

Cabinet Member Responses

Response from Cabinet Member for Fire & Rescue and Communities – Mr Duncan Crow		
Agenda item	Environment Communities and Fire Select Committee recommendations (14 September 2020)	Response
Serious violence	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Regrets the demise of youth clubs and youth provision and would lobby the government for funding for these services. 2. Agrees that there is a need for a greater police presence following intelligence-led reports from the public and it would like to see more resources being made available. The Chairman will write to the Police and Crime Commissioner on these points. 3. Will receive a report from the Acting Director of Communities regarding the measures of success, including high level criteria provided to the Violence Reduction Units – to illustrate what would constitute success. 4. Supports the intention of the Safer West Sussex Partnership to increase publicity on the good work of the partnership and partnership members. 5. Supports continued education and advice to children and young people on dangers of knives and will look to the Safer West Sussex Partnership regarding ways of getting these messages across. 	<p>Points 3 and 4 are acknowledged and agreed.</p> <p>The Director of Communities is working on the requested report but the nature of the partnership means that colleagues from Police, Probation, Courts, YOS etc are all very much in demand to deal with the real and present issues arising from the pandemic. We would need any framework to be signed off by partners which is unrealistic much before Christmas with the imminent lockdown.</p>

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	<p>6. Agrees that exclusion from school is one of the causes of serious violence and agrees that The Chairman will write to the Cabinet Member for Education about how limiting school exclusions can be explored further.</p> <p>7. Agrees that the Chairman will write to chairman of Corporate Parenting Panel and the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People to highlight that the issue of serious youth violence and disproportionate numbers of children looked after and children with additional needs who end up in trouble with the police.</p>	
<p>Response from Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure – Mr Roger Elkins</p>		
<p>Agenda item</p>	<p>Environment Communities and Fire Select Committee recommendations (14 September 2020)</p>	<p>Response</p>
<p>Highways and Transport Contract Delivery Update</p>	<p>1. Notes that officers and the Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure are very positive about start of new contracts, which are allowing more control over what is being delivered and quality.</p> <p>2. Will review the contract in one year to consider what the actual experience has been.</p> <p>3. Has strong concerns regarding the state of the county's roads and that without investment the state of the County's highways will continue to deteriorate. The Committee recommends to Cabinet that</p>	<p>See attached document Appendix A</p>

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	<p>that additional investment is allocated to the county's roads to ensure the deterioration does not continue. Furthermore, the Committee recommends the Council lobby the government for additional funding to resolve the issues of deterioration of the county's roads.</p> <p>4. Has concerns about the capacity of contractors with multiple contracts to fulfil their contractual obligations, particularly in light of the compressed programme. It notes that the Council must allocate contracts fairly and may not refuse a contract on the basis that a company already has other contracts with the County Council. However, the compressed programme requires carefully monitoring.</p> <p>5. Notes that the quality of potholes repairs is improving and this is due to contractual arrangements and improved internal quality insurance.</p> <p>6. Welcomes the question and answer paper to be provided by Highways on potholes that will allow members to respond to their residents on this subject.</p> <p>7. Welcomes the investment in white lines and cats eyes, but requests that this should not be a one off investment and it must continue.</p>	
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	<p>8. Requests that action should be taken regarding the damage caused to vehicles by ironworks.</p> <p>9. Notes the optimism of officers that a planned programme of maintenance can be carried out in 6 months and hopes it can be delivered, particularly over the winter months.</p>	
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