

Appendix A

Summary of Overview and Scrutiny Comments:

At its meeting on 18 January 2011 the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report and presentation that informed Members of the three priorities identified for adoption by the Community Safety Partnership for 2011/12. The priorities had arisen as a result of the outcome of the Community Safety Strategic Assessment.

Full discussion took place on the proposed priorities during which it was suggested that the fear of crime should be recognised as a major concern and adopted as a fourth priority. The Director of Sustainable Communities assured the Committee that the fear of crime, and its implications for the community, was fully recognised and was given due attention. The Committee agreed the following recommendations to be considered by the Executive:-

1. That the three Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment priorities identified for 2011/12, as set out below be approved:-
 - a. Anti-social behaviour;
 - b. Reduce reoffending;
 - c. Domestic abuse.
2. That the Committee's observations regarding the fear of crime be noted.

Further details relating to these recommendations are contained in Appendix C

Meeting: Executive
Date: 15 February 2011
Subject: Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment
Identified Priorities for 2011/12

Recommendations of the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

1. At its meeting on 18 January 2011 the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report relating to the community safety strategic assessment and the priorities identified for the Community Safety Partnership for 2011/12. The Committee discussed the following issues:-
 - 1.1 The importance of communicating both local policing priorities and the strategic priorities of the Community Safety Partnership to residents to enhance awareness. It was suggested that the Council's Let's Talk Together meetings could be used for this purpose. It should be stressed that work would not cease on other areas, such as serious acquisitive crime, that were not identified as priorities for the Community Safety Partnership.
 - 1.2 The importance of effective signposting to support for victims of domestic abuse to encourage victims to seek support. A Member suggested that other practical changes in procedure would help address the imbalance in domestic abuse cases eg both housing tenants being equal signators; licensing policy used to control sources of ASB;
 - 1.3 The importance of support to reduce reoffending and increase weekend support. It was suggested that offenders should be released on Mondays rather than Fridays wherever possible.
 - 1.4 The Committee queried the performance in relation to the priorities of the Community Safety Partnership during 2010/11. It was commented that performance against targets was reported in the Community Safety Plan and this could be reported to a future meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
 - 1.5 Concerns that there were no specific priorities relating to children or vulnerable children. In response to queries from Members it was stated that vulnerable children would be supported across each of the three identified priorities and other work with vulnerable children would continue. The Committee requested that some observations be added recognising the importance and other ongoing work to address Fear of Crime, Children and Vulnerable Adults.

RESOLVED

1. **That the Chairman of the Committee write to the Secretary of State for Justice requesting that offenders be released on Mondays rather than**

Fridays.

- 2. That the performance against the indicators and targets in the Community Safety Plan be considered by the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee at a future meeting.**

RECOMMENDED to the Executive

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 - b. Reduce reoffending;**
 - c. Domestic abuse.**
- 2. That the Committee's observations regarding the fear of crime be noted.**