

**REPORT TO THE SCRUTINY PANEL - PEOPLE
MEETING OF 3RD MARCH**

Status: *For Discussion and Recommendations*
Title: *Community Safety Partnership – Three Year Plan*
Originator: *Head of Customer Services*
Where from:
Where to next: *Community Safety Partnership for adoption*

Objective: *To review and comment on the Three Year Plan and the Communications Plan which have been prepared for adoption by the Harborough Community Safety Partnership.*

1. Outcome sought from Panel
 - 1.1 To support the priorities and actions outlined in the Partnership documents.
- 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.
 - 2.4 The Council is a key partner in the Community Safety Partnership; and has a statutory obligation to work in partnership to tackle crime, anti social behaviour, substance misuse and to reduce reoffending. There is also a

statutory duty to have a plan about how this will be carried out based on an annual Strategic Intelligence Assessment.

2.5 The Community Safety Partnership is chaired by Wendy Martin, a representative from the Police Authority. (Who will be at the meeting) The vice chair is Councillor Golding who is the Portfolio Holder for Community Safety and Enforcement.

2.6 This new three year plan will see the Community Safety Partnership focusing on serious acquisitive crime, anti social behaviour, violent crime, road traffic accidents and reoffending. Anti-social behaviour is a high concern both nationally and locally and while there have been some successes locally; the Community Safety Partnership wants to build on this further.

3 Points for discussion

3.1 The Panel is asked to consider the identified priorities and consider if these are appropriate for the district.

3.2 The Panel is also asked to consider the Partnership Communications Strategy and consider the effectiveness of the suggested approaches.

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 Home Office have undertaken an EIA on the provisions contained within the Police and Justice Act 2006 as part of their development. (Powers of Scrutiny Sections 19 and 21)

5 Impact on Communities

5.1 Crime is consistently one of the top concerns for communities everywhere. 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 and amending 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 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.

8. Community Safety Implications

8.1 This is a community safety report. The impact of the Three Year Plan and Communications Strategy will have a positive impact on crime and disorder within the Harborough area.

9. Carbon Management Implications

9.1 No direct implications. The consultation strategy places more emphasis on electronic communications and less on printed leaflets etc. This reduces paper, postage etc. Less reported crime will reduce the number of visits to sites of 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 a number of 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 responsible authorities on the Community Safety have had the opportunity to comment. These comments will be made available at the meeting. The Chair of the Partnership (Wendy Martin) and the Portfolio Holder (Councillor Colin Golding) will be present at the meeting. Inspector Neal Holland of the Harborough Policing Unit will also be in attendance.

Previous report(s):

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

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