

Report of	Meeting	Date
Director of Transformation	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	14 February 2011

SCRUTINY OF THE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- To propose arrangements for the scrutiny of the work of the Community Safety Partnership to fulfil the statutory requirement surrounding crime and disorder scrutiny.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

- That the proposed arrangements for crime and disorder scrutiny be approved including appointing members to join the Operation Cherub and Smart Response teams for an evening.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- This report relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

Strong Family Support		Education and Jobs	
Being Healthy		Pride in Quality Homes and Clean Neighbourhoods	√
Safe Respectful Communities	√	Quality Community Services and Spaces	√
Vibrant Local Economy		Thriving Town Centre, Local Attractions and Villages	
A Council that is a consistently Top Performing Organisation and Delivers Excellent Value for Money			

BACKGROUND

- The Police and Justice Act 2006, as amended by the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, requires every 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. The Council decided in July 2009 that the function of scrutiny crime and disorder matters would be undertaken by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. It was agreed at an early meeting of the Committee that scrutiny relating to crime and disorder would take place in March 2011. There will also be other routine scrutiny business to consider at that meeting.

ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

- It is proposed that the Committee concentrates on the scrutiny of one particular aspect of the work of the Community Safety Partnership. Anti social behaviour has been identified as



a suitable area as it impacts on everybody with strong links to the Neighbourhood Working agenda.

7. The following arrangements have been tailored to make the meeting more interactive and will enable Members to gain an overview of the work currently being carried out by the Partnership across the Borough to tackle Anti Social behaviour.

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8. Before the commencement of the Committee meeting, Members will be invited to Chorley Police Station to visit Chorley Council's CCTV suite, where they will
 - have access to live footage
 - view previously recorded footage, covering various aspects of crime, disorder and anti social behaviour
 - be given the opportunity to control the CCTV cameras and observe the radio system in operation

The Joint Crime and Disorder Manager will provide a report containing additional information about anti social behaviour in general and what steps are being taken by the Partnership to address particular areas of concern. The following areas will be covered:

- definition of anti social behaviour
- threats relating to anti social behaviour
- past performance including confidence and perception issues
- structures and arrangements in place
- support for residents experiencing anti social behaviour
- links to anti social behaviour and neighbourhood working
- how elected members can engage in the agenda, including the reporting and receipt of information

OPERATION CHERUB/SMART RESPONSE

9. In addition, there is an opportunity for two members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to experience first hand two of the initiatives currently taking place within the Borough to combat anti social behaviour. They will both then report their findings to the rest of the Committee at the meeting in March.
 - One opportunity is to join the neighbourhood policing team one evening on Operation Cherub, an initiative aimed at working with vulnerable children/young adults and their parents to address the route causes of their behaviour.
 - The second opportunity is to accompany the Young Addaction team one evening on Smart Response, a targeted outreach programme that works with young people and their families based on local intelligence and need, delivered by specialist drug and alcohol youth workers.

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There are no background papers to this report.

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