

Report of	Meeting	Date
Director of People and Places	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	10 October 2013

COMMUNITY SAFETY – SCRUTINY OPTIONS

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- To provide O&S Committee with options which can be the subject of the committees statutory duty to scrutinise community safety partnerships

RECOMMENDATION(S)

- One of the options outlined below should be selected for detailed scrutiny.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REPORT

- The Crime & Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009 require local authorities to scrutinise the work of Community Safety Partnerships at least annually in order to determine that local community safety issues are being dealt with effectively.
- Option 1 – with the advent of the Police and Crime Commissioner there is now established a Lancashire wide Community Safety Strategy Group, the role of a local partnership could be reviewed to establish if there is duplication of effort and a need for the resource intensive meeting schedule at a local level. The committee could assess what alternatives are available to ensure democratic representation at a local level and how communities can be engaged in community safety matters.
- Option 2 – Chorley's CCTV provision has undergone a recent review in terms operational hours and effectiveness. However Members will be aware that a number of local authorities have reduced their CCTV provision and in some cases decommissioned them altogether. Chorley's current CCTV infrastructure is now reaching the end of its useful life and will require some investment to maintain coverage at existing levels. The committee could examine the impact of reduced or decommissioned CCTV services in other local authority areas in order to inform any future CCTV investment programmes the Council may wish to make.
- Option 3 – an emerging threat in community safety and health is the increase in under 18's admissions to hospital for alcohol related illness. Police and partners are about to commence a widespread Community Alcohol Network (CAN) programme in the police divisional area and following some success with a CAN in Clayton Brook in recent years, the committee may wish explore best practice in their use and the anticipated outcomes so that decisions on the extent of resource commitment can be made.

Confidential report Please bold as appropriate	Yes	No
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CORPORATE PRIORITIES

7. This report relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

Involving residents in improving their local area and equality of access for all		A strong local economy	
Clean, safe and healthy communities		An ambitious council that does more to meet the needs of residents and the local area	√

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There are no background papers to this report.

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