Minute No. 439
Report – Executive Policy Committee – May 16, 2023

Item No. 3 Public Service Measures to Acknowledge and Support the LiveSAFE Policy Statement

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee and adopted the following:

1. That the work to date of the Public Service, in relation to the LiveSAFE policy, be included in the development of the city-wide community safety, well-being, and crime prevention action plan, as outlined in the Strategic Priorities Action Plan (SPAP); and

2. That the development of the community safety, well-being, and crime prevention action plan, envisioned to begin in 2024, should reside under the direction of the Office of the CAO, as it will solicit and incorporate a broad range of inputs from various departments, other levels of government, including Indigenous governments, law enforcement, partner agencies and community groups representing a wide assortment of Winnipeg residents.

3. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by His Worship Mayor Gillingham,

That the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee be adopted by consent.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On May 16, 2023, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS on November 17th, 2021, Council directed the Public Service to review, amend and rename the 2008 LiveSAFE Crime Prevention Strategy Policy to ensure that modern guiding principles and relevant community safety calls are incorporated; and

WHEREAS the proposed City of Winnipeg Strategic Priorities Action Plan (SPAP) includes a priority action to "Co-create a city-wide community safety, well-being, and crime prevention action plan in collaboration with community-level partner agencies and stakeholders,"; and

WHEREAS crime prevention is inextricably linked with the safety & well-being of the public, and many voices should contribute to the overall plan, reflecting the role that many different groups play when it comes to overall crime prevention & personal safety; and

WHEREAS crime prevention agencies (including law enforcement) have increasingly relied on a holistic approach that deploys on data and analysis, problem-solving and multi-faceted interventions; and

WHEREAS the work of the Public Service on the review of LiveSAFE policy will provide useful background into the broader development of the SPAP-proposed city-wide community safety, well-being, and crime prevention action plan;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Policy Committee recommend to Council:

1. That the work to date of the Public Service, in relation to the LiveSAFE policy, be included in the development of the city-wide community safety, well-being, and crime prevention action plan, as outlined in the Strategic Priorities Action Plan (SPAP); and

2. That the development of the community safety, well-being, and crime prevention action plan, envisioned to begin in 2024, should reside under the direction of the Office of the CAO, as it will solicit and incorporate a broad range of inputs from various departments, other levels of government, including Indigenous governments, law enforcement, partner agencies and community groups representing a wide assortment of Winnipeg residents.

and submitted the matter to Council.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION:

On January 26, 2023, Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee and adopted the following:

1. That a further extension of time of up to 120 days be granted for the Winnipeg Public Service to report back on the following:

    A. That the 2008 LiveSAFE Crime Prevention Strategy Policy be reviewed and amended to reflect current policy including:

        i. Reframe the guiding principles to incorporate the community work and voices captured in the City of Winnipeg Community Safety Strategic Action Plan;

        ii. The principles of the City of Winnipeg Indigenous Accord and relevant community safety calls to Action and Justice of the TRC and MMIWG be incorporated;

        iii. That this policy framework reference and complement other new and upcoming Council adopted policies, such as the Newcomer and Welcoming Inclusion Policy and the Poverty Reduction Strategy as well as the relevant development of performance indicators and measurements.

    B. That the LiveSAFE Crime Prevention Strategy Policy reflect its transformation by being renamed Safe City by Design.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

On May 26, 2022, Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee and granted an extension of time of up to 120 days for the Winnipeg Public Service to report back on the matter.