

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
COMMUNITY SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

HELD ON TUESDAY 27 JANUARY 2009

Present: Councillor C. Patching (Chair)
Councillors B. Burn, R. Burnip, T. Longstaff,
D. Milsom and T. Unsworth

Apologies: Councillors R. Liddle, S. Mason and Mrs.
A.E. Laing

1. **THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** held on 6 January 2009 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were confirmed.

2. **MATTERS ARISING**

**Recycling
(Minute No. 6 refers)**

The Chair explained that a response had not been received regarding the re-cycling issues raised at the last meeting and suggested that a reminder be sent requesting the information.

RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Support Manager contact the Officers concerned for an up-date on the re-cycling issues.

3. **THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE** held on 13 January 2009, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were submitted.

RESOLVED that the information contained within the Minutes, be noted.

4. **PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION**

There were no members of the public present.

5. **SERVICE UNIT PERFORMANCE REPORTING - NEIGHBOURHOOD INITIATIVES**

Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Neighbourhood Initiatives which updated Members on the progress of the Neighbourhood Initiatives Unit, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

The report provided an update on progress on the Neighbourhood Initiatives Unit which comprised Community Safety, Youth Strategy, Social Inclusion, Pride in Easington and Arts and Sports Development.

The Head of Neighbourhood Initiatives referred to the quarterly performance tables and explained that they were achieving encouraging year on year reductions in most areas of the British Crime Survey Comparator Crimes although the increase in house burglary was something that the Community Safety Partnership was addressing through enforcement and prevention initiatives. The CSP were expecting rises in some crimes due to the downturn in the economy.

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The final meeting of the Community Safety Partnership was to be held that day. The work of partnership will now be taken forward through the arrangements of the Area Action Partnerships and the County Community Safety Board.

The Youth Forum would continue until at least the end of the academic year but arrangements from September onwards were still uncertain. There were a number of formats in operation across the county for youth engagement and the Easington Forum would be considered alongside other initiatives with a view to developing a package of engagement mechanisms.

The Pride in Easington Team had continued to implement initiatives and activities in support of the Pride Objectives Activities in the last quarter were detailed in the report.

'The Word' project was a music event aimed at nine and ten year olds about discrimination, anti-racism and bullying which was delivered through hip-hop and rap music. The event would take place on Wednesday 11 February 2009 at the Glebe Centre and would involve all secondary schools in the District.

The Head of Neighbourhood Initiatives explained that the annual fishing competition had been held the previous weekend and had been the biggest turnout with over five hundred people taking part.

A Member commented that he was concerned about what was going to happen post-April to a lot of the initiatives and schemes that were currently in place in Easington.

The Chair commented that there were many local Easington tailored initiatives and schemes that were highly valued and was concerned that there could be a period where some initiatives would cease.

The Head of Neighbourhood Initiatives explained that currently there was no Head of Sports Development and he had no budgets to plan a Sports Development Summer Programme. The Area Action Partnership's were to be fast tracked and hoped that these would be in place shortly.

The Chair thanked the Officer for his report.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.