

MEETING	COMMUNITY SAFETY OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
DATE	20 FEBRUARY 2012
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS KING (CHAIR), HEALEY (VICE-CHAIR), BARNES, BURTON, DOUGLAS, GILLIES AND ORRELL

46. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were asked to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they may have in the business on the agenda. None were declared.

47. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of 17 January 2012 be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

48. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

It was reported that there were no registrations to speak under the council's Public Participation Scheme.

49. REVIEW OF AREA BASED WORKING PILOT

Members considered a report that described the approach to and lessons learned from the Area Based Working Pilot undertaken in six wards to the west of the city from September 2010 to September 2011. The report also provided an update on the Capable Guardian Scheme.

Members attention was drawn to paragraph 2 of the report which outlined a number of prepositions which the Area Based Working Pilot had tested.

Discussion took place around a number of issues:

- In some Wards, Members reported that the pilot had made little difference, especially rural wards where Parish Councils hold regular meetings which the Police attend.
- Members queried what the pilot was trying to achieve and whether Officers had any evidence that it had been successful. Examples were provided.
- Members noted that the way in which the Area Based Working Pilot assisted would be different for each Ward.
- The pilot was about a new approach to neighbourhood working and making the best use of resources.

In response to a request by Members, Officers confirmed that they would bring a report on the findings of the pilot back to the Committee after Cabinet on the 6th March.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

REASON: To update the committee on the Area Based Working Pilot and the Capable Guardian Scheme.

Councillor King, Chair

[The meeting started at 5.00 pm and finished at 5.40 pm].