



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

**COUNCIL CABINET**  
**21 December 2004**

Report of the Community Regeneration Commission

## Community Safety Action Plan

### RECOMMENDATION

1. To consider the recommendations of the Community Regeneration Commission.

### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

#### Background

- 2.1 At the Commission meeting held on 9 December 2004 the Community Safety Action Plan was scrutinised. Commission members interviewed Andy Luscombe, Crime Reduction Strategy Manager.
- 2.2 The action plan had been structured around five high level objectives. Question and answering took place round these and the extent to which the topic review *Crime and Disorder and Young People* had influenced the action plan.

#### Issues

- 2.3 The dialogue raised concerns about i) the relationship with Neighbourhood Watch, ii) lack of reference to specific action on prostitution and iii) the current absence of financial implications.

#### Conclusions of the Commission

- 2.4 The Commission considered that the five objectives were appropriate but the action plan also needed, under Objective One – Anti-Social Behaviour, to specifically address the tackling of prostitution. Explicit references should be incorporated to the beneficial role of Neighbourhood Watch in promoting community safety.
- 2.5 The Commission also wish to revisit the action plan when the financial implications have been made available as that information is needed to make an assessment of the adequacy of resourcing of the proposed actions.

#### Recommendations of the Commission

- 3.1 Council Cabinet rework the action plan to incorporate, under Objective One, the tackling of prostitution with references in paragraph 3.2 and, as appropriate, in the associated actions on anti-social behaviour.
- 3.2 Council Cabinet rework the action plan to include explicit references to the role of Neighbourhood Watch schemes in promoting community safety.

3.3 Council Cabinet refer the action plan back to the Commission after the financial implications are known.

### **Reasons for Commission's Recommendations**

- 4.1 The Commission was impressed by the action plan and believe it largely reflects public priorities. However, street prostitution has been a long-standing cause of concern in parts of the city and latterly has become a city-wide issue through the consultation on Paying the Price. Appropriate references and actions should therefore be added to the action plan under Objective One; prostitution is not a separate objective as it naturally falls under the description of anti-social behaviour.
- 4.2 Tackling crime and promoting community safety requires the involvement of both state agencies and citizenry. Neighbourhood Watch schemes are very local, voluntary associations of concerned residents that can help prevent and aid detection of all five of the Objectives in the action plan. There needs to be reference to the role and influence of Neighbourhood Watch in working up the action plan and, under each of the five objectives, how local schemes can beneficially promote the actions.
- 4.3 The Commission were generally impressed by the plan. Mr Luscombe stressed that the focus was on actions the Council could take itself and achieve through better co-ordination of existing resources. However, without the financial implications element in the covering report, the Commission felt unable to assess whether sufficient resources would be available to enable the words of the plan to be translated into deeds. The Commission would wish to make a supplementary report to Council Cabinet after the financial implications element has been finalised.

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

<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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**Financial**

1. Not available for the meeting of the Commission.

**Legal**

2. As set out in the main report.

**Personnel**

3. As set out in the main report.

**Equalities Impact**

4. As set out in the main report.

**Corporate Themes and Priorities**

5. As set out in the main report.