

Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Safer & Stronger Communities

Monday, 12 November 2012 at 12.00 pm or on the rising of the Safer & Stronger Communities Scrutiny Committee, whichever is the later

County Hall, New Road, Oxford

Items for Decision

The items for decision under individual Cabinet Members' delegated powers are listed overleaf, with indicative timings, and the related reports are attached. Decisions taken will become effective at the end of the working day on Tuesday 20 November 2012 unless called in by that date for review by the appropriate Scrutiny Committee.

Copies of the reports are circulated (by e-mail) to all members of the County Council.

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Note: Date of next meeting: 10 December 2012

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Items for Decision

1. **Declarations of Interest**
2. **Questions from County Councillors**

Any county councillor may, by giving notice to the Proper Officer by 9 am two working days before the meeting, ask a question on any matter in respect of the Cabinet Member's delegated powers.

The number of questions which may be asked by any councillor at any one meeting is limited to two (or one question with notice and a supplementary question at the meeting) and the time for questions will be limited to 30 minutes in total. As with questions at Council, any questions which remain unanswered at the end of this item will receive a written response.

Questions submitted prior to the agenda being despatched are shown below and will be the subject of a response from the appropriate Cabinet Member or such other councillor or officer as is determined by the Cabinet Member, and shall not be the subject of further debate at this meeting. Questions received after the despatch of the agenda, but before the deadline, will be shown on the Schedule of Addenda circulated at the meeting, together with any written response which is available at that time.

3. **Petitions and Public Address**
4. **Trading Standards Service - Age Restricted Products Enforcement Report and Plan**

Forward Plan Ref: 2012/126

Contact: Richard Webb, Acting Head of Trading Standards & Community Safety Tel: (01865) 815791

Report by Director for Social & Community Services (**CMDSSC4**).

There are age restrictions on the sale of certain products which help to protect the health and well-being of young people, protect the environment and improve community safety.

Section 5 of the Children and Young Persons (Protection from Tobacco) Act 1991 requires local authorities to consider annually the appropriateness of a programme of enforcement actions to prevent sales of tobacco and cigarettes to persons under 18 years of age.

The anti-social behaviour and fear from crime caused by underage drinking and inappropriate use of fireworks, together with the other legal enforcement duties associated with restricting the availability of other goods, makes it appropriate to consider the enforcement strategy relating to all age restricted products when formulating an underage sales enforcement plan.

This report highlights action taken by the Trading Standards Service during 2011/12 to prevent the illegal sale of age restricted products. The report provides the

opportunity to discuss and adapt the work of the Trading Standards Service in relation to preventing sales of age restricted products. The report is also necessary to ensure that the Council is meeting its responsibilities under the Children and Young Persons (Protection from Tobacco) Act 1991. It may be necessary to demonstrate that this procedural requirement is being met in the event that formal action is taken in respect of an illegal sale.

The Cabinet Member for Safer and Stronger Communities is RECOMMENDED to give her approval for the Trading Standards Service to continue to enforce the legislation controlling the supply of age restricted products on the basis set out in the report.

5. Response Standards Report

Forward Plan Ref: 2012/101

Contact: Nigel Wilson, Assistant Chief Fire Officer Tel: (01865) 855206

Report by Chief Fire Officer (**CMDSSC5**).

This report provides the Cabinet Member with details of Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service (OFRS) performance statistics for fire appliance response times to emergency incidents during 2011/12

The report provides details of that performance and the actions being undertaken to mitigate risk where because of the location OFRS assets attendance times to incidents have exceeded the 11 and 14 minute targets.

The Cabinet Member is RECOMMENDED to note the contents of this paper as fulfilling the requirement to report annually on the Fire & Rescue Service's performance against the agreed response standards.
