

Cabinet Member Responses

Response from Cabinet Member for Environment – Mrs Deborah Urquhart		
Agenda item	ECFSC recommendations (7 November 2019)	Response
Electric Vehicle Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supported the Strategy Would like more information to be publicised on the government grants available for cars and for charging points, using WS Connections and other communication methods Would like a progress report next year on the commercial/private sector situation. 	<p>A communication plan will be prepared to promote the approach outlined in the strategy, the benefits of EV and the grants available. Select Committee feedback will inform the development of the plan.</p> <p>A progress report will be provided for the Select Committee at an appropriate stage after the appointment of a market-based partner to work with the County Council to provide the charging point network</p>
Response from Cabinet Member for Fire & Rescue and Communities		
Agenda item	Environment Communities and Fire Select Committee recommendations (7 November 2019)	Response
Exploitation Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The need to ensure that this work is properly resourced and that the Cabinet Member asks Cabinet to take this into account in budget discussions with particular focus on NEETS (Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training) which has also been highlighted by the CYPS (Children and Young People Select Committee). Welcomed the reintroduction of a dedicated PCSO's for each area, given their vital role in gathering intelligence from communities. 	<p>Around £250K of additional money has been allocated to West Sussex by the Police & Crime Commissioner following a Home Office funding award. These funds, with the purpose of tackling serious violence will benefit young people across West Sussex, including those who are NEET, who through their involvement with county lines and other forms of exploitation may find themselves at increased risk of violence related harm.</p> <p>I will ensure that the message of appreciation from Members of the Committee is conveyed to the Police & Crime Commissioner and the West Sussex Divisional Commander.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reinstatement of the Neighbourhood Panels (linked to above) • Need to use West Sussex Connections (and to encourage the districts & boroughs to do the same with their newsletters) to publicise the various reporting channels available to residents for reporting criminality. • To ensure that professionals and County councillors receive training in the early signs of exploitation, what to look for and how to report (for councillors as part of the Member Day offered by Cabinet Member)	<p>Your expressed interest and support for the re-introduction of local forums to enable ongoing dialogue with Sussex Police officers and communities will be shared. I am sure that once in post each PCSO would welcome direct contact from Members to establish new relationships.</p> <p>Your support to expand the promotional reach of materials and social media which provides key contact details for both reporting and accessing support and information regarding crime and exploitation is welcomed. I have asked the Community Safety & Wellbeing Service to share materials for circulation with all members and would urge you make contact directly if you identify a specific opportunity or information gap within your community.</p> <p>Work is underway to design and schedule an event in 2020 which will explore more fully issues regarding exploitation and vulnerability. This will include a specific focus on identifying when and where harm may be occurring in communities, how to signpost individuals and the wider role communities can play themselves in preventing, mitigating and recovering from all forms of harm associated with violence and exploitation.</p>
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	imposed on these, given that these are vulnerable areas.	West Sussex Partnership Executive when it next meets on Thursday 5 th December.
Response from Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure – Mr Roger Elkins		
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Highways maintenance reprocurement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted the good progress made • Noted that the procurement process has been robust • Noted with disappointment the limited number of bidders for lots 1, 2 and 3 • Noted that lots 4, 5 and 6 had attracted small and medium sized businesses as expected • Would like officers to request feedback from those who decided not to bid, so that the reasons could be better understand • Would like to review performance of the contract and the team managing the contract 	<p>Feedback –</p> <p>The Project Team has created a short questionnaire requesting feedback from those organisations who registered for the recent tenders for Highway Services contracts and feedback will be shared with Select Committee in the New Year.</p> <p>Review of performance –</p> <p>A performance review will be undertaken of each of the contracts after the first anniversary of the contract start date. The reviews will encompass contractor performance against delivery standards, health and safety, commercial performance and improvements. The review will also encompass an internal assessment of the WSCC contract management team’s approach and application in managing the contractors</p>