

## **Crime and Disorder – Items for scrutiny**

### **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 At the September meeting of the Neighbourhoods Board, members agreed that matters relating to crime and disorder should be included as a standing item on future agendas of the Neighbourhoods Board as the Board has a responsibility to look at these items through its role as the statutory Crime and Disorder Committee.
- 1.2 At the November meeting, members agreed that matters relating to crime and disorder are referred to the Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Board either at the request of a member or following contact with partner organisations, such as Derbyshire Constabulary NHS Derby City and Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service.
- 1.3 Following consultation with our partner organisations, Chief Superintendent Jack Atwal expressed a wish to attend the next Board meeting to discuss with members the potential impacts of the proposed reduced budgets on partnership working, with particular regard to the work being done in partnership on community safety, and in particular the NTE (night-time economy).

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 Members should discuss the potential impact of reduced budgets on partnership working with regards to crime and disorder, community safety and the NTE. Members should consider the ways in which the Council can ensure that partnership work with other organisations in the city is continued, following reductions to budgets, which will potentially impact on service delivery and partnership working.
- 2.2 Members are requested to identify and suggest future matters for scrutiny under the Crime and Disorder item of the agenda.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 To ensure that members have given adequate consideration to the potential impact of budget cuts on partnership working in the city, and to suggest any ways in which this can be safeguarded.
- 3.2 To ensure that the Board is fulfilling its role as the statutory Crime and Disorder

Committee.

## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 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, 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:
- Review or scrutinise the functions of Partnerships and Communities.
  - Act as the Crime and Disorder Committee under the Police and Justice Act 2006.
- 4.2 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

## OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 None.

**This report has been approved by the following officers:**

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| <b>Legal officer</b>           | N/A   |
| <b>Financial officer</b>       | N/A   |
| <b>Human Resources officer</b> | N/A   |
| <b>Service Director(s)</b>     | N/A   |
| <b>Other(s)</b>                | Philip O'Brien – Statutory Scrutiny Officer |

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| <b>Background papers:</b>            | None   |
| <b>List of appendices:</b>           | Appendix 1 – Implications  |

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| <b>IMPLICATIONS</b> |
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## **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.
- 2.2 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

## **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 This report contributes to the following Council objectives:
- Feeling safe and being safe.
  - A strong community.
  - Good health and well-being.

