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It was AGREED that the dates be noted.

5. ACTION PLAN AND NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27 OCTOBER 2003

The Task Force considered the Action Plan agreed by the Informal Vandalism Task Force and the notes of its meeting held on 27 October 2003.

Members went through the Action Plan item by item to receive progress reports and updates.

It was AGREED that the Action Plan be noted.

6. CORPORATE VANDALISM SPREADSHEET

Arising from the consideration of the Action Plan, the Task Force looked particularly at the spreadsheet produced from the Corporate Database for Recording Vandalism - year 2003/04.

It was noted that as the year had progressed and systems established and adopted the value of the spreadsheet had increased considerably. Consideration was given as to whether the information on the spreadsheet was necessary, and to whether any additional information was desirable.

It was AGREED that the overall aim of the spreadsheet was to record all incidents of vandalism to Council-owned property and to have a Crime Number allocated to each incident by the Police.

It was further AGREED that the Police would periodically supply information on detection of crimes, prosecutions and other actions taken as a result of the incidents reported.

7. PROPOSED VENUES - MOBILE VANDALISM DISPLAY

Arising from the consideration of the Action Plan, it was reported that Council officers attending sites where vandalism had occurred had been requested to photograph the damage concerned.

Photographs taken would form part of a Mobile Vandalism Display which would be put on show at various sites in the Borough to keep residents informed of the damage to Council property and the resulting cost to them.

A programme of weekly displays, commencing in February 2004, had been arranged. The Task Force received details of the first ten venues arranged. The displays would contain a general section relating to the Borough as a whole and also a specific section relating to the area in which the display was being shown.

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Details of the actual dates would be publicised in press releases and notices. Members would receive specific notification of the date and they would also be included in the members' newsletter.

It was AGREED that the arrangements for the Mobile Vandalism Display be noted.

8. MOBILE CCTV

Arising from the consideration of the Action Plan, the Task Force gave particular consideration to the possible purchase of a covert CCTV vehicle. Members considered a report by the Community Partnerships Manager to the officer support group on the subject.

It was AGREED that the project was worth proceeding with and that the Police would designate a specific officer to liaise with Fareham Borough Council officers in the carrying out of a feasibility study relating to the purchase and equipping of a suitable vehicle and of areas/sites where it might be deployed.

9. FAREHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL REWARD SCHEME

Arising from the consideration of the Action Plan, the Task Force considered a report by the Community Partnerships Manager to the officer support group on the feasibility of introducing a reward scheme whereby the Council could pay a financial reward to people supplying information leading to the identification and successful prosecution of perpetrators of vandalism to Fareham Borough Council-owned property.

It was AGREED that the officers be requested to proceed with the setting up of a Reward Scheme.

10. OFFENDERS' SCHEME - GRAFFITI

Arising from the consideration of the Action Plan, it was reported that arrangements had been made for a group of offenders to spend one day a month cleaning up graffiti. Press releases would be issued and it was AGREED that the possibility of including 'before' and 'after' photographs with the press releases be investigated.

(The meeting started at 4.30 pm and ended at 5.43pm)