

Report of	Meeting	Date
Director of People and Places	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	18 January 2010

CRIME AND DISORDER SCRUTINY

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- To outline options to the Committee for the future scrutiny of crime and disorder and receive information requested at the last meeting.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

- To recommend that:
 - Training on the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership and crime and disorder issues be delivered via several Member Learning sessions, including topics like:
 - alcohol misuse,
 - domestic violence,
 - anti-social behaviour.
 - To investigate the provision of joint training with South Ribble Council Members.
 - Members views are requested on the potential for future scrutiny of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership jointly with South Ribble Council.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- 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	

BACKGROUND

- 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 and the first meeting to scrutinise the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership took place on 1 December 2009.

6. At that meeting which provided information on the Safer Chorley and South Ribble Partnership the Committee requested a report outlining options for the future scrutiny of crime and disorder.

TRAINING

7. A key element of this new area for scrutiny is the provision of information about the work of the partnership. This could usefully be provided to all Members, (not just Overview and Scrutiny Committee Members), via Member Learning sessions.
8. Three sessions are proposed for the Member Learning programme in 2010:
 - a) alcohol misuse,
 - b) domestic violence,
 - c) anti-social behaviour.
9. An additional option to undertake training jointly with South Ribble Council Members. This would be more efficient use of partnership officer time and would start to build relationships with South Ribble scrutiny members.

JOINT SCRUTINY

10. There are benefits to undertaking scrutiny of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership jointly with South Ribble. These include more efficient use of officer and partner time, sharing of ideas and solutions and the reduction in risk of conflicting recommendations.
11. A protocol would have to be agreed to ensure the effectiveness of the process. If the Committee agree in principle, officers will draft a protocol to be presented to a future meeting.
12. Members views are requested on undertaking joint scrutiny.

INFORMATION REQUESTED AT THE LAST MEETING

13. Information requested at the last meeting which has been appended to this report and includes the Sanctuary scheme, Families First and a performance update.

IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT

14. There are no implications in the following areas:

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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