

Notice of:	DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL
Decision Number:	PH46/2018
Relevant Officer:	John Blackledge, Director of Community and Environmental Services
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Gillian Campbell, Deputy Leader of the Council (Tourism, Economic Growth and Jobs)
Date of Meeting:	14 June 2018

COUNCIL AND POLICE FRONTLINE OPERATIONAL DELIVERY PARTNERSHIP

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To highlight the proposed frontline operational delivery partnership between the Council and Police, aiming to deliver a more cohesive and effective service through an overarching 'Team Blackpool' approach.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To agree to the frontline operational delivery partnership between the Council and Police based on the guiding principles outlined in paragraph 5.7 and the key elements outlined in paragraph 5.8.
- 2.2 Subject to 2.1, to authorise the Director of Community and Environmental Services to take actions as necessary to implement the frontline operational delivery partnership.
- 2.3 Subject 2.1, to authorise the Head of Legal to sign any required legal documentation to action the partnership on behalf of the Council.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 As Council and Police resources have become more challenging in meeting increasing demands on the services across the board, it is important that all services on the ground work as one to support the common goal of 'Making Blackpool Better'.
- 3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

The alternative is to maintain the status quo, which in light of the resource challenges on the Council and Police does not make good sense.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council priority is: "Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience".

5.0 Background Information

5.1 The Council and Police are committed to building safer communities and are aiming to deliver a more cohesive and effective service through an overarching 'Team Blackpool' approach.

5.2 In relation to this, a Council and Police joined up and coordinated operational approach presents an opportunity through service redesign to develop more robust, effective and efficient services to the residents and visitors of Blackpool alike.

5.3 To support this the Council's Community Safety Team along with a range of other Council services, including Public Protection, Security, Civil Enforcement, Parks, Cleansing Services are to become part of a wider, more inclusive, multi-disciplinary team working alongside and with the Police including the Special Constabulary and local Policing teams.

5.4 The above operational approach will involve others from the private sector, other public services and the third sector. An example of this is currently the Blackpool Improvement District front-line officers who are involved in on the ground activities, along with Housing Options and Fulfilling Lives.

5.5 There would be a more effective approach to information sharing and understanding joint risks and threat to enable more flexible service delivery in terms of dealing with crime and anti-social behaviour requiring a renewed focus on closer more joined up working with the emphasis on reducing crime and anti-social behaviour in the community.

5.6 In relation to governance, an operational steering group consisting of the Chief Inspector, Director of Community and Environmental Services, Service Manager

(Public Protection) and a representative of BID would be established.

5.7 The guiding principles of this approach would be as follows:

- To ensure the best interests of residents and visitors alike are at the heart of our decision making and actions to keep our communities safe.
- To ensure openness and transparency at all times and foster a culture allowing professional challenge.
- To share best practice in the integrated and joined-up of resources approach.
- To commit to high standards of service and continuous improvement.
- To agree and operate sound operational procedures and practices.
- To commit to being flexible and open to new approaches and partnerships.

5.8 Key elements of a new approach and working practices would include:

- The Council to be integrated more fully into the Police Tactical Tasking Group.
- To jointly work operationally with a range of partners, for example Housing Options, in particular focussed activities and campaigns.
- To join-up operational resources in relation to intelligence gathering and sharing.
- The Council's Community Safety and Drugs Officer and the Police's identified Inspector to be the conduit for two-way communications.
- To join-up teams at all levels to work as one in relation to a wide-range of issues, including environmental crime, housing enforcement, street drinking and begging, and anti-social behaviour for example.
- To jointly plan and deliver focused activities and campaigns.
- To ensure communications teams work as one in relation to the media and public awareness.
- To provide joint training to staff at appropriate levels.
- To deliver an annual joint training development day for staff which would include a wider footprint in terms of partnership.

5.9 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.10 **List of Appendices:**

None.

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 All practices, processes and operations would have to comply with the law and powers that the Council and Police have.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 The approach would require staff from the Council and Police working to a shared agenda and in certain instances protocols.

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 To ensure all people are dealt with in the same manner: fairly and with transparency.

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 This approach does not add any additional revenue costs on the Council.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 To not take this approach could result in certain anti-social behaviour and crimes not being dealt with effectively or potentially increasing.

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 None.

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 Consultation has been undertaken with the BSafe Partnership and relevant operational staff.

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 None.

14.0 Key decision information:

14.1 Is this a key decision? No

14.2 If so, Forward Plan reference number:

14.3 If a key decision, is the decision required in less than five days? No

14.4 If **yes**, please describe the reason for urgency:

15.0 Call-in information:

15.1 Are there any grounds for urgency, which would cause this decision to be exempt from the call-in process? No

15.2 If **yes**, please give reason:

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16.0 Scrutiny Committee Chairman (where appropriate):

Date informed:

Date approved:

17.0 Declarations of interest (if applicable):

17.1 None.

18.0 Executive decision:

18.1 The Deputy Leader of the Council agreed the recommendations as outlined above namely:

1. To agree to the frontline operational delivery partnership between the Council and Police based on the guiding principles outlined in paragraph 5.7 and the key elements outlined in paragraph 5.8.
2. To authorise the Director of Community and Environmental Services to take

actions as necessary to implement the frontline operational delivery partnership.

3. To authorise the Head of Legal to sign any required legal documentation to action the partnership on behalf of the Council.

18.2 Date of Decision:

14 June 2018

19.0 Reason(s) for decision:

As Council and Police resources have become more challenging in meeting increasing demands on the services across the board, it is important that all services on the ground work as one to support the common goal of 'Making Blackpool Better'.

19.1 Date Decision published:

14 June 2018

20.0 Executive Members in attendance:

20.1

21.0 Call-in:

21.1

22.0 Notes:

22.1