

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SCRUTINY 20 SEPTEMBER 2011

PROGRESS ACHIEVED AGAINST THE EAST HERTS COMMUNITY  
SAFETY PARTNERSHIP THREE YEAR COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN

REPORT BY HEAD OF LICENSING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

WARD(S) AFFECTED: All

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**Purpose/Summary of Report**

- To report to Community Scrutiny the progress achieved against the East Herts Community Safety Partnership three year Community Safety Plan

<b>RECOMMENDATION FOR :</b>	
<b>(A)</b>	<b>The committee to note the report</b>

1.0 Background

The Community Safety Partnership Plan covered the period 2008-2011 and consisted of the following:

- The production of a three year plan addressing crime and disorder, measuring performance and engaging with communities.
- Annual revision through strategic assessments detailing the partnership priorities and reflecting changes.
- The production of annual action plans as a result of the emerging priorities from each strategic assessment.
- Visible and constructive accountability through community engagement at public meetings and community consultation as part of the partnership strategic assessment.

## 2.0 Report

### 2.1 **Strategic assessments**

Three strategic assessments were completed during the 3 year Community Safety Plan.

The findings of these are summarised in **Essential Reference Paper B**.

The findings show that overall, crime levels have been low in East Herts and partners have maintained a low crime rate throughout the plan length.

The Community Safety Partnership has offered many activities and initiatives, short and long term, in order to keep crime levels low, and reassure the public that East Herts is a safe place.

It should be noted that the data time frames have varied for each strategic assessment, and the quality of the data has evolved and improved over the three years. Therefore the most recent strategic assessment is more worthy of note, not only due to the more up to date crime trends, but also due to the improvements with the data and analysis.

### 2.2 **Community engagement and consultation**

Throughout the three year plan five rounds of consultation were carried out. The results of these are summarised in **Essential Reference Paper C**.

The aim of each consultation was to ask the public to help shape the partnership priority / priorities for the coming year. Different methods were adopted each time.

### 2.3 **Community Safety Plan outcomes**

There are three action plans which make up the three year Community Safety Plan. These are shown in **Essential Reference Paper D**.

A summary of notable outcomes is set out below:

- £123,000 partnership funding provided for PCSOs.
- PCSOs trained to issue Fixed Penalty Notices for dog fouling.
- There have been a total of 29 officers accredited under the Community Safety Accreditation Scheme since 2010. Officers accredited are from

Community Safety and Licensing, Environmental Health and Environmental Services.

- £5,000 partnership funding provided for Hertford taxi marshals.
- Three summer activities programmes delivered. Two of the years saw the diversionary activities increase coverage to other parts of the year. See essential reference paper E which shows attendance by activity and also total numbers of attendance for 2009 and 2010.
- 71 ABCs signed.
- Four ASBOs were issued, all of which were post conviction.
- There were 3 Section 30 Dispersal Orders in force during this period. All of which were extended after the initial 6 months. There are currently no orders in place.
- 17 covert camera deployments. A further 6 locations were agreed, however deployments did not take place. This could have been that there was no suitable place for the camera to be sited, it had become compromised or it was no longer necessary.
- Funded £86,999 towards Joint Action Group (CSP) projects.
- Organisational and financial support for the two street pastor schemes (Bishop's Stortford and Hertford and Ware).
- Implementation of three Designated Public Place Orders, which takes the total in East Herts to five.
- Creation of Partnership Communications Group and Alcohol and Drugs Working Group
- Two editions of the Safer East Herts newsletter (total 7500 copies)
- Part funded 21 taxi cameras, all of which are in place.
- Partnership support provided for Pubwatch, street briefings, locality meetings, and action weeks.
- Provided £5,000 financial and officer assistance to the East Herts and Broxbourne Domestic Violence Forum - such as support for White Ribbon Campaigns, assistance with setting up their website, and information sharing for Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARACs).
- Design and purchase of reassurance resources – posters, leaflets, pens, cotton bags, spread the word trailer.
- Partnership events targeted to reduce ASB such as the successful rock concert which took place over Halloween. Two hundred young people attended, which saw a reduction on ASB on the previous year.
- Support for various campaigns, such as Immobilise, Operation Tarantula, Know Your Limits (nation campaign) and local district and countywide campaigns.

### 3.0 Implications/Consultations

- 3.1 Information on any corporate issues and consultation associated with this report can be found within **Essential Reference Paper 'A'**.

## Background Papers

Essential Reference Paper B - Strategic assessments summary findings

Essential Reference Paper C – Summary of consultations

Essential Reference Paper D – Action plans

Essential Reference Paper E – Diversionary activities

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## ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER 'A'

<p>Contribution to the Council's Corporate Priorities/ Objectives (delete as appropriate):</p>	<p><b>Promoting prosperity and well-being; providing access and opportunities</b> <i>Enhance the quality of life, health and wellbeing of individuals, families and communities, particularly those who are vulnerable.</i></p> <p><b>Fit for purpose, services fit for you</b> <i>Deliver customer focused services by maintaining and developing a well managed and publicly accountable organisation.</i></p> <p><b>Pride in East Herts</b> <i>Improving standards of the built neighbourhood and environmental management in our towns and villages.</i></p> <p><b>Shaping now, shaping the future</b> <i>Safeguard and enhance our unique mix of rural and urban communities, ensuring sustainable, economic and social opportunities including the continuation of effective development control and other measures.</i></p> <p><b>Leading the way, working together</b> <i>Deliver responsible community leadership that engages with our partners and the public.</i></p>
<p>Consultation:</p>	
<p>Legal:</p>	
<p>Financial:</p>	<p><i>This section should address:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>• The revenue and capital costs and any income impacts, the extent to which costs or income will vary in future years and the extent to which existing budgets and the future years set out in the MTFP are able to meet these costs.</i></li><li><i>• If the report is mainly about capital works and costs consider and comment on any implications for the revenue budget.</i></li><li><i>• Estimates are based on assumptions about activity levels, prices etc. Consider how the financial implications might change if those assumptions prove wrong and illustrate the impact of changed assumptions by way of a sensitivity analysis. Comment on which assumptions are relatively robust and where uncertainty lies. If the report is a review of a past decision how did forecast turn out?</i></li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Those who are close to the subject matter of the report can lose objectivity about the assumptions and display an optimism bias or pessimism bias. Consider and independently challenge the likelihood of this.</i></li> <li>• <i>A sense of proportion in all the above is important. The bigger the numbers the more these factors should be considered in some detail. Where spending is £100k or more a separate ERP may be appropriate to address all the issues.</i></li> <li>• <i>Remember reports dealing with “policy” can have financial implications about the resources needed to implement policy and changes thereto. Simply recording “from existing resources” is hardly ever sufficient to provide readers with a sense of the scale of resources involved.</i></li> <li>• <i>If in doubt about the approach – ask the Financial Services team for advice. This is particularly the case where the financial analysis looks at longer periods – 5 years or more – where discounting of cash flows may be required.</i></li> </ul>
Human Resource:	
Risk Management:	