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WINCHESTER TOWN FORUM

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SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD PANEL – APPOINTMENTS AND MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

REPORT OF HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

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RECENT REFERENCES:

WTF112 – Hampshire Police Safer Neighbourhood Panels – 2 April 2008

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Following discussion at the 15 January and 2 April 2008 meetings of the Forum, the first full meeting of the Winchester Safer Neighbourhood Panel was held on 21 May 2008 and the minutes of this meeting are attached at Appendix 1. The Panel recommended Policing priorities for a number of Police Beats in and around Winchester and included representatives from Littleton & Harestock and Oliver Battery Parish Councils.

At the 2 April 2008 meeting, the Forum agreed to appoint one representative from each of the town wards on a rotational basis. However, in retrospect, officers consider that this arrangement could lead to a number of practical difficulties – namely that a constantly changing membership is unlikely to amass expertise and knowledge, leading to repetition of questions to the Police during debate. There is also a probability that the changing membership would lead to an inconsistency in priority setting, diminish the value of reporting back process from the Police at the start of each meeting and be administratively difficult.

Officers therefore suggest a permanent membership of six members from the Forum, with deputies as necessary.

In light of Government advice that the Panels should reflect the wider community, it is suggested that the Forum's website include reports for the Panel and invite emailed comments from the public and local organisations, as to what they consider the greatest priorities. These comments would then in turn be reported to future meetings of the Panel.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Forum appoints six permanent members and deputies to the Safer Neighbourhood Panel and note the next meeting, to be held 7.00pm on Wednesday 9 July 2008 in the Mayors Parlour, Winchester Guildhall.

Appendix 1:**SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD PANEL****21 May 2008**Attendance:

Winchester City Council Councillors:

Mather (Chair) and Love

Littleton and Harestock Parish Council: Mr Parker

Police Representatives:

Sergeants Bulpett, Port and Stribley

1. **MINUTES**

## RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Winchester Town Forum, regarding Safer Neighbourhood Panels, held 2 April 2008 be noted.

2. **POLICE STATISTICS – 21 MARCH TO 21 MAY**

The Panel discussed the following statistics, which had been supplied by Sergeant Bulpett, prior to the meeting. During discussion, Sergeants Bulpett, Port and Stribley clarified a number of issues, as set out in italics below.

<b>CTCG Required Stats.</b>	WC01 Winchester City	WC02 Highcliffe Winnall Abbott's Btn	WC03 Littleton Harestock Weeke	WC07 Oliver's Bat Stanmore.. St Cross
Dwelling Burglary	1	5	2	3
Non Dwelling Burglary <i>(including thefts from shops)</i>	9	6	3	4
Theft from M/Vehicle	2	10 <i>There had been no pattern to these thefts, although given the size of the area, the number was below average.</i>	4	9 <i>Four of which had been at Five Bridges Road</i>
Theft of M/Vehicle	0	2	0	0
Rowdy and Inconsiderate	38	27	30	35 <i>Only 7 of which had been at Wavell</i>

				<i>Way following dispersal order</i>
Violent Crime	33 assaults 21 PO	23 assaults 3 PO	13 assaults 6 PO	20 assaults 1 PO
Criminal Damage <i>(included graffiti and damage to cars)</i>	55	53	23	21
Robbery	0	0	1	2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>95</b>

PO – Public Order offences  
RTI – Road Traffic Incident  
Misper – missing person report

Other: Beat WC01

1. 16 drugs offences *(included drugs taken from detainees at the Police station)*
2. 5 missing person report *(mostly from the Mental Health Care Unit of the hospital)*
3. 10 deceptions *(including cheque fraud)*
4. 1 offensive weapons
5. 16 RTIs & vehicle related
6. 59 thefts *(including shoplifting)*
7. 3 Begging
8. 5 theft of bikes

Other Beat WC02

1. 10 drugs offences *(majority of which became apparent following warrants and stops)*
2. 49 missing person report *(mostly from the childrens' home)*
3. 4 deceptions
4. 49 RTIs & vehicle related *(not concentrated in a particular area. The Police had conducted monthly traffic operations and had offered drivers the opportunity to attend training courses in preference to fines)*
5. 23 thefts
6. 3 theft of bikes

Other Beat WC03

1. 4 domestics
2. 2 deceptions
3. 21 RTIs & vehicle related
4. 22 Thefts
5. 3 thefts of bikes

Other Beat WC07

1. 4 drug offences
2. 13 domestics
3. 4 missing persons report
4. 1 offensive weapon

5. 19 RTIs & vehicle related (*the Panel discussed the problem caused by mini-motos. Police had targeted the Bushfield Camp area through high visibility operations and had discussed the issue with the landowners' agents*)
6. 13 thefts

### 3. **THE TOP THREE PRIORITIES FOR EACH BEAT**

Following discussion, the following priorities were agreed:

Beat 1:

1. Road traffic accidents and speeding
2. Rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour
3. Criminal damage

Beats 2 and 3:

1. Antisocial behaviour
2. Vehicle related incidents
3. Drug issues

Beat 7:

1. Road traffic issues
2. Antisocial behaviour
3. Drug Issues

### 4. **FEEDBACK ON PROGRESS AGAINST PREVIOUS PRIORITIES**

Sergeant Bulpett explained that the Police had attempted to tackle rowdy behaviour with high visibility patrols of the town centre on Friday and Saturday evenings, assisted by CCTV and the PubWatch programme.

Criminal damage statistics had been distorted by the graffiti work of a single individual. High visibility patrols had also been taken along College Walk.

The Road Policing Unit had assisted in Road Traffic Campaigns, which had resulted in 90 drivers being stopped for speeding or other motoring offences. The drivers were then offered training as an alternative to fines. In response to a comment, Sergeant Bulpett agreed to include St Cross Road in the next campaign and to support initiatives to improve pedestrian crossing of the road.

Following Mr Parker's comments regarding the motocross site, Sergeant Stribley requested that all relevant complaints also be made to the Police via email, in addition to the City Council.

Sergeant Port read to the Panel an email which had been received from Councillor Fall, who had been unable to attend the meeting. This raised issues regarding drugs, speeding vehicles and antisocial behaviour.

Sergeant Port also commented on plans for speeding to be targeted in Stanmore, in conjunction with the Antisocial Behaviour Co-ordinators.

She added that the Police were also working with Antisocial Behaviour Co-ordinators at Symonds Close and the Panel discussed an issue relating the use of the St Cross Hospital fields.

### 5. **FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE PANEL**

The Panel noted that the City Council's representation on the Panel would be re-considered at the next meeting of the Forum.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Panel would be held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 9 July 2008 in the Mayors Parlour, Winchester Guildhall.

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm and concluded at 8.00pm