

Minutes

RESIDENTS' AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES POLICY OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

15 October 2015



Meeting held at Committee Room 6 - Civic Centre,
High Street, Uxbridge UB8 1UW

	<p>Committee Members Present: Councillors Michael White (Chairman), Teji Barnes (Vice-Chairman), Mohinder Birah, Peter Davis, Jas Dhot, Patricia Jackson, Judy Kelly, Kuldeep Lakhmana and Brian Stead.</p> <p>Officers: Nigel Dicker (Deputy Director, Residents Services), Claire Freeman (Regulatory Services Manager), Stephanie Waterford (Licensing Services Manager) and Khalid Ahmed (Democratic Services Manager).</p> <p>Witnesses: David George (Station Manager - London Fire Brigade), Jennifer Lewis (Community Team, Central and North West London Foundation Trust) and Sunny Mehmi (Service Manager - Mental Health, LB Hillingdon).</p>	
27.	<p>TO CONFIRM THAT ALL ITEMS MARKED PART I WILL BE CONSIDERED IN PUBLIC AND THAT ANY ITEMS MARKED PART II WILL BE CONSIDERED IN PRIVATE</p> <p>It was confirmed that all items on the agenda would be considered in public.</p>	
28.	<p>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 23 SEPTEMBER 2015</p> <p>Agreed as an accurate record.</p>	
29.	<p>RESIDENTS' & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES POLICY OVERVIEW COMMITTEE - MAJOR REVIEW 2015/16 - HOARDING</p> <p>Evidence from Jennifer Lewis, Community Team, Central and North West London Foundation Trust, Sunny Mehmi, Service Manager, Mental Health, LB Hillingdon</p> <p>Reference was made to hoarding disorder which manifested itself in different ways. With some people it was part of their personality and choosing to hoard was a personal choice. Some people got into a pattern in life and this was how they chose to live their lives.</p> <p>The Mental Health team and Social Workers got involved in cases after referrals were made from the Anti-Social Behaviour Investigations Team or the community social housing team. These cases related to residents in need of support or requiring</p>	<p>Action By:</p>

	<p>In response to a question regarding powers of the authorities to repossess properties if there was a fire risk, Members were informed that after a fire risk assessment had taken place, there were powers available to use, should the level of hoarding represent a danger.</p> <p>The Deputy Director of Residents Services referred to a range of different legislation which the authorities could use, such as the Environmental Protection Act, Health & Safety at Works Act etc.</p> <p>Discussion took place on the use of Section 125 Notices, under the Town and Country Planning Act, which was where a local planning authority issued a Notice if the condition of the land or buildings affected the amenity of neighbours. This only applied to the front gardens of properties and not the back gardens and did not apply to the inside of properties.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked the witnesses for their attendance and helping the Committee with their review.</p> <p>RESOLVED –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the witnesses be thanked for the evidence they had provided as part of the review 2. That the information provided be noted and be taken into consideration as part of the review, and on completion of the draft final report. 	<p>Khalid Ahmed/ Mark Braddock</p>
<p>30.</p>	<p>REVIEW OF LICENSING POLICIES</p> <p>The Licensing Officer provided the Committee with a summary of the report which contained a review into four key licensing policies: - Street Trading Policy, Market Policy, Statement of Licensing Policy and Statement of Gambling Policy.</p> <p>Reference was made to the Street Trading Policy and paragraph 15 - Delineation, and Members were informed that the Council would pay for delineation of trading areas with studs or something similar.</p> <p>The Committee was informed that a Members Licensing seminar would be taking place on Monday 9 November and would cover all areas of Licensing.</p> <p>The Committee made reference the ‘Challenge 25’ proof of age policy and that this should be built into the Licensing policy.</p> <p>RESOLVED –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the content of the report be noted. 	<p>Action By:</p>

31.	WORK PROGRAMME Noted.	
32.	FORWARD PLAN Noted.	
	Meeting commenced at 5.30pm and closed at 6.30pm Next meeting: 12 November 2015 at 5.30pm	

These are the minutes of the above meeting. For more information on any of the resolutions please contact Khalid Ahmed on 01895 250833. These minutes are circulated to Councillors, Officers, the Press and Members of the Public.