

Terms of Reference and the Work Programme of the Safer Communities Commission

RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 To consider the Safer Communities Commission's Terms of Reference and agree items for the Commission's annual work programme 2010-11.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 The Police and Justice Act 2006 requires local authorities to establish a crime and disorder committee with powers to review or scrutinise decisions of responsible authorities of their crime and disorder functions. In Derby the scrutiny of crime and disorder was carried out under the auspices of the Scrutiny Management Commission until the establishment of the Safer Communities Commission in November 2010. The Commission was given the responsibility by the Council to:
- a. Review or scrutinise the functions of the Derby Community Safety Partnership including the role of the Leader of the Council as lead liaison for the Partnership.
 - b. Act as the Crime and Disorder Committee under the Police and Justice Act 2006.
- 2.2 The responsible authorities include:
- Police,
 - Police Authority
 - Fire and Rescue Service
 - Local Authority
 - Probation
 - Health Authority
- 2.3 Although the Commission has statutory powers to scrutinise the crime and disorder functions of responsible authorities, the remit of the Commission included Derby Community Safety Partnership which was the delivery arm of the partnership. Following reorganisation this has been replaced with City and Neighbourhood Partnerships. The range of activities carried out by partner authorities in addressing crime and disorder issues includes:

Community Safety Team

- crime prevention and reduction
- prevention and reduction of drug and alcohol harm
- prevention and reduction of anti-social behaviour
- domestic violence and serious sexual assault
- family justice centre
- integrated offender management
- multiagency approach to gangs

Neighbourhood Policing Team

- Deployment of neighbourhood policing teams
- Responsive neighbourhood problem solving approach, delivered through:
 - Beat Officer
 - Police Community Support Officer
 - Special Constable

Community Fire Safety

- Local analysis of fire related incidents
- Co-ordination of local programme of Home Fire Safety Checks
- Providing advice on residential fire safety
- Co-ordinating the fitting of single point smoke detectors to at risk groups/homes
- Providing liaison/educational input for area based groups or meetings
- Supporting the delivery of Key Stage 1/2 school education to area schools
- Providing link between area and mainstream Fire and Rescue Service Community Fire Safety campaigns

- 2.4 The Council Constitution limits one topic review report to be submitted to the Council Cabinet every six months from scrutiny Commissions. This means that in theory it is possible for each Commission to conduct two topic reviews in each municipal year. Topic reviews are not mandatory, but if the Commission wishes to conduct in- depth policy reviews in the current year it is suggested that members should aim to have agreed on the review topic at the earliest opportunity. It is usual for Overview and Scrutiny Commissions to consider their work plans and select topics that they wish to review in the coming year at the beginning of each municipal year. The reviews may cover anything within their remit and could include internal as well as external facing services.
- 2.5 It is suggested that the Commission may wish to consider keeping themselves fully informed on community safety issues. This may involve receiving regular briefing from key professionals and consultative forum as well as undertaking appropriate visits.
- 2.6 To assist Commissions with their work plan they can draw on the overview and scrutiny budget which is shared between the six Commissions.

2.7 Over the last six months members from this Commission have identified the following areas for scrutiny.

- Night time economy and licensing issues- opening and closing times for pubs, clubs and takeaways
- Youth offending and anti social behaviour activity especially in parks and other open spaces
- Alcohol harm reduction strategy
- Police and partnership budgets that could impact to crime prevention and tackling crime
- Repeat offending – Integrated Offender Management
- Review the impact of night time economy and consider what we want our city to look like at night – and consequences of its reputation.
- Look at the risk, harm and threat and reputation of the city
- Strategy for addressing nuisance/ disorder issues in the inner city areas
- Preventing extremism and community tensions.
- Domestic violence / child sexual violence/ abuse
- Consider Section 17 of the Crime and disorder Act 1998 which requires LA's to consider crime and disorder implications of their decisions- consider the impact of the budget decision on crime and disorder and community safety
- Consider the role and effectiveness of partners in tackling grooming of children for sexual exploitation

2.8 Members are asked to consider and agree items they wish to include in this years work programme.

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Background papers:	None
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 - Implications

IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 None arising directly from this report.

Legal

- 2.1 There is a duty to designate a Crime and Disorder Committee for the purposes of Section 19 of the Police and Justice Act 2006.

Personnel

- 3.1 None arising directly from this report

Equalities Impact

- 4.1 Effective scrutiny benefits all Derby people.

Health and Safety

- 5.1 None arising directly from this report

Environmental Sustainability

- 6.1 None arising directly from this report

Asset Management

- 7.1 None arising directly from this report

Risk Management

- 8.1 None arising directly from this report

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 9.1 Our aim is to work together so that all people in Derby will be safe and feeling safe.