



SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION 29 JUNE 2010

Report of the Strategic Director of Resources

The Role and Membership of the Commission as the designated Crime and Disorder Committee

RECOMMENDATION

1. To a) review the role and remit of the Scrutiny Management Commission as 'crime and disorder committee' and b) review the co-option or other involvement of non-Commission of members for crime and disorder purposes.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 Every local authority with responsibilities for crime and disorder reduction must have a 'crime and disorder committee'. This can either be free-standing or achieved through designation of an existing scrutiny commission. The Council has designated the Scrutiny Management Commission for this purpose. The arrangement has now operated for 12 months.
- 2.2 For unitary authorities like Derby there are two main committee functions:
 - To provide scrutiny of the partner agencies activities within the local crime and disorder reduction partnership – Derby's Community Safety Partnership, CSP – with the option of the Commission making reports or recommendations.
 - To consider Councillor Calls for Action which are of a crime and disorder nature, including in particular forms of crime and disorder that involve anti-social behaviour or other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment, or the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances.
- 2.3 Last year the Commission decided that crime and disorder issues should normally be considered on a quarterly basis with the Director of the CSP routinely in attendance. A work programme was also agreed. It was also decided to closely follow government guidance by co-opting the two Police Authority members plus the local divisional commander, all three without voting rights. Latterly the Police Authority members were asked to make a regular report.

- 2.4 The Commission may wish to general reflect and review on these crime and disorder arrangements, which have now applied for 12 months.
- 2.5 There is a specific need to review co-options. Normally co-options to Derby City Council bodies require full Council ratification and last for a single municipal year. Crime and disorder-related co-options are by statue the responsibility of the designated committee. The co-options made in the last municipal year were without time limit.
- 2.6 Councillor Jones has now replaced Councillor Winter as a member of Derbyshire Police Authority. Councillor Hickson has become a Cabinet Member and is ineligible to serve on a scrutiny commission. A further issue is that the only councillor on the Community Safety Partnership is the Leader of the Council.
- 2.7 Members may wish to consider how key office holders can contribute to the Commission's scrutiny of crime and disorder issues.

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

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. None directly arise from this report.

Legal

2. The crime and disorder functions summarised in paragraph 2.2 are set out in the Police and Justice Act 2006 as revised by the Local Government and Public Involvement with Health Act 2007. The Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) (Amendment) Regulations 2010 exclude Council Cabinet members from serving as co-opted members of a designated crime and disorder committee.

Personnel

3. None arising from this report.

Equalities impact

4. Effective scrutiny of the Community Safety Partnership can benefit all who live, work or study in Derby people. Crime and disorder reduction is of particular benefit to those more at risk of being victims, whether by place of residence or through personal, social or economic circumstances.

Corporate Priorities 2010-11

5. This report links to the goal that by 2020 Derby will be a City with Stronger, Safer and Cleaner Communities where everyone feels safe and confident in their daily lives.