

## **Community Safety Portfolio Councillor H J Faccio**

### **Report to Council – 10 July 2024**

#### **Environmental Protection/Anti- Social Behaviour**

##### **Enforcement**

- Community Protection Warnings – 6
- Community Protection Notices – 1
- Abatement Notice – 1

A Prosecution file has been submitted for Breach of Criminal Behaviour Order.

A Kimberley resident recently pleaded guilty to six offences of breaching a Community Protection Notice for keeping his dogs in a manner which caused distress to local residents. Three large dogs were kept in a rented property with no garden and dog faeces and urine were allowed to accumulate causing severe odour on a regular basis.

In January 2024, a concern was raised by neighbours who had temporarily left their home due to a rat problem and the disrepair of the adjoining house. A warrant was applied for and executed, supported by the local Police. In addition to concerns about the structure with part of the kitchen roof missing, the property was filled with rubbish and lacked water, heating and washing facilities. There were also concerns about electrical and fire safety and as the property was occupied an Emergency Prohibition Order was served making it an offence to reside there until works had been completed. The owner, an armed forces veteran in poor physical and mental health, self-funded temporary accommodation and has since gone into private rented housing. Officers supervised a clearance after which it was identified that the sink was live and needed making safe. Officers guided the owner in putting the property up for auction and signposted to support from Armed Forces in the Community.

Following the successful sale of the property, the Council recovered the money for the work undertaken in default. The property will now be renovated which should improve the aesthetic of the area given it is in a prominent position and some of the garden will likely be used for development. Once renovated the Emergency Prohibition Order on the property will be revoked.

#### **Food Safety and Infectious Disease Control**

Ongoing food hygiene inspection programme – on track to meet the yearly inspection plan.

The turnover of businesses and number of new food businesses continues to impact on the team. A total of 30 new food business registration forms received since the beginning of April.

Prosecution of an unlicensed boarding kennels resulted in guilty pleas, sentencing is due July 2024.

### **Animal and Special Treatments Licensing**

General licensing – seven new registration applications for skin piercing activities for premises and practitioners.

There is an ongoing review of Dangerous Wild Animal licence renewals.

### **Joint Working with Other Agencies**

Work is starting on a national project on Funeral Directors.

### **Licensing**

Licences issued:

- 10 new Personal Licences
- 40 Temporary Event Notices
- 12 Designated premises Supervisor Variations
- 3 Minor Premises Variations
- 2 Premises transfers
- 2 Full variations.

Eight new vehicle licences have been issued.

### **Community Safety Portfolio Report**

Communities are busy with promoting work each month through the Communities Bulletin which is available through Broxtowe's email-me service. Launched in December 2023, the communities bulletin is growing with subscribers added each month. The bulletin has helped promote events, signpost services relating to health, wellbeing, crime, licencing and anti-social behaviour and has highlighted the work the Communities Team do.

### **Funding**

The Communities Team have made the following bid submission to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner to apply for funding.

The Council has been successful in a bid of £36,000 of Safe4All funding to upgrade and improve the existing CCTV and install two help points in Beeston Town Centre.

The Council has been successful in a bid of £95,570 of Safer Streets funding to upgrade and improve the existing CCTV and install two help points in Beeston Town Centre. This work is now completed with the cameras being commissioned in April and the Help Points being commissioned in June.

We are awaiting the result (delayed by the election of the Police Crime Commissioner and now the general election) of a bid for £25,000 of Locality Funding from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner if successful the projects below will be delivered between the decision date and the end of March 2025.

- £22,000 for Transform Training to deliver OPERATION POTASSIUM+
  - To address a rise in ASB and crime in a group of young people in Kimberley and the surrounding area
  - To reduce the risk of young people entering the justice system
  - To reduce the risk of the group being involved in child criminal exploitation.
- £3,000 funding for Broxtowe Women's Project to deliver Do You Feel Safe?
  - Safe travel for lone people especially women
  - Raise awareness across Broxtowe Borough
  - Raise awareness to students at the University of Nottingham and Trent University using the night time economy in the Borough.

### **Community Safety Partnership**

A new Community Safety Strategy has been drawn up to support the work of the South Nottinghamshire Community Safety Partnership and will go to the Strategic Meeting for approval.

### **Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHR)**

The report submitted for DHR HIGHLAND has been reviewed by the Home Office and the feedback response received. The response was very positive "*The QA Panel felt this was a well-written and sensitive review, which has made good efforts to understand Chloe's experiences. There was positive engagement by the author with Chloe's family, who contributed to DHR process and were supported by Advocacy after Fatal Domestic Abuse (AAFDA). The chronology is clear with dates included and there is very detailed information about historical contact with a number of services*"

The feedback suggestions from the Home Office will now be made before publishing.

Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) HYPERION is nearing completion, and the report will be presented to the Community Safety Partnerships Strategic Group for approval in June before being submitted to the Home Office for review and feedback

A new review is being started DHR HORNBY following the sad death of a woman in Eastwood in April.

### **Safeguarding Presentation PubWatch Groups**

The Licensing Officer has attended the Boroughs Pub Watch meeting in Eastwood and Kimberley to deliver safeguard training as most venues are at the heart of the community and they are more likely to spot signs of change in their customers. The training empowers them to identify physical abuse, disabilities, modern slavery, exploitation, county lines and drugs and child and adult sexual abuse and they are

provided with all the information they need to report concerns and make referrals. This training also provides them with the skills to protect themselves from harm. This training was very well received and feedback was positive so it will also be delivered to PubWatch meetings in Beeston and Chilwell, and Stapleford during 2024 and offered annually thereafter.

The Council continue to work with local premises to promote the strut safe campaign where 40 goodie bags containing spiking straws, personnel alarms, purse bells and other information are provided locally.

The aims of the presentation were:

- To ensure an understanding of their obligations to safeguard vulnerable adults, young people, children and Customers.
- To ensure they are able to identify who might be possible victims of exploitation, trafficking and various forms of abuse.
- To provide referral pathways if they become aware of someone who may be being exploited, trafficked and abused, or is at risk of being abused.
- Promote the ASK Angela and White Ribbon campaigns.
- Work books, leaflets and other information are provided for the licensees to distribute to staff and the slides are uploaded to their pubwatch what's app group so they can train all staff.
- Each venue also receives a safeguarding certificate to display so customers can see and maybe feel safer in the venue or even feel like they can approach the staff for help.

### **Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) and Crime**

The Senior Communities Officer and the Children and Young People's Officer have been actively engaging with a local primary school within Beeston. They delivered talks to classrooms, focusing on antisocial behaviour, crime and the importance of children's mental health. So far sessions have been delivered to all year groups from year one all the way up to year six.

Due to the overwhelming positive feedback from both the children and staff, one to one sessions were also carried out for a group of children requiring additional support to address issues related to antisocial behaviour, crime and online safety.

Significant efforts were also dedicated to discussions surrounding mental health and having an awareness of this and what it may mean to the children, as more often than not antisocial behaviour, and criminal activity have a strong link to the mental health of some children.

In September more sessions will take place in schools, this time focusing more on sexual offences and online safety. Educating children in year groups five and six on these matters is paramount as this age group are regular users of the internet and educating children on these matters supports their safety and the safety of others when online.

### **Good Neighbour Contract**

The ASB team and the Police have recently worked in collaboration to create a new contract to help resolve neighbour disputes. The Good Neighbouring Contract, has already been implemented and will be used by both organisations in other suitable cases.

### **Domestic Abuse**

Towards the end of last year, the Council delivered a number of events to celebrate the White Ribbon 16 days of action and helped raise the awareness of the White Ribbon project through the Borough. This included a large event for the White Ribbon flag raising event held in Broxtowe Town square which was attended by a wide breadth of organisations and local partners.

Broxtowe has been successful in gaining reaccreditation of White Ribbon Status for the next three years. In doing so we have submitted our action plan for the previous three years and our action plan for the next three to demonstrate that we have completed all tasks required of us to qualify.

We have also joined a new accredited organisations group organised by Broxtowe Women's Project to liaise with other White Ribbon accredited organisations in Broxtowe so that events can be shared through a wider network and can be coordinated to improve coverage across the Borough.

Broxtowe Sanctuary Scheme is running effectively and all policies and procedures relating to the sanctuary scheme have recently been updated in line with a County-wide effort to standardise procedures across the County. We are also now beginning to do regular demographics reporting on sanctuary cases to the County in order to create sets of data useful for identifying problem areas and communities to be addressed.

### **Violence**

More than 100 Broxtowe cases have been heard at the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference and actioned in 2024.

The Serious Violence Duty has been delivered and Broxtowe is currently meeting all targets required and are on track with our commitments. The Council webpages and communications avenues have all been updated to reflect this work in line with the Duty.

### **Modern Slavery**

The Modern Slavery Statement has been updated for 2024 and has been entered into the committee process for approval over the summer.