

 <b>Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 13 April 2010</b>		<b>Agenda Item No. 12</b>
<b>Title</b>	Scrutiny of Crime and Disorder	
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<b>Service Area</b>	Members' Services	
<b>Wards of the District directly affected</b>	N/A	
<b>Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006</b>	No	
<b>Date and meeting when issue was last considered and relevant minute number</b>	3 February 2010 – Executive 24 February 2010 – Council 17 March 2010 – O&S	
<b>Background Papers</b>		

<b>Contrary to the policy framework:</b>	No
<b>Contrary to the budgetary framework:</b>	No
<b>Key Decision?</b>	No
<b>Included within the Forward Plan? (If yes include reference number)</b>	No

<b>Officer/Councillor Approval</b>		
With regard to officer approval all reports <i>must</i> be approved by the report authors relevant director, Finance, Legal Services and the relevant Portfolio Holder(s).		
<b>Officer Approval</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>
Relevant Director	12/04/2010	Bill Hunt
Chief Executive	12/04/2010	Chris Elliott
CMT		
Section 151 Officer		
Legal		
Finance	12/04/2010	Marcus Miskinis
Portfolio Holders		Councillors Mrs Bunker, Caborn, Doody, Mrs Gallagher, Mrs Grainger, Hammon, Kirton, Mobbs and Shilton.
<b>Consultation Undertaken</b>		
Councillors : Illingworth, Gifford and Weed WDC – Community Safety Manager WDC – Head of Members' Services and Monitoring Officer Stratford District Council Head of Members' Services		
<b>Final Decision?</b>	Yes	
<b>Suggested next steps (if not final decision please set out below)</b>		

## 1. **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report is a summary of what was discussed at the joint informal working party with Stratford District Council, which took place on Friday 9 April 2010, with regard to scrutiny of Crime and Disorder and recommendations they made.

## 2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee notes the outcomes of the joint informal working party which took place on 9 April 2010;
- 2.2 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee notes that there will be a report submitted to Council recommending the establishment of the joint scrutiny committee.
- 2.3 The joint scrutiny committee looks at the following key issues within the first year of the scrutiny committee being set up:
- Review of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership's Plan
  - Review of the Structure of the CDRP
  - The performance of the CDRP
  - Funding of the CDRP – both from the central payment fund and from partnership members.
- 2.4 The joint scrutiny committee be advised that in looking at the above they meet with the CDRP Responsible Authorities to discuss the key issues above and their individual commitment to CDRP. These authorities are:
- Warwickshire County Council
  - Warwickshire Police
  - Warwickshire Police Authority
  - Primary Care Trust
  - Warwickshire Fire and rescue
  - Warwickshire Probation Service
  - Warwick District Council representatives on the CDRP board and relevant Portfolio Holder.
  - Stratford District Council representatives on the CDRP board and relevant Portfolio Holder.

## 3. **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 These are the outcomes from the joint informal working party that took place on 9 April 2010 which enable the Council to achieve its annual legal requirement to scrutinise crime and disorder under the Police & Justice Act 2006, to scrutinise Crime and Disorder before 30 April 2010

## 4. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 4.1 No alternative options were considered by the joint informal working party as at this stage they considered this to be the most appropriate approach.

## 5. **BUDGETARY FRAMEWORK**

- 5.1 There are no budgetary implications because the support will be provided by WDC and SDC Members' Services within their current budgetary provision.

## 6. **POLICY FRAMEWORK**

- 6.1 The work carried out by the Committee helps the Council to improve in line with its priority to manage services openly and efficiently and effectively.

## 7. **BACKGROUND**

- 7.1 Following the decision made by Council on the 24 February 2010 and Overview and Scrutiny on 16 March 2010, it was agreed that a joint informal working party would meet before the 29 April 2010.
- 7.2 On the 9 April 2010 Warwick District Council held a joint informal working party with Stratford District Council to on the South Warwickshire Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) how it operated, how and why it was set up and the agreements that were in place between WDC and SDC and its performance targets.
- 7.3 Three Councillors from each authority attended. These were Councillors: Illingworth (Chairman), Gifford, Mrs Hobbs, Lawrence, Payne and Weed. The meeting discussed the establishment of a joint Scrutiny Committee for scrutinising crime and disorder. The group agreed that the joint Scrutiny Committee should be set up to look at this subject to the approval from the CDRP, Warwick District Council and the Home Office
- 7.4 Pete Cutts, Community Safety Manager at WDC, and Steve Newman, Community Safety Manager at SDC, made a joint presentation to the group regarding the CDRP. They explained that the CDRP was merged following guidance from the Home Office and was regularly highlighted as an example of best practice. The group then asked questions and based on these they considered the key issues which would need to be discussed in the future.
- 7.5 The group discussed the background information received on the South Warwickshire CDRP and how it operated, how and why it was set up and the agreements that were in place between WDC and SDC and its performance targets.
- 7.6 Stratford District Council have already agreed for the joint scrutiny committee to be set up and are awaiting approval from the CDRP and Warwick District Council to enable them to approach the Home Office for approval.
- 7.7 A report regarding the establishment of a joint scrutiny committee with Stratford District Council will be submitted to Council on the 28 April 2010.