

EAST AREA COMMITTEE

23 June 2022
6.30 - 7.47 pm

Present

Area Committee Members: Councillors D. Baigent, Bennett, Copley, Davey, Healy, Herbert, Howard, Moore, Pounds, Robertson, A. Smith, Thornburrow, Bulat, Shailer, Howitt and Goodliffe

Officers:

Deputy Chief Executive: Andrew Limb
Anti-Social Behaviour Officer: Rachel Fairhead
Committee Manager: Claire Tunnicliffe
Meeting Producer: Boris Herzog

Other Officers in Attendance:

Police Sargeant: Brad Mundy

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL

22/8/EAC Welcome, Introduction and Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from County Councillor Beckett.

22/9/EAC Declarations of Interest

None were declared.

22/10/EAC Minutes

The notes of the meetings held on 17 March 2022 were noted.

22/11/EAC Matters and Actions Arising from the Minutes

The Action Sheet was noted and could be viewed at the following link under 'Committee Action Sheet – updated post committee'.

[Agenda for East Area Committee on Thursday, 23rd June, 2022, 6.30 pm - Cambridge Council](#)

22/12/EAC Policing and Safer Neighbourhoods

The Chair welcomed Sargeant Munday (Cambridgeshire Constabulary) and Rachel Fairhead (Anti-Social Behaviour Officer) to the meeting.

The Committee received a report from Sargeant Munday regarding policing and safer neighbourhoods' trends.

It was suggested that anti-social behaviour was included to the drug dealing and the protection of local young people – child criminal exploitation for the consideration of the Police. In particular, to focus on anti-social behaviour in the Burnside area.

The report outlined actions taken since the last reporting period. The current emerging issues/neighbourhood trends for each ward were also highlighted (see report for full details).

[East area neighbourhood profile - Policing and Safer Neighbourhoods \(cambridge.gov.uk\)](https://cambridge.gov.uk/east-area-neighbourhood-profile-policing-and-safer-neighbourhoods)

Previous local areas of concern and engagement activity noted in the report were:

- i. Anti-social driving
- ii. Cycle theft
- iii. Drug dealing, and the protection of local young people – child criminal exploitation.

Committee Manager note: An e-mail had been sent post meeting to request the Police consider the addition of anti-social behaviour to point iii of the local areas of concern.

Anti-social driving

Councillors raised the following concerns on anti-social driving regarding public and privately owned e-scooters and those used by food delivery drivers. There was a range of examples of inappropriate use and anti-social driving provided, including an incident involving a pedestrian on Ditton Meadows. Two cases of cyclists being killed by vehicle drivers in the east area was referenced and Police were urged to be vigilant for close passing of drivers and to take immediate action if witnessed.

The issue of parking of all vehicles was discussed particularly on match day when Cambridge United were playing at home and the issues that pedestrians faced, particularly those with disabilities.

The Committee were advised that off road mobility scooters that were being sold which were not fit purpose should be a matter referred to Trading Standards.

The Anti-Social Behaviour Officer stated that residents were encouraged to fill out the online reporting form found on the Council's website or call 101 to report any incidents of anti-social behaviour each time.

[Report an incident of antisocial behaviour \(cambridge.gov.uk\)](https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/report-an-incident-of-antisocial-behaviour)

Cycle crime

Councillor Pounds reported that the Cycle Prevention Task and Finish Working Group were pleased with the progress that had been made on the arrests of serial offenders. This had improved the statistics of cycle crime considerably.

Drug dealing and the protection of local young people – child criminal exploitation.

The Committee agreed that this matter was of particular importance to residents, particularly with the influx of county lines drug dealing, alongside the local dealers which impacted a vast array of individuals including young people in the City.

The Anti-Social Behaviour Officer highlighted the Cambs Against County Lines project, raising awareness about child criminal exploitation and County Lines issues. A number of "Train the Facilitator" sessions had been delivered to professionals in the east of the city, so that they are able to deliver the project in their own areas.

www.cambridge.gov.uk/cambs-against-county-lines

A range of anti-social behaviour was highlighted in the Burnside area and asked what action had been taken on the issues referenced. This led to the discussion of those wards whose boundaries sat with other areas of Cambridge, as a series of incidents had taken place between Cherry Hinton and Queen Edith. It was important to track incidents which crossed the area boundaries and that actions were taken.

The use of CCTV was discussed and how all external agencies working with the City Council needed to work effectively to assist with any crimes that had taken place, particularly mobile CCTV cameras.

The Anti-Social Behaviour Officer advised that decisions regarding the location of mobile CCTV was undertaken by the City Council, the relevant officer could inform all external agencies with an up to date setting of their cameras if required.

The Chair thanked all those who had taken part in the discussion.

22/13/EAC A New Road Classification for Cambridge (Greater Cambridge Partnership)

This item was not presented to Members and no questions from the Committee were put forward.

22/14/EAC Open Forum

Councillor Healy had observed how many excellent street parties had been held throughout the East Area ward celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and congratulated residents on their hard work and success.

The meeting ended at 7.47 pm

CHAIR