

**REPORT TO THE SCRUTINY PANEL - PEOPLE  
MEETING OF 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2012**

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**Status:** For Discussion and Recommendations  
**Title:** Community Safety Partnership – Review of Progress  
**Report of :** Head of Customer and Community Services  
**Portfolio Holder:** Community Safety & Enforcement  
**Where from:** Annual Review  
**Where to next:** Community Safety Partnership

Objective: To review and comment on the partnerships progress against priorities in the Three Year Plan.

1. Outcome sought from Panel

1.1 To support the work of the partnership in reducing crime and disorder.

2 Background

2.1 Community Safety Partnerships have made significant progress over the past ten years, but further development is always required. There have been a number of changes made as a result of recent reforms leading to reductions in bureaucracy, devolution of responsibilities to the local level, and the streamlining of processes. The powers now given within the Police and Justice Act 2006 enable councillors to scrutinise the Community Safety Partnership.

2.2 The Police and Justice Act 2006 introduced a requirement for local authorities to have a crime and disorder committee with the power to review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken by Responsible Authorities in relation to the discharge of their crime and disorder functions. In July 2008 the Council designated the Scrutiny Panel for People as the 'crime and disorder committee' for this purpose.

2.3 The Community Safety Partnership Plan is a three year plan required by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 that describes how the Community Safety Partnership will fulfil its statutory obligation to reduce crime, antisocial behaviour, substance misuse and reduce re-offending. The Council is a responsible authority under the 1998 Crime and Disorder Act and the Plan will form part of the Council's Policy Framework. The Council's most recent three year plan was presented to the Scrutiny Panel – People Meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2011.

2.4 The priorities set out in the plan were:

1. Serious acquisitive crime. Serious acquisitive crime is defined as domestic burglary (residence), theft of a motor vehicle, theft from a motor vehicle and robbery. We will have a greater focus on burglary.
2. Anti social behaviour and criminal damage – continue to reduce anti social behaviour, particularly in those areas with the highest level of incidents.
3. Violent crime
4. Road traffic accidents and speeding
5. Re offending – reducing re offending (With a focus on families with complex needs)

There are also cross cutting priorities and these are:

1. Alcohol and substance misuse – reducing substance related crime and disorder. This includes minimising the negative impact on families and improving their health and well being..
2. Vulnerability – Protecting the most vulnerable in communities, particularly in those areas with the highest level of incidents.
3. Confidence – increasing user satisfaction with local crime and disorder services

2.5 To help monitor the performance against targets in the three year plan an annual Partnership Strategic Assessment is produced. The purpose of a Strategic Assessment is to provide the Harborough Community Safety Partnership with a comprehensive picture of crime, disorder and community safety issues across Harborough district. The report provides information on police recorded crime, anti-social behaviour incidents, domestic and hate incidents and offences, Fire and Rescue primary and secondary fires, road traffic accidents, Youth Offending, Probation and Substance Misuse. The information within this document should assist in reviewing progress against priorities and the identification of any new trends. This is attached as an Appendix to this report.

2.6 The Community Safety Partnership is chaired by Councillor Colin Golding, Portfolio Holder for Community Safety and Enforcement. Councillor Golding will attend the Scrutiny Panel meeting. Inspector Paul McKinder from Harborough Policing Unit will also attend the meeting.

### 3 Points for discussion

3.1 The Panel is asked to consider the Partnership Strategic Assessment and make any comments on progress against priorities in the three year plan.

4 Equality Impact Assessment Implications/Outcomes (attach completed EIA)

4.1 The Panel will need to assure themselves that the Harborough District Community Safety Partnership are considering equality & inclusion issues and undertaking Equality Impact Assessments when planning their work and priorities.

4.2 The Equality Impact Assessment on the Three Year Pan was presented to the Scrutiny Panel – People Panel on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2011.

## 5 Impact on Communities

5.1 Crime and road safety issues are consistent concerns for communities. Harborough District Council and its partners are therefore working to keep the areas we live in both safe and harmonious. This is an ongoing priority.

## 6 Legal Issues

6.1 The process for drawing up the strategy has been set out by government through the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and subsequent Statutory Instruments including amended legislation and guidance.

## 7. Resource Issues

7.1 The Council funds the Community Safety Team to deliver the Community Safety Partnership and coordinate and deliver the outcomes. External funding is provided by the Police Basic Command Unit (BCU) fund (for partnership working) and funding opportunities may arise from the Home Office (via Leicestershire County Council). The Council also contributes to the Community Safety agenda by funding a range of measures to reduce crime and disorder through its mainstream services, such as licensing, graffiti, fly tipping removal and CCTV.

7.2 The Councils transformation programme has highlighted Community Partnerships as a key area for development within the Council. The revised structure will reflect the need to resource and develop a collaborative culture across the organisation.

7.3 The introduction of the Police and Crime Commissioner in November will change the local arrangements regarding governance and funding.

## 8. Community Safety Implications

8.1 This is a community safety report. The Three Year Plan is having a positive impact on reducing crime and disorder within the Harborough area.

## 9. Carbon Management Implications

9.1 No direct implications. The partnerships consultation strategy places more emphasis on electronic communications and less on printed leaflets/promotional material etc. This reduces paper, postage etc. Less crime will reduce the number of visits to sites of reported incidents.

## 10 Risk Management Implications

- 10.1 The current economic climate has meant reductions in resources, both staff and funding. The funding arrangements for the plan will be subject to annual review.
- 10.2 The Plan is a partnership document, delivered by the partners. Therefore external pressures beyond the control of the Council may have an adverse impact on delivery. A performance management framework is being drawn up to ensure that any such problems are identified early and remedial action taken or plans realigned.

## 11 Consultation

- 11.1 The Three Year plan was subject to a consultation period with all responsible authorities on the Community Safety Partnership having the opportunity to contribute.

## 12. Glossary of Terms

- 12.1 The following is a glossary of terms used within the report:

ASB	Anti-Social Behaviour
AWI	Assault Without Injury (Common Assault)
AWLSI	Assault With Less Serious Injury
CHAID	Type of decision tree technique used for predicting (CHi-squared Automatic Interaction Detector)
CSP	Community Safety Partnership
DV	Domestic Violence
I Quanta	The Home Office Data Base monitoring Police performance
LSOA	Lower Super Output Area - a level of census geography that contains around 1,500 people
MARAC	Multi- Agency Risk Assessment Conference
MSG	Most Similar Family Groups (iQuanta groupings)
NI	National Indicator
PCC	Police and Crime Commissioner
PSA	Partnership Strategic Assessment

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### **Previous report(s):**

Scrutiny powers under sections 19 and 21 of the Police and Justice Act 2006 – 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2009

Community Safety Partnership – Scrutiny Panel – People, 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2011.

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**Appendices:**

**A. Partnership Strategic Assessment 2010/11**