Terms of Reference and Remit of the Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Board

SUMMARY

4.1   The Overview and Scrutiny Board should consider its Terms of Reference and remit for the forthcoming municipal year.

4.2   Board Members will also receive briefings from Officers in each of the service areas, detailing services covered and highlighting key issues in each of these areas.

RECOMMENDATION

2.1   To consider the Board's Terms of Reference.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

3.1   To ensure that the Board is aware of the services covered in the Terms of Reference.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

4.1   The Terms of Reference of the Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Board covers the services included in the Neighbourhoods and Streetpride portfolio. This Board also has responsibility as the statutory crime and disorder committee.

4.2   The following portfolio and service areas are covered within the remit of the Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Board:

Within the responsibilities of the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Streetpride – Councillor Ranjit Banwait

- Traffic and Transportation
- Grounds Maintenance and Cleansing
- Highways and Engineering
- Waste Management and Disposal
- Partnerships and Communities
- Crime reduction
- Substance Misuse
- Prevent

4.3　　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, and this responsibility has now been passed on to the Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Board as of May 2012. At the time of its establishment, this Board was given responsibility by the Council to:

　　　a. Review or scrutinise the functions of Partnerships and Communities.

　　　b. Act as the Crime and Disorder Committee under the Police and Justice Act 2006.

4.4　　The Board has statutory powers to scrutinise the crime and disorder functions of responsible authorities. These include:

- Police,
- Police Authority
- Fire and Rescue Service
- Local Authority
- Probation
- Health Authority

4.5　　The Council delivers the following services relating to crime and disorder under the Neighbourhoods and Streetpride portfolio:

- Prevent and Keystone (counter terrorist initiatives)
- Crime reduction
- Substance misuse

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1　　None.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer	N/A
Financial officer	N/A
Human Resources officer	N/A
Service Director(s)	N/A
Other(s)	Phil O'Brien – Statutory Scrutiny Officer

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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   Section 21 (3) of the Local Government Act 2000 requires that the power of an overview and scrutiny committee to review or scrutinise a decision made but not implemented, includes power to recommend that the decision be reconsidered by the person who made it.

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 Derby's people are able to live here being safe and feeling safe, and enjoy living in a strong community.