

## **COUNCIL MEETING – 24 SEPTEMBER 2009**

### **Recommendations to Council from the Executive: 18 August 2009 and 15 September 2009**

#### **(a) 18 August 2009**

**Minute No. E/09/44**    **CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY  
PARTNERSHIP COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN 2009-2011**

The Executive considered a report from Councillor David McVicar, Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities setting out the statutory plans agreed for Central Bedfordshire by the Central Bedfordshire Community Safety Partnership.

Members were reminded that the Central Bedfordshire Community Safety Partnership was a new partnership, formed as part of the transition into the new unitary authority. The Council was represented by the Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities and the Director for Sustainable Communities, who was also Chair of the Executive Group.

The Executive noted that the responsible authorities of the Community Safety Partnership (police, police authorities, local authorities, fire and rescue authorities and primary care trusts (PCTs)) have a statutory duty to work in partnership with other local agencies and organisations to develop and implement strategies to tackle crime and disorder, including anti-social and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment, as well as the misuse of drugs in their area. The Partnership also have a duty to identify community safety priorities and develop a partnership plan for the area.

Members were advised that the Community Safety Plan 2009-2011 showing how community safety priorities will be addressed over the next two years was agreed by the Community Safety Partnership Executive on 25 June 2009. Endorsement of the Plan was now required from each partner organisation.

Also submitted for approval were a Domestic Abuse Strategy and an Alcohol Strategy which supported the overarching Community Safety Plan. These strategies which supported the priorities within the Partnership Plan were also agreed at the Partnership Executive meeting on 25 June 2009.

Members were advised that as the Community Safety Partnership is a thematic group of the Local Strategic Partnership the Community Safety Plan would normally go to the Local Strategic Partnership for agreement prior to being brought to the Executive. However, in view of delays in producing the Plan for 2009, due to the transition to unitary authorities and the formation of the new Community Safety Partnership, Executive endorsement was being sought prior to sign off by the Local Strategic Partnership. It was noted that should any amendments be necessary following consideration by the Local Strategic Partnership the Plan would be updated and re-circulated to all members prior to formal approval by Council.

During the general discussion that ensued a member in referring to the increasing requirement from government to work in partnership questioned what the Partnership, and the former Community Safety Partnership, was achieving. The Director of Sustainable Communities in explaining that the process for next year's plan started in September/October and emphasising that it was the performance of Central Bedfordshire going forward that needed to be the focus, advised that this could be looked at, where data is available, as part of the process in developing the next plan.

Reason for decisions: Central Bedfordshire Council is a responsible authority of the Community Safety Partnership under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. The Act places a statutory duty on the local authority to work with other responsible authorities to develop and implement a strategy for reducing crime and disorder. The strategy must cover a district, borough or unitary area.

**RESOLVED:**

- 1. that the draft Community Safety Plan and associated strategies recommended by the Central Bedfordshire Community Safety Partnership, as detailed in the submitted report, be endorsed.**
- 2. that delegated authority be given to the Director of Sustainable Communities, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities, to amend the draft Community Safety Plan and associated strategies, as appropriate, following consideration by the Local Strategic Partnership.**

**RECOMMENDED:**

***that the Council be recommended to approve the draft Community Safety Plan and associated strategies, subject to any further amendments to be made to the Plan in accordance with resolution 2 above.***

Please note that Community Safety Plan and associated strategies are due to be considered by the Central Bedfordshire Local Strategic Partnership Board on 22 September 2009 and any amendments to the plan will be notified at or before the Council meeting.

(A copy of the Statutory Plans is enclosed separately)

**(b) 15 September 2009**

**CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S  
PLAN 2009 – 2010**

This Agenda has been despatched on the day of the Executive meeting of 15 September 2009. Therefore the recommendation will be to follow.