

Time commenced – 6.00pm

Time finished – 8.25pm

## **SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION 14 DECEMBER 2009**

Present: Councillor Higginbottom (in the Chair)  
Councillors Hird, Hussain, F Khan Poulter and Webb

Co-opted Members of the Crime and Disorder Committee, Councillor Hickson and Chief Superintendent Andy Hough Divisional Commander, Derbyshire Constabulary

### **CRIME AND DISORDER COMMITTEE**

#### **62/09 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Batey and Winter.

#### **63/09 Late items introduced by the Chair**

There were no late items.

#### **64/09 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **65/09 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 September 2009 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

### **Items for Discussion**

#### **66/09 Co-option to the Crime and Disorder Committee**

**Resolved to co-opt Derbyshire Police Authority members - Councillors Hickson and Winter as non voting members of the Crime and Disorder Committee.**

#### **67/09 Restorative Justice**

The Committee received a presentation from Suanne Lim and Mark Self from Derby Community Safety Partnership and Superintendent Terry Branson from Derbyshire Constabulary on restorative justice.

### **Resolved**

- 1. To receive a presentation at the Corporate Parenting Sub Commission on restorative justice and invite all Councillors to attend.**

**2. To make the following recommendations to the Community Safety Partnership:**

- **To roll out of details of the Restorative Justice programme to schools and children's homes giving details of how the scheme works and how it applies to young people.**
- **To clearly define Restorative Justice terminology and how it links to the court process.**
- **To clarify statistics in relation to young offenders.**
- **To provide clearer information on the effectiveness of Restorative Justice.**
- **To ask the Probation Service to liaise with the neighbourhood managers so that neighbourhoods are better informed of the resources available to assist with neighbourhood projects.**

**68/09 Information on Ward by Ward ASBO Applications in Derby**

The Committee received statistical information relating to Anti Social Behaviour Order applications by ward. It was suggested that a more detailed report be provided to future meetings to include breaches and dispersal orders.

**Resolved to request that Craig Keene and Inspector Nick Daines provide a more detailed report with a fuller explanation at the next meeting.**

**69/09 Draft Crime and Disorder Protocol**

The Committee considered a draft protocol which defined the manner in which the committee might scrutinise the Derby Crime and Disorder Partnership (Community Safety Partnership). The aim of the protocol was to ensure that a good working relationship was maintained between the Crime and Disorder Partnership and the Committee throughout the scrutiny process.

Councillor Hickson was concerned that the Director of the Community Safety Partnership was not directly accountable to any Members and there was a lack of effective governance. It was therefore agreed to include Derby Community Safety Partnership in the list set out in paragraph 2.3 of the report. It was reported that a review of the Derby Community Safety Partnership was currently being undertaken by the Director of Regeneration and Community, but there was concern that Members had not been asked for their views. It was suggested that the Committee should ask the Director of Regeneration and Community to allow the Crime and Disorder Committee to consider and comment on the findings of the review.

It was suggested that the Community Safety Partnership needed to be a regular contributor to the Crime and Disorder Committee.

**Resolved**

- 1. To include the Derby Community Safety Partnership in the list in paragraph 2.3 of the report.**
- 2. To request that the Director of Regeneration and Community allow the**

**Committee to consider and comment on the findings of the review.**

- 3. To include a paragraph in the protocol to the effect that ‘The Director of the Derby Community Safety Partnership (or a senior nominee) would normally be expected to attend the Crime and Disorder Committee meetings and report to the Committee.’**

## 70/09 Work Plan

The following suggestions were put forward for the Committee work plan:

- Input into the review of the Community Safety Partnership
- Police Authority proposals for re-organisation
- Taking a global look at crime figures across the city
- Inviting the new Governor of Nottingham Prison to come to the Crime and Disorder Committee meeting as this was where many of those convicted in Derby served their sentences
- The Gangs situation in Derby in 2010 – a number of gang members were due to be released from prison.
- Police Authority member reports

**Resolved to concentrate the next two to three meetings on Anti Social Behaviour Orders, Gangs, Police Authority Reorganisation, Review of the Community Safety Partnership and Nottingham Prison.**

## **SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION**

### 71/09 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Batey, Hird and Hussain.

### 72/09 Late Items introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

### 73/09 Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on 9 and 23 November 2009 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

### 74/09 Call-in

There were no items.

### 75/09 The Future Delivery of Overview and Scrutiny

The Commission considered two reports, one on revenue budget 2010/11 – 2012/13 provision for overview and scrutiny and one on a proposed review of the Council’s scrutiny structure.

**Resolved to refer both reports along with information of the future workload of scrutiny Commissions to the Group Leaders asking for the views of the political groups.**

## **76/09 Forward Plan**

Agreed to request a briefing paper on Street Pride and what falls within it.

## **77/09 Retrospective Scrutiny**

The Commission considered a report highlighting Council Cabinet key and budget and policy framework decisions that had been taken from 29 September to 24 November 2009. The Commission was asked to identify any decisions that they wished to scrutinise retrospectively. The Commission expressed concern that too many items going to Council Cabinet were not being included in the Forward Plan.

### **Resolved**

- 1. To note the report.**
- 2. To ask the Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordination Officer to write to the responsible officers to ask why the items were not included in the Forward Plan and consider the response at the next meeting.**

## **78/09 Matters Referred to the Commission by Council Cabinet**

There were no matters referred to the Commission by Council Cabinet.

## **79/09 Response of Council Cabinet to the Recommendations and Reports of the Commission**

There were no responses from Council Cabinet to any recommendations or reports of the Commission.

Chair of the next ensuing meeting  
at which these minutes were signed