



Cambridge City Council
South Area Committee

Date: Monday, 6 September 2021

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: This a virtual meeting and therefore there is no physical location for this meeting.

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Agenda

- 1 Welcome, Introduction and Apologies for Absence (Pages 3 - 4)
- 2 Declarations of Interest
- 3 Minutes (Pages 5 - 10)
- 4 Matters and Actions Arising from the Minutes (Pages 11 - 12)

Items for Discussion

- 5 Open Forum
- 6 Policing and Safer Neighbourhoods (Pages 13 - 20)

City Councillors: Page-Croft (Chair), Hauk (Vice-Chair), Ashton, Cox, S. Davies, Dryden, Flaubert, Lee and McPherson

County Councillors: Beckett, Goodliffe and Slatter

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Information relating to Area Committee meetings

Council agreed on 27 May 2021:

“That Area Committees continue to be run virtually up to 31 December 2021 initially, with a review by Civic Affairs Committee in the autumn on a more permanent change and to request that the Monitoring Officer make necessary immediate amendments to the Council’s Constitution to give effect to this change.”

As Councillors will be aware, the Government did not extend the provisions in the Coronavirus Act 2020 beyond 7 May 2021 to enable councillor decision making to take place virtually.

Area Committees, by being virtual and not in person, will therefore not be able to make any decisions either independently or that have been delegated by the Executive (eg area committee grants-which are not scheduled to be considered until spring 2022).

Civic Affairs Committee will consider the pros and cons of continuing with virtual Area Committees in the autumn. At Council on 27 May, Members asked that other considerations are also included in the review (eg the boundaries of the current Area Committees, the format). Councillors views will be canvassed as part of the review.

The Constitution needs to be amended to reflect that Area Committees will be non-decision making **for as long as they are held virtually**.

The changes to the Constitution are as follows:

Article 8

8.2.5 Area committees have these principal purposes:

- ~~To make decisions concerning executive and regulatory functions of the Council which have been delegated to them;~~

Deleted as Area Committees cannot make decisions whilst being held virtually.

Part 3 Section 11

This section describes the Council functions for which area committees are to be responsible for.

This will not apply in so far as Area Committees operating as virtual meetings cannot be decision making. Area Committees can advise and decisions will be taken subsequently by the relevant person or body empowered to do so taking into account the views of the Area Committee.

County Councillors present at Area Committee

Members are reminded that County Councillors are co-opted to the area committee where the clear majority of the County Council Division is within the area committee.

Note-some county councillors have chosen to also attend area committees where less than the majority of a Division is in that area.

SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE

21 June 2021
7.00 - 7.25 pm

Present

Area Committee Members: Councillors Page-Croft (Chair), Hauk (Vice-Chair), Ashton, Cox, S. Davies, Dryden, Flaubert, Lee, McPherson, Beckett, Goodliffe and Slatter

Officers:

Head of Property Services: Dave Prinsep

Senior Operations Manager: Don Blair

Committee Manager: James Goddard

Meeting Producer: Liam Martin

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL

21/9/SAC Welcome, Introduction and Apologies for Absence

No apologies were received.

21/10/SAC Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

21/11/SAC Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on 8 March were approved as a correct record.

21/12/SAC Matters and Actions Arising from the Minutes

The committee action sheet was noted. Councillors would send any updates to the Committee Manager outside of the meeting.

Update to 21/6/SAC - Policing and Safer Neighbourhoods: Councillor Thornburrow would liaise with Ninewells residents and the developer (Hills) about bicycle stores.

- Councillor Thornburrow followed up with the resident raising the issue at the South Area Committee, contacted Hills and subsequently had a meeting with a Director from the development company. The outcome was that Hills followed on the specific points raised by the residents and had improved the bicycle stores accordingly. Hills reported back when they had completed the work. Councillor Thornburrow hoped all the problems are resolved now, although all bike owners must be vigilant when locking bikes up.

21/13/SAC Open Forum

Members of the public asked a number of questions, as set out below.

1. A member of the public raised the following issues about Clay Farm Skatepark in Trumpington:
 - i. When is the surrounding groundwork to be completed, allowing the skatepark to open?
 - ii. If this work will not be completed for a while (at least a month), can we at least take the fence down which is not keeping skaters out anyway?
 - iii. How can we move forward with getting lights provided at the skatepark?
 - iv. I would like to note that we have the support from PC Beatrice Ley, who said about Jesus Green skatepark: "With increasing lighting in the area and renovations to the park, pro-social use of the facilities is likely to increase which will diminish crime."

The Streets and Open Spaces Development Manager's written answer said:

- i. The skate park is currently on land that has not yet transferred to the City Council. The land is managed by Countryside as part of their development footprint.
- ii. The skate park is currently separated from the surrounding play area which is still to be constructed. The area is currently being used by the developer for parking, mess/office accommodation and access, linked to the wider build out of neighbouring phases of the residential areas. The wider residential construction is partly dictating the start of

- the play area construction work. Countryside have indicated that the play facilities will start later this year, most likely autumn although they nominated late summer as their preferred time. They have to remove existing temporary facilities including a temporary car park so realistically autumn time.
- iii. The actual skate area has been fenced and 95% complete for a few months now. Countryside have still to carry out some ground reinstatement and installation of revised ancillary items around the main half pipe. The ancillary items installation is intended to be completed during June/ July. There has been ongoing difficulties with unauthorised access as Countryside were trying to secure the skate area until the outstanding construction work was complete. Countryside need to secure the skate area from the wider construction site, they have agreed to provide a temporary access into the skate area from the guided bus route cycle path. The fencing is to remain on site until such time as the neighbouring construction work and site traffic are less of a risk to the public.
- iv. The skate area is very popular and once the remaining facilities are constructed it would probably be the best time to look at possible enhancements. There was no specific requirement for Countryside to provide additional lighting in this area. There is existing lighting along the guided bus route adjacent to the skate area and there will be electrical light from the neighbouring retail/ residential area currently under construction. Lighting skate areas to encourage use later into the evenings can be a sensitive issue with local residents. However if it appears that there will be an active local skate community that wish to discuss enhancements/ additional lighting then following transfer to the City. Consultations with wider community would be necessary to assess impact on residents, wildlife and the local environment, particularly as the skate area lies within a Country Park setting. If in the shorter term an existing group of skaters wanted to approach Countryside and ask for additional lighting then they could do this and get a formal response from Countryside. Officers would stress there is no requirement for Countryside to provide additional lighting as part of the current consent which they have to construct the play area as a whole.

2. Question from Constituent/Councillor Flaubert regarding demolition of 1-2 Fitzwilliam Road 19-1141-FUL:
- i. On the exterior of the building is a glass painting, a piece of naive art known locally as 'The Moon, Sun, and Stars'. Permission to demolish the building has been given without any mention of saving the art.
 - ii. There is considerable local social history attached to this site. In the 1870s, the "Cottage Home for Orphan Girls" was founded there by St John's College. After the war, the home was run by Dr. Barnardo's. The county council took over the site in the early 70s, when it became a hostel for boys. The current building dates from the early 90s.
 - iii. Why was the artwork not considered in the planning application? Can the artwork now be saved, and either reincorporated into the building, or a new home found, e.g. at the Signal Box community centre or the Museum of Cambridge?

The Principal Planner's written answer said: The Conservation Team were not aware of the significance of the window/art during the course of the application and therefore did not recommend a condition to save the window. The Local Planning Authority therefore has no power to retain it. The Principal Planner has discussed salvaging the window with the agent for the site. He would discuss it with the applicant and let the Principal Planner know in due course. Hopefully it could be salvaged. The next step would be for Councillor Ingrid Flaubert to have a plan for the window.

3. Councillor Hauk said there was no electricity supply for food vans (parking) in the Clay Farm area. Possibly also for a Christmas tree later in the year. Could this be provided as standard in other places?

Action Point: Councillor Page-Croft to follow up.

21/14/SAC Environmental Report - SAC

The Committee received a report from the Senior Operations Manager.

The report outlined an overview of the council's Streets and Open Spaces, Environmental Health and Shared Waste service activity in the Area Committee area over the past six months.

In response to Members' questions the Senior Operations Manager said the following:

- i. Was unaware of a trend suggesting increased fly tipping and needle drops in Trumpington compared to other periods reported (in earlier committees).

Action Point: Would liaise with Councillor Hauk about this query.

- ii. Volunteer work should have started in all southern wards, not just some.

Action Point: Would liaise with Councillor S. Davies about this query.

- iii. Noted Councillors' appreciation that officers were looking into car repair issues in Cherry Hinton (actions by a company were impacting on residents).

The meeting ended at 7.25 pm

CHAIR

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Committee Action Sheet - South Area Committee (SAC)

Date: 21/06/21

Updated on: 09/07/21

Minute reference: 21/13/SAC Open Forum

- Action:
 - Councillor Hauk said there was no electricity for food vans (parking) in the Clay Farm area. Possibly also for a Christmas tree later in the year. Could this be provided as standard in other places? Councillor Page-Croft to follow up.
- Progress:
 - TBC.

Minute reference: 21/14/SAC Environmental Report

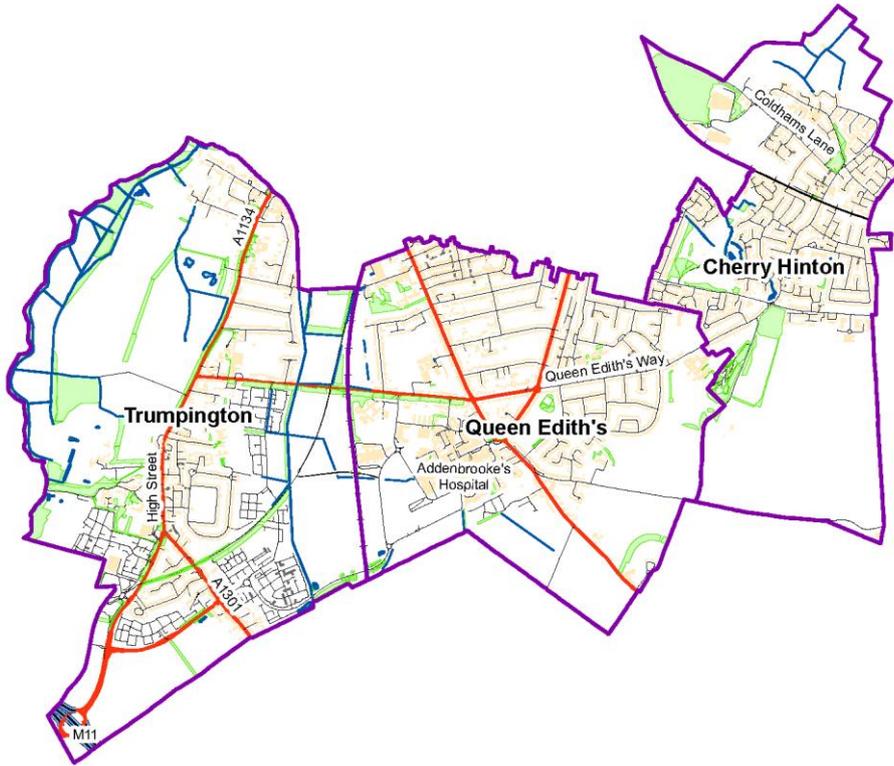
- Action - Senior Operations Manager to liaise with:
 - Councillor Hauk regarding perceived trend of increased fly tipping and needle drops in Trumpington.
 - Councillor Davies regarding concern that volunteer work had not started in all southern wards.
- Progress:
 - Response sent to Councillor Hauk.
 - Officers looked through their reports and could not find any trends or patterns as to why there has been an increase of fly-tipping in the ward.
 - Suggested this had become an issue during the lockdown restrictions.
 - Officers would continue to monitor fly tip issues and will update councillors if there was a further increase in the dumping of waste across the ward.
 - Response sent to Councillor Davies.

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Neighbourhood Profile

Cambridge City South – September 2021

Wards: Cherry Hinton, Queen Edith's and Trumpington



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Produced by:

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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 data received from the following sources:

- The Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team for the area;
- The City Council's Community Safety Team;
- The general public, via online and telephone crime and intelligence reporting; and
- Consultation with elected Ward and County members.

2. Current Areas of Concern

At the South Area Committee meeting of 8 March 2021, the committee recommended addressing the following local areas of concern:

- Continue work to tackle vehicle-related antisocial behaviour and driving across the South of the City;
- Continue work (patrols and diverting young people away from crime and antisocial behaviour) across the South of the City, with specific focus on Trumpington Ward;
- Drug dealing, moped riding and anti-social behaviour around Cherry Hinton Rec and Cherry Hinton Hall; and
- Bike theft in Nine Wells and Trumpington Ward.

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

Continue work to tackle vehicle-related antisocial behaviour and driving across the South of the City;

Objective: To identify those vehicles and persons engaging in anti-social behaviour (ASB) and driving; to reduce the impact of vehicle-related ASB and driving, through advice, education, and enforcement where appropriate.

Action Taken: Speeding checks have been carried out on Long Road by officers from the South and East Neighbourhood Teams. South Team officers returned the favour by also supporting the East Team in carrying out speeding checks on Barnwell Road. A total of 15 speeding tickets were issued, with the highest speed recorded being 42mph in a 30mph zone.

Operation CROSSFADE has continued; this is the umbrella under which City-wide speed and driving offence enforcement is carried out by the Neighbourhood Teams across the City. Two days of action were carried out on 6 and 7 May 2021. Ten Traffic Offence Reports were issued to sanction drivers for mobile phone use whilst driving. Multiple drivers were also given words of advice for other, less serious construction and use offences.

We have continued patrols around all three southern wards to identify and tackle vehicle related anti-social behaviour (ASB). We have seized a stolen moped from a teenager who had long been suspected of riding it in an anti-social manner. In Cherry Hinton, a teenager was given a section 59 warning for his anti-social use of a moped. A teenager in the Queen Edith ward is currently under investigation, suspected of colliding with and causing serious injuries to a pedestrian while on a modified, motorised pedal cycle, in May 2021. Neighbourhood officers assisted with this investigation, including identifying evidence of additional drug possession offences following the suspect's arrest. This investigation is still ongoing and Crown Prosecution Service charging advice is being sought.

Current Situation: We continue to receive reports of anti-social driving and vehicle use across the three southern wards. We are having success in identifying and tackling offenders as a result of Operation CROSSFADE and would welcome the continuation of this as a local area of concern.

Lead Officer: PC 304 HORSFALL

Continue work (patrols and diverting young people away from crime and antisocial behaviour) across the South of the City, with specific focus on Trumpington Ward

Objective: To identify and divert young people at risk of becoming involved in crime and ASB; to take appropriate enforcement action against those responsible for perpetrating ASB; to reduce the community impact of crime and ASB.

Action Taken: South Team continues to scan incidents and other information reports to monitor and identify key offenders of ASB within our area. We continue to work with schools, the City Council's Community Safety Team, and youth services (such as Romsey Mill) to divert young people away from criminality and ASB. Acceptable Behaviour Contracts have been issued to two youths causing anti-social behaviour within the South; this was alongside work with schools, the City Council, and parents. We have recently been able to issue three Community Resolutions to young people committing crime in the community. These are informal disposals, which are effective in identifying and addressing behavioural and support needs and have diverted these three young people away from causing further community harm. We recently attended a Street Surgery in Trumpington, organised by the City Council's Community Safety Team, with housing partners and Romsey Mill; this is the first Street Surgery we have been able to attend since the Coronavirus pandemic and are hopeful this is a start to all partners being able to

regularly participate in these events again. We hope to participate in a further community event in September; this event is currently being organised by the Bedfordshire Pilgrims Housing Association and will also involve other partners.

Current Situation: From the start of the next school term, we will also be able to regain a more regular presence in the schools within the South, which will help us to build better relationships with young people suspected of being involved in crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB). We continue to receive information reports regarding youth-related ASB in the Cherry Hinton and Trumpington wards.

Lead Officer: PC 207 CATLING.

Drug dealing, moped riding and anti-social behaviour around Cherry Hinton Rec and Cherry Hinton Hall

Objective: To assess the scale of drug dealing and anti-social riding and other behaviour in Cherry Hinton; to take appropriate enforcement action against perpetrators of anti-social riding and behaviour.

Action Taken: Local officers and officers from the Neighbourhood Support Team (formerly the Impact Team) have carried out plain-clothed and high-visibility patrols in Cherry Hinton Rec, Cherry Hinton Hall and the wider Cherry Hinton area.

PC Catling saved the life of a male who was in cardiac arrest due to opiate overdose, in Cherry Hinton Hall park. He administered Naloxone, which all Neighbourhood officers are now trained to carry and use, and performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation, which was successful in reviving the male. This has been the only incident of note since the last neighbourhood profile. There continue to be occasional reports to the police of public order incidents, theft, and assault, but the numbers of these are very low and have provided no opportunity for local officers to identify and tackle any repeat local offenders.

Current Situation: We will continue to patrol the area when time allows, but will be focusing our activities on areas which generate more calls for service and opportunities for partnership intervention.

Lead Officer: PS 2146 BOCKHAM

Bike theft in Nine Wells and Trumpington Ward.

Objective: To identify offenders and means of reducing bike theft in Nine Wells and Trumpington.

Action Taken: Plain-clothed and high-visibility patrols have been carried out on numerous occasions. Visits have been conducted to cycle stores in both areas, by both neighbourhood officers and Designing Out Crime Officers (DOCOs). Where applicable, DOCOs have provided advice to residents and management companies to assist in increasing the security of these facilities. Analysis of reported bike theft in both locations shows that the majority of thefts are taking place in cycle stores attached to residential buildings. In many cases, such stores are not included in the Secure By Design process at the planning stage of a development. Where cycle storage facilities are believed to be

insufficiently secure, this should be challenged with landlords, management companies or the developers.

Since the Coronavirus lockdown began back in March 2020, officers have arrested 103 people for cycle theft. Almost half of those (51) have since been charged and sent to court where they have been given custodial sentences and Criminal Behaviour Orders.

Current Situation: Cycle crime levels are still high, however across the City they are 25% lower than in the previous year (2019-2020).

We are in discussions to arrange a Cycle Marking and Security Advice event at Addenbrooke's Hospital and are currently negotiating to find a date and a location on site, which is suitable for the public to attend.

Insp MCNEILL or C/Insp ROGERSON attend the Cycle Crime Task and Finish Group meetings which are led by the City Council and includes relevant partners such as Cam Cycle. The aim of the group is to improve cycle security across the City and there are a number of initiatives currently being developed.

The key opportunity to reduce cycle theft is in addressing the security of residential cycle stores. We would urge residents to continue raising security issues with building developers, management companies, landlords, or the City / County Council where appropriate. CamCycle has an excellent [resources section](#) for further advice on security and cycling in general.

We will continue to tackle cycle theft across the City under Operation KONG; this includes seeking prosecutions against identified cycle thieves and handlers and undertaking days of enforcement action.

Lead Officer: PS 2146 BOCKHAM.

3. *Proactive Work and Emerging Issues*

Cambridgeshire Constabulary

A full Closure Order has been secured on an address in Queen Edith's as a result of continuing anti-social behaviour (ASB) associated with the premises in question being used as a short-term let.

Following a partial Closure Order on an address in Cherry Hinton causing ASB in the community, the occupant is being summonsed for drug possession offences and the City Council secured a possession order on the property.

Police and housing partners are working together to assess the most appropriate action to take in respect of an address in Trumpington identified as being linked to criminality and persistent ASB.

We have, along with our Designing Out Crime Officers, contributed to the planning process for the redevelopment of Cherry Hinton Lakes, specifically commenting on the plans to redevelop and open up a portion of the lakes for public access and recreational use.

In the last three months, Neighbourhood Teams across the City, including the South Team, have experienced a high number of abstractions away from our core local policing duties. These abstractions include supporting Response Policing colleagues, to ensure that 999 emergency calls are responded to quickly, as well as being deployed to policing operations in other areas of the County. These abstractions have occurred on rostered duty days as well as on cancelled rest days and are partially linked to the increase in demand associated with the removal of many of the remaining Coronavirus regulations. These abstractions are likely to continue for some time.

Cambridge City Council

The City Council's Community Safety Team (CST) continues to take proactive action where there are reports of antisocial behaviour (ASB) or nuisance behaviour, and works in close partnership with other agencies, such as housing providers and the police neighbourhood teams, when tackling complex cases. We will consider preventative, supporting and enforcement action as appropriate, depending on the nature and risk level of the case.

During the last reporting period, the CST has: secured a possession order in a case where there had been serious ASB and criminal behaviour; served a notice of seeking possession following breaches of tenancy conditions; and issued a warning for breaches of tenancy condition in another case.

The CST continues to work with partners around youth-related ASB in the Trumpington area and are supporting the work of the police and other registered social landlords in the area through the multi-agency problem solving group (PSG). We recently held a community safety event in Trumpington, which was attended by housing partners and the police, and was well attended by residents. We hope to hold more of these events going forward.

The CST has continued to be a key partner at the CB1 estate, responding to two serious reports of ASB in short-term lets, and working with the management company to resolve these.

We are now planning for the next academic year student intake this September, working with our student hall management companies on the CB1 estate. This will include developing an induction pack and meeting with the students to speak to them about their new neighbourhood, etc.

The Community Safety Team is leading on a [Cambridge Community Safety Partnership](#) (CSP) project, funded by the Police and Crime Commissioner, to raise awareness about County Lines and Criminal Exploitation in the City, both for school aged children, professionals, and adults. Leading a multi-agency task group as part of this project, a survey was conducted which received over 1,000 responses from residents in the City. Using information from the survey and knowledge from colleagues in other agencies, a film was commissioned, which will highlight issues around County Lines, grooming and criminal exploitation from a safeguarding perspective. We have begun to roll this programme out in secondary schools and will continue in the Autumn term and beyond in both schools and community settings. Visit [Cambs Against County Lines](#) for more information, including links to resources.

Linked to the CSP, a multi-agency Cambridge Cycle Crime Prevention Task and Finish Group was set up, in October 2020, to respond to increasing concerns about cycle crime. Cambridge City Council is the interim chair, with stakeholders from local businesses, Cambridge Ahead, Cambridgeshire Constabulary, Cambridgeshire County Council, Greater Cambridge Partnership, Greater Anglia Rail, Anglia Ruskin University, University of Cambridge, the voluntary sector: Camcycle and Neighbourhood Watch, and Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. The Task Group has launched a [Save Our Cycles](#) campaign for the public to encourage locking and registering cycles.

4. Additional Information

At the neighbourhood level, the [POLICE.UK](#) website allows for swift access to local crime and anti-social behaviour data at street level. The website can display crimes on a map as well as in chart format, along with trend lines. The three most important sections within this website are: 'overview'; 'crime map'; and 'statistics'. This gives a good overview of issues within the local area. To access the local area's relevant data, type "Cambridge" into the search engine on the homepage and then select the relevant area (Cambridge City Centre policing team, Cambridge – North policing team, or Cambridge – South policing team).

5. Recommendations

The following local areas of concern are recommended for consideration:

- Tackling and diverting those involved in anti-social behaviour across the Southern wards;
- Driving offence enforcement (including speeding and mobile telephone use) across the Southern wards (Operation CROSSFADE);
- Cycle theft across the Southern wards (Operation KONG).