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Date: Friday, 2 March 2018

**Committee:  
Communities Overview Committee**

**Date: Monday, 12 March 2018**  
**Time: 2.00 pm**  
**Venue: Shirehall**

You are requested to attend the above meeting.  
The Agenda is attached

Claire Porter  
Head of Legal and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer)

**Members of Communities Overview Committee**

Cecilia Motley (Chairman)	Roger Hughes
Nick Hignett (Vice Chairman)	Vivienne Parry
Andy Boddington	Keith Roberts
Ted Clarke	Leslie Winwood
Rob Gittins	Tina Woodward

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# AGENDA

## 1 Apologies for absence and substitutions

## 2 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Members are reminded that they must not participate in the discussion or voting on any matter in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and should leave the room prior to the commencement of the debate.

## 3 Minutes of the meeting held on 22 January 2018 (Pages 1 - 4)

To consider the Minutes of the Communities Overview Committee meeting held on 22 January 2018

## 4 Public Question Time

To receive any public questions or petitions from the public, notice of which has been given in accordance with Procedure Rule 14. The deadline for notification for this meeting is 2.00 pm on Friday 9 March 2018.

## 5 Member Question Time

To receive any questions of which members of the Council have given notice. Deadline for notification for this meeting is 2.00 pm on Friday 9 March 2018.

## 6 Resilient Communities - Healthy Lives

To scrutinise the Council's contribution to strengthening Communities, Kate Garner - Locality Commissioning Manager, Jo Robins - Consultant in Public Health and Kevin Lewis – Director Help 2 Change, will deliver a presentation (to follow).

## 7 Environmental Maintenance Grants

To review again the previous report presented at this Committee and to feedback to Cabinet.

The report is available from the following link:

<https://shropshire.gov.uk/committee-services/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=738&MId=3617&Ver=4>

## 8 Verbal Update from the Chair on Local Joint Committee Task and Finish Group



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Communities  
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## **MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 22 JANUARY 2018 2.00 - 3.15 PM**

**Responsible Officer:** Amanda Holyoak  
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### **Present**

Councillor Cecilia Motley (Chairman)  
Councillors Nick Hignett (Vice Chairman), Ted Clarke, Rob Gittins, Roger Hughes,  
Vivienne Parry, Keith Roberts and Tina Woodward

### **19 Apologies for Absence and Substitutions**

Apologies were received from Councillors Andy Boddington and Les Winwood.

### **20 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

Members were reminded that they should not participate in any item in which they had a disclosable pecuniary interest, and should leave the room prior to the commencement of the debate.

### **21 Minutes of the meeting held on 27 November 2017**

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 November 2017 were confirmed as a correct record.

### **22 Public Question Time**

There were no public questions.

### **23 Member Question Time**

There were no member questions.

### **24 Shropshire Community Safety Partnership**

Andrew Gough - Safer Communities, Community Safety and Health Protection, and John Doyle - Community Safety Data Analyst, introduced the report on the Shropshire Community Safety Partnership (copy attached to signed minutes). They also and gave a

presentation which covered: the requirement to produce a three year strategy based on a yearly strategic assessment of crime and other data in the local area; membership of the Partnership; the priorities of the Crime Reduction, Community Safety and Drug and Alcohol Strategy 2017 – 2020; the evidence for these priorities; structure of the Partnership Board; current and future challenges; and how progress was reported.

During discussion, members asked questions which covered areas including: whether repeat offenders skewed the figures; Bronze Level Tasking, and whether newer members of the Council were familiar with these groups; the recording of anti-social behaviour; the relationship of the Police and Crime Commissioner with the partnership; how resources would be used to make the biggest impact in future; and the growth in cyber crime.

Members heard:

That for certain crime categories, including domestic abuse, it was possible to identify a repeat victim, but not as easy to identify a repeat perpetrator as this information was not currently systematically available.

Bronze Level Tasking Groups were chaired by the local Chief Inspector in the North, Central and South areas of Shropshire and received input from the Council, Housing Associations and others.

Although there was not a specific team on anti-social behaviour, it was a priority, and the Council's Regulatory Service worked with the police, housing providers and other agencies to tackle it. It was confirmed that anti-social behaviour was identified as either social, environmental or personal.

The Police and Crime Commissioner was not a formal member of the Partnership as the legislation pre-dated the establishment of the Commissioners. Offices reported that the Police and Crime Commissioner was committed to the partnership and well represented at meetings.

The nature of crime was changing and cyber crime was increasing and officers and the Partnership was monitoring this trend. West Mercia Police were currently defining how to categorise cyber crime. There was already a concentrated team working on this within Trading Standards.

In response to queries about Bronze Level Tasking, the Portfolio Holder for Health and Adult Social Care said he would co-ordinate an update for all Members of the Council which would cover how to raise crime and disorder issues.

Members felt that cyber crime should be reported as a separate category as soon as possible. The Strategic Assessment was due in May and it would be possible to provide an update to the Committee once that had taken place.

In considering plans for future scrutiny around the work of the Partnership, it was suggested that the Committee might consider evidence around changing patterns and establishing the impact and benefits of Council initiatives and activity.

The Committee thanked officers for the report.

**25 Work Programme**

In considering the future work programme of the Committee, members wished to return to the matter of Environmental Maintenance Grants and the outcomes of the work of the Environmental Maintenance Grant Programme Task and Finish Group.

The best timing of a future item on the effective delivery of the Crime and Disorder Strategy was also considered.

Members discussed the remits of Committees within the new overview and scrutiny structure, some feeling that there was now too much emphasis on overview and not enough on scrutiny. Members asked that the remit of the Communities Overview Committee be circulated.

The Statutory Scrutiny Officer advised that it was planned to hold an overview and scrutiny work programme planning session in March or April.

Signed ..... (Chairman)

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