

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

REPORT BY HEAD OF LICENSING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

COMMUNITY SCRUTINY - 21 MARCH 2011

CRIME AND THE PERCEPTION OF CRIME

WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

Purpose/Summary of Report

To present a report about the performance of the East Herts Community Safety Partnership which highlights the disparity between low crime and the public perception in East Herts

<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u>	
(A)	Consider this report and comment on the role of the council and ward councillors in improving the public perception about crime and anti social behaviour.
(B)	Give consideration to the Community Safety Action Plan and identify any contributions that members can make to deliver the actions required to "Keep crime levels low and improve public confidence through reassurance and crime prevention measures"

1.0 Background

1.1 The Head of Service has produced a detailed report about Crime and the perception of Crime in East Herts. Whilst crime and antisocial behaviour problems are very low in East Herts, paradoxically the fear of crime is relatively high

2.0 Report

This report presents a study which is intended to set the scene for the forthcoming review of Community Safety requested by the Portfolio lead. It details recorded crime and anti social behaviour against the picture of public perceptions.

3.0 Implications/Consultations

This report was compiled with information supplied by Herts Police. The report has been agreed by Chief Inspector Jon Speed.

3.1 Information on any corporate issues and consultation associated with this report can be found within Essential Reference Paper attached to the report now submitted.

Background Papers

Essential Reference Paper 'B' A Study by The Head Of Community Safety and Licensing

Essential Reference Paper 'C' Community Safety Action Plan

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ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER 'A'

Contribution to the Council's Corporate Priorities/ Objectives	Promoting prosperity and well-being; providing access and opportunities Enhance the quality of life, health and wellbeing of individuals, families and communities, particularly those who are vulnerable.
Consultation:	Community Safety coordinator - Lizzie Robertson. Chief Inspector - Jon Speed Simon Drinkwater - Director NS
Legal:	N/A
Financial:	N/A
Human Resource:	
Risk Management:	
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