

Report of	Meeting	Date
Corporate Director (Governance)	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	1 December 2009

## DRAFT PROTOCOL

### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To consider the draft protocol for the Scrutiny of crime and disorder within Chorley.

### RECOMMENDATION(S)

2. To make any amendments Members would like to the protocol and accept it.
3. To request the Chorley and South Ribble partnership (Responsible Authorities Group) to consider and accept the protocol.

### CORPORATE PRIORITIES

4. This report relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

Put Chorley at the heart of regional economic development in the Central Lancashire sub-region		Develop local solutions to climate change.	
Improving equality of opportunity and life chances		Develop the Character and feel of Chorley as a good place to live	√
Involving people in their communities	√	Ensure Chorley Borough Council is a performing organization	

### CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP

5. The Police and Justice Act 2006, as amended by the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, requires every local authority to have a crime and disorder committee with the power to scrutinise the arrangement for preparing and implementing the crime and disorder strategy. The committee must also have the power to scrutinise local crime and disorder matters. This Council decided in July 2009 that the function of scrutiny crime and disorder matters would be undertaken by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
6. The protocol sets out the mutual expectations of scrutiny members and the Responsible Authorities Group in relation to the community safety scrutiny process. It aims to ensure that good relationships between the scrutiny members and Responsible Authorities Group are maintained throughout the scrutiny process.
7. The protocol may be revised by agreement between all the interested parties to enable continual improvement of the scrutiny process.
8. It should be noted that crime and disorder scrutiny is not a complaints process for Members or officers, the purpose is to scrutinise the partnership not individual crime issues.. There will be the opportunity for members of the public to ask questions in the usual way. The

meeting could be used for Councillor Call for Action but only after issues have been pursued elsewhere.

## IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT

9. This report has implications in the following areas and the relevant Corporate Directors' comments are included:

Finance		Customer Services	
Human Resources		Equality and Diversity	
Legal	√	No significant implications in this area	

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There are no background papers to this report.

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