had been hit by cyclists four times.**
- (iii) concerns about taxis blocking people getting in and out of Bradmore Street.**

Answers

- (i) the Chair reported that the long list of issues raised by Ms Kirner would be passed on to Petersfield Ward Councillors to action.

Action: Local Members

- (ii) Cllr Blencowe drew attention to the comments about cycling on Palmers Walk raised as part of a survey of local community opinion about cycling on the path and acknowledged the need to educate cyclists to be aware of the issues raised. Consultation was taking place about widening the path close to where Mr Harding lived which was adjacent to the pathway used by cyclists. It was also noted that the current path could not easily accommodate disabled scooters. He raised the need for all parties to be part of the discussions to widen the path.

Cllr Robertson reported that the Police had been asked to take action to address rogue cyclists on East Road and Hills Road. The Chair reminded the meeting that cyclists and motorists obeying the Highway Code was an ongoing priority for the Committee. Councillor Robertson also drew attention to the relationship with Anglia Ruskin University (ARU) and reported that there were regular liaison meetings where these issues could be raised.

Action: Cllr Robertson

- (iii) Cllr Benstead reminded the Committee that Cambridge Hackney Carriages had the right to pick up anywhere on the street and from Council Taxi Ranks. Private Hire Taxis could only pick up after being booked by telephone. Cllrs Bird and Benstead, the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Licensing Committee respectively, had regular meetings to consider issues with taxis. He asked residents to take a photograph of a taxi parked illegally to enable the City Council to trace the taxi and censure the driver. He would also ask Licensing Officers to patrol the area.

Action: Cllr Benstead

One member of the public explained that he contacted the taxi company if a taxi was parked up and running its engine outside his house which usually resulted in the taxi moving on. Cllr Roberts reported that the City Council was trying to encourage the taxi trade to switch to electric and hybrid taxis with charging points provided in the City.

- Q2 Margaret Cranmer raised concerns about Peak-time Congestion Control Points (PCCPs) claiming the scheme was undemocratic, untimely and disadvantageous to city residents. She asked the Committee what it intended to do about it.**

Cllr Baigent reported that he had attended some of the City Deal Executive Board meeting which was taking place at the same time as the East Area Committee. He stressed that nothing had been decided. There had been a consultation which had included as a suggestion PCCPs. He informed the Committee that the consultation had received 9,000 responses which now needed to be analysed by the Executive Board and Assembly. Although there had been no decision, it was important to note that any proposal would need to include provision for Blue Badge Holders, carers and access to GP and Veterinary Surgeries. He stressed that proposals would only be introduced after a political decision had been taken.

Cllr Robertson added that Local Members had tried to make sure the views of local residents were known as part of the consultation and then listened and acted upon. They would make clear to the City Deal those issues which were not acceptable.

Q3 Dr Timothy Grout queried how Cambridge City Council would spend up to £70m with up to 500 new council houses and with local Housing Associations as part of the proposed Cambridgeshire Devolution Deal.

In the absence of Cllr Herbert, Cllr Robertson explained that £70m would be allocated to Cambridge City with £100m being allocated to the rest of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. He reported that the detailed plans were not yet available. However, he acknowledged that Housing Associations might have a role. Dr Grout reported that £3billion was available nationally. He urged the City Council and Housing Associations to submit a bid. It was suggested that the Chair talk to Councillor Price, Executive Councillor for Housing, to find out what the Council was doing and report back.

Action: Cllr Smith

16/26/EAC Record of Officer Delegated Decisions in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair for East Area Committee

The Committee noted a delegated decision by the Streets and Open Spaces Development Manager in consultation with the Chair and Opposition Spokes of East Area Committee to agree the community facilities funding detailed in the project appraisal.

16/27/EAC Children's Feedback to Improve Area

The Chair invited Steph Burwitz, Children and Young People's Services Project Worker, and local children, to provide feedback on how to improve their area. Steph Burwitz reported that the children had been asked to identify what they liked, what they didn't like and how their area could be improved. The following points were raised:

	Like	Dislike	Would Like To Change
Child 1	Parks and Clubs	Rubbish and glass in parks	Introduce a Secondary School and Holiday Clubs.
Child 2	Youth Club	Litter in Ditton Fields and Newmarket Road	Introduce a Secondary School, café and disco.
Child 3	Nothing	Litter everywhere	
Child 4	Youth Club C3	Broken glass in parks	Weekend activities and school buses in Ditton Fields and Coleridge
Child 5	Clubs	Rubbish side of house	Introduce a Secondary School, writing or story clubs.
Child 6	Green spaces	House building and too busy	Remove broken glass and litter from parks
Child 7	Park	Random knocking on doors	Introduce a secondary school and more play equipment.

The Chair and members of the Committee thanked the children for their contributions. The Committee responded as follows:

- i more bins were planned for Abbey Ward. The children were invited to identify roads where they would like extra bins. Sadly there were cases where young people drank in parks leaving broken glass behind. The

Council used its powers to force them to pick it up rather than just fine them. The Chair reported that would liaise with officers about monitoring the area.

Action: Cllr Smith

- ii. there was a plan to build a Secondary School on the Cherry Hinton side of the airport but it was not clear how quickly this would happen.
- iii. the Council was trying to provide housing to meet the future needs of the City.
- iv. new play equipment was being installed in Dudley Road and Ditton Fields on the Recreation Ground.
- v. invited the children to join Local Members and members of the community on a Ward Walk

16/28/EAC Cambridge Live: Where we are and What Next for City Events

The Committee welcomed Mark Boon, Vice-Chair, Anthony Delaney, Head of Finance, Cambridge Live, to present a report on Cambridge Live; where we are and what next for City events. As part of what was proposed next for City events, a City Events Questionnaire was circulated at the meeting.

The following responses were given in response to the presentation:

- i. the subsidy from the City Council for 2015/16 was £507k which would reduce over five years to £231k. Facilities were being put in place to make up the reduction. It was approximately 10% of a business turnover of £5m. It was acknowledged that Cambridge Live had been gifted the Corn Exchange but it also had to fund the running costs.
- ii. a new ticketing system would be in place from October. The CRM function would enable Cambridge Live to gather useful demographic and price information. This information would then be reported quarterly as part of Key Performance Indicators to the City Council. It would enable Cambridge Live to reach out better to certain areas. It was also agreed to ask the Head of Marketing to identify the number of people from outside of Cambridge using the facility. The Committee was informed that Cambridge Live saw inclusivity as a powerful unifying force and an opportunity.

- iii. Cambridge Live was attempting to identify and measure more partnership and sponsorship in order to add value. However, it was still very early days and this work would be progressed as part of its five year strategy. It was expected that Cambridge Live would be able to report on this issue in 12-18 months.
- iv. Cambridge Live was working with other partners as part of City Roots, a series of events in February 2017 which embraced the spirit of the Folk Festival, strengthening the link between folk and roots music and the City of Cambridge.
- v. the Survey would help Cambridge Live identify possible future events including the possibility of a cultural festival.

16/29/EAC Environmental Reports

The Committee received a report from the Operations Manager – Community Engagement and Enforcement. It outlined an overview of City Council Refuse and Environment and Streets and Open Spaces service activity relating to the geographical area served by the East Area Committee. The report identified the reactive and proactive service actions undertaken in the previous quarter, including the requested priority targets, and reported back on the recommended issues and associated actions. It also included key officer contacts for the reporting of waste and refuse and public realm issues.

The following were suggestions for Members on what action could be considered for priority within the East Area for the period September to November 2016:

Continuing Priorities:

1. Enforcement patrols to tackle fly tipping at Riverside, Ditton Fields and St Matthews Street area.
2. Early morning, daytime and weekend patrols for dog fouling at the following locations:
 - Ravensworth Gardens play areas
 - St Bedes Crescent
3. Illegal camping barbeque and green space patrols at Stourbridge Common.

4. Enforcement patrols to tackle environmental crime at Thorpe Way estate.

Amendment to continuing priorities: Add Mill Road Cemetery to item 2.

The Committee was informed that unused dog bins would be redistributed to Wards. Local Members and the public were invite to submit suggestions to the Operations Manager – Community Engagement and Enforcement by the mid November.

Action: Local Members

The Committee considered a number of comments from the public as follows:

- queried why the Council was introducing new public spaces protection orders (PSPOs) to tackle dog-related issues across the city. It was noted that existing Dog Control Orders would automatically have become PSPOs in October 2017 due to changes in legislation. However, the council was proposing to make this change early to allow for new areas requiring dog control to be considered and consulted on. The consultation would start on 17 October and last for six weeks. Details of the consultation would be made available to Vets, Dog Clubs etc. and circulated via social media.

The proposed locations for the new PSPO would vary from existing Dog Control Orders in several ways. Dog exclusion areas would be introduced at fenced-in parks, the need for dogs to be kept on leads in some areas would be removed, while dogs on leads would be introduced in some areas where complaints have been received. A map detailing new areas would be available on line. The Chair and Vice-Chair emphasised the fact that it was not proposed to ban dogs from parks. However, there might be a need to fence off a play area to prevent fouling or provide extra dog bins.

- thanked Councillors who had come on a number of Ward Walks and for the actions which had followed.
- expressed concern about fly tipping at the end of Tenison Road. There was particular concern about the piling up of litter in the alleyway near the Mosque on Mawson Road. Cllr Robertson hoped that Tenison Road would be open before Christmas which would enable the issue of litter bins to be addressed. The Chair agreed to talk to Environmental Health Officers about the alley way which was believed to be privately owned. It

was also proposed to add a community pay back litter pick.

Action: Cllr Smith

The Committee discussed the following issues:

- i. the fact that there were still free dog chips available.
- ii. requested a further allocation of litter bins and dog waste bins to Abbey. It was suggested that the allocation should reflect the views of local children raised at the meeting.
- iii. queried why St Bedes Crescent was included in the priorities as it was not in the East Area Committee patch. It was noted that this priority reflected the links with “The Tins” and the boundary with Coleridge. It was suggested that it should therefore be referred to as “The Snakey Path” area.
- iv. the need for a community clear out of pieces of furniture near the flats on Ekin Road. A member of the public commented that such action had been taken by volunteers three months ago with the Council being informed.
- v. the need to clean litter and dog bins.
- vi. expressed thanks for keeping the Carter Bridge clean on the inside. It was noted that the cost of cleaning the outside of the Bridge was approximately a quarter of a million pounds. Cllr Roberts confirmed that the City Council cleaned the inside of the bridge four times a week.
- vii. asked whether the Council charged businesses for using the park in Coleridge for exercise boot camps on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. There was concern about large vehicles parking very close to the railings and blocking the pavement. Cllr Roberts confirmed that there was a charge to people using city parks for commercial reasons. The Chair agreed to look into the issue with Events and Open Spaces Team.

Action: Cllr Smith

- viii. the possibility of community pay back being used to clear channels. Members were informed that there was a need to make sure the cars were not obstructing the channels preventing this work taking place.
- ix. queried the action being taken to remove graffiti on the subway roundabout. It was noted that a quarter of the project had been completed. However, the Abbey Road side would not be completed until after Christmas as the old surface had to be taken off using hand tools which took time. The County Council had provided paint and any offensive graffiti was being removed as quickly as possible. There had been some positive comments about the National Tyre side and consideration was being given to some public art projects.

- x. the need for a Ward walk in the areas identified by the young people. The Operations Manager agreed to engage with the Children and Young People's Services Project Worker to see if the young people were available. **Action: Operations Manager**

Following discussion, Members **resolved (unanimously)** to approve the continuation of the four previous priorities for action above, with the addition of Mill Road Cemetery and the renaming of St Bedes Crescent to "Snakey Path" for priority 2.

The meeting ended at 9.20 pm

CHAIR

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Environmental Report



Cambridge East Area September to November 2016

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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 East Area Committee. The report identifies the reactive and proactive service actions undertaken in the previous, including the requested priority targets and reports back on the recommended issues and associated actions to be targeted in the following period. 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 period 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 period 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 East Area for the period of December 2016 to February 2017.

Continuing priorities*

Number	Priority details
1	Enforcement patrols to tackle fly tipping at Riverside, Ditton Fields and St Matthews Street area
2	Early morning , daytime and weekend patrols for dog fouling at the following locations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ravensworth Gardens play areas• Snaky Path area• Mill Road Cemetery
3	Enforcement patrols to tackle environmental crime at Thorpe Way estate

Number	Priority details
1	Enforcement patrols to tackle fly tipping, litter, side waste and trade waste along in the Petersfield area of Mill Road

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

* Amendments to continuing priorities are shown in italics

1. What geographical locations would benefit from targeted work? (including public realm enforcement activity and clean-up work by the community payback)
2. What locations for new and replacement general waste, recycling and dog bins (in line with resources available) should be considered?
3. 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. Specific issues and actions

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

Priority 1	Enforcement patrols to tackle fly tipping at Riverside, Ditton Fields and St Matthews Street area
Action Taken	Over the three month period the enforcement team spent a total of 38.5 hrs approximately on patrol in the Riverside area. This is not including the hours the team spent on patrols of the Riverside area in relation to moorings. Incidents on Riverside include five incidents of fly posting. Four abandoned shopping trolleys, one dumped moped in the River Cam and one incident of a large fly tipping.
Current Situation:	Ongoing
Action Taken	Over the reporting period the enforcement team spent a total of 15.5 hours on patrol in Ditton Fields. Ditton Fields also part of the ongoing fly tipping campaign as an area prone to incidents of fly tipping.
Current Situation:	Ongoing
Action Taken	The public realm enforcement team have conducted a total of 37 hours of patrols in the past three months. Incidents dealt with include one FPN for littering, six abandoned shopping trolleys, and one abandoned vehicle. Littering continues to be an issue along Norfolk Street during peak hours. Fly tipping continues to take place in the alley between Farran and Carlow blocks.
Current Situation:	Ongoing

Priority 2	Early morning , daytime and weekend patrols for dog fouling at the following locations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ravensworth Gardens play areas • Snaky Path area • Mill Road Cemetery
Action Taken	Dog warden patrols have been conducted by both the Dog Warden Service and Enforcement team to address the issues of dog fouling totalling over 9.5 hours. Educational advice and dog bags continue to be provided to a number of dog walkers at these locations. These areas continue to be problematic for dog fouling and several are recommended to continue for the upcoming period.
Current Situation:	Ongoing

Priority 3	Illegal camping barbeque and green space patrols at Stourbridge Common.
Action Taken	45.25 hours of patrol took place over the last three months. This is not including the hours of patrols taken place as the moorings inspections. Two incidents of illegal camping and an incident involving trade waste have been investigated in this period.
Current Situation:	Completed

Priority 4	Enforcement patrols to tackle environmental crime at Thorpe Way estate
Action Taken	A total of 18 hours has been spent on patrol in this area over the last period. The team dealt with and investigated five incidents of fly-tipping. An incident involving trade waste and two incidents where a high amount of litter had to be cleared by the streets and open spaces team. It is recommended that this continues as a priority due to the number of fly-tipping incidents.
Current Situation:	Ongoing

5. Environmental Data

Private Realm [East Area]

Period	Activity	Investigations	Treatments Carried out	Informal Action / Written Warnings	Statutory Notices Served	Legal Proceedings
Sept to Nov 2015	Noise Complaints	134	N/A	2	2	1
Sept to Nov 2016		138			2	1
Sept to Nov 2015	Refuse/ Waste Complaints	10	N/A	2	0	0
Sept to Nov 2016		10			0	0
Sept to Nov 2015	Other public health complaints ³	17	N/A	2	0	0
Sept to Nov 2016		14			0	0
Sept to Nov 2015	Private Sector housing standards	89	N/A	2	1	1
Sept to Nov 2016		77			3	3

Data is from 23 August to 15 November 2016.

Summary of private realm data:

Pest control data was not available. Prosecutions undertaken consisted of one prosecution for noise nuisance, and for private sector housing - one prosecution for failing to licence and two further prosecutions for management regulations (H&S).

² All complaints will generally have at least one such action

³ Other public health complaints includes odour, smoke, bonfires, filthy and verminous

Public Realm Data

Public Realm Enforcement [East Area]

Period	Activity	Investigations	Written Warnings	Statutory Notices	Fixed Penalty Notices	Simple Cautions	Legal Proceedings
Sept to Nov 2015	Abandoned vehicles	34	N/A	N/A	0	0	0
Sept to Nov 2016		37			0	0	0
Sept to Nov 2015	Nuisance vehicles ⁴	4	4	N/A	0	0	0
Sept to Nov 2016		3	3		0	0	0
Sept to Nov 2015	Derelict cycles	19	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sept to Nov 2016		62					
Sept to Nov 2015	Domestic waste	62	24	0	5	0	0
Sept to Nov 2016		48	9	0	5	0	1
Sept to Nov 2015	Trade waste	9	5	0	0	0	0
Sept to Nov 2016		8	2	1	0	0	0
Sept to Nov 2015	Litter	25	0	0	15	0	1
Sept to Nov 2016		11	0	0	9	0	1
Sept to Nov 2015	Illegal camping	7	N/A	7	N/A	0	0
Sept to Nov 2016		4		2		0	0
Sept to Nov 2015	Illegal advertising	14	8	N/A	0	0	0
Sept to Nov 2016		7	4		0	0	0

⁴ Nuisance vehicles includes vehicles displayed for sale or being repaired (other than in an emergency) on the public highway

Summary of public realm enforcement data

- Of the 37 abandoned vehicles the majority were removed by their owners or claimed within the 7 day notice period. The majority of vehicles identified in this period are as part of the proactive work carried out by the enforcement team.
- Three nuisance vehicles were found across the East Area. Vehicles were found for sale on Brooks Road and Coldhams Lane, all vehicles were removed from sale within a 7 day period.
- Sixty six cycles were removed from across all four wards. The number of cycles removed as abandoned in the East area usually varies between 15 to 25 a quarter.
- There were forty eight domestic waste investigations conducted in the East area, the majority of which was waste littered and fly tipped at recycling centres across the area. Of the investigations conducted there were eleven cases it was not possible to identify a responsible suspect or there was insufficient evidence to proceed, a number of cases are ongoing.
- Eight cases of trade waste were investigated in the East area, including cases of waste being dumped or bins not being managed. Letters were sent to two businesses who complied with the requests for waste information and one statutory notice was issued to a business for not managing their waste correctly.
- There were eleven cases of litter investigated in the East area; nine fixed penalties were issued for littering including East Road, Brooks Road, Glisson Road and Mill Road. One case is currently ongoing and the rest of the fixed penalty notices were subsequently paid. One prosecution for littering is also ongoing.
- There were four cases of illegal camping at Stourbridge Common and Coldhams Common. Statutory notice was served on two of the sites and subsequently the owner removed a tent within the 24-hour period, only one tent was impounded by the enforcement team.
- Eight incidents of illegal advertising were identified, four of which were banner and the majority were untraceable, one suspect was issued a Community Protection Warning for repeated incidents of anti-social practices for advertising.

Dog Warden Service [East Area]

Stray dogs

Period	Activity	Number of cases	Rehomed	Destroyed	Claimed	In Kennels	Comment
Sept to Nov 2015	Stray dogs	6	2	0	4	0	Five other stray dog calls were received, but the dogs were collected by the owner before the dog warden attended
Sept to Nov 2016		12	0	0	10	2	Ten other stray dog calls were received, but the dogs were 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
Sept to Nov 2015	Dog control orders: Fouling	7	0	0	3	0	0
Sept to Nov 2016		8	0	0	0	0	0
Sept to Nov 2015	Dog control orders: Exclusion	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sept to Nov 2016		0	0	0	0	0	0
Sept to Nov 2015	Dog control orders: Leads	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sept to Nov 2016		1	0	0	0	0	0
Sept to Nov 2015	Other dog complaints ⁵	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sept to Nov 2016		13	4	0	0	0	0

⁵ 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 [East Area]

Period	Activity	Total number of incidents	Ward			
			Abbey	Coleridge	Petersfield	Romsey
Sept to Nov 2015	Fly tipping	171	72	19	47	33
Sept to Nov 2016		171	81	17	32	41
Sept to Nov 2015	Offensive graffiti ⁶	3	1	0	2	0
Sept to Nov 2016		8	1	2	2	3
Sept to Nov 2015	Detrimental graffiti ⁷	25	3	10	8	4
Sept to Nov 2016		57	8	16	23	10
Sept to Nov 2015	Needles	13	3	0	8	2
Sept to Nov 2016		182	152	0	30	0
Sept to Nov 2015	Shopping trolleys	100	19	4	61	16
Sept to Nov 2016		107	30	2	53	22

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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 81 reports for fly tip in the Abbey ward, repeat incidents were found in Ditton Fields (7), Headford Close (6), Peverel Road (5), and Riverside (5). The other fly tip reports for Abbey area were reported from different locations. Enforcement and ranger patrols have been increased due to a number of these areas being priority areas to address the problems of fly tipping and as part of a campaign that is currently being run to highlight the issues of fly tipping.
- In Coleridge repeat incidents were identified at Trevone Place and Taunton Close, the rest of the incidents were single locations and there were no patterns identified.
- The majority of fly tips in Petersfield were household waste and were single locations and there were no patterns identified, a few repeat incidents along Mill Road and St Matthews Street, were identified but no patterns of responsibility were found. Enforcement and ranger patrols have been increased due to a number of these areas being priority areas to address the problems of fly tipping and as part of a campaign that is currently being run to highlight the issues of fly tipping.
- Forty one fly tips were removed from Romsey including repeat incidents at Seymour Street, Madras Road and Wycliffe Road although no patterns of fly tipping were identified.
- Pictures of human anatomy were removed from Abbey Road in October. In Coleridge pictures of human anatomy were removed from the garages at St Thomas's Road in October and offensive wording was removed from a wall on Cherry Hinton Road. In Petersfield ward in October pictures of human anatomy were removed from a wall in Vicarage Terrace, pictures of human anatomy were removed from a wall on New Street in September and pictures of human anatomy were removed from Coleridge Road in in October. Anti-Semitic graffiti was removed from lamp posts on Romsey Recreation Ground in September and offensive language and pictures of human anatomy were removed from the recreation area on Vinery Road in Romsey ward in September.
- The volume of detrimental graffiti in the East ward has increased in comparison to the same period the previous year, there are no patterns or trends of patterns identified and all instances were general tagging or scribbles.
- In Abbey ward there were four instances of needles, one needle was removed from a shed of a housing property on Whitehill Road, one needle was removed from the pathway near Signet Court, Swann Road , 100 needles were removed (in containers) from a bin in Ditton Fields and 50 needles were removed from the riverside at Stourbridge Common. In Petersfield there were seven instances of needles, 20 needles were removed from the parking area at St Matthews Primary school, one needle was removed from the rear of a bin in the recycling area at Gwydir Street, five needles were removed from the garages at St Matthews Street, one needle was removed from the pavement on New Street on two separate instances (2 needles in total), one needle was removed from Norfolk Street, near St Matthews Primary school.
- The number of trolleys impounded by Streets and Open Spaces was 20.

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 to Sept
Recycling rate – dry recycling 2016/17	21.1%	22.4%
Recycling rate – dry recycling 2015/16	21.4%	21%
Recycling rate – composting 2016/17	23.9%	24.8%
Recycling rate – composting 2015/16	23.8%	22.3%
Amount collected for disposal 2016/17	55%	52.8%
Amount collected for disposal 2015/16	54.8%	56.7%
No of press releases issued	3	4
No of 2 nd blue bins delivered	161	50
No of 2 nd Green bins delivered	46	N/A
Number of 3 rd and 4 th green bins registered	3	N/A
No. of bins changed from standard to small	30	4
No of events attended	12	8
No of people spoken to	730	352
No of Kitchen Caddies given out at events ^{§§}	460	288
No of recycling champions (RC) at events	8	8
No of new RC recruited	2	0
Amount of rubbish/recycling collected at events (tonnes)	Total 36.96 tonnes 27.6 T rubbish 9.2 T recycled	Total 9.72 tonnes Rubbish:8.1 Recycled:1.62
Amount of goods (clothes, books etc.) collected via the British Heart Foundation and college campaign.	N/A	N/A
No of community/school visits to AmeyCespa	11	13

^{§§} Excludes caddies given out via council receptions

Summary of Waste and Recycling Data

Total Recycling rate for quarter 2 is 47.24% for Cambridge. The combined recycling rate Cambridge and South Cambs waste service is 55%. Second green bin information is not available as time of writing due to IT issues but will be complete by next quarter.

Events attended are:

Hanover Community Day
Milton Country Park parklife
Kingsway Community day
Cambridge Folk Festival
Queen Edith Community day
Trumpington, Gilping Place door knocking
Fulbourn Talk to the Women's Group
Community action day at The Ship Pub

6. Proactive and community work

The proactive and community work for the East Area is listed below:

	Community Payback projects
Action Taken	The Ranger completed 16 jobs and projects with the help of Community Payback throughout September, October and November. This included cutbacks, clearing footpaths, litter picks and general ranger support days.
Current Situation	Completed

Task	Abbey Older People Garden project
Action Taken	With the help of Community Payback four additional older people's gardens were cleared and cut back as part of the Abbey project.
Current Situation	Completed

Task	East Barnwell Community Centre
Action Taken	With the help of community payback the community centre had a full clean-up day which included a litter pick, hedge cutback, bin repairs and abandoned bike removal.
Current Situation	Completed

Task	St Thomas Square
Action Taken	Following the Ward Walkabout in this area the paths and hedges were cutback with the help of Community Payback.
Current Situation	Completed

7. Key contacts

Officers

Area	Contact	Telephone Number	Email
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Operations Manager (Grounds Maintenance)	Paul Jones	01223 458215	Paul.Jones@cambridge.gov.uk
Operations Manager (Community Engagement and Enforcement)	Wendy Young	01223 458578	Wendy.young@cambridge.gov.uk
East Area Ranger: Ian Colley	City Rangers	01223 458282	cityrangers@cambridge.gov.uk
Public Realm Enforcement (East team):	Nick Kester	01223 458573 01223 458062	streetenforcement@cambridge.gov.uk
	Jamie Lambert		
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

8. Resources

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

Remaining bins stocks for the city have been reallocated across all wards to ensure that bins are installed where required.

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
Abbey	12	3
Coleridge	9	3
Petersfield	8	3
Romsey	10	3

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
Abbey	Newmarket Road (by bus stop near to Jack Warren Green)	November 2014	
Abbey	Velos Walk (top of Helen Close)	February 2015	
Abbey	Stanley Road (junction with Riverside)	December 2014	
Abbey	Saxon Road (junction with Riverside)	December 2014	
Abbey	Riverside (under Millennium bridge)	December 2014	
Abbey	Jack Warren Green (top green area)	August 2015	
Abbey	Tiptree Close pathway	August 2015	
Abbey	Thorpe Way (near 115)	August 2015	
Abbey	Rachel Close (top of green)	August 2015	
Abbey	Fison Road (top of Anns Road)	August 2015	
Abbey	Dennis Road (next to phone box)	August 2015	
Abbey	Ekin Road (footpath to Ditton Lane)	August 2015	
Coleridge	St Thomas's Square	December 2014	
Coleridge	St Thomas's Road (junction with St Thomas's Square)	December 2014	
Coleridge	Birdwood Road (by number 52)	May 2015	
Coleridge	Perne Road (near Radegund Road roundabout)	April 2015	
Coleridge	Ancaster Way (junction with Tiverton Way)	May 2015	
Coleridge	Rustat Road (near to Carter Bridge)	March 2015	
Coleridge	Cherry Hinton Road (by bus stop at Leisure Park)	August 2015	
Coleridge	St Margaret's Road (junction with Cherry Hinton Road)	November 2015	

Coleridge	Perne Road (in front of Co-op)	July 2016	
Petersfield	Veras Way (top of Rope Walk)	November 2014	
Petersfield	Staffordshire Street (walkway between St Matthews Street)	December 2014	These two sets of bins have attracted an increase in fly tipping. One set has been removed as it is causing a detrimental effect to the local environment.
Petersfield	Staffordshire Street (between Hollymount and Glenmore)	December 2014	
Petersfield	Hooper Street (at road closure point)	March 2015	
Petersfield	Gwydir Street (at road closure point near Milford Street)	March 2015	
Petersfield	Gwydir Street (outside Bath House play area)	September 2015	
Petersfield	Ainsworth Street (next to children's play area)	September 2015	
Petersfield	Abbey Walk (junction with York Street)	November 2015	
Romsey	Mill Road (near to kitchen shop by Vinery Road junction)	July 2015	
Romsey	Coldhams Lane (by Coldhams Common bus shelter)	June 2015	
Romsey	Vinery Road (junction with Coldhams Lane)	June 2015	
Romsey	Fairfax Road (junction with Catharine Street)	June 2015	
Romsey	Montreal Square (alleyway through to Hobart Road)	September 2015	
Romsey	Marmora Road (by junction with Suez Road)	September 2015	
Romsey	Marmora Road (Alleyway to Coleridge Road)	September 2015	
Romsey	Coldhams Lane (opposite the Paddocks)	September 2015	
Romsey	Fairfax Road (junction with Brampton Road)	September 2015	
Romsey	Brooks Road (junction with Wycliffe Road)	February 2016	

Dog bin provision

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

Ward	Bins used	Bins available for installation
Abbey	4	2
Coleridge	4	2
Petersfield	1	1
Romsey	1	1

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
Abbey	Barnwell Road (entrance to Coldhams Common)	December 2014	
Abbey	Egerton Close (junction with Egerton Road)	March 2015	
Abbey	Fison Road / Thorpe Way	January 2015	
Abbey	Leonard Close	June 2015	
Coleridge	St Thomas's Square	December 2014	
Coleridge	Coleridge Recreation Ground (top corner)	August 2015	
Coleridge	St Thomas's Road (on recreation ground)	April 2016	
Coleridge	Golding Road (Radegund Road junction)	March 2016	
Petersfield	Ravensworth Gardens (on green at entrance from Devonshire Road)	December 2014	
Romsey	Sedgwick Street (at junction with Fairfax Road)	April 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
Abbey	5	8
Coleridge	0	13
Petersfield	0	13
Romsey	0	13

Abbey area – Thorpe Way Recreation Ground (2 signs) and Ditton Fields Recreation Ground (3 signs).



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Neighbourhood profile update Cambridge City East Neighbourhood

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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 six months of June 2016 to November 2016, compared to the previous six months (December 2015 to May 2016) and the same six months in 2015 (June 2015 to November 2015); and
- Information provided by the Safer Neighbourhood Policing team and the City Council's Safer Communities team.

2 CURRENT PRIORITIES

At the East Area Committee meeting of 07 July 2016, the committee recommended adopting the following priorities:

- Continue to target the supply of controlled drugs;
- Continue to target street based anti-social behaviour (ASB) in and around Mill Road; and
- Retain speed checks

The Neighbourhood Action Group assigned the actions to be taken and the lead officers for each of the priorities. The table below summarises the action taken and the current situation.

Continue to target the supply of controlled drugs	
Objective	To continue with the work against the supply of controlled drugs. Our strategy is to identify and prosecute offenders, and to safeguard the vulnerable individuals and areas in the community.
Action Taken	<p><u>STATISTICAL ANALYSIS</u></p> <p>According to CrimeFile (our Crime recording system), drug offences have accounted for <u>just over 3% of all net crime</u> recorded in the east of the City since the last area committee meeting (66 drug offences out of 1755 recorded in the East City area). Further scrutiny of our custody records then goes on to suggest that 54 Cambridge residents have been arrested for drug offences during this same period. These offences range from ‘simple possession’ to ‘cultivation of cannabis’ and ‘possession with intent to supply’ but only include instances where a person has been physically brought into custody – out of custody disposals (such as penalty notices, fines and summons) are not included – so this figure is likely to be much higher.</p> <p>One of the (many) inferences you can draw from these figures is that officers are continuing to robustly address drug offences.</p> <p><u>ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY</u></p> <p>Since restructuring in September 2016, ‘Neighbourhood Policing’ at Parkside has now evolved into two different themes of work:</p>

- 'Partnership teams' have been focussed on rehabilitating drug users and working with support agencies, such as Inclusion and the Drug and Alcohol Action Team. These teams are also continuing to focus on individuals who harbour drug dealers (under the 'Operation Hexman' mantra). Those residents who are legitimately vulnerable are supported, and those who permit access for their personal gain are prosecuted and their housing providers informed. Local PCSOs continue to monitor and engage with these individuals and addresses, and will proactively respond to any new intelligence received where appropriate.
- 'Prevention teams' are our proactive/enforcement officers: they have been seeking out the drug dealers and mapping their distribution networks. Although we have recently experienced an increase in group-related violence, a number of key arrests have been made and weapons have been taken off the street. These teams adopt an intelligence-led/proactive approach to this work and continue to yield some significant custodial sentences (and cash seizures) in Court; most of which are regularly covered by the local media. These officers also conduct prison visits of known nominals, and have a good line of communication with other forces, to ensure fluid information-sharing.

In addition to these two bespoke teams, all frontline officers in Cambridge are expected to brief themselves at the beginning of every tour of duty; to ensure they know where to focus their patrols, and which nominals are engaged in crime and/or ASB.

DRUG HOTSPOTS

We continue to conduct enhanced visible patrols in the areas known for drug use, in a bid to disrupt and deter this activity. Recent examples have been Mill Road cemetery, Coleridge recreation ground and various public toilets across the east of the City. We make good use of our partner agency contacts to ensure any drug paraphernalia is cleared promptly, and officers now have keys to gain entry to the majority of most public toilets

	<p>across the City. We are also able to make use of re-deployable CCTV cameras as and when appropriate.</p> <p><u>PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT</u> Our resident drug expert witness (Gav Guy) has been busy working with local schools and youth groups; warning children, parents and staff about the very real dangers of drug use. These inputs are extremely informative, and complement our schools engagement strategy. We also continue to promote our work via social media and actively encourage the public to report any suspicious activity via 101 (non-emergencies), 999/112 (emergencies) or anonymously via www.crimestoppers-uk.org.</p>
Current Situation	<p>This is a work in progress. Drug use is a national problem and we are not at significant variance with any other comparable city. Although we have achieved some extremely positive results over recent months, drug dealing unfortunately remains a lucrative and attractive pastime for certain individuals in the community. Our proactive work will continue, and will be closely supported by our preventative and rehabilitative work.</p>
Lead Officer	<p>Sergeant Ian Wood, Cambridgeshire Constabulary</p>

Continue to target street based anti-social behaviour (ASB) in and around Mill Road	
Objective	<p>Target street-drinking and alcohol-related ASB in and around Mill Road</p>
Action Taken	<p><u>STATISTICAL ANALYSIS</u> Since 1st January 2016 to the current time of writing (12th December), roughly 25% of all calls to the police concerning Mill Road have been attributed to the streetlife community; so this is clearly an area of business that we still need to be focussing on.</p> <p>Further to Sgt Norden's observations back in July, although the City has experienced an unprecedented increase in the streetlife community over recent months, the volume of calls for service has remained relatively stable.</p> <p><u>ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY</u> We continue to conduct high visibility patrols in key ASB hotspots, in a bid to disrupt and deter crime and anti-</p>

social behaviour. Officers now routinely patrol with body-worn video cameras and are expected to obtain details of any ASB perpetrators (if they are unfamiliar with them), so we can keep up-to-date with this transient community. Dispersal notices are being routinely issued (where appropriate), and summons files for begging offences are submitted on a regular basis. Our information sharing protocol with the Council's Safer Communities team is much improved and we continue to work together to address the most problematic nominals. Furthermore, licenced premises' checks take place on a regular basis and any underperforming venues are managed on the Cardiff model (a traffic-light system which documents how licensed premises should be responsibly managing the sale of alcohol). We also routinely support the Border Enforcement Agency and Trading Standards with checks in this area.

Thanks to the ongoing engagement work conducted by our streetlife officers and partner agencies, we have a good overview of who is socialising where, and are slowly starting to understand why they participate in anti-social behaviour. A good recent example of this was a male with mental health issues whose behaviour was rapidly deteriorating, resulting in multiple offences being committed in the Mill Road area. Rather than prosecute him for a series of low-level public order and drug offences, we sought support from the mental health team and managed to find him the appropriate medical intervention that he desperately needed.

ASB HOTSPOTS

The Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) covering the area continues to be a proportionate and effective remedy to ASB. We are also working with partner agencies to address the problems caused by homeless people sleeping at the rear of Parkside Pool. We acknowledge that Mill Road cemetery is still a magnet for anti-social behaviour, due to its secluded location. In addition to our targeted patrols, we have worked with the Council Asset Development Officer and offered a free site security survey of the area; and have given advice about appropriate security measures and signage. Our advice is now being reviewed by the Diocese, but we understand that locking the site overnight is

	<p>(unfortunately) not a viable option.</p> <p>As previously mentioned, officers now have keys to the majority of public toilets across the city and will routinely check these whilst out on patrol, if it is believed they are being used by the homeless community and/or for drug taking. Officers are also equipped with the contact details of partner agencies that can facilitate a quick clean of the area as and when necessary.</p> <p><u>PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT</u></p> <p>Cambridge is an extremely welcoming and supportive City to the homeless community, but unfortunately this fact is clearly being exploited by a few dishonest individuals. We continue to make use of local and social media to promote our efforts surrounding ASB relating to the streetlife community and officers have been tasked to advise members of the public about alternative means to support the streetlife community, rather than giving them money. We have devised promotional material in a bid to combat begging. We also actively endorse and promote the City Council's Cambridge Street Aid initiative.</p>
Current Situation	Ongoing. Thanks to the hard work of local streetlife officers and partner agencies, we have a very good understanding of which nominals are causing these issues and (most importantly) we have strategies in-place to hold them to account for their actions. We will continue to support the legitimately vulnerable, and are making best use of our community contacts to achieve this goal.
Lead Officer	Sergeant Ian Wood, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Retain speed checks	
Objective	Promote road safety
Action Taken	<p><u>STATISTICAL ANALYSIS</u></p> <p>Since 1st January 2016 to the current time of writing (12th December), officers have responded to 217 road-related incidents in the east of the City. These incidents range from road traffic collisions, parking issues and highway obstructions, and account for less than 2% of all net calls received (9361). However, this does not include the proactive stops that officers make and does not take into account any traffic offence reports or summons issued.</p>

We now routinely make use of 'traffic monitoring data boxes' to monitor average speeds, when a suspected speeding hotspot is highlighted to us. One pertinent example was Devonshire Road back in mid-July, where 275 vehicles were scanned during the course of a mid-week day, of which 19% were found to be speeding.

On 1st December 2016, a Community Speedwatch operation was conducted in Tenison Road where the average speed recorded was 26mph; 81 vehicles were checked, and only 1 was caught speeding.

This information corroborates the County Council's road traffic data figures and suggests that speeding is often not quite as prevalent as the public perceive, mainly due to traffic congestion in the City.

ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

SOCIAL/LOCAL MEDIA: We continue to promote our road safety activities through social and local media where appropriate, and are constantly seeking to promote the Community Speedwatch scheme (see below). As part of our schools engagement plan, we are able to direct students, parents and staff to the Council's preferred cycle training provider (Outspoken) in a bid to promote road safety and hazard perception skills to our new, current and future road users.

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH: We continue to run Community SpeedWatch operations across the City, and would actively encourage members of the public to enrol; we provide the training and kit – all we require is your time. The 'Community SpeedWatch' scheme remains one of the most effective remedies for combatting speeding vehicles, for two reasons:

- 1) It provides a very visible reassurance that local residents and police care about road safety, and
- 2) It usually enables us to manage people's perceptions and expectations about the incidence of speeding in a specific area (either through data monitoring or operations themselves)

For further information, please see our website:
<https://www.cambs.police.uk/roadsafety/speedwatch/>

JOINT PATROLS WITH BRITISH TRANSPORT POLICE: We have an excellent working relationship with British Transport Police and have worked together on a number of projects, including cycle marking workshops and addressing parking issues. Although speed enforcement is not their usual remit, we will continue to address any anti-social road use in and around the curtilage of the railway station.

SPECIALIST SUPPORT: Our Roads Policing Unit colleagues are engaged in a number of national road safety schemes across the County (such as 'Operation Close Pass' and 'Don't Text and Drive'); they frequently conduct patrols in Cambridge and make Driving Improvement Scheme referrals where appropriate. We also have good links with the Council's Road Safety Team and Parking Enforcement Team, and regularly make referrals and engage in correspondence about common traffic issues. Furthermore, we have a bespoke Traffic Management Officer who regularly advises us about legislative issues surrounding amendments to traffic regulation orders and signage. Rather than responding reactively to road safety issues, we are now 'thinking outside the box' to see if there is potential to amend the local infrastructure in traffic hotspot areas. Although we are not the lead agency in these matters, a good example of this was when we referred Cllr Taylor to the 'Local Highways Improvement Initiative' aimed at improving parking in the Queen Edith's ward.

ENFORCEMENT STRATEGY

We continue to conduct patrols of established accident hotspots during key times, as and when we are able to. These patrols are balanced against competing demands at the time and are evidence-led, and I have ensured that officers on my team are trained in the use of speed detection devices.

In line with ACPO guidance, we do not routinely enforce 20mph zones as they were intended to be 'self-enforcing' by the local authorities when they were introduced (usually achieved through the use of traffic-calming measures). A more detailed overview of the national police stance on this contentious matter can be found here (<http://www.roadsafetygb.org.uk/news/2709.html>),

	though we will look at requests on an evidenced case-by-case basis. When dealing with members of the public for traffic offences, our preference is to educate road users in the first instance (usually via a referral through to the Driver Improvement Scheme), and then prosecute persistent or obviously dangerous behaviour.
Current Situation	Road safety is everyone's responsibility and we will continue to enforce any breaches of the law as and when we are able to.
Lead Officer	Sergeant Ian Wood, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

3 PRO-ACTIVE WORK & EMERGING ISSUES

Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Since the last committee meeting, we have experienced a noticeable change in demand for certain areas of business in the East of the City:

- **Safeguarding Vulnerable Residents:** Although we cannot name specific individuals, we have been busy addressing a huge volume of crime and ASB relating to a few key individuals who have experienced a deterioration in their mental health and/or increase in their drug and alcohol dependency. Work is ongoing with partner agencies to address these cases, which would otherwise have a significant impact on the local community. We would request that this is considered as a priority for the next meeting please, as it ties-in with the **Mill Road ASB** theme.
- **Road Safety:** This is an ongoing issue. We would request that a more generic 'Road Safety' priority is adopted, so we can evidence the other areas of work we are routinely engaged in, rather than simply focussing on speed enforcement.
- **ASB on the CB1 development** (which has minor ramifications on the East as it falls within the purview of the South area) has now significantly reduced, following our targeted patrols of the area. We will be de-escalating our response to this issue, in the absence of any further reports.
- **Violent crime and theft:** The incidence of violent crime and generic theft in the East of the City has increased over the past calendar year, though this is largely attributable to a shift in our Home Office Crime Recording Standards. We would welcome the opportunity to highlight our work in this arena, if deemed appropriate.

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The Safer Communities team has been involved in a number of serious ASB cases in the East and action has been taken to address this, including the servicing of three Notices of Seeking Possession, one injunction, one tenancy undertaking and three Acceptable Behaviour Contracts. In addition to this, we applied to the court for possession of a property because of continued allegations of nuisance behaviour. The court case has been adjourned but in the meantime very strict conditions have been put in place to help to protect the wider community.

The team continues to liaise with police and support agencies in order to tackle rough sleeping and associated anti-social behaviour and drug use in East Road and St Matthew's Street garages. A number of the garages were rented out and had been broken into by rough sleepers and/or drug users. There was significant fire damage to one occupied garage, highlighting the

potential risk to occupants. In addition, there was also a significant risk to legitimate garage users who reported needles and drug paraphernalia amongst their possessions. As a result, the Safer Communities team secured possession of the garages and nine injunctions to prevent individuals using the garages as a place to sleep or use drugs were served. All the individuals were offered support with securing alternative accommodation.

In order to support the streetlife community to move away from a street-based lifestyle, the Safer Communities team, in partnership with colleagues in Housing Advice, has developed a new campaign called Cambridge Street Aid. Launched in November, it is a long term initiative to encourage members of the public to consider donating their spare change to Cambridge Street Aid, rather than giving directly to people on the streets. All money raised will be spent on helping people leave the streets behind. Support workers will be able to bid into the fund on behalf of their clients. More information about Cambridge Street Aid and how to donate can be found at www.cambscf.org.uk/cambridge-street-aid.html

Members of the Safer Communities team have also delivered training on the Prevent agenda to councillors from the East area and Safety Zone sessions to children from the east of the city.

4 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

CURRENT CRIME & ASB INCIDENT LEVELS BY WARD

			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
AREA	City East	Jun 16 – Nov 16	97	60	340	19	15	123	359	165	150	427	1,755	721
		Dec 15 – May 16	56	73	283	19	8	93	292	116	156	394	1,490	640
		Jun 15 – Nov 15	90	79	252	6	16	62	322	118	150	368	1,463	623
WARDS	Abbey	Jun 16 – Nov 16	22	18	119	5	5	41	61	41	36	124	472	215
		Dec 15 – May 16	23	25	114	6	3	37	44	29	61	101	443	168
		Jun 15 – Nov 15	23	20	89	2	6	23	50	42	44	97	396	171
	Coleridge	Jun 16 – Nov 16	22	21	62	4	2	27	39	39	32	86	334	149
		Dec 15 – May 16	10	20	64	4	3	17	40	18	29	94	299	102
		Jun 15 – Nov 15	12	21	54	0	3	14	46	7	32	78	267	106
	Petersfield	Jun 16 – Nov 16	34	10	99	6	3	25	206	53	36	152	624	246
		Dec 15 – May 16	10	15	59	7	0	19	159	44	39	134	486	250
		Jun 15 – Nov 15	33	23	82	3	2	12	182	52	48	122	559	250
	Romsey	Jun 16 – Nov 16	19	11	60	4	5	30	53	32	46	65	325	111
		Dec 15 – May 16	13	13	46	2	2	20	49	25	27	65	262	120
		Jun 15 – Nov 15	22	15	27	1	5	13	44	17	26	71	241	96

5 RECOMMENDATIONS

- Safeguarding vulnerable residents (including Mill Road ASB)
- Road safety
- Combatting violent crime and theft

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT OF: Head of Environmental Services – Joel Carre
TO: East Area Committee
WARDS: Petersfield

Petersfield Green – Palmers Walk Pathway Consultation

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Palmers Walk Pathway was provided in its current format as part of the 1995 Petersfield Mansions development. The path is currently 1.2 metres in width and is bounded by grass on one side and a brick wall on the other.
- 1.2 The pathway connects Mill Road with Bradmore Street and provides a route to Anglia Ruskin University. Whilst the path has predominantly foot traffic it is also used by cyclists and this can cause conflict whereby the current width means that some users invariably have to move onto the grass in order to pass comfortably. During winter months this can lead to degradation to the grass along the path edge.
- 1.3 A suggestion to widen the pathway alongside Petersfield Mansions was raised at an East Area Committee several years ago and this was then taken forward by the Cambridge Cycling and Pedestrian Steering Group (CCPSG) to appraise the options and identify potential funding sources.
- 1.4 As part of this process a letter was sent to local residents in August 2015 to gauge views on widening the pathway to overcome this problem.
- 1.5 This approach was deemed to be insufficient as a consultation and in October 2016 a new consultation was undertaken. This report outlines the consultation process and feedback to date.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Members are asked

a) to note, discuss and comment on the outcomes of the October 2016 consultation focusing on two key elements:-

- The potential options to widen the pathway or not;
- To implement a cycling ban on the Palmers Walk footpath.

b) Give feedback to Officers that will be used to inform and make recommendations to the Cambridge Cycling and Pedestrian Steering Group.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 During August 2015 a letter was sent to local residents of contiguous properties of Petersfield Green proposing the widening of the open space section of Palmers Walk pathway. The proposal was to widen the footpath from its current width of 1.2 metres to a new width of 2.2 metres.

3.2 The initial feedback indicated that, whilst views were split there was slightly more respondents opposed to the widening than against it. Amendments were put forward by the CCPSG to address concerns raised were communicated to local residents. A decision was made to proceed with the amended proposal. This decision prompted by a petition and complaint to the City Council was investigated by the Independents Complaints Inspector (ICI in January 2016).

3.3 The ICI concluded that the format of the consultation undertaken was insufficient as it did not offer/explore other options. The ICI recommended that a new consultation should be undertaken to offer viable alternatives including leaving the footpath at its existing width.

3.4 The Senior Asset Development Officer from Streets and Open Spaces, with no previous dealings on the proposal was asked to undertake the new consultation.

4. CONSULTATIONS

4.1 Two consultations have been undertaken in relation to the Palmer's Walk Pathway project.

4.2 The first consultation in August 2015 was in the form of a local resident letter to properties in the immediate vicinity of Petersfield Green – see Appendix A. There were 19 respondents, 7 in favour, 12 against widening the pathway from 1.2 metres to 2.2 metres. The ICI concluded that this was not thorough enough as it only offered one option which was to widen and recommended the following actions:

- That the current decision to widen Palmers Walk was set aside.
- That a new consultation process was discussed with more inclusive stakeholder representation
- That a range of options rather than one option were identified to address original concerns.
- That the new consultation was undertaken by someone not personally involved in the current project.

4.3. In line with the recommendations outlined the Senior Asset Development Officer contacted and met on site on 29th July 2016 with several key stakeholders, the Petersfield Mansions Management Company and Anglia Ruskin University, the Petersfield Residents Association, Petersfield Ward Councillor's, Cambridge City Council Officers (Conservation and Access), Cambridgeshire County Council Highways and residents with a vested interest, notes from this meeting are available as background reading.

4.4 The new consultation, offering three options (Appendix B) ran between 7th October and 31st October 2016.

4.5 The consultation document also carried a further question as a result of a petition received in respect of whether the pathway in question should include a cycling ban, respondents were asked whether to support this petition by a simple yes or no response.

5 OPTIONS

5.1 The second consultation with a wider public consultation received a total of 62 responses.

There were 60 responses to the question asking which potential option people preferred, these options were:

1. Widen the path to 1.8m width;
2. Widen the path to 2.2m width; and
3. Do not widen the path and maintain at its current width of 1.2m.

- 11 of the responses (or 18%) preferred option 1,
- 14 of the responses (or 23%) preferred option 2 and
- 35 of the responses (or 59%) preferred option 3.
- Therefore 41% of respondents wanted to widen the footpath in some form and 58% wanted to maintain the current path width at 1.2 metres.

5.2 In relation to the question - Cambridge City Council has received a petition, signed by 76 Petersfield residents which asks for a cycling ban on Palmers Walk footpath, irrespective of whether the path is widen or not. Do you support this proposal?

There were 59 responses to the question with the options Yes or No, asking whether people supported the proposal for a cycling ban on the Palmer's Walk footpath.

- 46 of the responses (or 78%) said Yes they supported the proposal for a cycling ban and
- 13 of the responses (or 22%) said No they did not support the proposal for a cycling ban.

A majority of all respondents represent Petersfield Mansions.

6 CONCLUSIONS

- 6.1 In relation to whether the path should be widened or not there is a majority of just over half of respondents (59%) who wish for the path to remain at its current width.
- 6.2 In relation to support for a cycling ban on this route there is a significant majority (78%) that wish this to be implemented.
- 6.3 Whilst there are clear majorities for each of the options it should be noted that in terms supporting these, the original concerns raised around insufficient widths for users passing and subsequent ground deterioration during the winter months will remain.
- 6.4 It is also not clear on how respondent's opinions may have been altered or influenced as a result of the petition campaign. The petition was a canvassed position, not anonymous, derived from door to door contact. The consultations undertaken by CCC were anonymous and could be completed without direct external influence and after an extended period of consideration and thought.

6.5 The Final decision will be made at the meeting of the CCSPG on February 9th 2017.

7. IMPLICATIONS

(a) Financial Implications

Should the widening of the path be taken forward the cost would be in the region of £15,000. As part of the original proposal Anglia Ruskin University were willing to contribute £10k. At present this offer has been placed on hold until such time as the second consultation and recommendations are determined.

The remaining funding would be met from the Cambridge City Council Cycleways Budget (capital item PV007)

To provide the required advisory signage on a ban on cycling along the route would cost in the region of £500 with no current budget identified.

(b) Staffing Implications

No additional staff resource required over and above existing staff levels, if the scheme moved forward work would need to be scheduled using existing resource base.

(c) Equality and Poverty Implications

An Equalities Impact Assessment will need to be completed should the scheme proceed.

(d) Environmental Implications

Climate change rating = NIL

(e) Procurement

No procurement implications foreseen.

(f) Consultation and communication

The most recent consultation provides clear outcomes on public opinion. There has been stakeholder engagement thought the process and this will continue through the Senior Asset Development Officer until the final decision is communicated at the Cycling and Pedestrian Steering Group meets on 9th February 2017.

(g) **Community Safety**

The original enquiry discussed at East Area was based on an issue raised by a resident of Petersfield Mansions who raised safety concerns when exiting the properties directly onto the pathway. The concern related to fast moving cyclists along the route and that the path being narrow did not allow residents to step out directly onto the path with an adequate buffer zone to avoid such conflict. Any proposal to widen seeks to address this issue. The petition submitted at the second stage of consultation also relates to this concern.

BACKGROUND PAPERS:

The following are the background papers that were used in the preparation of this report:

- Notes taken from the stakeholder meeting on Petersfield Green 29/07/16
- Petersfield Green – Palmers Walk Pathway Consultation October 2016 results analysis

To inspect these documents contact Anthony French on extension 8521

The author and contact officer for queries on the report is Anthony French on extension 8521

Report file:

Date originated: 22 December 2016

Date of last revision: 22 December 2016

Appendix A – Letter sent to residents August 2015 detailing proposals for path widening at Palmer Walk, Petersfield Green.

Dear Resident,

Proposed widening of Palmer's Walk

The path running in front of Petersfield Mansions (identified below in red) is only 1.2m wide. This means that when passing each other pedestrians and cyclists often have to use the grass which is problematic when it is wet and muddy. It is also difficult for residents of Petersfield Mansions when exiting their properties as there is very little space for people to manoeuvre around each other.



Usage of this path has increased over the years with more cyclists using the path to access the cycle racks which have been installed on Bradmore Street as part of the expansion of Anglia Ruskin University. It is therefore proposed to widen the path by 1metre to cater for this increased usage and to improve access from Mill Road with the removal of a short section of railing and the installation of a flush kerb.

Petersfield is owned by the City Council and the path in question is maintained by the County Council as highway.

The cost of these works is approximately £20,000 and this project will be joint funded by Cambridge City Council and Anglia Ruskin University.

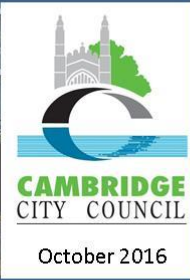
The path marked in blue is maintained by the City Council and we hope to improve the surface of this path at the same time if funding can be identified.

If you have any comments regarding the widening of this path or would like more information please contact cycling@cambridge.gov.uk by 14th September 2015.

Yours faithfully,

Clare Rankin - Cycling and Walking Officer

Appendix B– Petersfield Green – Palmers Walk Pathway Consultation October 2016



Petersfield Green - Palmers Walk Pathway Consultation

During August 2015 a letter was sent to local residents of Petersfield Green proposing the widening of the open space section of Palmers Walk pathway (shown in red on plan insert). The proposal was to widen the footpath from its current width of 1.2 metres to 2.2 metres.

Feedback received suggested that other options should have been considered and subsequently it was determined that the consultation should be repeated to offer viable alternatives including leaving the footpath at its existing width.

The purpose of any widening would be to alleviate conflict between users passing on the pathway, be they walking, cycling, in a wheelchair or pushing a pram or pushchair, particularly in poor weather when users may be required to use the grass which can deteriorate quickly in the winter.

Residents of Petersfield Mansions report safety concerns when leaving the building due to the use of the path outside their front doors by cyclists.

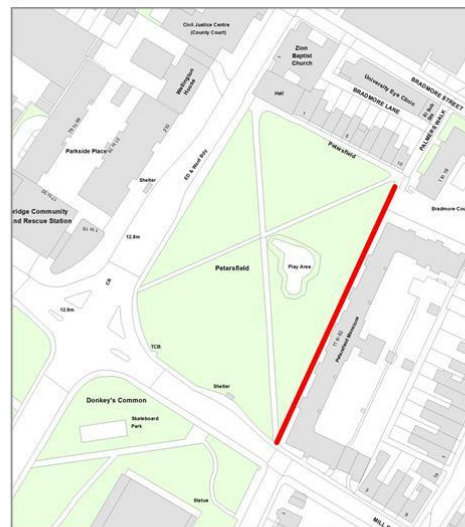
Inevitably, with options 1 and 2 below there will be a loss of open space by the increased width proposed along the stretch of pathway shown in red on the plan which is approximately 120 linear metres.

We would like your views as a local resident on the options for Palmers Walk Pathway.

The potential options are:

1. To widen the path to 1.8 metres (standard path width used in current new build areas - this would be a 0.6m increase on current width).
2. To widen the path to 2.2 metres (as originally proposed in 2015 - this would be a 1 metre increase on current width)
3. To not widen the path and maintain at its current width of 1.2 metres.

Please indicate your preference 1, 2 or 3 in the box below:



Petersfield Green - Palmers Walk Pathway Consultation

Cambridge City Council has received a petition, signed by 76 Petersfield residents, which asks for a cycling ban on the Palmer's Walk footpath, irrespective of whether the path is widened or not. Do you support this proposal?

Yes:

No:

Please enter your postcode

This will only be used to analyse the geography of respondents and for no other purpose.

Additional comments

If you would like further information please contact the Streets and Open Spaces Development Unit using the information provided below. Please return this leaflet to the freepost address below, or you can email your response to Parks@cambridge.gov.uk Additional copies of this survey can be requested by using this email address or by calling 01223 458530.

The consultation will end on Monday 31st October 2016

Freepost: Petersfield Green Pathway Project, Freepost RTGU-HXRA-REBZ, Cambridge City Council, Mill Road Depot CB1 2AZ

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CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL Officer Record of Decision

Ditton Fields play area improvements

Decision of:	Alistair Wilson Asset Manager (Streets and Open Spaces)	
Reference:	16/EAC/S106/06	
Date of decision:	5.12.16	Recorded on: 5.12.16
Decision Type:	Non-key	
Matter for Decision:	Implementation of the Ditton Fields play area improvement scheme and the increased S106 funding level, which is now available from devolved S106 funding from Abbey ward.	
Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options):	<p>As part of the 2015/16 S106 priority-setting round, local residents and children proposed improvements to Ditton Fields play area. The East Area Committee on 29 October 2015 decided to fund two local play area improvement projects (at Ditton Fields and Dudley Road), albeit that the two schemes might have to be smaller than originally requested given limited S106 funding availability in Abbey ward.</p> <p>The Area Committee agreed to allocate at least £25,000 of S106 funding for the Ditton Fields play area improvements, subject to business case approval. This was based on £18k from devolved (play) 'provision for children and teenagers' contributions and £7k from devolved 'informal open space' contributions. This was on the understanding that, if more devolved contributions became available, officers could increase the funding for, and scope of, these play area improvements.</p> <p>Since then, it has been possible to increase the budget for this play area project to £38,489.</p>	
Decision(s):	Approval of the Ditton Fields play area improvement scheme and the increased funding level now £38,489 from devolved s106 funding from Abbey ward.	
Reasons for the decision:	As set out in the Officers Report	
Scrutiny consideration:	Chair and Vice Chair of East Committee were consulted	
Conflicts of	No conflicts of interest were declared	

interest:

Comments: Ward Councillors expressed support.

PART B: Full Business Case

Ditton Fields play area improvements

S106-funded projects which have been agreed by Area Committees or Executive Councillors through the S106 priority-setting process do not require a Part A Outline Business Case.

IMPLICATIONS: Please confirm you have taken corporate advice in preparing the Part B.

S106: I have referred to the S106 report and minutes relating to this project. I have consulted the Urban Growth Project Manager (UGPM) on the eligibility of the project for S106 funding and availability of appropriate contributions, which have been allocated to this project.	YES
VAT: I confirm that I have consulted with the VAT and Treasury Accountant on the VAT implications of the project and obtained the following comment.	YES
No VAT implications identified following discussions with Steve Bevis as confirmed on 14 th October 2016.	
Procurement: I confirm I have consulted with the Procurement Officer to agree on the procurement strategy.	YES
Climate Change rating: I have submitted the completed Climate Change Rating Tool to the Climate Change Officer.	YES

S106 priority-setting context:

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Since then, it has been possible to increase the budget for this play area project to **£38,489**.

B1. Capital Project Appraisal - Capital costs & funding – profiling (see breakdown in Appendix A)

Ditton Fields play area: installation of design submitted by the projects team using in stock items of play. This has been evaluated and judged to provide the best play value, innovation, layout and value for money. Items include trampoline, wobbly bridge, two bay swing unit including cradle seat. In addition new seats, litter bins and recycling facilities will be included. No impact will take place on existing trees.

Of this it is estimated that £23,489 would relate to (play) 'provision for children and teenagers' and £15,000 would relate to 'informal open space' contributions. See Appendix D.

Total Capital Costs	£38,489 (from devolved S106 funding from Abbey ward)
Total Capital Funding Requirements	£0

B2. Revenue Costs and Funding (see breakdown in Appendix B)

	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	Annual on-going
Total Annual Revenue costs	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Revenue funding requirements	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0

B3. Findings from feasibility study

This is a local S106 priority project, which complies with the S106 eligibility criteria. Whilst a feasibility project has not been necessary, since S106 priority-setting the project details has been developed further by officers with local ward councillors.

The need for the play area improvements is backed by the findings of the council's Outdoor Play Investment Strategy 2016-2020. The play area audit found that Ditton Fields scored high (73%) for appropriateness of location and but lower for actual play value of the equipment provided (60%).

B4. Procurement Strategy

Target dates for major procurement elements of the project (where appropriate):

Start of procurement	August 2016
Award of Contract	November/December 2016
Start of project delivery	January 2017
Completion of project	February 2017
Date project output expected to become operational (if not same as above)	February 2017 following receipt of post-installation report.

B5. Staffing and external contractor resources

Skill/level/person	Estimated no. hours	Estimated Duration	
		Start date	Finish date
Project Manager	35	August 2016	February 2017
Project team expert	N/A		
Contractor/Consultant	N/A		
Legal	N/A		
Human Resources	N/A		
Finance	N/A		
Procurement	N/A		
etc. backfill/temporary staff resource	N/A		

B6. Wider staff implications

None identified outside of those listed in B5 above.

B7. Outline your approach to consultation

The City Council Planning Service has stated that the project falls within part 12 of the General Permitted Development Order 1995 (as amended) and constitute permitted development.

Initial consultation has been with ward members with each receiving a copy of the preferred design. The design was delivered by the City Council project team. This design was sent to ward members for comments prior to going to full public consultation. All ward member responses were very positive.

A formal consultation involving 500 properties in the vicinity of the play area was started in September and concluded on 28 October 2016. The consultation also included an online survey (survey monkey) and site visits by CCC CHYPS team who discussed the proposals face to face with younger users of the existing play area. Results from the consultation have been overwhelmingly in support of the project with 94% in favour, and 6% against. A full breakdown of results is attached as Appendix C.

B8. Equalities Impact (EQIA)

There will be a positive improvement in access routes/access/egress from the site. Equipment will be inclusive to users of all abilities.

B9. Environmental Impact

Low positive impact

No increase of vehicular movement is expected as the play area is classed as an area within easy reach of pedestrian users. Positive impacts will come from the enhancement of the green by the sympathy shown in the design to its environmental surroundings.

B10. Other Impacts

Increased positive user experience anticipated as a result of the improvements. It is envisaged users will want to stay longer in the play areas and may come from further afield to use the equipment. The project will help to deliver improved play facilities in the East area of the city and have a positive increase in public relations.

B11. Risk assessment

The implementation arrangements aim to mitigate the following risks:

- Delays in the delivery of the project following consultation and not meeting deadlines
- Poor public relations in not delivering project
- Declining asset in both value and quality
- Adverse impact on use as a result of asset decline

B12. Anticipated approach and timetable

Stage/Milestone	Outcome/Deliverable	Date of Completion
Procurement	Contractor appointed	November/December 2016
Play area installation	Completed	February 2017

B13. Project Approval Sign Off

	Date agreed
Project Officer: John Parrott	November 2016
Service manager: Alistair Wilson	November 2016

	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	Comments
CAPITAL COSTS						
Building contractor / works	£38,489	£0	£0	£0	£0	
Purchase of vehicles, plant & equipment (including IT infrastructure & costs)	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	
Professional / Consultants fees	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	
Other capital expenditure:	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	
Total Capital costs	£38,489	£0	£0	£0	£0	
CAPITAL INCOME						
Government Grant	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	
Developer Contributions	£38,489	£0	£0	£0	£0	Appropriate devolved S106 funding from Abbey ward has been allocated for this project.
R&R funding (if applicable)	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	
Earmarked Funds	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	
Existing capital programme funding	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	
Total Capital income	£38,489	£0	£0	£0	£0	
NET CAPITAL BID	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	<i>Total costs – total income</i>

Ditton Fields play area improvements: Revenue Costs

Appendix B

	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	Comments
Maintenance	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	
Insurance	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	
Operating costs	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	
Staff (savings)/costs	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	
Energy (savings)/costs	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	
Other (savings)/costs	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	
Existing budget provision	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	
Net Revenue Implications	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	

Ditton Fields play area improvements Breakdown of consultation responses

Responses	Number of responses	Like the design	Do not like the design
Hard copies	19	19	0
Survey Monkey	29	26	3
Total	48	45	3

In percentage terms, this equates to liking the design at 94% with 6% disliking and 8% unsure.

The majority of unsure responses revolved around not enough equipment provided for the size of area. However with the limited budget available the design will enable further equipment to be provided should any funding become available in future.

Conclusion

The overwhelming majority of responses are in favour of the proposed design and with most of the do not like responses unable to accommodate through budgetary constraints.

Ditton Fields play area improvements Cost breakdown

Play (provision for children and teenagers)

Supply and install items – Trampoline
Two bay swing seat unit
Wobbly bridge
Hill Fort and traverse wall
Free standing slide

To include safety surface directly under items

Sub-total **£23,489**

Informal open space

To supply and install - Safety surface in fall area (area surrounding the play item offering impact absorbing fall area, as per item installation specification)

To develop safety surface, fence, gates and footway through the play area.

Sub-total **£15,000**

Play and Informal open Total £38,489

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