
Meeting: Executive
Date: 6 April 2010
Subject: Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment,
Identified Priorities for 2010 - 2011

Response of the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

1. At its meeting on 26 January 2010 the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered a report informing Members of the following six priorities that had been identified for 2010-2011 through the Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment:
 1. Reduce Re-Offending;
 2. Reduce Substance Misuse (Drugs and Alcohol);
 3. Reduce Serious Acquisitive Crime (Domestic Burglary and Theft from Motor Vehicles);
 4. Reduce Anti-Social Behaviour;
 5. Reduce Domestic Abuse.
 6. Casualty Reduction - Road Safety.
2. Members noted that they were being invited to comment on the priorities and recommend to Executive that it support their adoption by the Community Safety Partnership. Once adopted by the Partnership the priorities would be included within the Community Safety Plan.
3. To assist Members in their deliberations the Committee received the executive summary of the Strategic Assessment which set out the detailed analysis carried out as part of the Strategic Assessment document. In addition Superintendent Neil Wilson of Bedfordshire Police attended the Committee to provide additional information, offer clarification and answer questions on the above whilst the Head of Community Safety gave a briefing presentation which provided further background detail on the Strategic Assessment process.
4. The Head of Community Safety explained that the common themes running throughout the priorities were a reduction in the fear of crime and improving public confidence. Following comment she undertook to circulate a copy of the draft Community Safety Plan to Members in February.
5. Following full and detailed consideration Members gave their approval to the priority areas identified in the Strategic Assessment. However, the meeting also raised comments with regards to the Community Safety Plan which they requested be taken into consideration by the Community Safety Partnership.

RESOLVED that the Community Safety Partnership be advised that:

- i) an important need exists for careful communication with the public regarding the priorities contained in the Community Safety Plan.

- ii) residents need to be informed of the work of the Community Safety Partnership and the areas on which partners were focusing attention whilst emphasising that although these areas were a priority this did not mean that action was not being taken in other areas.
- (iii) appropriately detailed information regarding performance should be made available by partners of the Community Safety Partnership to residents, Central Bedfordshire Council and Town and Parish Councils

Recommended to the Executive:-

That it support the following priorities for 2010-2011, identified through the Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment, for adoption by the Community Safety Partnership and inclusion within the Community Safety Plan:

1. Reduce Re-Offending;
2. Reduce Substance Misuse (Drugs and Alcohol);
3. Reduce Serious Acquisitive Crime (Domestic Burglary and Theft from Motor Vehicles);
4. Reduce Anti-Social Behaviour;
5. Reduce Domestic Abuse;
6. Casualty Reduction - Road Safety.

Summary of Overview and Scrutiny Comments:

- The Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the report at its meeting on 26 January 2010 and resolved to support the Community Safety Partnership's strategic assessment priorities identified for 2010 – 2011 detailed as follows:-
 1. Reduce Re-Offending;
 2. Reduce Substance Misuse (Drugs and Alcohol);
 3. Reduce Serious Acquisitive Crime (Domestic Burglary and Theft from Motor Vehicles);
 4. Reduce Anti-Social Behaviour;
 5. Reduce Domestic Abuse;
 6. Casualty Reduction - Road Safety.
- Full details of comments raised by the Committee are contained in Appendix **xx**