MINUTE EXTRACT



Minutes of the Meeting of the PERFORMANCE AND VALUE FOR MONEY SELECT COMMITTEE

Held: WEDNESDAY, 27 MAY 2009 at 5:30 pm

<u>PRESENT:</u>

<u>Councillor Coley - Chair</u> <u>Councillor Naylor - Vice-Chair</u>

Councillor Chowdhury Councillor Johnson Councillor Newcombe Councillor Grant Councillor Mayat

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87. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were asked to declare any interests they may have in the businesses on the agenda, and/or indicate that Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applied to them.

Councillor Chowdhury declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 7, Serious Acquisitive Crime, as he was a Member of the Leicestershire Police Authority.

92. SERIOUS ACQUISITIVE CRIME

Daxia Pancholi, Head of Community Safety, presented the Committee with an update regarding how the Council was dealing with serious acquisitive crime. In particular, the presentation covered:

- The serious acquisitive crime reduction target and components;
- Performance to date;
- The Additional resources required;
- Family group comparisons and rankings;
- Activities to address serious acquisitive crime in Leicester; and
- Future solutions.

In response to Members questions about theft from motor vehicles and the

theft of motor vehicles in Leicester, and the high level of robberies in the London Road Area, it was confirmed that obvious measures had been taken to deter theft from and of motor vehicles such as rat trap cars, and that the increased level of robberies in the London Road Area was possibly related to mobile phone insurance claims which was being looked into.

In response to Members questions about the use of the Leicester Link to raise awareness of serious acquisitive crime in Leicester, it was confirmed that this would be an additional charge to the service.

RESOLVED:

1. that it be recommended to the Cabinet Executive that improvements to the dissemination of information about serious acquisitive crime be identified and implemented in advance of the seasonal peak between July and August, and that particular consideration be given to further use of the Leicester Link to communicate this.