

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

NEIGHBOURHOODS, INCLUSION, COMMUNITIES & EQUALITIES COMMITTEE

4.00pm 22 JANUARY 2018

WHITEHAWK LIBRARY

MINUTES

Present: Councillor

Also in attendance: Councillor A Norman (Opposition Spokesperson), West (Group Spokesperson), Bewick, Cattell, Miller, K Norman, Peltzer Dunn and Penn

Invitees : Lisa Bell (Sussex Police); Joanna Martindale (Hangleton & Knoll Project) and Anusree Biswas Sassidharan (Brighton & Hove Ethic Group)

PART ONE

48 PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

48 (a) Declarations of substitutes

48.1 Councillor PennHill was present as a substitute for Councillor Councillor Moonan, Councillor was present as a substitute for Councillor Simson. It was also noted that Councillor Knight had given her apologies.

48 (b) Declarations of Interest

48.2 There were none.

48 (c) Exclusion of press and public

48.3 In accordance with section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 ("the Act"), the Committee considered whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during an item of business on the grounds that it was likely, in view of the business to be transacted or the nature of proceedings, that if members of the press and public were present during that item, there would be disclosure to them of confidential information (as defined in section 100A(3) of the Act) or exempt information (as defined in section 100(I) of the Act).

48.4 **RESOLVED-** That the press and public not be excluded

49 MINUTES

49.1 **RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the meeting held on 27 November 2017 be approved and signed as a correct record.

50 PRESENTATION(S)

50.1 The Committee received a presentation from Fiona Sharp and Linda Beanlands outlining the work of the International Women’s Network which had been developed as a result of the work of the One Voice Partnership.

50.2 It was explained that the network provided a platform for women from diverse cultures and backgrounds to share experience and knowledge and support one another. Meetings were held regularly at venues across the city with the intention of reaching into neighbourhood groups and sharing resources enabling those attending to share food and information, exchange ideas and build friendships. Those attending spoke a number of languages and were able to translate for one another and represented a wide age range, children were always welcome and the oldest attendees were over 80 years of age.

50.3 The network sought to take account of past and emerging national and local policy and practice and strategically they aimed to offer routes into employment and training opportunities, English language assistance, education and digital skills development, community and individual safety, parenting and family support, civic life and a voice to influence.

50.4 Those giving the presentation then went on to outline their proposed activities for 2018/19 which included establishing a list of Community Leads and contacts, establishing a “telephone tree” for potential outreach, offering the network as a resource to neighbourhood and city wide community and third sector groups and agencies to enable them to extend the reach and achievement of their objectives, develop the networks Facebook page and other communication resources, find a permanent meeting place and secure some funding to meet expenses. Additionally the network hoped to establish its programme of key social/befriending/general support activities such as its sewing, dance groups and meal sharing alongside developing its programme of activities on routes into employment, training, education, digital skills, apprenticeships and setting up small businesses (including the Food Market stall), establish a professional mentoring programme including entry into civic life, establish its English language offer including one to one and home support, ensure that its responses on community and individual safety, safeguarding, parenting and family support were appropriate, informed, complied with statutory referral arrangements and all other requirements, decided on its level of personal support and advocacy, defined and described its offer and limitations and encouraged more women to volunteer within the network, particularly those from diverse cultures and backgrounds.

- 50.5 Following the presentation Members had the opportunity to ask questions before proceeding to consider the remaining business on the agenda and thanked them for their presentation applauding the work they had been doing.

51 CHAIRS COMMUNICATIONS

- 51.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting at Whitehawk Library and reminded all present that the meeting was being recorded and would be capable of repeated viewing via the online webcast. Several important events would be taking place in the near future which the Chair stated she would like to draw to the attention of the Committee and members of the public who were present.

Holocaust Memorial Day

- 51.2 On Wednesday 24 and Thursday 25 January Brighton and Hove Holocaust Project would be holding a series of events at Brighton College and Brighton & Hove High School to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day. Sir Eric Reich a kinder transport refugee would be speaking, and attendees would also be able to hear of the experiences of the Sinti Roma. Additionally, there would be a "Power of Words" poetry workshop at which art work and poetry by pupils at Carden Primary School and Brighton & Hove High School would be on display.

Angel Day

- 51.3 On Saturday 10 February an "Angel Day" would be held at Brighton Museum organised by the Interfaith Contact Group. This would be a free, family friendly, fun day providing the opportunity to learn about the role played by angels in many faiths and also about the angels (statues for example) which could be found in the city. There would be art, music, storytelling an angel trail and an angel competition.

LGBT History Month

- 51.4 February was LGBT History month and during that time there would be many events and activities across the city: a repeat of the successful "B Right On Festival" held the previous year. Numerous community and fundraising events supporting older people, those affected by domestic abuse and, mental health organisations, HIV charities, LGBT families, disabled people and the homeless community all within the Phil Starr Pavilion, a multifunctional, fully accessible, heated performance and conference space with a licensing at Victoria Gardens.

Emergency Planning in the Wake of the Grenfell Tower Tragedy

- 51.5 The Chairman referred to the meeting of the Committee held on 9 October 2017 at which members had considered a report of the Executive Director, Neighbourhoods, Communities and Housing relating to "Emergency Planning and Resilience, Preventing and Responding to Emergencies". One of the resolutions of the Committee had been that the Chief Executive should write to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government raising various matters arising in the light of the Grenfell Tower tragedy. A copy of response received had been forwarded to all members of the

Committee. Copies of the minute of that meeting and the response received were also available any members of the press and public who were present.

51.6 **RESOLVED** – That the contents of the Chair’s Communications be received and noted.

52 CALL OVER

52.1 All items appearing on the agenda were reserved for discussion with the exception of the following which were agreed without discussion:

Item 57 – “Equality and Inclusion Strategy – Progress Update”; and
Item 58 – “Trans Needs Assessment Action Plan Progress”

53 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

53(a) Petitions

53.1 There were none.

53(b) Written Questions

53.2 There were none.

53(c) Deputations

53.3 There were none.

54 MEMBER INVOLVEMENT

54(a) Petitions

54.1 There were none.

54(b) Written Questions

54.2 There were none.

54(c) Letters

54.3 There were none.

54(d) Notices of Motion

54.4 There were none.

55 COMMUNITY SAFETY AND CRIME IN BRIGHTON AND HOVE

55.1 The Committee considered a report of the Executive Director, Neighbourhoods, Communities and Housing explaining that under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, there is a requirement for statutory and other partners to formulate a plan every three years to

tackle crime and disorder and monitor progress. This report provided an update on the work undertaken by the Safe in the City Partnership in relation to the Community Safety and Crime Reduction Strategy focussing on performance in the first quarter of 2017/18.

- 55.2 The Head of Community Safety, Peter Castleton, and Chief Superintendent Bell gave a presentation setting out the context and background to the information in the report, the headline indicators and those areas which had shown an increase. Chief Superintendent Bell accompanied the Head of Community Safety in order to answer any questions members might have.
- 55.3 It was explained that the upward trend in crime over the last three years followed a long term decline over the preceding years. Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) had undertaken an audit of crime recording practices in 2013/14 and as a consequence improvements had been made within forces including Sussex Police. This had had an impact on the figures for some of the types of crime set out in the report, particularly violence against the person, as well as contributing to the number of total crimes recorded. As the HMIC audit had been an on-going process, this had contributed to the ongoing upwards trend in recorded crime. Domestic violence, sexual violence and hate crimes were among those crime types which were now more accurately recorded resulting in better services and outcomes for victims. It should also be noted that the increases shown also reflected the changes which had been made to the manner in which incidents were recorded and to increased reporting of some crimes.
- 55.4 Both nationally and locally there had been concern regarding right-wing extremist sentiment expressed on-line in the aftermath of terrorist incidents and in response to news reports on individual cases. A Communities Co-ordinator had been appointed to continue work with community groups and develop projects countering extremism, including online, and to develop a campaign around shared values and the unacceptability of hate incidents and crimes. In answer to questions, the Head of Community Safety explained that whilst there had been a "spike" in certain types of hate crime in the city post Brexit, but that this had not followed the pattern which had been seen elsewhere in the country.
- 55.5 Councillor Miller referred to the figures provided in relation violent crime and to the changes to the way in certain types of crime were defined and recorded seeking clarification regarding whether it was possible to break down the figures down further for example, the figures for the incidence of domestic violence against women. Chief Superintendent Bell referred to the tools used in relation to the conversion rate for certain types of crime for example in relation to public and private places and to improved reporting practices in relation to the night time economy. This impacted on the figures overall and it should not be lost sight of, that notwithstanding concerns expressed or the need to address them, that the city remained a safe place, with relatively low incidence of crime.
- 55.6 Councillor Bewick stated that he welcomed the input which had been provided by Chief Superintendent Bell noting the collaborative working/ referral arrangements between the Police, Council Officers and other partners. Notwithstanding that however, he considered that the figures were a reflection of the leadership of the Police and Crime Commissioner. Whilst the precept paid to the Police had increased, on street neighbourhood policing had decreased and crime continued to rise. The reduction of

PCSO's and beat officers on the street had decreased this was of a matter of concern to the public and did not appear to be being addressed.

- 55.7 Councillor Peltzer Dunn stated that he found it difficult to extrapolate from the figures provided in order to enable meaningful comparisons to be drawn with other areas and in order for members to be sure that they were comparing like with like. The Head of Community Safety explained that the headline information contained in the report needed to be considered in the context with the tables set out in the appendix. It was agreed that subject to capacity further thought would be given to how the available information was set out in subsequent reports.
- 55.8 Councillor West concurred with what had been said stating that the Police Commissioner should attend a meeting of the Committee and to explain the approach being adopted, there were a number of questions which he would like to ask. The Chair, Councillor Daniel, drew attention to the fact that that one of the report recommendations requested that it forwarded to the Commissioner with a copy of the minutes and a response requested in relation to the rise in figures for recorded crime and the strategies being put into place to address that.
- 55.9 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the Committee notes the information contained in the report which provided an update on work being undertaken by the Safe in the City Partnership in relation to the Community Safety and Crime Reduction Strategy 2017-20; and
- (2) That the Committee requests that officers send a copy of this report and the minutes of the meeting to the Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner seeking a response to the matters raised and that officers report back to a future Committee with details of the response.

56 NEIGHBOURHOODS AND COMMUNITIES PORTFOLIO – PROPOSED FIELD OFFICER ROLE BUSINESS CASE

- 56.1 The Committee considered the further report of the Executive Director, Neighbourhoods, Communities and Housing setting out the business case for a new Field Officer role. The report was introduced by the Environmental Health Manager, Environmental Protection.
- 56.2 It was noted that consideration of the recommendations contained in the "Proposed Field Officer Business Case" report put forward to the previous meeting of the Committee on 27 November had been deferred.
- 56.3 The Environmental Health Manager, Environmental Protection, explained that the proposed implementation dates and timetables detailed in the report and recommendations 2.2, 2.4, 2.5, and 2.6 had been updated to address concerns raised by members at the November meeting. The Risk Log in Appendix 1 had also been amended accordingly. Concerns raised had included resourcing of the programme, loss of the Noise Patrol service, and the scale and management of the programme. The proposed controls to address these concerns were referred to in risks 1 – 4 of the Risk Log. Concerns about delivery and implementation of an effective mobile platform the ICT and Digital First had also been addressed and the timetable had also been updated

to reflect the progress being made with implementation of the tablet and trialling of the associated UNIFORM applications, this was also detailed in Appendix 1.

- 56.4 The Environmental Health Manager explained that the Business Case for the Field Officer role had been developed in collaboration with staff and service heads, external partners, unions and also information collated from recent community workshops. Similar work being carried out by other local authorities had also been considered, with further work undertaken since the previous meeting of the Committee regarding models used elsewhere. The Business Case had been presented to and received full support of the Corporate Modernisation Delivery Board and in addition detailed presentations had been given to each of the political groups. In answer to questions the Environmental Health Manager explained that this role would complement existing specialist officers and would provide a more streamlined service without duplication and would require approval of the Policy, Resources and Growth Committee to the necessary amendments to the Council's existing "Scheme of Delegations to Officers" before the Field Officers started in post.
- 56.5 Councillor West stated that he did not consider that the report had addressed any of the earlier issues raised to his satisfaction. He explained that he still had major concerns in terms of cost, suitability, workload and managing expectations. Councillor West stated that the report currently put forward for consideration differed very little from that submitted previously in his view and his preference was still that a pilot scheme should take place first; the risks had been "dumbed down", the concerns expressed by the unions were well made in his opinion.
- 56.6 The Executive Director, Neighbourhoods, Communities and Housing, stated that aims and objectives of the proposed Field Officer role were consistent with those of the Communities and Neighbourhoods Portfolio, namely of putting communities at the heart of service delivery, whilst at the same time supporting delivery of savings and making the most effective use of resources. The rationale for operating a "city wide" approach to service delivery was to avoid dividing the city into different models of service delivery with the attendant risk of creating hotspots and varying degrees of enforcement and would provide a single point of contact. The 4 different rota options set out in Appendix 1 had different hours of delivery and different costings but had been budgeted for and had been updated following consideration of the previous report and had also been addressed both in considering the financial implications and within Appendix 1.
- 56.7 Councillor Peltzer Dunn stated that whilst he had some concerns in relation to the practicalities of delivering some of the interface with the noise patrol team, he considered that it was also important to take a global view and on that basis he was happy to support the report recommendations. He did consider however that it was important for the Committee to be advised regarding progress requesting that a further update report be provided to the Committee in 12 months. Councillor Miller concurred and it was confirmed that this would be done.
- 58.8 Councillor Miller stated that he welcomed this initiative which provided the opportunity to deliver improvements for residents. He considered that in the longer term it was important to ensure that there was no conflict or duplication and that expectations were managed. The Executive Director, Neighbourhoods, Communities and Housing explained that these posts would complement existing roles and would provide greater

flexibility by being available at weekends. They would not however replace the wider remit of specialist officers e.g., housing officers.

- 58.9 Councillor Cattell stated that she had supported these proposals when the earlier report had been considered by the Committee at its meeting in November 2017. The further information provided in the report reinforced that and she was happy to support the recommendations.
- 58.10 Councillor Penn confirmed that she also supported the report recommendations which she considered would provide innovative, robust and flexible solutions at local level. The collaboration with other partners was also welcomed. It was important to ensure that measures were put into place to ensure officer safety
- 58.11 Councillor A Norman confirmed that the clarification provided in respect of the various issues raised at the previous meeting was welcomed and she was satisfied by the reassurance it provided. Her only remaining concerns were in respect of ensuring that staff who were rendered potentially vulnerable in consequence of lone working were properly protected. It was confirmed that a range of measures including call – in arrangements, buddying etc., would be put in place to ensure staff safety.
- 58.12 Councillor Bewick also welcomed the report but was also in agreement to ensure that realistic expectations were set.
- 58.13 Councillor K Norman also welcomed the report citing the changes in process which were anticipated in relation to invoking Public Space Protection Orders. The incidence of certain types of offence in the absence of a flexible and pro-active response was recognised.
- 56.14 A vote was taken and on a vote of 8 to 1 the recommendations in the report were agreed.
- 56.15 Councillor West requested that the report be referred to Council for information in view of its far reaching in his view, implications. A further vote was taken on whether the Committee wished to refer the report to full Council which was lost on a vote of 8 to 1. Councillor West was advised that it would be possible for the Green Group to write to the Chief Executive formally requesting that the report be referred.
- 56.16 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the Committee agrees to the creation of a Field Officer Team as set out at Option 1 of the Business Case on Page 12 of Appendix 1 to the report;
- (2) Agrees the revised proposed of functions and services based on the outcome of workshops with frontline staff and managers as set out at paragraphs 3.43 to 3.50 of the report;
- (3) Agrees the funding and resources required for the set-up of the Field Officer support role as set out at paragraphs 3.29 to 3.42 of the report and pages 16 to 20 of Appendix 1 to the report;

(4) Notes the timetable; for implementation and associated communication and engagement work with key stakeholders as set out in section 5 of the report (paragraphs 5.1 to 5.12), and pages 28 and 29 and pages 38 to 39 of Appendix 1;

(5) Notes the updated risks and mitigation actions set out in pages 21 to 26 of Appendix 1;

(6) Notes the updated Digital First timetable for delivery as set out on pages 27 to 28 of Appendix 1; and

(7) Notes that the detailed amendments to the Scheme of Delegations to Officers referred to at paragraphs 3.16 to 3.19 of the report will be reported to the Policy Resources and Growth Committee for approval before the Field Officers started to exercise Council functions.

57 EQUALITY & INCLUSION STRATEGY PROGRESS UPDATE

57.1 The Committee considered a report of the Executive Director, Neighbourhoods, Communities and Housing which provided an update on the Equality and Inclusion Strategy.

57.2 **RESOLVED** - That the Committee note the contents of the report and the updates given against the Equality and Inclusion Strategy objective and commitments.

58 TRANS NEEDS ASSESSMENT ACTION PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

58.1 The Committee considered a report of the Executive Director, Neighbourhoods, Communities and Housing detailing progress on the Trans Needs Assessment Action Plan.

58.2 **RESOLVED** – That the Committee notes the contents of this annual report describing progress against the recommendations of the Trans Needs Assessment 2015.

59 COUNTY LINES

59.1 The Committee considered a report of the Executive Director, Neighbourhoods, Communities and Housing which explained what county lines was (a police term used to describe urban gangs supplying drugs to market and coastal towns across the country using dedicated mobile phone lines) and, gave an overview of how this might be impacting in Brighton and Hove. The report also went on to consider the next steps the council would take alongside the police and other agencies to reduce the impact of this problem.

59.2 The Head of Community Safety, Peter Castleton, further explained that gangs often used children and vulnerable people too move drugs and money between different locations. Gangs established a base, typically by taking over the homes of local vulnerable adults (who were often drug users) by force or coercion which was known as cuckooing. This activity with its associated violence, drug dealing and exploitation had a major impact on young people, vulnerable adults and local communities and was a major cross-cutting issue involving drugs, violence, gangs, safeguarding, criminal child exploitation, modern slavery and missing persons. Drugs supplied through county lines

were primarily heroin and crack cocaine, although cannabis was also supplied by runners as a secondary drug as an independent side-line to generate extra income.

- 59.3 Chief Superintendent Bell, explained that the national response to this problem involved the police, the National Crime Agency, a wide range of government departments local government and the voluntary and community sector and the London Borough of Islington was leading a cross party call from lead members for children's services from 19 London boroughs for the Government to help protect vulnerable young people. Locally, there was no doubt that County lines was operating in the city as the Police and Council had closed down over 20 premises over the past two years using Closure Orders under the 2014 Anti-social Behaviour, Policing and Crime Act. Sussex Police sought to disrupt drug dealing on a regular basis as part of a comprehensive operation using specially trained officers from out of force to identify dealers. Such operations would continue as they were having an impact on drug supply, however, demand in the city meant that new drug dealers quickly took the place of those who had been arrested.
- 59.4 There were robust working practices in place in the city for dealing with premises which had been cuckooed, including gathering intelligence, executing drugs warrants and closing premises quickly using ASB Act powers when necessary to bring relief to neighbours, supporting vulnerable and displaced residents and taking direct action against the perpetrators. Where County lines existed there was significant impact on neighbours and the wider neighbourhood and in instances where this had happened as appropriate meetings had taken place to reassure communities and to take the opportunity to encourage reporting of incidents. Officers had met with the Metropolitan Police and the Home Office who were keen to establish the profile and extent of drugs use in the city. County lines operated in the city because there was a substantial demand for drugs and County lines evolved and adapted quickly to meet that demand. This work would be linked to the County Lines Action Plan being established by the Community Safety Partnership. It was acknowledged that the initial action plan would need to be sufficiently flexible to meet changing needs to address this issue.
- 59.5 This was a complex issue which was prevalent in metropolitan areas and was becoming increasingly commonplace in towns and cities across the country where there was sufficient drugs demand. Officers would continue to work with communities to build confidence in reporting issues and to make links elsewhere in the country with colleagues who were undertaking new work to tackle county lines and to bring that learning to bear locally where appropriate.
- 59.6 The Chair, Councillor Daniel welcomed the report, which she considered was very informative. It was distressing to note the levels of coercion and violence associated with this activity but heartening to note the degree of collaboration between the different agencies. The public health implications which existed on a number of levels were major and concerning and the necessity for a joined up approach by all agencies was key in combatting this problem. The picture being painted was a scary one but it was good to note that further joint working was envisioned going forward and that an Action Plan was in the process of being drawn up.
- 59.7 Joanna Martindale and Anusree Biswas Sassidharan commented on the on-going importance of learning from experiences gained and of linking in to local communities in seeking to address this problem.

- 59.8 Councillor West welcomed the information provided by the report although it made very depressing reading and sought clarification as to how it would link in with community safety. Councillor West also considered that it was important to ensure that Local Action Teams were kept informed of and involved in the process within their individual areas.
- 59.9 Councillor Penn expressed concern regarding the potentially high level demands that would be placed on services across the board bearing in mind that children and vulnerable people were targeted and the levels of coercion and violence involved.
- 59.10 Councillor Bewick referred to the fact that social housing seemed and those who were vulnerable such as young care leavers seemed to be particular focuses for this criminal activity. It was important to work not only with communities but also pro-actively with private sector landlords, other social landlords and with the council's own housing offices in order to deliver an adaptable and agile response to tackle this problem.
- 59.11 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the Committee notes the adoption of “Tackling County Lines” as a priority for the Community Safety Partnership and requests that the Community Safety Partnership reports back to Committee on action taken in six months; and
- (2) That the Committee requests that officers of the council share this report with the Local Children’s Safeguarding Board and the Safeguarding Adults Board and to bring the Boards’ respective responses back to this committee.

60 INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS IN BRIGHTON AND HOVE A PART OF THE JOINT NEEDS STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT PROGRAMME

- 60.1 The Committee considered a report of the Executive Director, Neighbourhoods, Communities and Housing which provided a comprehensive analysis of the needs and assets of the city’s migrant populations which would be used to inform commissioning service planning and delivery across the city to improve outcomes and reduce inequalities.
- 60.2 It was explained that “International Migrants in Brighton & Hove” provided a comprehensive analysis of the needs of the city’s migrant populations and that it would be used to inform commissioning, service planning and delivery across the city to improve outcomes and reduce inequalities.
- 60.3 The Public Health Consultant, Alistair Hill, explained that the definition of migrant which had been used was that used by the United Nations, Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) that it applied “to any person who lives temporarily or permanently in a country where he or she was not born.” Generally those whose intention was to stay in the UK for at least twelve months had been included, whilst short term visitors, short term students or tourists had been excluded. The definition included those who had migrated voluntarily (for work or study, for example), and those who had been forced to migrate such a refugees, asylum seekers and those who were trafficked to the UK. The children of migrants had also been included within the scope of the report even if they had been born in the UK.

- 60.4 Anusree Biswas Sassidharan referred to presentation which had been given earlier in the meeting relating to the work of the International Women’s Network; stating that it was very important to link this work into that being undertaken by this organisation and others in order to utilise the skills and assets that already existed to greatest effect. By doing so this would also help to foster and improve community cohesion. It was confirmed that funding for “Building a Stronger Britain” had been secured from the Home Office and that more details about how and where that was to be spent across the city would be provided going forward through the year. In response Anusree stated that she welcomed the proposal to carry out a mapping exercise in order to link into and work in partnership with the third sector. Whilst recognising all of the good work that was taking place it was important to ensure that good practice was adopted as well as a joined up approach to funding and learning.
- 60.5 Councillor Bewick welcomed the report stating that the work undertaken served to illustrate how wonderfully diverse the city was. It was important to celebrate that and to champion their integration.
- 60.6 Councillor Penn concurred stating that it was also important to ensure that there was a streamlined approach to ensuring that the appropriate levels of support were available for children who on arrival in the city did not have English as their first language. It was important to know that not robust measures were in place and that potential barriers to that process were recognised as well. Often women could be more socially isolated, it was very important therefore to ensure that there was effective outreach into those communities.
- 60.7 Councillor West also welcomed the report, stating that the Committee had considered a number of inter-related considered that afternoon had been packed with information which was really informative and he hoped the strategies proposed would become engrained. He considered that social media had in important role to play as did civic roles, for instance that of the mayoralty. He referred to his own year as Mayor and how he had been able to link into various organisations and to raise awareness of an issue (for instance the needs of those with sensory impairments), considering that how that role could be utilised was worthy of greater exploration.
- 60.8 Chief Superintendent Bell welcomed the report stating that the Police had an interest in this area of work as they were aware that crimes against the migrant community remained under-reported an issue which the Police wanted to address.
- 60.9 The Chair, Councillor Daniel, thanked officers for their informative report and for the valuable contributions and suggestions made by the Committee.
- 60.10- **RESOLVED** – (1) That the Committee endorses the findings of the research and its recommendations;
- (2) That the Committee considers the implications of the research when undertaking future work; and
- (3) That Officers report back to the Committee on an annual basis regarding progress on implementing the recommendations.

Note: Councillors Miller and Peltzer Dunn were not present during consideration of the report referred to above.

61 ITEMS REFERRED FOR FULL COUNCIL

61.1 There were none. Although it was noted that the Green Group wished Item 56 “Neighbourhoods and Communities Portfolio – Proposed Field Officer Role – Business Case” to be forwarded for information.

62 VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING, MARCH 2018

62.1 It was noted that the next scheduled meeting of the Committee on 19 March 2018 would be held from 4.00pm in Brighton Central Jubilee Library, Jubilee Street, BN1 1GL.

The meeting concluded at 7.25pm

Signed

Chair

Dated this

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