

		AGENDA ITEM NO.																												
Report Cover Sheet																														
Name of Meeting:		Executive																												
Date of Meeting:		11 February 2008																												
Report Title:		Guidance on Effective Community Safety Partnerships																												
Summary of report:		Sets out prescriptive criteria by which the Home Office will assess the Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership, contribution of individual responsible authorities and how it should work in two tier authority areas.																												
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Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Policy Framework:		No																												
Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budgetary framework:		No																												
Wards of the District directly affected by this decision:		All																												
Key Decision?		Yes																												
Included within the Forward Plan?		Yes																												
Is the report Private & Confidential		No																												
Background Papers:		Delivering Safer Communities and Statutory Instrument 1830																												
Consultation Undertaken																														
Below is a table of the Council's regular consultees. However not all have to be consulted on every matter and if there was no obligation to consult with a specific consultee they will be marked as n/a.																														
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Highways Authority	No	
Residents	No	
Citizens Panel	No	
Other consultees		
Officer Approval		
With regard to officer approval all reports must be approved by the report author's relevant director, Finance Services and Legal Services.		
Officer Approval	Date	Name
Relevant Director(s)	15/01/08	Chief Executive
Chief Executive	same	same
CMT	17/01/08	
Section 151 Officer	14/01/08	Mary Hawkins
Legal	14/01/08	Simon Best
Finance	14/01/08	Marcus Miskinis
Final Decision?		Yes
Suggested next steps (if not final decision please set out below)		
Review staffing levels and structures and prioritise in light of the additional demands of the new criteria and annual requirement to produce a strategic assessment and partnership plan.		

1. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- 1.1 To note the new guidelines and the duties placed on this council as one of the responsible authorities.
- 1.2 To receive a report on the Strategic Assessment at the March Executive meeting.

2. **REASON(S) FOR THE RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- 2.1 The guidelines form part of a new statutory duty with over 40 mandatory hallmarks. Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnerships (CDRP's) will be assessed against these Hallmarks by the Government Office for West Midlands.
- 2.2 The Strategic Assessment replaces the former Audit of Crime, Disorder & Drugs Misuse. The draft document went to the Strategic Member Board (South Warwickshire Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership – Designate) on January 15th. The document and proposals for priorities in 2008/09 need to be presented at Executive for formal approval from this authority.

3. **ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S) CONSIDERED**

- 3.1. None – statutory duty
- 3.2. The document uses a risk model to identify high risk issues and makes proposals based on a scoring matrix which includes views of residents and other considerations including partner and government priorities.

4. **BUDGETARY FRAMEWORK**

- 4.1 The current 4360-5770 budget is £34,100. With limited resources and proposed changes regarding a South Warwickshire Merged CDRP the sum of £26,000 allocated for a fixed term post of Community Safety Officer has been put on hold.
- 4.2 The post of Anti-Social Behaviour Officer is funded using money made available by the Home Office. This is a fixed term post and current Home Office funding ends June 2008. Contingency plans including making this important post permanent need to be considered.
- 4.3 Following confirmation of the corporate budget a report setting out options for the structure and levels of staffing of the community safety service will be presented to Executive Committee.

5. **POLICY FRAMEWORK**

- 5.1 To promote *safe*, vibrant & sustainable local communities is a Key priority theme in the developing: corporate strategy (2007-11). The proposed corporate objective is to *make neighbourhoods safer* and the proposed priority indicator is: *percentage increase in success of first intervention in reducing anti-social behaviour*.

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6 BACKGROUND

- 6.1 Community Safety is a generic term for the statutory responsibilities placed on this authority within the Crime and Disorder Act (1998). The duty is to work in partnership with the Police, County Council, Police Authority, Fire & Rescue Service and Primary Care Trust. The duty is joint and equal.
- 6.2 Following a formal review of the Crime & Disorder Act 1998, and the partnership provisions of that Act, the Home Office has recently published a document entitled ***“Delivering Safer Communities: A Guide to Effective Partnership Working”***. This document outlines what is expected of CDRP's in terms of the requirements around National Standards for CDRP's and the new Strategic Assessments.
- 6.3 The Hallmarks of Effective Partnerships are National Standards for CDRP's, each of which contains new statutory elements for partnership working. They are:
- Empowered and effective leadership
 - Visible and constructive accountability
 - Intelligence-led business processes
 - Effective and responsive delivery structures
 - Engaged communities
 - Appropriate skills and knowledge
- 6.4 The section 'Assess' in the publication deals with the requirements for the new Strategic Assessment. It is expected that this is carried out at least annually and is designed to allow partnerships to set strategic priorities, plan for delivery, allocate resources and deliver benefit to their communities.
- 6.5 Data sharing, analysis of patterns and trends in crime, disorder and substance misuse and consultation with the community on their priorities form the bed-rocks of this process.
- 6.6 For the first time the roles and responsibilities in two tier authority areas are defined setting out a bottom-up approach. Locally identified priorities in the five Warwickshire district/boroughs will be considered by agencies working countywide. There is a new statutory duty to produce a County Community Safety Agreement will set out how those agencies can address the locally identified issues.
- 6.7 Community consultation on priorities, an evaluation of the extent to which the current strategy has been implemented, and the identification of those issues to escalate to county level all need to be carried out before a partnership plan, or new strategy to cover 2008-2011, can be published. This strategy will be reviewed annually to allow for changing trends and priorities to be reflected.

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 Delivering Safer Communities
- 7.2 Statutory Instrument 1830
- 7.3 'Cutting Crime – A New Partnership 2008 -11.