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**(On behalf of the Sustainable Communities**  
**Overview and Scrutiny Committee)**

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**Our ref:**  
**Date:** 18 May 2010

Dear Jonathan

**Re: Overview and Scrutiny Committee Recommendations Relating to the  
Community Safety Plan (2010)**

Thank you for your letter dated 10 May with regard to the recommendations agreed by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 26 January 2010.

In response I can advise that the recommendations made by the Committee will be used to help inform the Partnerships developing work on improving public confidence and perception in relation to crime and disorder in Central Bedfordshire. The Partnership has in place a Public Confidence Group, led by the Police Authority, which is developing actions, based on national and regional guidance, in addition to local survey results to increase public confidence in relation to crime and disorder. In promoting confidence it will be the case that the Partnership will be more proactive in the work it undertakes to support the priorities identified in the Community Safety Plan, not only in vulnerable areas but the whole of Central Bedfordshire.

With regard to the availability of performance information, some information is already available to residents via partners websites e.g. Bedfordshire Police where information for the local policing area can be found. Town and Parish Councils do receive some performance information through their local policing officer's attendance at Town and Parish Council meetings albeit that it is acknowledged that a more robust mechanism for providing such information needs to be established. As part of its Local Area Agreement monitoring Central Bedfordshire Council also has access to performance information linked to National Indicators:

- NI 30 - Reducing Re-offending
- NI 16 – Serious Acquisitive crime
- NI 32 – Reducing repeat incidents of Domestic abuse

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## NI 40 – Reducing Substance Misuse

Developing additional means by which performance information can be made available will also be part of the work undertaken by the Public Confidence Group.

I will ensure that the recommendations received from the Committee are formally noted by the Community Safety Partnership Executive at its next meeting and I hope that this information responds to the query raised with regard to proposed action.

On behalf of the Community Safety Partnership I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Committee for the recommendations made at its January meeting, and for supporting the identified community safety priorities for Central Bedfordshire going forward in 2010 - 2011.

Yours sincerely

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