
**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP
AND PARTNERSHIPS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
HELD ON MONDAY 7 DECEMBER 2015 AT 7.30PM IN THE COUNCIL OFFICES, WEELEY**

Present: Councillors Miles (Chairman), Baker (Vice-Chairman), Bennison, I J Henderson, Land, Newton and Yallop.

Also Present: Councillors McWilliams (Portfolio Holder for Well-being and Partnerships) and Fairley

In Attendance: Democratic Services Manager (Colin Sweeney), Members and Management Support Manager (Karen Neath), Community Safety Manager (Leanne Thornton), Executive Projects Manager (Keri Lawrence) and Democratic Services Officer (Janey Nice)

14. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

There were none.

15. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee, held on 26 October 2015, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

16. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR (CORPORATE RESOURCES)

17. REVIEW OF THE TENDRING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE STRATEGY 2011 – 2016 (Report A.1)

With reference to Minute No.13 to the meeting of the Committee held on 26 October 2015, the Chairman welcomed the Council's Executive Projects Manager to the meeting and thanked her for agreeing to the deferment of this item from the last meeting of the Committee.

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Corporate Services) which outlined findings of an Officer-led review of the Tendring Children and Young People Strategy 2011 to 2016.

In conjunction with the report, the Committee received a presentation by the Council's Executive Projects Manager, which addressed those findings as follows:

1. The Needs

(a) That, out of all of the districts within Essex, Tendring had:

- (i) the highest rates of children living in relative poverty and in non-working households;
- (ii) the highest rates of unemployment; and
- (iii) the highest percentage of young people who were not in education, employment or training (NEET); and

- (b) Primary pupils in Tendring scored their overall well-being as 13.8 out of 20, which was the lowest score in Essex.

2. The Council's Vision, Corporate Priorities and Goals

It was reported that the Council's vision in the proposed Strategy was to provide children and young people with the tools and opportunities to make positive life choices and to reach their full potential. In addition, the Council wanted to highlight how this would be underpinned by the Council's Corporate Priorities and Goals, by reducing health inequalities and disadvantage and also to ensure people had the knowledge and skills to secure good employment.

3. Partnership Approach

It was reported that the partnership approach gave the Council an opportunity to bring together creative solutions and, as different partnership agencies had different ideas, it was needed to ensure that the different partners worked together.

4. Governance

- Accountability to formal partnership body;
- Tendring Health and Well-being Board to have accountability for delivery; and
- Tendring Locality Board to provide oversight and review

Officers then responded to questions from Members in respect of:

- vocational training
- fuel poverty
- establishment of a workshop on Transport
- staging a Member briefing session on Child Poverty
- linking with Adult Community Learning in Essex
- child poverty

Accordingly, it was **RESOLVED** that:

- (a) The findings of the Review of the Tendring Children and Young Peoples' Strategy 2011 to 2016, be noted;
- (b) The Committee **RECOMMEND** to **CABINET** that:
- (i) The Draft Revised Tendring District Council Children and Young People Strategy, as attached as Appendix A to the Report, be approved;
 - (ii) The Draft Tendring District Council Children and Young People Delivery Plan 2015/16, as attached at Appendix B to the report, be approved;
 - (iii) It seeks to invite Town and Parish Councils to get involved in the issue of Child Poverty and to let them know they had a role to play in the community; and
 - (iv) A Member briefing take place as a matter of urgency to inform Members of the importance of the impact of the Council's Policies on families and, if necessary, this be held on a number of dates in order that all Members had an opportunity to attend.

18. NEW PREVENT DUTY ON LOCAL AUTHORITIES

There was submitted a report by the Council's Management and Members' Support Manager, which provided information on the new PREVENT duty imposed upon local authorities by the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015. Cabinet would be recommended to agree a local authority PREVENT Policy for Tendring.

It was reported that guidance had been published, which set out details of the actions needed to fulfil the Council's responsibilities under the duty and how Local Authorities were vital to PREVENT work. It was noted that Local Authorities would be required to fulfil a range of responsibilities under the categories of Partnership, Risk Assessment, Action Plan, Staff Training and Use of Resources.

Prior to adopting a policy, the Council would, in the first instance, be required to assess risk, however the protocol showed that Tendring was a low risk area. It was noted that most of the activity involved in the PREVENT Policy should be worked through the existing Community Safety and Child Safeguarding work with the principal points of contact being the Council's Corporate Director (Life Opportunities) and its Community Safety Manager.

Members of the Committee expressed their concern on the issue and said that an all-Member briefing should take place as a matter of urgency and that all Members be urged to attend.

The Chairman suggested that all Officers should be trained and made aware of the issue as soon as possible and to be informed of their responsibilities in this regard.

Members raised questions and issues in respect of the following:

1. The proximity to Tendring of Colchester, which was a garrison town;
2. The presence of mosques in Colchester and a possible mosque in Clacton, however this was confirmed to be a learning centre;
3. Social media and how the Council could make best use of this if alarm bells were raised;
4. Terrorism being recognised beyond events in the Middle East, for example, environmental, through animal experimentation laboratories; and
5. Libraries serving as points of contact.

The Committee was informed that the purpose of the PREVENT Policy was to make all Officers and Members aware of the issue and that the Council was looking at several ways of dealing with PREVENT, by a module of learning for Officers, which would be a compulsory part of their normal training or induction package and/or by use of the Council's intranet Ping.

Accordingly, it was recommended that:

- (a) The new PREVENT Policy, as detailed at Appendix A to the report, be noted;
- (b) Appropriate training be offered to all Town and Parish Councils; and
- (c) The Committee **RECOMMEND** to **CABINET** that an all Member briefing be arranged on the Council's responsibilities under PREVENT and, so far as possible, ensure that attendance by all Members is compulsory.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.00 p.m.

Chairman