

CABINET

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REFERENCE FROM THE COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AND PARTNERSHIPS COMMITTEE

A.1 THE ROLE OF THE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

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PART 1 – KEY INFORMATION

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To forward to Cabinet the comments of the Community Leadership and Partnerships Committee following its review of the role of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A letter from the Home Office (July 2009) was sent to all Responsible Authority Group (RAG) Chairs drawing attention to the requirement, now in force, for every local authority in England to have a Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee with power to make recommendations regarding the functioning of their local Community Safety Partnership. There is a duty on all RAG/CSP's to attend at least one Scrutiny Committee meeting per year.

The Community Leadership and Partnerships Committee acts as the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee and on 23 January 2012 reviewed the role of the CSP. At this meeting the Committee resolved that the following comments be forwarded to the Cabinet:

- a) That as a result of the concerns over the number of licences being issued to sell alcohol that this should be reviewed.
- b) That the Council should continue to maintain, as a minimum, the budget for Community Safety at its existing level in future years.
- c) That the Council considers making further facilities available for children and young people, which are affordable to the users, in order to provide positive diversionary activities.
- d) That there appeared to be a gap in representation of education, and in particular schools, on the Community Safety Partnership and that the Council should make representation for this to be addressed.
- e) That the Families with Complex Needs project should be commended in helping to address the issues of crime and disorder.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet determines its response to the Community Leadership and Partnerships Committee's comment as detailed in the Executive Summary.

PART 2 – IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION

DELIVERING PRIORITIES
<p>The CSP plays a key role in addressing the Council's priority of <i>Remaining a low crime area and reducing the fear of crime</i> which it tackles by focusing on the following three key areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Reducing Anti-Social Behaviour2. Reducing Crime and Fear of Crime3. Reducing Drug and Alcohol Misuse within the Community <p>The Partnership operates through an annual Action Plan, underpinned by SMART targets.</p>
FINANCE, OTHER RESOURCES AND RISK
<p>In 2011/12 the Council contributed £2,220 towards Community Safety Partnership working, and the 2012/13 budget has also been set at £2,220.</p> <p>Risk - There are no material risks</p>
LEGAL
<p>None</p>
OTHER IMPLICATIONS
<p>Part of the work of the CLP is to tackle any criminal or antisocial activities that might be targeted at individuals based on them being part of a minority group.</p>

PART 3 – SUPPORTING INFORMATION

BACKGROUND
<p>CSPs are statutory partnerships set up in response to the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and the RAG is the strategic management group for the CSP.</p> <p>The RAG holds a performance management remit and regularly takes an in-depth look at current crime issues with a view to directing and influencing partners' actions to address underperforming crime targets.</p> <p>Each partner also has responsibilities under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act to consider crime reduction and prevention within their own organisations, and positive progress has been made with mainstreaming crime and disorder reduction into the Council's everyday working.</p>
APPENDICES
<p>None</p>