



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL CABINET 18 JANUARY 2005

Report of the Director of Policy

Community Safety Action Plan

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To approve the Community Safety Action Plan – which can be viewed on the Council website at www.derby.gov.uk, then by selecting 'Your Council' and 'Council Strategies and Policies' – for the period up to March 2006.
2. To refer the Community Safety Action Plan back to the Community Regeneration Commission.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

2. The Council has a legal obligation to take action to tackle crime and disorder in delivering services, and to make sure that community safety issues are fully considered in strategic planning processes.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 This report introduces the Council's proposed Community Safety Action Plan, which has been developed following a review of the contribution the Council makes to community safety. The review has been carried out through two parallel processes. The first has involved the use of consultants, the Holden McAllister Partnership on contract to the Community Safety Partnership – CSP, who held a series of discussions with individual senior managers across a wide range of council services. This was accompanied by desk research based on reports and policies provided in association with the interviews.
- 3.2 The second process has involved a range of joint work between the CSP and different departments. This is work that was initiated following the approval in October 2003 of the strategic framework for developing community safety policies for the Council.
- 3.3 The Action Plan focuses on headline actions that most closely relate to the Council's core services and responsibilities and that match concerns outlined by council consultation exercises and the existing themes of the CSP. The plan outlines measurable improvements and key milestones that can be achieved by March 2006.

3.4 On this basis, five high level objectives have been proposed.

Objective One: Anti-Social Behaviour – reducing anti-social behaviour across the city with a particular focus on the priority neighbourhood renewal areas

Objective Two: Violent Crime – reducing violent crime with a particular focus on the reduction of City Centre violence and domestic violence.

Objective Three: Youth Crime – preventing offending by young people, and making sure that those young people who do offend are supervised effectively in order to avoid further offending.

Objective Four: Burglary of Dwelling Houses – reducing dwelling house burglary, with a particular focus on high-risk neighbourhoods and properties owned by the Council and managed by Derby Homes.

Objective Five: Vehicle Crime – reducing car theft and thefts from cars with a particular focus on publicly managed car-parking provision.

Management and implementation

3.5 The final section of the Action Plan outlines proposals necessary to ensure delivery of the Action Plan approach. These relate to:

- **nominated managers** within each department to act as “lead officers”
- **business planning** advice and guidance being improved
- **performance management** frameworks being adopted
- **training and awareness** opportunities being developed
- **information and information exchanges** being improved.

Consultation

3.6 The draft Action Plan has already been circulated among our partners within the Community Safety Partnership. It was also considered by Community Regeneration Commission on 9 December who made the following recommendations:

- 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 – ASB.
- Council Cabinet rework the action plan to include explicit references to the role of Neighbourhood Watch schemes in promoting community safety
- Council Cabinet refer the action plan back to the Commission after the financial implications are known.

- 3.7 The ASB objectives were drafted to provide an enhanced framework for dealing with a number of different categories of ASB rather than giving priority to any particular type of ASB such as prostitution. The framework included mapping and recording processes, use of problem solving approaches, focusing on neighbourhood renewal areas, use of uniformed services, co-ordination of enforcement, and risk assessment and referral procedures for young people. The Action Plan does not propose specific action in relation to any one category of ASB. It is therefore considered that specifically highlighting prostitution on its own in the Action Plan would change the nature and balance of the Plan and give undue emphasis to this issue rather than other issues that might warrant, or are being given, equal attention. The issue of prostitution is, however, being addressed through specific work of the CSP and its partners, including the Council.
- 3.8 A Prostitution Project Officer has been appointed and there has already been a detailed debate at an earlier meeting of the Commission. The plans and operational aspects of this issue are being tackled through the development and co-ordination of a Partnership strategy on street prostitution. The strategy has been developed through extensive consultation with key partner agencies and, from this, an action plan has been produced which specifically addresses all aspects of street prostitution through liaising with and supporting victims, tackling offenders and improving specific locations.
- 3.9 With regard to the recommendation on Neighbourhood Watch, no reference is made in the Action Plan to the roles, actual or potential, of any specific local agency or voluntary/community group in promoting community safety. It is not considered that Neighbourhood Watch is undervalued by not mentioning it in the Plan. Under the ASB objectives, there are references in the Action Plan to the future roles of neighbourhood safety panels, involving local communities, both residential and business, taking problem solving approaches to ASB and crime issues in these areas and also providing opportunities for increased community involvement and consultation. Organisations such as Neighbourhood Watch will have a key role to play in these Neighbourhood Community Safety Panels and their sub or street based groups that are to be established in association with Area Panels and local Watches will be encouraged to take up such opportunities.
- 3.10 For the reasons outlined in both cases, it is therefore recommended that the Action Plan remains as submitted to Cabinet in this report.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

4. The decision was specifically taken that the Council would produce its own Action Plan in line with the strategic framework provided by the Derby Community Safety Strategy. We will review the Action Plan following the revision of the current Derby Community Safety Strategy in April 2005, in response to the Community Safety Audit which has just been carried out.

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Background papers: None
List of appendices: Appendix 1 – Implications
Appendix 2 – Resource Implications

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

- 1.1 Appendix 2 shows the financial and resource implications associated with each of the objectives in the action plan. Each objective has been categorised according to whether funding has been secured or not.
- 1.2 Work will not progress on projects until funding has been confirmed.

Legal

- 2.1 Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 states ... "it shall be the duty of each authority to exercise its various functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder in its area".
- 2.2 It was primarily envisaged as an "enabling device" for the promotion of effective crime reduction and prevention in the everyday activities of local authorities.

Personnel

3. None at this stage. The work of the Council on this action planning process will continue to be supported by a Crime Reduction Manager from the Community Safety Partnership.

Equalities impact

4. Many of the beneficiaries of enhanced and co-ordinated community safety activity in Derby would be from the Council's priority equality groups.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

5. The core work of the Action Plan contributes to the objective of **strong and positive neighbourhoods** but community safety is essentially a cross-cutting issue that impacts on other corporate objectives.

COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTION PLAN: FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Key

- A Expected to be funded without allocation of further funding beyond that in the budget or secured external funding
 B Requires significant additional funding to be sought or confirmed through budget process
 C Requires significant funding that has not yet been confirmed

Action Plan objective	What needs improving?	What resources will be required	Finance implication - see Key	Performance Indicator	Timescale	Linkages	Responsible dept, lead officers and CSP link Officers
Anti Social Behaviour							
ASB 1. Mapping and recording of asb incidents	Common recording and mapping of anti social behaviour across all services	Within responsibilities of existing managers/staff. Design, operation and management of databases. Some additional IT equipment might be beneficial for onsite/out of office recording	A C C	Reduction in ASB	Pilot in operation by April 2005 Roll out complete by March 2006	Council and CSP's Anti - Social Behaviour Strategy & Action Plan	Corporate Services: Andrew Hopkin CSP: Alison Wynn & Andy Thomas
ASB 2. Co-ordination of ASB problem solving approaches	Multi agency and service involvement in a co-ordinated way	Some mechanisms are already in place or proposed such as the Action Zone and Neighbourhood Safety Panels	A	Reduction in ASB & fear of ASB	Ongoing		Council: different depts CSP: Andy Thomas
ASB 3. ASB Action Plans	Co-ordination of work in priority areas	Within responsibilities of existing managers/staff	A		Complete by March 2005 Targets for March 2006		Council: Isabella Stone CSP: Andy Thomas
ASB 4. Community wardens	Co-ordination of uniformed services	Within responsibilities of existing managers/staff	A	Reduction in asb and fear of asb	Fully operational in 2005		Council: different depts CSP: Andy Thomas

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ASB 5. Enforcement	Co-ordination of Enforcement across agencies and services	Design, operation and management of database.	C	Increased effectiveness and efficiency of enforcement	Pilot by March 2005 Full roll out March 2006		Corporate Services: Andrew Hopkin CSP: Andy Thomas
ASB 6 Prevention	Assessment and referral procedures for young people	Within responsibilities of existing managers/staff	C	Young people on prevention programmes Repeat offending rates	Review by March 2005		Education: David Finn CSP: Des Morrison
Domestic Violence							
DV 1,2 & 5 Assessment of and support for Vulnerable children	Assessment & performance management procedures	Procedural changes	A	New BVPI's on domestic violence may be introduced for 2005/6		Derby Domestic Violence Strategy	Social Services: Sarah Davis CSP: Katie Hobbs
DV 3 & 4. Housing and advisory support services	Refuge provision and housing support services	Sustaining work through Housing Options Centre Additional refuge accommodation	C C		Staff only funded for 2005/6		Policy Directorate: Mark Menzies CSP: Katie Hobbs
City Centre violence							
CCV 1. Liquor Licensing	Preparation for introduction of new liquor licensing regime	Full involvement of and consultation with partners	A	Violent crime and assault are local bvpis	LPS and licensing framework for Feb 05	Reducing city centre violence is an LPSA2 objective	Corporate Services
CCV 2 & 3 Alcohol Harm Reduction and City Centre assault reduction policy frameworks	Co-ordination of various strategic and policy planning responsibilities and operational city centre management functions	Full involvement of and consultation with partners	A		Joint Strategic Policy Statement prepared by March 2005	Council as a partner in CCMT and lead on Business Improvem't District	Corporate Services: Andrew Hopkin CSP: Andy Luscombe

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CCV 4. Planning, design and development process	Maximising use of design and security advice & standards in the city centre development processes	Revise design guidance and standards Use of Crime Prevention Design Advisor	A		CPD Advisor in post Oct 04		Dev& Cult Services: Duncan Inwood CSP: Andy Luscombe & Alan Wroughton
Youth Crime							
YP1, 2,3,4, 5, 7. Youth crime prevention strategic framework and its key components	Greater emphasis on and integration of community safety agendas in young persons services	Through a more strategic and co-ordinated approach covering all Youth Crime Prevention strategies and services,	A	Various included within YOS and different services of the Council	Procedures and policy statements need to be agreed by March 2005,	Local Preventative Strategy for Children	Education and Social Services: Lesley Whitney & Sarah Davis CSP: Des Morrison
YP 6. Referral procedures for specific activity programmes	Youth Inclusion and Positive Activities programmes	The expansion of these across the city	C	Numbers of young people on programmes. Re-offending rates	Additional programmes for 2005/06		Education: David Finn CSP: Des Morrison
Burglary							
B 1, 2 & 3 Crime prevention design and security standards	Use of design and security standards for dwellings and housing areas to reduce opportunities for burglary	Revision of design guidance and standards Housing stock security surveys	A	Reduction in Burglary is a BVPI and NRF floor target	CPD Advisor in post October 04	Housing Strategies of the Council and Derby Homes	Policy Directorate: Mark Menzies CSP: Andy Luscombe & Alan Wroughton
B4 Performance information	Information on burglary rates in private and public sector housing stock and for particular projects	Will require more detailed data and analysis	A	Burglary is a BVPI and NRF floor target	Renewal areas ongoing		Policy Directorate: Mark Menzies CSP: Alison Wynn
B5 Burglary reduction services	Sustained core funding for Burglary Reduction Project	Mainstream funding	B	Burglary is a BVPI and NRF floor target	Funding from April 2005		CSP / Council budget process 2005/06

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Vehicle Crime							
V 1, 2. Specific car and car parking community safety strategies	Level of priority given addressing car crime	Through a specific Car Crime Reduction Action Plan & inclusion of community safety proposals in Local Transport Plan ,Car Parking Strategy	C	Reduction in car crime is a Council BVPI	Action Plan to be prepared by March 2005		Dev & Cult Services: Mikk Campbell CSP: Andy Luscombe
V 3. Crime prevention design	Maximising use of design and security standards of car parks to reduce opportunities for car crime	Review of design guidance and standards and revise/reissue as appropriate	A		Advisor in post from Oct 2004		Dev & Cult Services: to be nominated CSP: Andy Luscombe & Alan Wroughton
V1. Owners awareness	Raising levels of car owners security awareness	Campaigns	C			Proposal in Action Plan	Council: different depts CSP: Alison Wynn
V 4. Abandoned vehicles	Sustaining service on removal of abandoned vehicles	Sustaining approached taken through LPSA 1	B	LPSA target for 2004/5	In place for 2005/6	LPSA 1	Corporate Services: Andrew Hopkin CSP: to be nominated
Implementation							
PM 1,2,3 & 4 Key elements of implementation and performance management framework	Development and allocation of responsibilities for delivering the Plan and the wider CS/Section 17 agenda	Nominated officers, Business planning guidance Performance indicators Training & Awareness	A	Through CPA in 2006	April 2005	Corporate Planning framework	Council: various nominated senior managers from all depts CSP: Andy Luscombe
PM 5. Information	Information collected, analysed and exchanged	Address issues for both Police data and Council's own service management statistics	A		All procedures to be in place for April 2005	Performance Eye framework	Council: Different depts CSP: Alison Wynn