

**REPORT NO. 1**

**REPORT TO THE SCRUTINY PANEL FOR COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP  
MEETING OF 7<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2013**

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**Status:** For Discussion

**Title:** Community Safety Partnership – Annual Review

**Report of :** Community Partnerships Manager

**Portfolio Holder:** Councillor Golding, Regulatory and Safety

**Where from:** Harborough District Community Safety Partnership

**Where to next:** Harborough District Community Safety Partnership

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

1. Outcome sought from Panel

1.1 To review and make recommendations that supports the work of the partnership in reducing crime and disorder.

2 Background

2.1 Community Safety Partnerships have made significant progress in reducing crime and disorder over the past ten years. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the partnerships progress in meeting its 2012/13 priorities and targets, as set out in the Three Year Plan.

2.2 The Three Year Community Safety Partnership Plan is required by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and 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 Councils most recent three year plan was presented to the Scrutiny Panel – People Meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2011. The refreshed summary of the plan is attached to this report for discussion.

2.3 To help monitor the performance against targets in the three year plan a quarterly performance dashboard has been produced. The latest dashboard covering April – December 2012 is attached to this report for discussion.

2.4 The Community Safety Partnership is chaired by Councillor Colin Golding, Portfolio Holder for Community Safety and Enforcement.

2.5 Attending the meeting will be;

- Councillor Colin Golding
- Ann Marie Hawkins, Head of Policy, Performance and Partnerships
- Tom Day, the Councils Community Partnerships Manager
- Paul Weston, District Manager, Leics. Fire & Rescue
- Inspector Paul McKinder, Leicestershire Police

2.6 Looking ahead the role of Harborough District Council in scrutinising the community safety partnership and the partnership itself is likely to change as a result of the introduction of the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC). From April 2013 the PCC will take control of Home Office Funding currently devolved to the County and District Community Safety Partnerships (Harborough £23,966 in 2012/13). Scrutiny of the PCC and his spending plans will be carried out by the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Police and Crime Panel made up of City, County and District Councillors. Cllr Colin Golding is the Harborough representative on this Panel,

### 3 Points for discussion

3.1 The Panel is asked to consider the Three Year Plan Summary and Quarter 3 Performance Report and make any comments or recommendations on the partnerships work.

### 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 when planning their work and priorities.

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

### 5 Impact on Communities

5.1 Crime, disorder 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 of the Partnership and individual agencies.

### 6 Legal Issues

6.1 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.

6.2 The process for drawing up the Three Year Plan 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 employs 1.8FTE Community Safety staff to support partnership to reduce crime and disorder in this district. This includes antisocial behaviour case management of perpetrators and victims. External funding is provided by the Home Office to support the partnership in its work, although this will cease from April 2013.

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 and introduction of the PCC has resulted in reductions in resources for the Council and Police.
- 10.2 The Three 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.

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.

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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.

Community Safety Partnership – Scrutiny Panel – People, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2012.

**Information Issued Under Sensitive Issue Procedure: N**

**Appendices:**

**A. Three Year Plan: Summary 2012/13**

**B. Quarter 3 Performance Dashboard 2012/13**