



Cambridge City Council East Area Committee

Date: Thursday, 11 July 2019

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Anglia Ruskin: LAB 006 located on Ground Floor of Lord Ashcroft Building (Entrance is opposite Broad Street CB1 2NJ)

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Agenda

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- 2 Welcome, Introduction and Apologies for Absence
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- 6 Open Forum (Petition)
To welcome a group of young people to present a petition concerning the resurfacing of the Tennis Court on the corner of Newmarket and Barnwell Road.
- 7 Policing and Safer Neighbourhoods (Pages 15 - 22)
- 8 Open Forum (General)
- 9 Burnside Lakes
To welcome Christian Criscione (Communications Officer Anderson) who will give a verbal presentation on Burnside Lakes.
- 10 Greater Cambridge Partnership
To welcome representatives from Greater Cambridge Partnership on City Access / Choices for Better Journeys and a wider project update of more local issues.
- 11 Outside Body Appointment: Cambridge Airport Consultative Committee
- 12 Outside Body Appointment: East Barnwell Community Centre

City Councillors: Barnett (Chair), Moore (Vice-Chair), Baigent, Davies, Davey, Green, Hadley, Herbert, Johnson, Massey, Robertson and Smith

County Councillors: Jones, Kavanagh and Whitehead

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EAST AREA COMMITTEE4 April 2019
7.00 - 8.30 pm**Present**

Area Committee Members: Councillors Barnett (Chair), Moore (Vice-Chair), Green, Baigent, Blencowe, Herbert, Johnson, Smith, Kavanagh and Whitehead

Officers:

Head of Corporate Strategy: Andrew Limb

Operations Manager – Community Engagement and Enforcement: Wendy Johnston

Senior Grants Officer: Elaine Shortt

Committee Manager: Claire Tunnicliffe

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL

19/8/EAC Welcome, Introduction and Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Benstead, Jones, Hart & Massey

19/9/EAC Declarations of Interest**19/10/EAC Minutes****Councillor Whitehead provided an update to the minute 19/5/EAC:**

Under the Local Highways Improvement Innovative funding had been granted in principle for the double yellow lines to be extended along Wadloes Road; there would now be a public consultation.

Councillor Baigent stated the following under page 8 of the agenda pack, minute 19/6/EC:

Following public concern over the lack of action regarding drug dealing and associated anti-social behaviour, a meeting was held with City Councillors and the Chief Constable who gave a convincing argument that action was being taken on this matter. He explained that he had since received two letters from the public regarding drug dealing on Argyle Street and needle finds on Romsey Rec. The information had been passed to the local Police Sergeant via e-mail copying in the Chief Constable.

A response had been received from the Police Sergeant who advised high-visibility patrols had taken place every day for a week at various times and no needles had been found or any associated anti-social behaviour witnessed. However two members of the public during the patrol had confirmed that drug deals and drug use had taken place on Romsey Rec despite the high police presence. The Police Sergeant also stated that drug needles had been found at the play area of Ross Street Community Centre.

Councillor Baigent concluded that concerned residents, many of whom were parents and grandparents, should write to the Chief Constable and the Police and Crime Commissioner as further action was needed such as covert operations; high visibility patrols were simply not enough. Drug dealing and associated anti-social behaviour needed to be stopped permanently.

The Committee were asked to agree that a letter also be sent to the Chief Constable and the Police and Crime Commissioner outlining the Committee's concerns. It was agreed to do so. **(ACTION)**.

Councillor Baigent then gave apologies and left the meeting.

Councillor Taylor provided an update to the minute 19/4EAC:

Huntingdonshire District Council was now running workshops on improvements to make taxi fleets environmentally friendly. Taxi Licensing Councillors from South Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridge City had been introduced to each other.

Councillor Moore advised that she and Councillor Herbert had met with the Chief Executive and Leader of South Cambridgeshire District Council to raise the issue of taxis and how to ensure the same standards of safeguarding as the City Council were met; and how to make the fleet environmentally friendly. The conversation had been positive.

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 January 2019 were then signed as a correct record by the Chair.

19/11/EAC Matters and Actions Arising from the Minutes

The Action Sheet was noted and an updated copy could be viewed at the following link under 'Committee Action Sheet':

<https://democracy.cambridge.gov.uk/mgChooseDocPack.aspx?ID=3513>

19/12/EAC Environmental Report - East Area Committee

The Committee received a report from the Operations Manager - Community Engagement and Enforcement.

The report outlined an overview of City Council's Streets and Open Spaces, Environmental Health and Shared Waste service activity relating to the geographical area served by the East Area Committee.

The Operations Manager – Community Engagement and Enforcement made the following comments in response to the Committee's questions:

- i. Confirmed the total of 426 needles reported in the Environment and Waste Data table in Abbey Ward was over three different incidents of needles.
- ii. All needle finds were reported to the County Council who worked with the Police, but could not comment on the working relationship between the two organisations.
- iii. When a report of a needle find had been sent through from the Customer Contact Centre, the officer usually visited the site within an hour, not the five days which had recently been reported to a member of the public.
- iv. Would ensure that the message of the correct time for pick up for reported needle finds was reiterated to all Customer Contact staff so that the information given would be correct.
- v. Needles were always given the highest priority when reported.
- vi. Would request with the relevant report author regarding the waste and recycling data to include additional information as to what the percentage reported equated to.
- vii. Some black bins were purchased by residents; if the bins appeared to be abandoned, the City Council would take them away, following the bin abandonment process.

Councillor Moore explained that the top line of the waste and recycling data showed the percentage of the waste collected for the blue bins, with the second line, the green bins.

The Committee passed on their thanks to officers for their work undertaken to produce the report and commented that they liked the new style of the report.

19/13/EAC Open Forum

Members of the public asked the following questions to the Committee (the first two questions were submitted via e-mail):

Could we have some more bulbs planted outside the Barnwell Road library to spruce it up a bit?

Councillor Johnson: Had brought the request to the attention of the Executive Councillor for Streets and Open Spaces, Councillor Thornburrow, who advised that this should be a straight forward process. This would be discussed at a future date after the meeting.

Could the Committee discuss doing something similar to the Romsey R or the information board at Arbury Court outside the shops on Barnwell Road? Show a bit of pride in our neighbourhood.

Councillor Johnson: Agreed the area could be improved. The S106 (developer contributions) funding round open for grants to improve local facilities was now open. Would speak to local community groups on how to apply to apply for funding.

There were a number of broken drain covers along the route of Coleridge Road to the Brook, these need repairing.

County Councillor Kavanagh: The best way to report any issues with the highway was through the County Council website where you would be given a reference number and the relevant officer would have to respond within an agreed time frame.

The Marshalls housing development off Newmarket Road also includes a primary school. I recall being informed at a meeting of East Area Committee that a secondary school would also be built in this area; is this still the case?

County Councillor Whitehead: There would be a primary school built on the site but no secondary school.

Councillor Blencowe: There was a reference to the secondary school in the Master Plan for the land North of Cherry Hinton between the airport and St. Andrews Church.

County Councillor Whitehead advised plans for the secondary school had been placed in abeyance, it may be possible within the next five or six years if there was a need in the east of the city. Any multi academy trust could apply to the DFE for permission to build a school whether or not it is required. Permission had been given but there were no plans for the school to be built in the immediate future.

Parking spaces have been marked out along the Ancaster Way but there is not enough space for the disabled parking.

County Councillor Taylor: Blue badge holders could park in any resident's bay.

Councillor Barnett: This would be passed on to County Councillor Crawford for further investigation.

There are a number of proposed developments in Abbey Ward similar in design from budget hotels to multiple supermarkets and more student housing. There is a concern on the affect this would have in the area with an increase in congestion and air pollution along Newmarket Road. Could the Committee advise what consideration was being given to these issues?

Councillor Johnson: Agreed that a better quality of development was required particularly in the Abbey Ward; sustainability was a key issue and quality of life for residents had to be taken into consideration.

Could an update be given on the Barnwell Hub development?

Councillor Whitehead: The Barnwell Hub was at the pre-planning stages with the City Council.

Would like to bring to the Committee's attention the illegal parking in and around Wadloes Road; largely created by individuals parking and going to McDonalds, as there was not enough space in the carpark. Parking was also taking place on the chevrons. These issues affect me on a daily with vehicles parking in front of my garage, vehicles causing obstructions outside my house and litter. Regular enforcement was needed.

Councillor Whitehead: If people are parking in an area which was under a resident's parking scheme then this would be an issue with the City Council and Cambridgeshire County Council (traffic warden patrol), otherwise it was a Police matter.

Councillor Johnson: The concerns raised were shared by many residents on Newmarket and Wadloes road. Despite Abbey ward Councillors objections to McDonald's request to increase the number of drive through windows, permission was granted.

Councillors have been speaking with McDonalds to increase their litter patrols as there was certainly room for improvement; it was unacceptable that litter was being thrown from the vehicles. Councillor Whitehead has put in a request to double the amount of yellow lines.

Councillor Whitehead: Would ask the police to increase their patrols in the area if the resident could advise if there were certain times of the day when it was particularly bad **(ACTION)**.

The new children park on Coldham Common is fantastic, what is the time scale for installation at St Matthews play area.

Councillor Blencowe: This has been scheduled but could not say when but would hope a response could be recorded in the minutes.

Committee Manager Note: The Project Engineer has stated that future timescales are that the play area should be complete (subject to approval at consultation) by the end of September. However this may slip depending on procurement and legal input.

Would the Committee advise on how funding could be allocated to support a women's suffrage mural which could raise the profile of individuals such as former Councillor Clara Rackham.

Councillor Smith: S106 public art money can be applied for; but in the first instance it would be beneficial to speak with the City Council public art officer. The officer would advise on what requirements were needed to apply for the funding.

It would be beneficial if a Cambridge Society Fair (particularly at ward level, highlighting Coleridge) could be organised; to encourage community activity bringing residents and various associations together.

Councillor Smith: Welcomed the suggestion but there were opportunities throughout the East Area to advertise organisations and groups, such as an East Area Committee. Recently in Romsey, a meeting had been organised with Councillors, residents and local business to discuss ideas regarding community events throughout the summer, particularly when Mill Road Bridge would be shut. Adverts had been placed around Romsey advertising the meeting and around 40 people had shown up. This was an example of a positive and powerful community discussion which anyone could organise

19/14/EAC EAC Area Committee Grants 2019-20

The Committee received a report from the Senior Grants Office regarding Area Committee Community Grants.

The report detailed applications received to date for 2019-20 funding for projects in the East area and made recommendations for awards. It also provided information on the eligibility and funding criteria.

In response to a question from Councillor Green, the Senior Grants Officers advised that funding had been allocated in the past to the organisers of the Mill Road festival, but had not applied for 2019/20.

Following discussion, Members **resolved (unanimously):**

To agree the proposed awards detailed in Appendix 1 of the officers report and as summarised in the table below.

Ref	Organisation	Purpose	Award £
E1	Abbey People	Big Lunch - June 2019	2,000
E2	Abbey People	3 outings + Christmas lights event	2,000
E3	Birdwood Area Residents' Association	1 trip	230
E4	Cambridge Community Church (C3)	7 week empowerment course for women	843
E5	Forever Active Forum Ltd	Weekly exercise to music class + 12 strength and balance classes	1,000
E6	Friends of Mill Road Cemetery	Support for volunteers for community events + maintenance	170
E7	Hemingford & Romsey Roads Street Party Group	Street party - 13 July 2019	650

E8	Kings Hedges Family Support Project (The)	50 weekly drop-in session at Fields Centre	2,300
E9	Menagerie Theatre Company	26 drama workshops for young mothers + performance	3,270
E10	Merry-Go-Round Toy Library	Replacement toys	350
E11	Oblique Arts	"Arty Abbey" project - 8 workshops for disadvantaged 11-16 year olds + event	1,125
E12	Petersfield Area Community Trust (PACT)	Annual summer event + monthly community activities	2,500
E13	Romsey Mill Trust	40 weekly targeted youth sessions + detached youth work	4,857
		Total	£21,295

The meeting ended at 8.30 pm

CHAIR

Committee	East Area Committee Action Sheet
Meeting Date	04/04/19
Updated on	05/04/19

ACTION	LEAD OFFICER/ MEMBER	TIME- SCALE	PROGRESS
To speak with the City Council's Project Leader, John Richards, on producing a document that would go out to consultation on parking/ double yellow lines on Riverside and on reconfiguring the entrance to Stourbridge Common	Cllr Whitehead	11/01/18 2/07/18 22/10/18	The end of Riverside and Stourbridge was now being incorporated into a potential resident parking zone, which now included Riverside, Oyster Road, Garlic Row, Stanley Road and Newmarket Road. An informal survey with residents had been undertaken by Cllr Whitehead and the results would be published soon. The informal survey (results had shown that residents were in support of the parking zones) had been submitted to the County Council's Parking Officer. A formal public consultation was now being drawn up. The scheme was due to go out for formal public consultation in November with a drop in meeting for residents on 29 th November.
To provide an update at the next meeting on a potential campaign regarding wheelie bins being left out in the street and information leaflet	Councillor Moore Councillor Smith Councillor Moore	11/01/18 11/01/18 12/07/18	If bins are left out on the street this becomes the responsibility of the Executive Councillor for Streets and Open Spaces. Due to a change in regulation it was now more problematic for the Council to take action. Discussion had taken place regarding the use of red stickers when the bins were not put away. A campaign was being planned to encourage residents to be more thoughtful to their neighbours when leaving their bins out, this would take place after the new recycling campaign. The Enforcement Officers had been working with Legal to look to target areas where the civic action route could be taken on those repeat offenders who left their bins out which became a nuisance. The sticker campaign was still in the planning stages.
To follow up with Officers on the notice issued of enforcement in relation to Walkers Garage site in Perowne Street	Councillor Robertson	11/01/18 12/07/18	A S215 had been served on the owners which came into effect in August 2017 which they had six months to comply. Officers would be undertaking a site visit in February and further action would be taken if required. Officers had received no response from the owner and would be seeking a

ACTION	LEAD OFFICER/ MEMBER	TIME- SCALE	PROGRESS
		10/01/19	<p>contractor making the site safe and would also be looking at demolition of the building.</p> <p>No further action had yet been taken but Officers were still working on the matter.</p>
To arrange a Ward Walk About around Tiverton Way with Mrs Deards and Mrs Griffiths in May 2018 and look at possible places for bike racks to be installed.	Councillor Moore	12/07/18	The ward walk about had taken place but the officer responsible for the bike racks could not attend and had since visited separately. A meeting would be arranged with the officer to discuss this further.
Would liaise with officers what action could be taken regarding ball games being played when the signs in the area stated no ball games.	Councillor Moore	12/07/18	
To send a letter to the Chief Constable and the Police and Crime Commissioner outlining the Committee's concerns of drug taking on Romsey Rec.	Councillor Barnett	04/04/19	
To contact the Police to request additional patrols at certain time of the day along Wadloes Road (specific times had been passed on by residents to Councillor Whitehead).	Councillor Whitehead	04/14/19	
To ask Councillor Crawford to investigate the size of the parking spaces which been marked out along the Ancaster Way. It had been reported that there was not enough space in the allocated disabled bay to park to allow a wheelchair user to exit the vehicle.	Councillor Barnett	04/04/19	

Neighbourhood Profile

Cambridge City East – July 2019



Wards: Abbey, Coleridge, Petersfield and Romsey

Produced by:

Cambridgeshire Constabulary:

- Inspector Paul Rogerson
- Sergeant Jim Stevenson

Safer Communities, Cambridge City Council:

- Lynda Kilkelly, Safer Communities Manager
- Sarah Steggles, Senior ASB Officer



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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 on-going and emerging crime and disorder issues, and provide recommendations for future areas of concern 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 from December 2018 to May 2019, compared to the previous six months (June 2018 to November 2018) and the same six months last year (December 2017 to May 2018); and
- Information provided by the Safer Neighbourhood Policing team and the City Council's Safer Communities team.

2. Current Areas of Concern

At the East Area Committee meeting of 10 January 2019, the committee recommended adopting the following local area of concern:

- Dealing of drugs, drug use and the associated anti-social behaviour.

Lead officers and actions to be taken were agreed following the committee meeting. The work undertaken and current situation is detailed below.

Dealing of drugs, drug use and the associated anti-social behaviour

Objective: To disrupt the use of illegal drugs and disrupt the sale of those drugs as well as the associated antisocial behaviour across the East area of the City, paying particular concern to the use of public spaces, such as recreation grounds.

Action Taken: This report contains information on the activity of the Neighbourhood Policing Department's Impact Team and Community Action Team's activity in Cambridge East and the City East Geographical Team.

Several vehicles reported as being involved in drug dealing have been intercepted on Birdwood Road, Vinery Road, Bridewell Road, St. Bede's Crescent, Rustat Road and Walpole Road. These stops have resulted in the seizure of nearly £5,000 in cash and over 500 wraps of crack cocaine and heroin. These actions have also resulted in the arrest of four individuals for various drugs offences. It is important to note that many of the initial contact from residents would have resulted in local intelligence being created about the

vehicles in question and they were then stopped at a later time or date. The officers acting on this information would not have known where it came from due to the intelligence process sanitising any information about its source. As such I'd like to take this opportunity to thank local residents for their assistance in helping us identify these vehicles. Please be assured that even if you didn't see any police activity after you called us, doesn't mean that we didn't make good use of your information.

Three Section 8 Notices have been issued at premises thought to be housing drug dealers in Ashley Court, Shenstone House and Lichfield Road. Two search warrants issued by Cambridge Magistrates to officers using powers under section 23 Misuse of Drugs Act were carried out in Whitehall Road and Wycliffe Road, and this activity resulted in seven further arrests for drugs offences and the seizure of more cash and class A drugs.

We have had two rounds of Operation Carmel activity on the East. The first in was in the Staffordshire Gardens and Ashley Court area. This resulted in 24 hours of additional patrols, as well as joint street surgeries with the City Council's Safer Communities team. Environmental Audits with the Council have identified a number of issues to improve the area, such as better street lighting, CCTV cameras and other environmental issues. The second and more recent period of activity was in the Tenison Road and Ravensworth Gardens area: this resulted in 32 hours of additional patrols, police and Council street surgeries, and an up-to-date environmental audit, with areas for long term improvement to create a more hostile environment for drug-related antisocial behaviour (ASB) identified.

Specific concerns about Romsey and Coleridge Recreation Grounds have produced a number of additional patrols in those green spaces, lead by local officers and PCSOs. A new Environmental Audit of Romsey Recreation Ground has highlighted a number of areas for improvement. Concerns about needles and other found drug paraphernalia have been passed to the City Council's environmental services team.

As a result of an incident of serious street-based violence on Coleridge Recreation Ground, we formed a team of officers to take immediate action to tackle the increase of serious violence in the City. Officers from the local community policing units were included in that team. Other neighbourhood policing resources have been used to support that, with additional activity, including enhanced patrols in the public green spaces and recreation spaces in the East of the City.

Current Situation: We still have active patrol plans for Staffordshire Gardens, Romsey Recreation Ground and Coleridge Recreation Ground, tackling reports of ASB in those areas. We need residents to continue to keep us informed of suspicious activity in their neighbourhoods to allow us to focus our resources. We continue to work with the City Council's Safer Communities team to target persistent antisocial offenders.

Lead Officer: PS453 Jim Stevenson

3. *Proactive Work and Emerging Issues*

Cambridgeshire Constabulary

With the impending school holidays and improving weather, we will be increasing our focus on ASB, especially in the evenings around public parks. We are also focusing on an

increase in reported begging and other antisocial behaviour on Mill Road and the immediate surrounding area.

Cambridge City Council

During the last reporting period, antisocial behaviour (ASB) officers in the Safer Communities team have been involved in dealing with a number of high level cases and have taken action, as appropriate, including:

- County Court action resulting in an outright possession order against a tenant involved in serious nuisance in Athlone;
- County Court action resulting in ASB injunctions against two people involved in causing nuisance in Gray Road: this is part of ongoing casework associated with serious ASB in Gray Road;
- County Court action resulting in ASB injunctions against three prolific individuals in relation to anti-social and drug-related activity in the area around Burleigh Street and The Grafton. The injunctions have excluded the individuals concerned from the area for two years. As a result of the injunction, two of the three individuals have now engaged with services, sought help with their drug dependencies and are in their own accommodation. Unfortunately one continues to breach the injunction and therefore we are applying to the court for committal proceedings;
- Door knocking in Argyle Street, along with the local police team, due to ASB concerns raised in the area;
- Street Surgery in Whitehill Close, along with the local police team, due to ASB concerns raised: as a result the team are now looking into reports related to specific properties with a view to taking appropriate action, where necessary;
- One person has signed an Acceptable Behaviour Contract to address ASB in the Staffordshire Street area;
- Continuing to be a key partner for CB1, working with agencies in the area. The open park has been positively received by the community and hosted the first 'Big Lunch' event, which was well attended;
- Preventative work to reduce ASB in Wycliffe Road and Seymour Street, which is also being discussed in the City Council's multi-agency Problem Solving Group. Action will be taken where City Homes properties have been linked to serious drug related activity; and
- Attending Environmental Visual Audits, carried out by the police's Community Safety Officer, in Walpole Road's sheltered schemes, Coleridge Rec and Vinery Rec. Work will be carried out in terms of any recommendations from those Audits.

4. Additional Information

CORA is currently unable to provide data for this table

	City East			Abbey			Coleridge			Petersfield			Romsey		
	12/18 - 05/19	06/18 - 11/18	12/17 - 05/18	12/18 - 05/19	06/18 - 11/18	12/17 - 05/18	12/18 - 05/19	06/18 - 11/18	12/17 - 05/18	12/18 - 05/19	06/18 - 11/18	12/17 - 05/18	12/18 - 05/19	06/18 - 11/18	12/17 - 05/18
Dwelling Burglary															
Other Burglary															
Violent Crime / *with Injury															
Robbery															
Theft of Vehicle															
Theft from Vehicle															

	City East			Abbey			Coleridge			Petersfield			Romsey		
	12/18 — 05/19	06/18 — 11/18	12/17 — 05/18	12/18 — 05/19	06/18 — 11/18	12/17 — 05/18	12/18 — 05/19	06/18 — 11/18	12/17 — 05/18	12/18 — 05/19	06/18 — 11/18	12/17 — 05/18	12/18 — 05/19	06/18 — 11/18	12/17 — 05/18
Cycle Theft															
Theft from Shop															
Criminal Damage															
Other Crime															
Total Crime															
Total ASB															

5. *Recommendations*

The following local areas of concern are recommended for consideration:

- Serious street-based violence, targeting offenders
- Serious street-based violence, youth based interventions