

Report of	Meeting	Date
Director of Public Protection Streetscene and Community	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	16 April 2015

SCRUTINY OF THE CHORLEY AND SOUTH RIBBLE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To provide Overview and Scrutiny Committee with an outline to enable them to undertake the statutory scrutiny of the Chorley and South Ribble Community Safety Partnership

RECOMMENDATION(S)

2. Members should use the outline in this report to effectively scrutinise the work of the Chorley and South Ribble Community Safety Partnership.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REPORT

3. 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.
4. The Chorley and South Ribble Community Safety Partnership consists of a number of key agencies who form a statutorily determined Responsible Authority Group (RAG).
5. In previous years the RAG has met on a quarterly basis to oversee the delivery of the partnerships strategic assessment.
6. In 2014 it was determined that, in an effort to increase partners capacity, the number of meetings would be reduced to one single meeting per year with the ability for any Responsible Authority Group partner to call an extraordinary meeting as necessary.
7. An annual open meeting and conference was held in October 2014 where the Responsible Authority Group reviewed the strategic priorities of the partnership for 2015/16 and determined what action should be taken to address them.
8. The conference was attended by over 40 people with a wide and varied cross section of partner agencies, Ward Members, County Councillors and representation from the Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector.
9. The resulting partnership plan is appended to this report (Appendix 1) and is delegated by the Responsible Authority Group to an Officer Working Group (OWG) consisting of a number of partner agencies to deliver over the forthcoming year.
10. Prior to the annual conference a web based public consultation was undertaken seeking public views on what broad areas the Community Safety Partnership should be addressing. Response to the consultation was limited to twelve respondents across both Chorley and South Ribble areas.

11. The responses are appended to this report (Appendix 2).
12. Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to review the new Community Safety Partnership meeting arrangements in terms of:
- did the conference format work?
 - are partners content with the new format?
 - was the public engagement adequate?
 - has it resulted in a robust strategic assessment for local action?
13. Scrutiny of this important aspect of the Community Safety Partnership will ensure that an independent assessment of the Council objectives to involve residents in improving their local area and be an ambitious Council meeting the needs of residents at a local level are being met.

Confidential report Please bold as appropriate	Yes	No
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CORPORATE PRIORITIES

14. 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	

IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT

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

Finance		Customer Services	
Human Resources		Equality and Diversity	
Legal		Integrated Impact Assessment required?	
No significant implications in this area	√	Policy and Communications	

COMMENTS OF THE STATUTORY FINANCE OFFICER

16. No Comments

COMMENTS OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

17. No Comments

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There are no background papers to this report.

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