

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 20 SEPTEMBER 2011

REPORT BY HEAD OF COMMUNITY SAFETY AND HEALTH SERVICES

COMMUNITY SAFETY REVIEW

WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

Purpose/Summary of Report

To inform the Committee of the proposed format of the East Herts District council Community Safety Review.

<u>RECOMMENDATION FOR COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:</u>	
(A)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Note the contents of the report
(B)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify any contributions that members can make to “Keep crime levels low and improve public confidence through reassurance and crime prevention measures”

1.0 Background

The Portfolio holder has directed that the Head of Community Safety and Health Services should conduct a review of how Community Safety is delivered in this district.

2.0 Report

2.1 The scope of the review will focus on two issues:-

- With partnership resources reducing, how should the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) prioritise the activities it supports?

- Despite East Herts having low crime levels and ranking so highly in independent quality of life surveys, why do residents appear more fearful of crime than the actual incidents of crime suggest?

1.2 A task and Finish group is being established to oversee the work programme.

1.3 In order to make the best use of resources, the review milestones have already been aligned with budgetary and corporate deadlines. Hence a number of activities have already been planned. See essential reference paper A

3.0 Implications/Consultations

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

Background Papers :

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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. Simon Drinkwater - Director NS Malcolm Alexander – Portfolio holder
Legal:	N/A
Financial:	N/A
Human Resource:	N/A
Risk Management:	Simon Drinkwater Director of NS
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