

Report on Community and Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting on January 9th 2017

We had three principal subjects for this meeting that all created some considerable discussion.

Superintendent Rob France attended to give a very full verbal update on the merging of the Wokingham and Bracknell Police areas and the positive benefits that have been passed onto our residents because of the increased manpower now available from the joint teams. There have been no manpower reductions but better focus is now resulting.

He also gave an update on the crime figures for the past 12 months. He has offered Members the opportunity to join patrols and speed traps with Officers and PCSO's, if anyone is interested they should write directly to him. We have agreed that this should now be an annual event.

This was followed by the 21st Century Council update from Andy Couldrick, with Heather Thwaites. Andy gave a comprehensive update and answered all questions raised by the Committee. The presentation can be obtained from Democratic Services. The next follow up on this will be November as the 2nd Phase should be well on by that time.

Lastly some considerable time was spent on the Sustrans Cycling Report, from David Wilby. This covered the section from Newbury to Amen Corner that will complete by 2018. The next phase from Old Forest Road to the Holt and the need for further training of all age groups to ride with courtesy and care for shared users and other road users. Bells, horns and high Vis clothing were all discussed at length. David is being invited back in September to give usage feedback and training updates for users.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm.

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