

Outstanding actions from Overview and Scrutiny – June 2020

ACTION NUMBER MEETING DATE MINUTE NUMBER	RECOMMENDATION/ ACTION	UPDATE	TIMESCALE
ACTION 1 08/06/2020 OSC43/19	<p>Councillor Booth would like county council to state what rates they will charge pre-schools (this should have been an action recorded under OSC38/19, item 21).</p>	<p>Response from Sector Development and Funding Manager, Early Years Service, Cambs County Council</p> <p>Cambridgeshire County Council wrote recently to a range of early years and childcare providers occupying buildings on school sites as part of its ongoing work to achieve consistent occupancy arrangements.</p> <p>The ongoing work looks at whether market rents are affordable for Early Years settings or not and then proceeds to adjust the rent downwardly if there is lack of affordability that would threaten the sustainability of the provision.</p> <p>This activity supports the Council's responsibilities for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintaining and developing the local economy for the benefit of all; • Obtaining best value in respect of all its financial dealings, including those in its role of being a landlord; and, • Maintaining its assets in order to protect their value over time. <p>This process has been extended</p>	COMPLETED

		<p>to address the impact of the Coronavirus on early years provision, looking at rent deferment and rent holiday options. Both of these options were presented in the letter.</p> <p>All of these measures are designed to make occupancy easier for early years and childcare providers, with more consistent, realistic and affordable property charges. Providers will be asked for certain information relating to their business in order to access the remedial measures on offer. This again is in the interests of consistency and fairness.</p> <p>There is no intention to increase rents in any of this activity.</p>	
<p>ACTION 2 08/06/2020 OSC44/19</p>	<p>Councillor Booth requested further information on what the police will be doing to enhance their enforcement role in relation to speeding prevention.</p>	<p>Response from Neighbourhood Inspector Ian Lombardo</p> <p>The team have been working on a bid for exhaust noise reading equipment and I'm pleased to say this has been successful and the kit has been ordered.</p> <p>A constant complaint is the drivers with loud exhausts driving at speed through the towns and villages and until now we didn't have a calibrated bit of equipment to register the level of excessive noise coming from these vehicles and therefore found it difficult to prosecute.</p> <p>It links in with the speeding aspect as the loud racing sound of the exhaust encourages the driver to driver faster.</p> <p>A day of action will be taking</p>	<p>COMPLETED</p>

		<p>place in the near future.</p> <p>Norfolk have had this bit of kit for a couple of years and they have been extremely positive about it.</p> <p>It's especially useful at car cruises as it's a nice and simple way to break them up as the drivers don't want to get fined and know that as it's a calibrated machine they can't argue with it at court.</p> <p>Alongside this local officers continue to target road related offences including speeding during their routine patrols.</p> <p>We regularly update the community about action that is taken in regards to these matters via our social media pages and monthly councillor reports.</p> <p>The teams will and do undertake dedicated speed enforcement when other priorities allow and also support local communities to set up their own speed watch schemes.</p> <p>We continue to look for new ways to work with our partners to ensure that the roads in the fenland area are as safe as possible.</p> <p>Work is developing to set up an email address for the Police neighbourhood teams dedicated to Local Councillors and partners to feed in concerns such as hot spots for speeding which the team can then respond to.</p>	
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